



(Knowledge for Development)

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MAIN EXAMINATION

**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN; AGRICULTURE
EDUCATION AND EXTENSION**

COURSE CODE: ARE 321

COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODS

DATE: 30TH AUGUST 2022

TIME: 9 – 11 AM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question One and Any other TWO (2)

TIME: 2 Hours

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QUESTION ONE: (COMPULSORY)**(30 MKS)**

- a) Differentiate between
- i. Sample and population. (4 MKS)
 - ii. Dependent and Independent Variables (4 MKS)
 - iii. Null Hypothesis and Alternative Hypothesis (4 MKS)
- b) Outline FIVE characteristics of Hypothesis (5 MKS)
- c) Outline FOUR factors to consider when developing a sampling design. (8 MKS)
- d) Outline FIVE factors to consider when designing a questionnaire (5 MKS)

QUESTION TWO

- a) Outline FIVE steps involved in developing a sampling design. (10 MKS)
- b) Outline an Analysis of Variance table for an experiment laid in a Complete Randomized Design. (10 MKS)

QUESTION THREE

- a) Outline FOUR merits and FOUR demerits of indirect interviews method of data collection (8 MKS)
- b) Describe the following types of research design.
- i. Exploratory Research Design (3 MKS)
 - ii. Descriptive Research Design (3 MKS)
 - iii. Hypothesis-Testing Research Design (3 MKS)
 - iv. Systematic Sampling (3 MKS)

QUESTION FOUR

Five wheat varieties A, B, C, D and E, were tried in an experiment. The layout for each plot, plus the yields obtained in kg is as shown;

B	E	C	A	D
90	80	134	112	92
E	D	B	C	A
85	84	70	141	82
C	A	D	B	E
110	90	87	84	69
A	C	E	D	B
81	125	85	76	72
D	B	A	E	C
82	60	94	85	80

Carry out an analysis of variance to determine if there is any significant difference in performance of the tested varieties. (20 MKS)

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Describe FIVE main requirements of a good questionnaire. (10 MKS)
- b) List any FIVE dos and FIVE don'ts in report writing. (10 MKS)

$CF = \frac{T^2}{N}$	$CF = \frac{(\sum x)^2}{(rn)}$	$E = \frac{R \times C}{N}$
$CF = \frac{G^2}{rt}$	$MST = \frac{SST}{df(T)}$	$\chi^2 = \frac{\sum(O - E)^2}{E}$
$SST = \frac{\sum(T)^2}{(r)} - CF$	$s^2 = \frac{(\sum x^2 - \frac{(\sum x)^2}{n})}{(n - 1)}$	$\rho = 1 - \frac{6\sum D^2}{N^3 - N}$
$SED = Sp - \{\sqrt{[\frac{1}{n1} + \frac{1}{n2}]}\}$	$s^2 = \frac{(\sum d^2 - \frac{(\sum d)^2}{n})}{(n - 1)}$	$Sxy = n\sum xy - \sum x\sum y$
$Sxx = n \sum x^2 - (\sum x)^2$	$Syy = n \sum y^2 - (\sum y)^2$	$r = \frac{Sxy}{\sqrt{Sxx Syy}}$
$s^2 = \frac{(\sum d^2 - \frac{(\sum d)^2}{n})}{(n - 1)}$	$t_{critical} = t_{(n-1), \alpha/2}$	$\chi^2 = \frac{\sum(O - E)^2}{E}$
$SED = \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}}$	$Sp = \sqrt{S^2 p}$	$s^2 = \frac{(\sum d^2 - \frac{(\sum d)^2}{n})}{(n - 1)}$
$SE = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$	$\%CV = \sqrt{\frac{MS}{X}} \times 100\%$	$SED = \sqrt{\frac{2MSE}{r}}$

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