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SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR  
OF AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND AGRICULTURE ECONOMICS

AGBM 231: AGRICULTURAL CO-OPERATIVE MANAGEMENT AND  
DEVELOPMENT

STREAMS: B.Sc AGBM Y2S2; AGECE Y2S2

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: FRIDAY 13/04/2018

2.30 P.M - 4.30 P.M.

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer Question ONE and any other THREE Questions
- Do not write anything on the question paper

**QUESTION ONE**

- (i) Explain the role of women in local cooperatives development. [10 Marks]
- (ii) Giving examples, explain the role of housing cooperative society in Kenya. [10 Marks]
- (iii) Once a cooperative has been registered, it is required to hold its first general meeting within one month of receiving the certificate of registration from the Commissioner. Explain why this should be adhered to. [10 Marks]

**QUESTION TWO**

- (i) The feeling of 'high' or 'low' among members of the community act as a cause of social tensions. Explain how cooperatives can be used to solve the above problem. [8 Marks]
- (ii) Cooperatives are autonomous and independent organizations controlled by the members and they are as independent of government and private firms as possible. Explain this statement in relation to developing counties like Kenya. [7 Marks]

**QUESTION THREE**

- (i) Explain the cooperatives by ownership structure. [6 Marks]
- (ii) When an argument matter occurs in a Cooperative Society before and Annual General Meeting is due, a Special General Meeting (SGM) may be called. Explain the procedure and reason for such meeting. [6 Marks]

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**QUESTION FOUR**

- (i) Starting a Cooperative is a complex undertaking in comparison with a project starting with a small group of producers discussing a common problem and developing an idea of how to solve it. Explain the number of meetings required in this process and the reason for each meeting. [10 Marks]
- (ii) Explain the differentiated producer pricing strategies in cooperative management. [5 Marks]

**QUESTION FIVE**

- (i) Savings and Credit Cooperative Societies have been found to be doing so well in Kenya. Explain the reasons why every Kenyan should join this movement. [7 Marks]
- (ii) The Cooperative can borrow debt capital, e.g. from banks. Explain the reason why as a bank you would think twice before advancing any finance to local Cooperative. [8 Marks]

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