

MATRICULATION AND SECONDARY EDUCATION CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS BOARD

SECONDARY EDUCATION APPLIED CERTIFICATE LEVEL 2025 MAIN SESSION

SUBJECT: Agribusiness

UNIT: 1

ASSIGNMENT: 3 - Controlled

TITLE: Working in a Pet shop

DATE SET: 17th April 2023 DEADLINE: 17th May 2023

General Instructions

- Lines provided for sub-questions (a) and (b) indicate the length expected in the answers.
- Lines provided for sub-questions (c) do **not** necessarily indicate the length expected in the answers.
- Application criteria will be assessed in class.
- The time required to complete practical tasks will be communicated by the teacher.
- Answers may be either in English or in Maltese.

Candidate's Declaration of Authenticity					
I, the undersigned, (Name and Surname), declare that all the work I shall submit for this assignment will be my own.					
I further certify that if I use the ideas, words, or passages from existing sources, I will quote those words or paraphrase them and reference them by making use of a reference system.					
I am aware that should I submit work which is not mine, or work which has been copied from one or more sources, I will be penalised as per MATSEC Examinations Board policies related to plagiarism.					
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General Scenario

- Pam wants to set up a fish section in her new pet shop.
- She is reading on how to set up different aquaria for different fish.
- Pam also needs help in running the pet shop and learn how to keep records.

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Question 1 K-5 (4 marks)

a. Match the fish species with their respective habitat by drawing a line.

Fish Species	Habitats
Goldfish	Marine Mediterranean
Guppies	Tropical stone-scape fresh water
Angel fish	Cold fresh water
Sea bream	Brackish
African cichlids	Tropical planted fresh water

b. List **FOUR** water parameters that should be monitored to maintain a healthy fish tank.

Parameter 1:	
Parameter 2:	
Parameter 3:	
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c.	Outline the following fish habitats in relation to ${\bf TWO}$ water parameters for each habitat.
	i. Tropical planted fresh water, housing tetras:
	ii. Cold fresh water, housing koi:
	iii. Brackish tank, housing mollies:
	iv.Marine tropical, housing clown fish:

Question 2 C-2 (6 marks) a. A fish tank of 160 litres will be used for four Angel fish. i. The Angel fish's size Yes ☐ No ☐ Justify your answer: _____ ii. The Angel fish's aggression Yes No 🗌 Justify your answer: _____ b. Explain **FOUR** benefits of water change of a fish tank. Benefit 1: Benefit 2: _____ Benefit 3:

	Benefit 4:								
c.	Besides providing a natural-like environment, aquarium décor is important. Discuss the importance of using the right rocks and plants in relation to fish health.								

Question 3

a.	Define `Stock taking'.							
b.	Outline FOUR reasons why stock taking is important in an agribusiness enterprise.							
	Reason 1:							
	Reason 2:							
	Reason 3:							
	Reason 4:							

K-8 (4 marks)

c.	Three Steps of stock taking in an agribusiness enterprise are provided below. Describe
	the missing FOUR steps in order:
	Step 1: Choose appropriate stock take time so as not to affect operations.
	Step 2:
	Step 3: Put aside sold items so as not to include them in the stock taking exercise.
	Step 4:
	Step 5:
	Step 6:
	Step 7: Update stock records to reflect actual stock following stocktaking exercise.

References used in presenting answers:						
						

SECTION B - PRACTICAL

Background Information

- You have been put in charge of a fish tank at your school.
- Your job is to take care of this tank and its dwellers
- In this task you will be required to:
 - o give the right quantity of the right feed to fish;
 - o monitor given water parameters; and
 - o conduct a water change for a running fish tank.
- The teacher will provide you with the necessary tools and materials to conduct this exercise.
- During this practical task, you should observe all Health and Safety procedures.

Question 1 A-3 (10 marks)

THIS QUESTION WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE TEACHER
DURING THE PRACTICAL SESSION/S

SECTION C - PRACTICAL

Background Information

- In this task you will be required to carry out a stock taking exercise.
- The teacher will provide you with the necessary tools to conduct this exercise.
- The teacher will indicate the place where you are going to conduct the stock taking exercise.

Question 1 A-5 (10 marks)

- a. Prepare the necessary tools to carry out the stock taking exercise.
- b. Organise the stock in preparation for your stock taking exercise.
- c. Conduct your stock taking exercise by inputting the data on the Stock Taking Sheet provided by your teacher.