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SESSIONAL EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 3 HOURS

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INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Answer any Four (4) questions.*
- 2. Start a new question on a fresh page*
- 3. Total marks 100*

Question 1

Zimbabwe's first Agricultural revolution from 1950 to 1980 was based on increased cotton, maize and tobacco production by a few thousand white commercial farmers. The second agricultural revolution was fuelled by increased smallholder production of cotton and maize in high-rainfall regions in the 1980s yet it did not last long. Agricultural production has continued to decline post the Fast Track Land Reform Program.

- a) Explain the major policy decisions and other prime movers of Agricultural development that sustained the first agricultural revolution in Zimbabwe. [15]
- b) What undermined the second Agricultural revolution after independence in Zimbabwe? [5]
- c) Suggest and describe possible solutions that can be adopted by the government in order to realize the third agricultural revolution post the Fast Track Land Reform Program. [5]

Question 2

With the aid of a diagram and **PRACTICAL AGRICULTURAL EXAMPLES**, describe the policy formulation cycle. [25]

Question 3

Government intervention induces a multiplicity of consequences motivated by a multiplicity of desired effects. Discuss the rationale for government intervention under the following headings:

- a) Efficiency oriented interventions. [13]
- b) Non-efficiency oriented interventions. [12]

Question 4

The South Centre (1997) describes five dimensions of food security which are used in most developing countries as their guiding principles for Agricultural and Food Policy formulation.

Identify and explain the **five** principles of Agriculture and Food Policy formulation in developing countries. **[25]**

Question 5

- a) Identify any **five** challenges facing the Agricultural sector according to the Zimbabwe Agricultural Policy Framework. **[5]**

- b) Outline and explain any **five** specific policy options adopted by the government of Zimbabwe in the Zimbabwe Agricultural Policy Framework to address some of the challenges you mentioned in (a) above. **[20]**

END OF EXAMINATION