



**MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY**  
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**SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH SCIENCES**

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES**

**FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE(AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND EXTENSION)**

**AGB 416: AGRICULTURAL POLICY AND LAW**

**DATE:**

**TIME:**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:** Answer **Question ONE (Compulsory)** and Any other **Two** Questions.

**QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)**

- a) Define the following terms
- i. Agricultural policy (2 marks)
  - ii. Agricultural law (2 marks)
- b) Explain four complex characteristics of agriculture that make it difficult for policy-makers to design effective policies. (4 marks)
- c) Explain four functions of agricultural law (4 marks)
- d) Differentiate between an Act of Parliament and a Bill in the Legislative Process in Kenya (4 marks)
- e) Explain four principles of land policy in Kenya (4 marks)
- f) Using a diagram, explain four components of the agriculture policy framework (5 marks)
- g) Explain five characteristics of a good agricultural policy (5 marks)

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

- a) Describe five agricultural policies that can curb food safety hazards in Kenya (10 marks)
- b) Describe three categories of land tenure in Kenya, indicating appropriate laws supporting each (10 marks)

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Describe any five potential private investment pathways as stipulated by the OECD framework for investment in agriculture (10 Marks)
- b) Explain two policy instruments that the Government of Kenya can adopt to cushion poor and vulnerable consumers from the current high food prices (10 marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- a) Describe five phases of the agricultural policy formulation process, using appropriate examples (10 marks)
- b) Describe five statutory sources of agricultural law in Kenya (10 marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- a) The Government of Kenya has re-introduced the fertilizer subsidy program. Using necessary illustrations, discuss the welfare effect of fertilizer subsidy (10 marks)
- b) Describe the main stages in the Legislative Process in Kenya (10 marks)