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# Level 2 Agricultural and Horticultural Science 2024 91290 Demonstrate understanding of techniques used to modify physical factors of the environment for NZ plant production

Credits: Four

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
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New Zealand.	New Zealand.	production in New Zealand.

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### You should attempt ALL the questions in this booklet.

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#### YOU MUST HAND THIS BOOKLET TO THE SUPERVISOR AT THE END OF THE EXAMINATION.

#### **QUESTION ONE: Shelter**

Shelter is used to provide protection from physical environmental factors.

Choose a horticultural product that requires or benefits from shelter.

Chosen horticultural product: (a) Looking at TWO different methods of shelter, explain how they can modify the physical environmental factors of your chosen horticultural product. Method (1): \_ Method (2):

improves plant q	uality for your ch	iosen horticulti	iral product.	

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#### **QUESTION TWO:** Frost

Frost can negatively affect horticulture production. Growers can use frost protection such as helicopters, sprinklers, or frost fans to prevent damage to their crop.

Choose a horticultural product.

Chosen horticultural product:

(a) Explain how frost affects the growth of your chosen horticultural product.

(b) Choose the most suitable frost protection method for your chosen horticultural product, and explain how it can prevent frost damage.

Method:

(c) Evaluate the use of your chosen frost protection method over an alternative method for managing frost in your chosen horticultural production system.

In your answer, you should consider:

- quantity of production
- social implications.

## **QUESTION THREE:** Water management in soils

Water management techniques are widely used in New Zealand to improve soil conditions for production of pasture and crops.

Choose a crop/pasture.

Crop/pasture:

Choose a water management practice.

Water management practice:

(a) How does the use of your chosen water management practice modify the physical factors of the soil?

Discuss an alterna year to modify the	environment to	improve plan	t yield and pro	ofitability.	

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