Summer Examinations 2016

LEM301616N

Module Title Strategic Farm Management
Level Six
Time Allowed Two hours

Instructions to students:

- Enter your student number not your name on all answer books.
- Answer three out of six questions.
- All questions are equally weighted.
- Begin each question in a separate answer book; label each answer book clearly with the number of the question you are answering.
- This is a seen paper. Questions have been distributed to students two weeks prior to the examination.
- Neither books nor notes may be taken into the examination.

No. of Pages 2
No. of Questions 6
Answer **three** out of **six** questions.

1. It has cost the taxpayer £500 million to control TB in England the last ten years. It is estimated the cost of bovine TB control will top £1 billion over the next decade. Critically evaluate a range of options that could be utilised to minimise the cost to the livestock industry and DEFRA.

   (25 marks)

2. Agricultural cooperatives are well supported in other European countries, they have failed to gain the same support within the UK. Provide a balanced discussion both for and against the greater use of agricultural cooperatives within the UK and make an informed judgement for or against the use of cooperatives.

   (25 marks)

3. Moulton College have recently sold off the dairy unit, releasing land for other enterprises. Critically evaluate alternative enterprises that could be introduced on to Moulton College farm to utilise the land.

   (25 marks)

4. Agricultural commodity prices are unlikely to rise in the near future. Critically evaluate options to increase the profitability of an agricultural commodity product you produce. You will need to plan how this could be done, with a suitable proposal as a viable business proposition, include costings and evidence of added profitability.

   (25 marks)

5. We are likely to have a referendum about staying within the EU in the near future. Provide a balanced discussion for and against the effect that leaving the EU will have on UK agriculture, and make an informed judgement for or against. You will need to include the effect on different regions and on the main livestock and crop enterprises in the UK.

   (25 marks)

6. Agriculture by its nature has a widespread effect on the environment. Critically evaluate the effect the various codes of practices, initiatives and legislation changes have had on agriculture and on the perception that food is healthy.

   (25 marks)