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UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER

PROGRAMME:

DIPLOMA IN AGRICULTURE II

DIPLOMA IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION II.

COURSE CODE:

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TITLE OF PAPER: RANGE AND RANCH MANAGEMNT

TIME ALLOWED:

TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS

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QUESTION 1

Using the lowveld and highveld of Swaziland range types, explain the differences between sweetveld and sourveld. (25 Marks)

QUESTION 2

Apart from its value for livestock production, describe other socio economic values of rangelands to man. Describe the relevance of each value to Swaziland or Botswana.

(25 Marks)

QUESTION 3

Water and labour are some of the main considerations in a ranching operation.

- a) Discuss two (2) sources of surface water, giving advantages and disadvantages of each source. (12.5 Marks)
- b) Give an outline on the management of labour. (12.5 Marks)

QUESTION 4

Discuss range reseeding as one of the technologies you could adopt to address your country's natural veld of low yield and quality. (25 Marks)

QUESTION 5

Explain the relationship of grazing intensity to range condition and its impact on the performance of range-livestock. (25 Marks)