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Department of Agricultural Economics

Semester:II Course number: AgEc2082 Course title: Operations Research in Agricultural Economics

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Evaluation

Test one	15%	
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