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LCS 2104 Farm Management

First Semester Examination Paper

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This examination paper consists of 2 pages

Time Allowed: 3 hours
Total Marks: 100
Special Requirements: None
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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Answer **all** questions in Section A
2. Answer **two** questions in Section B

MARK ALLOCATION

QUESTION	MARKS
SECTION A	60
SECTION B	40
TOTAL ATTAINABLE MARKS	100

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SECTION A: Answer ALL questions in Section A

1. Examine the role of farm budgeting processes in the successful management of small grain value chains in semi-arid areas of Zimbabwe. [20]

2. In the context of farm management, explain the following concepts:
 - a) Strategic planning; [5]
 - b) Sustainable growth; [5]
 - c) Competition; and [5]
 - d) Linear programming. [5]

3. Using examples, examine how any four agricultural finance policy instruments have impacted on the success of small holder communal farms in post-independence Zimbabwe. [20]

SECTION B: Answer TWO questions in Section B

4. Discuss the extent to which the evolution of farm management practices has led to the progress towards attainment of household food and income security in resettlement areas of Zimbabwe. [20]

5. Using examples explore steps in the generic farm management decision making process. [20]

6. Explain the consequences of a laissez-faire enforcement approach on the following competitive strategies for an emerging player in the crop-livestock integrated sub-sector:
 - a) Overall low-cost leadership; [7]
 - b) Differentiation strategy; and [7]
 - c) Niche market. [6]

END OF EXAMINATION