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Level 3 Agriculture – Theory exam (1)

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General instructions

- Use black or blue ball-point pen.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- This examination contains 13 questions. Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided. Answers written in margins or on blank pages will **not** be marked.
- Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

You should have the following for this examination

ı	the environment.	(4 marks)
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2	For a winter wheat crop, state the proportion of nitrogen fertiliser, as a percentage, applied at each of the following growth stages.	
	a) Tillering (growth stage 20).	(1 mark)
	b) Stem extension (growth stage 30).	(1 mark)

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a)	State one way of measuring the moisture content of a grain sample.	(1 mark)
b)	State the maximum moisture content for the effective long term storage of wheat.	(1 mark)
c)	Explain two implications of storing wheat above the optimum moisture content.	(4 marks)

(6 marks)

Describe the uptake, transport and loss of water from plants.

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5	a)	State four soil characteristics that can affect plant growth and development.	(4 marks)
	b)	Give an example of how each of these characteristics can affect plant growth and development.	(4 marks)
6	a)	Describe the life cycle of a named agricultural annual crop.	(2 marks)
	b)	Describe the life cycle of a named agricultural perennial crop.	(2 marks)

	th reference to common couch grass, explain how asexual reproduction can re place.	(3 mark
a)	What is the normal body temperature of a lamb?	(1 mar
b)	State, in days, the gestation period in ewes.	(1 mar
a)	A finished bacon pig at slaughter will weigh approximately how many kilograms live-weight?	(1 mar
b)	What is the definition for a Gilt?	(1 mar
Sta	ate three beef finishing systems available in the UK.	(3 mark
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1 Des	scribe four features of a block calving dairy herd.	(4 marks					
 2	paration for the breeding season (tupping) is important for achieving high						
lam	lambing percentages.						
in e	scribe two checks that would be carried out as part of the preparation for tupping each of the following.						
a)	Rams or Tups.	(2 marks					
b)	Ewes.	(2 marks					
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