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FOURTH YEAR 2ND SEMESTER
MAIN EXAMINATIONS
FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURAL
ECONOMICS & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

COURSE CODE: IAE 483
COURSE TITLE: ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS
DATE: 10TH NOVEMBER 2020 **TIME: 2PM – 4 PM**

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question ONE and any other TWO (2) Questions

TIME: 2 Hours

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Q1.

Case study: preservation and conservation of resources:

Article: *Valuing cultural ecosystem services: Agricultural heritage in Chiloé island, southern Chile.*

Reference: José Barrena, Laura Nahuelhual, Andrea Báez, Ignacio Schiappacasse, Claudia Cerda (2014). *Ecosystem Services* Vol. 7 (2014) 66–75

Required

- a) Explain the difference between preservation and conservation (4 marks)
- b) Explain the environmental resources being preserved and conserved (4 marks)
- c) Explain the importance of conservation of these resources (10 marks)
- d) Explain the strategies used to preserve and conserve the environmental resources identified above (8 marks)
- e) Explain the challenges towards preservation and conservation of these resources (4 marks)

Q2.

Case study: The theory of externalities:

Article: *Environmental and Economic Costs of Pesticide Use*

Reference: David Pimentel, H. Acquay, M. Biltonen, P. Rice, M. Silva, J. Nelson, V. Lipner, S. Giordano, A. Horowitz, M. D'Amore (1992). *Environmental and Economic Costs of Pesticide Use. American Institute of Biological Sciences*, Vol. 42, No. 10, pp. 750-760.

Required

- a) Pesticides are classified as a non- point non- source pollutants. Explain the negative externalities caused by pesticide use in the US. (20 Marks)

Q3.

Write short notes on the following

- i) Partial and general equilibrium (4 marks)
- ii) Pareto efficiency and Pareto optimality (4 marks)

iii) Efficiency and cost effectiveness

(4 marks)

iv) Deposit refund system

(4 marks)

v) Congestible goods

(4 mark)

Q4.

“Environmental pollution is a necessary evil” Explain this statement in the light of environmental economics. (20 marks)

Q5.

a) Explain any Five types of pollutants in Kenya.

(10 marks)

b) The following demand and supply information relates to three different markets as follows

$$QD^1 = 23 - 5p_1 + p_2 + p_3$$

$$QS^1 = 8 + 6p_1$$

$$QD^2 = 15 + p_1 - 3p_2 + 2p_3$$

$$QS^2 = -11 + 3p_2$$

$$QD^3 = 19 + p_1 + 2p_2 - 4p_3$$

$$QS^3 = -5 + 3p_3$$

Required

i) Calculate equilibrium prices in these markets

(5.5 Marks)

ii) Calculate equilibrium quantities in these markets

(4.5 Marks)