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## **SECTION A**

## **QUESTION 1**

1.1	1.1.7	B ✓ ✓ A ✓ ✓ B ✓ ✓ C ✓ ✓ D ✓ ✓ A ✓ ✓		
	1.1.9 1.1.10	C✓✓	(10 x 2)	(20)
1.2	1.2.1 1.2.2 1.2.3 1.2.4 1.2.5	B only ✓✓ A only ✓✓ None ✓✓ Both A and B ✓✓ A only ✓✓	(5 x 2)	(10)
1.3	1.3.1 1.3.2 1.3.3 1.3.4 1.3.5	Lipase ✓✓ Homeothermic ✓✓ Impotence ✓✓ Superovulation ✓✓ Pistolette/insemination gun ✓✓	(5 x 2)	(10)
1.4	1.4.1 1.4.2 1.4.3 1.4.4 1.4.5	Papillae ✓ Flight zone ✓ Embryo flushing/harvesting ✓ Spermatogenesis ✓ Freemartin ✓	(5 x 1)	(5)

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#### **SECTION B**

#### **QUESTION 2: ANIMAL NUTRITION**

## 2.1 The alimentary canal of a farm animal

#### 2.1.1 Classification of the farm animal

Ruminant ✓ (1)

#### 2.1.2 Identification of the farm animal

Cattle/sheep/goat ✓ (1)

#### 2.1.3 **Reason**

It has a complex/compound/polygastric stomach ✓ (1)

## 2.1.4 Identification of the parts

- B Reticulum ✓
- **D** Abomasum ✓

**G** – Caecum ✓ (3)

#### 2.1.5 TWO adaptations of the rumen to digest feed rich in fibre

- Presence of micro-organisms/rumen micro-flora ✓
- Presence of papillae ✓
- Contractions mix the food and bring it onto contact with microorganisms ✓
- Anaerobic environment ✓
- pH control ✓
- It has a large fermentation vessel ✓ (Any 2)

#### 2.2 Components of feed

## 2.2.1 Identification of components

- A Water/moisture ✓
- **B** Dry matter/DM ✓
- C Organic matter ✓ (3)

## 2.2.2 TWO roles of water/moisture in digestion

- An important solvent ✓
- Helps during mechanical digestion/moistens food ✓
- Prevents constipation ✓
- Transportation of nutrients ✓
- Eliminates waste products ✓
- Part of biochemical reactions/homeostasis ✓
- Acts as lubricant ✓
- Regulates body temperature/cooling system ✓
- Supplies turgor pressure in cells/provides tensile strength/ shape to cells ✓
- Major component of cells/blood/body tissue ✓
- Protects sensitive tissues in the body/shock absorbing fluid ✓
- For efficient milk production EXAM PAPERS (Any 2) (2)

## 2.2.3 Identification of the component

#### 2.3 Digestibility co-efficient

#### Calculation of the digestibility co-efficiency 2.3.1

DC = Dry matter intake (kg) – dry matter excreted (kg) x 
$$100$$
  $\checkmark$ 

Dry matter intake (kg) 1

=  $10 \text{ kg} - 2.5 \text{ kg} \times 100$   $\checkmark$ 

10 kg 1

=  $76.19 \checkmark \% \checkmark$  (4)

## 2.3.2 Implication of the calculated value

- The feed was highly ✓ digested and absorbed ✓
- 76,19% ✓ of the feed was digested and absorbed ✓
- 23,81% ✓ was excreted ✓ (Any 2) (2)

#### 2.4 Nutritive ratio

#### 2.4.1 Calculation of the Nutritive Ratio

TDN = 
$$20\% + 34\% + 17\% = 71\% \checkmark$$

NR = 1:  $\frac{\%\text{TDN} - \%\text{DP}}{\%\text{DP}} \checkmark$ 

= 1:  $\frac{71\% - 34\%}{34\%} \checkmark$ 

= 1: 1  $\checkmark$ 

OR

DNNS =  $71\% - 34\% = 37\% \checkmark$ 

NR = 1:  $\frac{\% \text{DNNS}}{\%\text{DP}} \checkmark$ 

= 1:  $\frac{37\%}{34\%} \checkmark$ 

= 1: 1  $\checkmark$  (4)

## 2.4.2 Justification of the suitability of FEED B for growth

Suitable ✓ because it has a narrow nutritive ratio/more proteins/less carbohydrates ✓ (2)

## 2.5 Fodder flow programme

#### 2.5.1 **Definition of fodder flow**

- A strategic plan ✓
- To ensure enough fodder ✓
- To meet the requirements of all the animals ✓
- Throughout the year ✓
- In terms of quality and quantity ✓ (2) (Any 2)



Agricultural Sciences/P1 This Paper was down paded from SAEXAMPAPERS NW/June 2025 Grade 12 - Marking Guidelines 2.5.2 TWO months when feed was sufficient January ✓ February ✓ March ✓ (2) (Any 2) 2.5.3 Calculation of the shortage of feed during the month of May = 110 tons - 60 tons = 50 tons  $\checkmark$ = 50 tons x 1000 kg ✓ = 50 000 kg ✓ (3) [35] QUESTION 3: ANIMAL PRODUCTION, PROTECTION AND CONTROL 3.1 **Production and farming systems** 3.1.1 Identification of farming and production systems Production system – Intensive ✓ (1) Farming system – Commercial ✓ (b) (1) 3.1.2 Justification for intensive production system There are many animals in small area ✓ (1) Comparison between intensive and extensive production **Carcass quality** (a) Intensive: High carcass quality ✓ Extensive: Low carcass quality ✓ (2) (b) Energy used Intensive: Less energy used ✓ Extensive: More energy used ✓ (2)**Exposure to diseases** (c) Intensive: Less exposed to diseases ✓ Extensive: More exposed to diseases ✓ (2)

#### 3.2 Ways in which animals lose heat

3.2.1	E✓	(1)
3.2.2	C✓	(1)
3.2.3	D✓	(1)
3.2.4	A✓	(1)
3.2.5	B✓	(1)

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## 3.3 Animal handling

#### 3.3.1 Identification of the tool

PICTURE A - Burdizzo ✓

PICTURE **B** – Drenching gun ✓

## (2)

## 3.3.2 **TWO reasons for handling cattle**

- Transportation ✓
- General examination ✓
- Pregnancy diagnosis ✓
- Weighing ✓
- Control external parasites/dipping/foot bathing ✓
- Age determination ✓
- Dehorning ✓
- Vaccination ✓
- Dosing ✓
- Milking ✓
- Rotational grazing ✓
- Help with calving ✓
- Marking ✓
- Marketing ✓
- Training for show competitions ✓
- Hoof trimming ✓
- Artificial insemination ✓
- Production purposes ✓
- Slaughtering ✓
- Selection ✓
- Weaning ✓
- Feeding ✓
- Docking ✓
- Evaluation and classification ✓
- Generation of data ✓

(Any 2) (2)

## 3.4 Different symptoms of diseases that affect farm animals

#### 3.4.1 Classification of diseases

**ANIMAL 1** – Viral ✓

**ANIMAL 2** – Protozoan ✓

(2)

## 3.4.2 Name of the disease

Heartwater ✓

(1)

## 3.4.3 Indication of the animal with zoonotic disease

Animal 1 ✓

(1)

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(1)

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## 3.4.4 TWO roles of state in controlling the spread of diseases

- Public awareness/notify public ✓
- Conduct research ✓
- Import/export bans ✓
- Supplying veterinary services ✓
- Generate and implement legislation ✓
- Control movement of animals/transport permits ✓
- Setting of quarantine zones ✓ (2) (Any 2)

## 3.5 External parasites

## 3.5.1 Identification of the type of parasite

Ecto/external parasites ✓

3.5.2 Life cycle of the parasite

Two-host ✓ (1)

3.5.3 Rearrange the stages of the life cycle of a parasite

E✓

A **✓** 

D✓

B✓

C✓ (5)

## 3.5.4 **TWO** economic implications of the parasite to farmers

- Production losses ✓
- Death of animals ✓
- Skin/hides/teats/udders/ears are damaged ✓
- Financial/cost/time/labour implications of treatment ✓
- Loss of profit ✓ (2) (Any 2)

## 3.6 TWO plants that are poisonous to farm animals

- Thorn apple/devil's apple ✓
- Poison bulb/slangkop ✓
- Poison ivy ✓
- Maize fungus ✓
- Lantana camara ✓
- Tulip ✓
- Seneciosis ✓
- Gousiektebossie ✓
- Diplodiosis ✓
- Poison leaf/gifblaar ✓
- Geeldikkop ✓
- Gousiekte ✓
- Vermeersiekte ✓ (2) (Any 2) [35]



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(1)

#### **QUESTION 4: ANIMAL REPRODUCTION**

4.1 Male and female reproductive organ	4.1	Male and	female	reproductive	organs
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4.1.1	lerm that describes parts A, E and F		
	Accessory glands ✓	(1)	

## 4.1.2 Identify the following

- Part D Scrotum ✓ (1) (a)
- Part G Urethra ✓ (1) (b)
- (c) The process taking place in DIAGRAM B – Ovulation ✓ (1)
- Part J Ovary ✓ (1)

## 4.1.3 TWO congenital defects of the testes

- Cryptorchidism ✓
- Hermaphroditism ✓
- Hypoplasia ✓
- Sperm defects ✓ (2) (Any 2)

# 4.1.4 The part performing the same function as the ovary

#### 4.2 Nuclear transfer/cloning

## Identification of the reproductive technique

Nuclear transfer/cloning ✓ (1)

## 4.2.2 TWO different types of cloning

- Reproductive cloning ✓
- Therapeutic cloning ✓ (2)

## 4.2.3 ONE disadvantage of cloning

- It is expensive ✓
- Requires specific skills/expert knowledge ✓
- Cloned animals age prematurely/limited capacity to survive ✓
- There is an increased incidence of abnormalities ✓
- Dystocia problems due to large offspring ✓
- Cloned animals do not have good immune systems ✓
- Clones can produce oversize offspring with enlarged hearts, immature lungs and damaged kidneys
- There are ethical concerns about cloning animals and also consuming products from cloned animals
- There are concerns about animal welfare with respect to adverse effects
- Genetic diversity deteriorates ✓ (Any 1) (1)



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4.3	Artificial	insem	ination
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4.3.1	Identification	of the	reproductive	technique

Artificial insemination/Al ✓

(1)

## 4.3.2 TWO characteristics of good quality semen

- Opaque/milky in colour ✓
- Sticky ✓
- Less than 15% dead sperm cells ✓
- No deformed sperm cells/deformities ✓
- No blood in semen ✓
- Healthy sperm cells ✓
- Viable sperm cells ✓
- High concentration of sperm cells ✓

(Any 2)

(2)

#### 4.3.3 TWO requirements for semen collection

- All equipment that will be used should be readily available ✓
- Equipment must be hygienic/clean/sterilized ✓
- Floor area must not be slippery ✓
- Personnel must be trained/skilled with experience/expertise ✓
- Vial must be kept warm before and after collection ✓
- Enough handlers should be available ✓
- Teaser cow should be available ✓
- Semen must not be exposed to direct sunlight ✓

(Any 2)

(2)

#### 4.4 Fertilisation

## Identification of the reproductive process

Fertilisation ✓

(1)

## 4.4.2 Identification of parts B and C

B – Ovum/Egg cell/Female reproductive cell/Female gamete ✓

C – Zygote/Blastocyst/Zona pellucida ✓

(2)

#### 4.4.3 The section of sperm cell that is responsible for the following

Motility - Tail/Flagellum ✓ (a)

(1)

Carrier of genetic information – Head/Nucleus ✓ (b)

(1)

### 4.5 Stages of pregnancy

#### 4.5.1 **Identification of stages**

Diagram A – Ovum/stage of ovum ✓

Diagram B – Foetal stage ✓

(2)

## **Deduction of the stage of pregnancy**

Embryo/embryonic stage/stage of embryo ✓

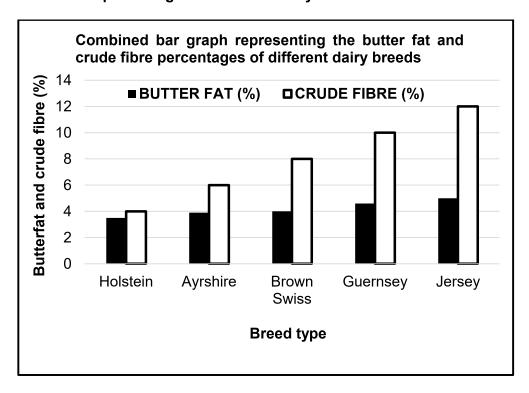
(1)

#### 4.5.3 Conditions that could occur

- Maceration ✓ (1) Mummification ✓ (1) (b)
- Abortion ✓ (c) (1)

#### 4.6 Bar graph

#### 4.6.1 Combined bar graph representing the butter fat and crude fibre percentages of different dairy breeds



### CRITERIA/RUBRIC/MARKING GUIDELINES

- Correct heading ✓
- X-axis: correct calibrations and labelled (Breed type) ✓
- Y-axis: correct calibrations and labelled (Butterfat and crude fibre) ✓
- Correct units (%) ✓
- Bar graph ✓
- Accuracy (80%+ correctly plotted) ✓ (6)

## 4.6.2 Identification of the dairy breed that produces milk with the highest crude fibre percentage Jersey ✓

(1) [35]

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