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FIRST OPPORTUNITY EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER	
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INSTRUCTIONS
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Answer ALL the questions.2. Write clearly and neatly.3. Number the answers clearly.

PERMISSIBLE MATERIALS

1. Calculator

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF 2 PAGES (Including this front page)

Question 1

- 1.1. Define the term Agronomy [2]
- 1.2. Name the four categories of crops found under Agronomy, and list two examples of crops under each category [8]
- 1.3. Why is climate knowledge important in Agronomy sphere? [2]
- 1.4. Maize is a “controlled crop in Namibia” what does it means? [4]
- 1.5. A potential investor seeks your guidance on establishing a 20-thousand-hectare farm to produce maize in Arandis town of Namibia. What will be your advice to the investor? [6]

Question 2

- 2.1. Fully describe pollination and fertilization in Zea mays [5]
- 2.2. Explain the different tillage practices. [6]
- 2.3. Fully explain tillage implements used for agronomic purposes and their purposes. [4]
- 2.4. Explain why crop density is important for maize crop and describe acceptable density under dryland cultivation. [3]
- 2.5. Pearl Millet is of economic value to Namibia, discuss the new varieties developed after independence and list the characteristics obtained with the improved varieties [6]

Question 3

- 3.1. Discuss the crop growth requirements of Sorghum; take into consideration all factors that are required for successful growth. [10]
- 3.2. Name and discuss various ways of obtaining nitrogen requirement in a maize field. [8]
- 3.3. Fully discuss the climatic requirements of cowpeas. [10]
- 3.4. Briefly explain the economic importance of sunflower. [6]
- 3.5. Why is Pearl millet widely adapted to extreme environments? [3]

Question 4

- 4.1. Discuss briefly the harvesting of field beans. [5]
- 4.2. Describe the main insect attacking sorghum and how it can be controlled. [5]
- 4.3. Briefly describe why planting date is so important in crop production. [4]
- 4.4. Describe water requirement of Zea mays? [1]

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