

UNIVERSITY OF ESWATINI

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MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER

PROGRAMME:

B.Sc. AGRONOMY 4

COURSE CODE:

CP 403

TITLE OF THE PAPER:

FIBRE, TOBACCO AND TUBER CROPS PRODUCTION

TIME ALLOWED:

TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTION:

ANSWER ANY OF FOUR (4) QUESTIONS

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QUESTION 1 [25 MARKS]

Explain the reasons as to why sweetpotato and cassava are the most important root crops in Eswatini.

QUESTION 2 [25 MARKS]

Describe the major physiological disorders in potato, their causes and management practices to be used to correct the disorders.

QUESTION 3 [25 MARKS]

- 3.1 Describe the useful products of seed cotton with their respective uses and proportions in the seed cotton. (20 marks)
- 3.2 Explain the reasons for the decreasing trend in the production of cotton in Eswatini. (5 marks)

QUESTION 4 [25 MARKS]

- 4.1 Describe the types of roots and fibres in sisal with their roles. (10 marks)
- 4.2 Describe the difference between suckers and bulbils of sisal and explain the advantages and limitations of using them for propagation of sisal. (15 marks)

QUESTION 5 [25 MARKS]

Define Bt cotton and explain its advantages, disadvantages and the prospect of Bt cotton in Eswatini.