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Level 1 Agricultural and Horticultural Science, 2015

90924 Demonstrate knowledge of horticultural plant management practices and related plant physiology

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| Achievement | Achievement with Merit | Achievement with Excellence |
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| Demonstrate knowledge of horticultural plant management practices and related | Demonstrate in-depth knowledge of horticultural plant management | Demonstrate comprehensive knowledge of horticultural plant management |
| plant physiology. | practices and related plant physiology. | practices and related plant physiology. |

Check that the National Student Number (NSN) on your admission slip is the same as the number at the top of this page.

You should attempt ALL the questions in this booklet.

If you need more room for any answer, use the extra space provided at the back of this booklet.

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QUESTION ONE: GLASSHOUSES

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Glasshouses can be used to control a number of growing conditions; however, they need careful management to ensure the best growing conditions for the plants inside.

- (a) Describe THREE management practices carried out in glasshouses, and explain how each management practice affects ONE of the following plant processes. Cover at least TWO different processes across the three practices:
 - photosynthesis
 - respiration
 - transpiration.

| Description of management practice | Effect on plant process |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Management practice (1) | |
| Management practice (2) | |
| Management practice (3) | |

In New Zealand, commercial production of tomatoes is usually done in glasshouses rather than outside.

Glasshouse production of tomatoes





| In yo | ur answer, consider: | |
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| • | the different growing conditions | |
| • | the effect on fruit quality. | |
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QUESTION TWO: CITRUS

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Citrus, which includes lemons, oranges, grapefruit, and mandarins, are common garden trees.

(a) Describe THREE actions a gardener can take when pruning citrus to ensure plant health, and explain why each of these actions is carried out.

| Description of management practice | Effect on plant process |
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| Management practice (1) | |
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California Red Scale (*Aonidiella aurantii*) is a major pest of citrus in New Zealand, Australia, California, and South America.

Minor infestations can cause blemishes on fruit, while high populations can damage or kill the trees. California Red Scale can be controlled using insecticides, or a biological control such as a

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trees. California Red Scale can be controlled using insecticides, or a biological control such as a parasitic wasp.

(b) Justify the use of a biological control instead of an insecticide as a pest management technique.

In your answer, consider:

the effectiveness in controlling pests

| | the effect on non-target organisms | | |
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| • | the long-term effectiveness of both techniques. | | |
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QUESTION THREE: ESTABLISHING TREES

(b)

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When planting trees, there are a number of actions that the planter can take to improve the survival and growth of young trees.

(a) Describe THREE actions that the planter could take to improve young tree survival or growth when planting them. Explain why each action is carried out in that way. You may use labelled diagrams to illustrate your answer.

| Description of the action | Reason for the action |
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| Action (1) | |
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| Action (3) | |
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After trees have been planted, ongoing weed control is important for the long-term success of the tree.

| Explain TWO ways in which weeds can affect the growth of a newly planted tree. Refer to plant processes in your answer. | |
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Mulches (either natural or artificial) and herbicides are two methods that could be used to control weeds around newly planted trees.

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Natural mulch

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See: http://abeltreeremoval.com

Artificial mulch

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See: http://www.tubex.com/media/gallery

| Sel | ected method: |
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| In v | rour answer, consider: |
| • · | the effectiveness in controlling weeds |
| • | the effect on the newly planted trees |
| • | how the management practice affects the growing conditions. |
| • | now the management practice affects the growing conditions. |
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