



**JARAMOGI OGINGA ODINGA UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

**SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD SCIENCES**

**FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION**

**2017/2018 ACADEMIC YEAR**

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**COURSE CODE: APT 3111**

**COURSE TITLE: AGRICULTURAL BOTANY**

**EXAM VENUE: LAB 3**

**STREAMS: BSc. AGED, Bsc. Horticulture,  
Bsc. Soil Science, Bsc. Animal Science**

**DATE: 14/12/17**

**EXAM SESSION: 9.00 – 11.00 AM**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

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**Instructions:**

- 1. Answer ALL questions in section A and ANY other 2 Questions in section B.**
- 2. Candidates are advised not to write on question paper.**
- 3. Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room.**

## SECTION A [30 MARKS]

**Answer ALL questions from this Section.**

1. What is plant morphology? **(2 Marks)**
2. Define the following terms as used in developmental biology. **(4 Marks)**
  - a) Cell differentiation
  - b) Morphogenesis
  - c) Morphological patterning
  - d) Phenotypic plasticity
3. Give functions of the following primary meristems. **(3 Marks)**
  - a) Protoderm
  - b) Ground meristem
  - c) Procambium
4. State FOUR differences between Mitosis and Meiosis. **(4 Marks)**
5. Differentiate between the following terms as used in plant botany. **(6 Marks)**
  - a) Homology and convergence
  - b) Pluripotent and totipotent cells
  - c) Monoecious and dioecious plants
6.
  - a) Explain THREE primary causes of morphological variation in plants. **(3 Marks)**
  - b) Using well labeled diagrams, differentiate between the cross section of a monocot and dicot root. **(6 Marks)**
  - c) Name the two layers of cells which arise from actively dividing cells of the cork cambium in the stems during secondary growth. **(2 Marks)**

## SECTION B [40 MARKS]

**Answer ANY TWO questions from this Section.**

7. Using appropriate diagrams outline the following processes **(20 Marks)**
  - i. Primary growth of the root
  - ii. Secondary growth of the stem
8. Outline the structural, functional and ecological adaptations of the following plants in their respective habitats. **(20 Marks)**
  - a) Halophytes
  - b) Hydrophytes
  - c) Epiphytes
  - d) Xerophytes
9.
  - a) Explain the functions of each of the following cell types **(12 Marks)**
    - i. Parenchyma cells
    - ii. Collenchyma cells
    - iii. Sclerenchyma cells
    - iv. Cortex cells
  - b) Using a well labeled diagram, explain the functions of the internal features of a leaf blade. **(8 Marks)**