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**MEMORANDUM**

**MARKS: 150**

**This memorandum consists of 8 pages.**

**SECTION A****QUESTION 1.1**

1.1.1	A	X✓✓	C	D
1.1.2	A	B	C	X✓✓
1.1.3	A	B	X✓✓	D
1.1.4	A	B	X✓✓	D
1.1.5	A	B	C	X✓✓
1.1.6	A	B	X✓✓	D
1.1.7	A	B	X✓✓	D
1.1.8	A	B	C	X✓✓
1.1.9	A	B	X✓✓	D
1.1.10	A	B	X✓✓	D

(10 x 2) (20)

**QUESTION 1.2**

1.2.1	J✓✓
1.2.2	H✓✓
1.2.3	G✓✓
1.2.4	A✓✓
1.2.5	I✓✓

(5 x 2) (10)

**QUESTION 1.3**

- 1.3.1 Savings/Own capital ✓✓  
 1.3.2 Motivation ✓✓  
 1.3.3 Epistasis ✓✓  
 1.3.4 Homogenous ✓✓  
 1.3.5 Genetic modification/  
 manipulation/engineering ✓✓

(5 x 2) (10)

**QUESTION 1.4**

- 1.4.1 Market ✓  
 1.4.2 Storage ✓  
 1.4.3 Movable/medium-term ✓  
 1.4.4 Tenure reform ✓  
 1.4.5 Hybrid vigour/Heterosis ✓

(5 x 1) (5)

**TOTAL SECTION A: 45**

**SECTION B****QUESTION 2****2.1 Income statements of two farmers**

2.1.1 Farmer A has more profit than farmer B ✓

Farmer A Profit: = Income – Expenditure  
= R240 000-118 000✓  
= R122 000 ✓

Farmer B Profit: = Income – Expenditure  
= R180 000 – 136 000✓  
= - R44 000 ✓

(5)

2.1.2 Herbicides ✓  
Labour ✓

(2)

2.1.3 Herbicides:

- Make use of organic farming✓✓
- Companion cropping✓✓
- GM products✓✓

(Any 1) (2)

Labour:

- Switching to mechanisation ✓✓
- Labour numbers decrease by increasing productivity by physical planning ✓✓

(Any 1) (2)

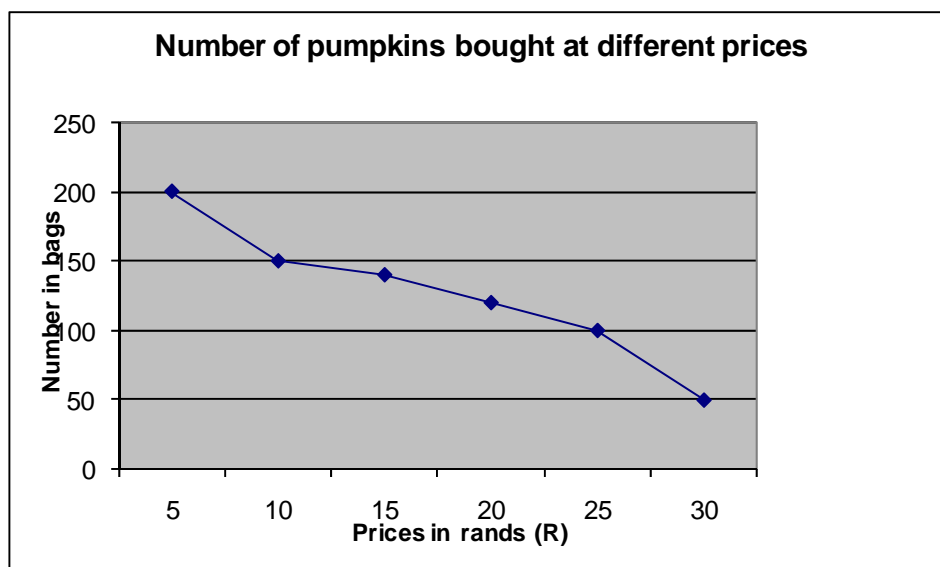
**2.2 Supply and demand**

2.2.1 Factors determining the establishment of prices

- Supply✓
- Demand✓

(1)

2.2.2



**Checklist for marking**

Criteria	No evidence(0)	Evidence(1)
Heading	0	1
Labelled X axis	0	1
Labelled Y axis	0	1
Correct quantities	0	1
Correct prices	0	1
Line graph	0	1
Total		6 marks

(6)

2.2.3 R5,00✓

200 bags of pumpkins were sold/200 bags is the largest number✓

(2)

2.3 **Marketing strategies of emerging bee-keepers.**2.3.1 **Product – The farmer must consider the following points:**

- Quality of the product✓
- Design of packaging the product✓
- The size of the product✓
- The variety of the product✓
- The brand/commercial name✓

(Any 3)

(3)

2.3.2 **Placement – The farmer must consider the following points:**

- This is the process of distributing the product from one point to the other ✓
- This requires transportation, storage and refrigeration of the product. ✓
- The control of movement of goods is called logistics✓ (Any 2)

(2)

2.4 **Change in equilibrium price and the demand curve.**2.4.1 Equilibrium A: demand low✓  
Equilibrium B: demand high✓**OR**

The demand curve will ascend(increase)/demand for an agricultural food product will increase/more agricultural food product ✓ will be demanded✓

(2)

2.4.2 There is always a demand for an agricultural food product /people will always demand food/the demand for food✓ will always be high✓

(2)

2.4.3 The supply of an agricultural food product will descend/decrease ✓✓

(2)

2.5 **Four steps for reducing and preventing flood damage in the future.**

- Ensure that there is a good understanding of past trends in rainfall patterns and flooding in that area.✓
- Test new production enterprises that are not more vulnerable to flood damage. ✓
- Manage enterprises in such a way to reduce risks.✓
- Take out an insurance against natural disasters (flooding).✓

(4)

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**QUESTION 3****3.1 Scenario****3.1.1 TWO examples of floating capital**

- Vegetable seeds✓
- Fertilisers✓
- Insecticides✓
- Tools✓

(Any 2) (2)

3.1.2 Temporary labourers✓ – they were occasional labourers ✓ (2)

3.1.3 Loan/credit✓ (1)

**3.1.4 TWO ways to increase the productivity of the land**

- Increase the size of the vegetable garden/combining land into a more economic unit ✓
- Bought seeds/Adapt scientific methods of farming✓
- Effective use of capital/money ✓
- Water provision/irrigating the soil/supply irrigation system ✓

(Any 2) (2)

**3.1.5 FOUR components of successful management**

- Planning✓
- Control✓
- Decision making✓
- Motivation✓
- Organisation and co-ordination✓

(Any 4) (4)

**3.1.6 Differences between medium and short-term credits**

Medium-term credit:

- The interest rate is relatively high and
- the loan can be paid back within 10 years✓
- e.g. Machinery, greenhouse✓

(Any 2)

Short-term credit:

- The interest rate is very high and✓
- the loan can be paid back in less than 2 years✓
- This finance is required to purchase fuel, fertilisers and goods✓

(Any 2) (4)

**3.2 Work plan for rearing sheep****3.2.1 TWO duties requiring permanent workers**

- Herding✓
- Dipping✓
- Dosing✓

(Any 2) (2)

- 3.2.2 **FOUR ways to improve living conditions of workers**
- Adequate housing✓
  - Adequate food and clothing✓
  - Adequate recreation facilities✓
  - Adequate leave✓
  - Adequate wages, pension and bonus schemes✓
  - Education and training possibilities✓ (Any 4) (4)
- 3.2.3 It is a seasonal activity/it only occurs at a particular season/done✓ in October✓ (2)
- 3.2.4 **TWO techniques of managing potential risks**
- Provision of shelter for protection against extreme conditions✓
  - The farmer needs to find out whether climatic disasters is a common occurrence in the area (looking at historical data)✓
  - Use a breed of sheep that is more adaptable to extreme climatic conditions prevalent in the area ✓ (Any 2) (2)
- 3.3 **Financial record keeping**
- 3.3.1 **Importance of keeping financial records**  
Financial record keeping allows the farmer to analyse past and present (current) performance of the business/allows the farmer to plan✓ the future of the business. ✓ (2)
- 3.3.2 **Implication of overcapitalisation**
- When too much money is borrowed to invest in farming✓, a high interest rate may make the farm unprofitable✓
  - Additional capital is not fully utilised✓ as a result; there is no value for money. ✓ (Any 1 x 2) (2)
- 3.3.3 **Use of farm assets as collateral**  
The bank will only give credit when there is security✓, hence farm assets will act as security. ✓ (2)
- 3.4 **Labour problems**
- 3.4.1 **TWO ways to solve the lack of training**
- Enrol labourers for skills development✓
  - Organise short-term courses for labourers✓
  - Allow labourers to specialise in certain tasks✓ (Any 2) (2)
- 3.4.2 **TWO ways of motivating farm labourers not to go to industries**
- Provide financial incentives/performance rewards✓
  - Provide adequate living conditions (adequate housing, food, recreation facilities, wages, pension, bonus, leave, medical aid, training possibilities✓
  - Appreciation for work done✓ (Any 2) (2)
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**QUESTION 4****4.1 Breeding possibilities**

- 4.1.1 (a) bb✓  
(b) Bb✓  
(c) bb✓  
(d) Bb✓ (4)
- 4.1.2 50%✓✓ (2)

**4.2 GMO crop**

- 4.2.1 **Explanation of the technique**
- DNA is extracted from *Bacillus thuringiensis* ✓
  - DNA is transferred to a maize plant/GMO plant ✓
  - Different techniques are utilised to transfer the DNA ✓
  - The GMO maize plant acquires resistance to maize stalk borer✓ (4)
- 4.2.2 **Benefits of GM crops**
- More productive with higher yields✓
  - Resistant to pests and diseases hence reduce the use of chemicals✓
  - Tolerant to harsh conditions✓
  - Longer shelf life and better properties✓
  - Better flavour, colour, texture and nutritional value✓
  - Cheaper and more plentiful food ✓ (Any 3) (3)
- 4.2.3
- Possible spread of genes from GM crops into other wild plants e.g. creation of herbicide-resistant super weeds ✓
  - Beneficial insects as well as pests could be killed ✓ (2)

**4.3 Cloning**

- 4.3.1
- No gametes fuse in the process of cloning ✓
  - but cloning is the production of an individual natural fertilisation✓
  - which is genetically identical to the one from which it was produced✓
  - without organisms mating/both male and female animal involved ✓ (Any 2) (2)



- 4.3.2
- The manipulation of an ovum of an animal where the nucleus is removed✓
  - and added into the egg cell with nucleus of the animal to be cloned✓
  - embryo is implanted into the womb/uterus of a surrogate mother✓- developing embryo contains genetic material of the donor✓
  - clone animal is produced✓ (Any 4) (4)
- 4.3.3 Farmers will be able to produce animals which are identical✓ to those they already have and prefer✓ (2)

4.4 **TWO desirable selection characteristics of livestock**

- Diseases and pest resistance✓
- Tolerance to extreme temperatures✓
- High feed conversion rate✓
- High fertility/fecundity✓ (Any 2) (2)

4.5 Breeding systems

4.5.1 **Suitable animal breeding system**

- Cross breeding ✓
- Substantiation –there are two breeds✓
- that are involved viz. Nguni and Brahman ✓ (3)

4.5.2 **Three advantages of cross breeding**

- Development of new breeds✓
- Hybrid vigour (heterosis) is accompanied by:
  - Greater meat production✓
  - Greater viability✓
  - Greater disease-resistance✓
  - Better motherly instincts✓
  - Fast growth rates✓
  - Increased fertility✓
  - Better food conversion✓
  - Better adaptation to environmental conditions✓ (Any 3) (3)

4.5.3 **Motivation of Brahman as a superior breed to the Nguni**

- Produce good heavy, early weaners✓
- Big breed compared to the small Nguni breed/taller – height and weight ✓
- Grow fast in feedlots✓
- Hardy and resistant to diseases✓ (Any 3) (3)

4.5.4 **ONE traditional value of the cattle amongst the Xhosa community**

- Old and devalued cows are slaughtered for traditional ceremonies✓ (1)  
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**TOTAL SECTION B: 105**  
**GRAND TOTAL: 150**