



# basic education

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**MEMORANDUM**

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**SECTION A****QUESTION 1**

1.1	1.1.1	C ✓✓		
	1.1.2	D ✓✓		
	1.1.3	B ✓✓		
	1.1.4	B ✓✓		
	1.1.5	D ✓✓		
	1.1.6	D ✓✓		
	1.1.7	B ✓✓		
	1.1.8	D ✓✓		
	1.1.9	C ✓✓		
	1.1.10	A ✓✓	(10 x 2)	(20)
1.2	1.2.1	None ✓✓		
	1.2.2	A only ✓✓		
	1.2.3	Both A and B ✓✓		
	1.2.4	B only ✓✓		
	1.2.5	A only ✓✓	(5 x 2)	(10)
1.3	1.3.1	Fodder/feed flow ✓✓		
	1.3.2	Neck/head clamp ✓✓		
	1.3.3	Seminal vesicle/vesicular glands ✓✓		
	1.3.4	Oogenesis/ovigenesis ✓✓		
	1.3.5	Mastitis ✓✓	(5 x 2)	(10)
1.4	1.4.1	Mechanical/physical ✓		
	1.4.2	Cafeteria style/ad lib/free choice ✓		
	1.4.3	Isolation/separation ✓		
	1.4.4	Iron/Fe/ferrous sulphate ✓		
	1.4.5	Synchronisation ✓	(5 x 1)	(5)
			<b>TOTAL SECTION A:</b>	<b>45</b>

**SECTION B****QUESTION 2: ANIMAL NUTRITION****2.1 Path of food in the stomach of a ruminant****2.1.1 Identification of the type of animal**

- Ruminant/cattle/sheep/goats ✓ (1)

**2.1.2 Identification of the processes illustrated by A, B and C**

- A. Swallowing/peristalsis/ingestion/intake of food ✓  
 B. Regurgitation/retro-peristalsis ✓  
 C. Re-swallowing/peristalsis ✓ (3)

**2.1.3 Justification of the advantages of process B**

- Food broken down mechanically into finer particles ✓
- Increases surface area of food ✓
- Stimulates secretion of saliva to maintain rumen pH levels ✓
- Improves the mixing of food ✓
- The forming of bolus ✓ (Any 3) (3)

**2.2 The quality of pastures and nutritional values over three seasons****2.2.1 Description of the size of micro-organism population**

- (a) Increase/high in population of amylolytic bacteria ✓✓  
 (due to high energy in pasture) (2)  
 (b) Decrease/low in population of proteolytic bacteria ✓✓  
 (due to low quality protein in pasture) (2)

**2.2.2 Quality of supplementary feed in winter**

- Supplement high/rich in proteins/nitrogen/NPN ✓✓
- Rich in carbohydrates/energy ✓✓
- Supplementing with feed rich in minerals/vitamins ✓✓ (Any 1) (2)

**2.2.3 The vitamin that is likely to be deficient in winter**

Vitamin A/retinol ✓ (1)

**2.3 Coefficient of digestibility of hay****2.3.1 Coefficient of digestibility**

DM of hay:  $24\text{kg} \times \frac{12}{100} = 2,88\text{kg}$  or  $24\text{kg} \times 0,88 = 21,1\text{kg}$

$$24\text{kg} - 2,88\text{kg} = 21,1\text{kg} \checkmark$$

$$\text{CD} = \frac{\text{Dry matter intake (kg)} - \text{dry mass of manure (kg)} \times 100}{\text{Dry matter intake (kg)}} \checkmark$$

$$= \frac{21,1\text{kg} - 7,3\text{kg}}{21,1\text{kg}} \times \frac{100}{1} \checkmark$$

$$= 65,4 \checkmark\% \checkmark (5)$$

- 2.3.2 **Justification for not recommending the hay**
- Digestibility is 65,4% ✓
  - therefore it needs supplementation to improve digestibility ✓ (2)

2.4 **Composition of animal feeds**

- 2.4.1 **Feed most likely to be fed to non-ruminant animals**  
Feed A ✓ (1)

- 2.4.2 **Motivation for Feed A**
- Contains a low percentage of crude fibre/6% ✓
  - High percentage of TDN/80% ✓
  - Higher DP/8% ✓
  - Therefore it is easily digestible ✓ (Any 2) (2)

2.4.3 **Calculation of nutritive ratio of Feed B**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{NR} &= 1: \frac{\text{TDN} - \text{DP}}{\text{DP}} \checkmark \\ &= 1: \frac{50\% - 4\%}{4\%} \checkmark \\ \text{Or} \\ &= 1: \frac{46\%}{4\%} \checkmark \\ &= 1: 11.5/1:12 \checkmark \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

2.5 **Fodder flow programme**

- 2.5.1 **Months in which there will be more feed**  
2/two months ✓ (1)

- 2.5.2 **Month in which the feed will be most insufficient**  
September/Sep. ✓ (1)

- 2.5.3 **Calculate the shortage of feed during the month of October**
- 120 tons – 80 tons = 40 tons ✓
  - 40 tons x 1000 kg ✓ or  $\frac{40 \text{ tons} \times 1000 \text{ kg}}{1 \text{ ton}}$  ✓
  - = 40 000 kg ✓ (3)

- 2.5.4 **THREE cost-effective measures of using feed for Jan and Feb**
- Cutting fodder ✓
  - Baling/making hay/ensiling (making silage) ✓
  - Storage ✓ (3)
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**QUESTION 3: ANIMAL PRODUCTION, PROTECTION AND CONTROL****3.1 System of farming**

3.1.1 **Identification of a production system**  
Back yard/free-range/subsistence ✓ (1)

3.1.2 **THREE advantages of back yard system to rural communities**

- Less expensive/cheaper ✓
- Easy to manage ✓
- No special equipment needed ✓
- No specialised/expert knowledge needed ✓
- More environmental friendly ✓

(Any 3) (3)

3.1.3 **THREE problems of backyard system**

- Easy to contact disease ✓
- Poor feeding/feeding on less nutritious food ✓
- High risk towards predators ✓
- More feed energy is utilised for non-production purpose/low production output/slow growth rate ✓
- High risk towards theft of animals ✓
- Expose to extreme environmental conditions ✓

(Any 3) (3)

**3.2 Structures, apparatus and appliances used in the handling of farm animals in an animal production system**

3.2.1 Barbed wire fence to divide area of farmland ✓ (1)

3.2.2 Kraal made from branches and sticks ✓ (1)

3.2.3 A shed made from wooden poles and canvas ✓ (1)

3.2.4 Red flags with warning signs ✓ (1)

**3.3 Production systems**

3.3.1 **Farming system by FARMER A**  
Extensive system ✓ (1)

3.3.2 **TWO reasons**

- Fewer workers/2 workers ✓
- Limited facilities/1 cattle handling facility/1 farm shed/8 wind pumps/1 dipping station ✓
- Fewer/smaller number of animals over a large area/400 cattle on 4800 ha ✓
- Cattle kept on natural pasture ✓

(Any 2) (2)

3.3.3 **Difference in feeding strategies**

- FARMER A is feeding livestock on natural pasture ✓
- FARMER B is feeding livestock through a feedlot ✓

(2)

- 3.3.4 **TWO measures to increase production for FARMER A**
- Supplementary feeding/nutrition ✓
  - Control adverse environmental conditions through shelter ✓
  - Control of pests and diseases ✓
  - Correct breeding methods ✓
  - More effective grazing system/rotational grazing ✓ (Any 2) (2)
- 3.4 **The health of an animal**
- 3.4.1 **Part of an animal body in which the thermometer is inserted**  
Rectum/anus ✓ (1)
- 3.4.2 **Health indicators of acute condition**
- (a) Increased/high body temperature ✓ (1)
  - (b) Faster/rapid respiratory rate ✓ (1)
  - (c) Faster heart beat ✓ (1)
- 3.5 **Ticks and control**
- 3.5.1 **Type and name of tick**
- One-host tick ✓
  - Blue tick ✓ (2)
- 3.5.2 **Disease transmitted**
- Red water ✓
  - Anaplasmosis/gall sickness ✓ (Any 1) (1)
- 3.5.3 **Justification of chemical considered eco-friendly**
- Residual action ✓
  - Non-systemic ✓
  - Ox-pecker compatible ✓ (Any 2) (2)
- 3.5.4 **Method of applying the chemical**  
Pour-on ✓ (1)
- 3.5.5 **Evidence of the role of state in controlling remedies and medicines**
- Registration number/Reg. No. G2837/Act 36/1947 ✓
  - Active ingredients and their quantities/Deltrametrin 0.50% m/v, Amitraz 2,0% m/v, Piperonyl Butoxide 2,0% m/v ✓ (2)

**3.6 Plant poisoning****3.6.1 TWO plants that are poisonous**

- Poison bulb/leaf ✓
- Thorn apple ✓
- Datura spp ✓
- *Lantana camara* ✓
- Drimia species (Slangkop) ✓
- Tulp ✓
- Seneciosis spp. ✓
- Pachystriga pygmaeum (Gousiektebossie) ✓
- Diplodiosis ✓
- Geeldikkop ✓
- Vermeersiekte ✓
- Vuursiektebossie ✓
- Lupins ✓
- Blue-green algae ✓
- Buffalo grass ✓
- Devil's thorn ✓

(Any 2) (2)

**3.6.2 THREE measures of preventing plant poisoning**

- Remove poisonous plants from pastures/burn the infested areas/application of herbicides/chemicals ✓
- Remove animals from camps infested with poisonous plants ✓
- Feed/water animals well/provide proper nutrition ✓
- Avoid overgrazing ✓
- Practice rotational grazing ✓
- Inspect hay kept in stables ✓
- Knowledge on poisonous plants ✓
- Do not feed animals moulded hay/cut from areas with poisonous plants ✓

(Any 3) (3)  
[35]**QUESTION 4: ANIMALREPRODUCTION****4.1 Female reproductive organs****4.1.1 Identification of parts of a female animal**

- A - Uterine horn ✓
- B - Fallopian tube/oviduct ✓
- C - Ovary ✓
- F - Vagina ✓

(4)

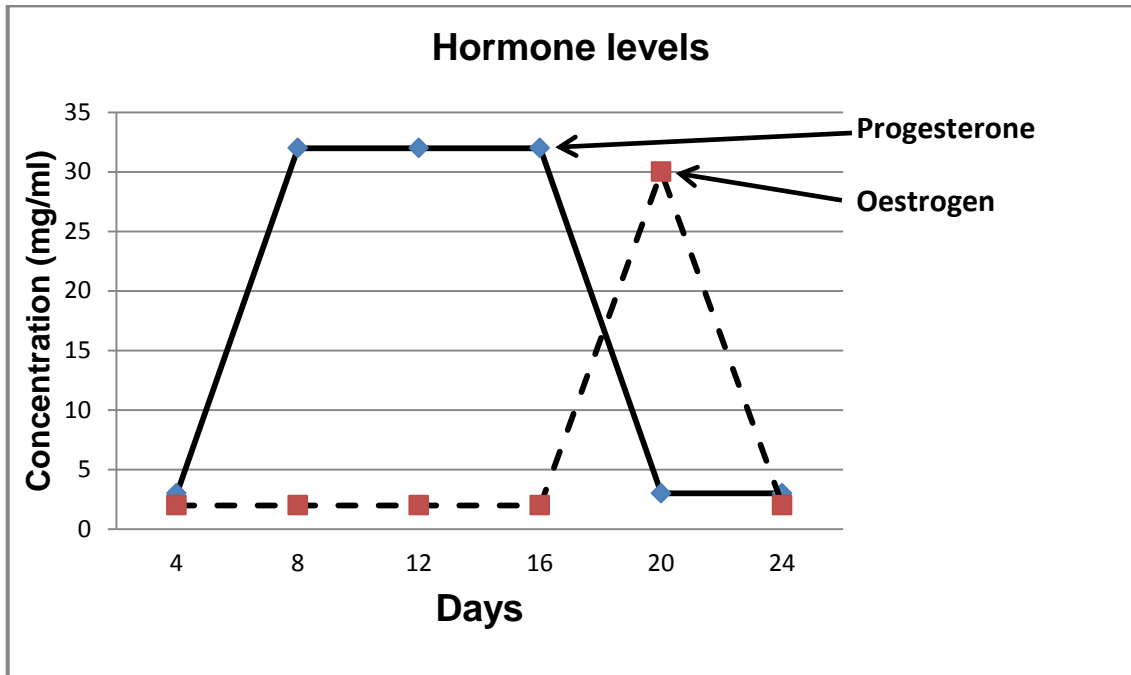
**4.1.2 Letter and name with alkaline plug**

- G ✓
- Cervix ✓

(2)

4.2 **Levels of hormones during oestrus cycle**

4.2.1 **Graph of the hormone levels**



**Criteria/rubric/marketing guidelines**

- Correct heading ✓
  - Y-axis – correct calibrations and labelled (Concentration) ✓
  - X-axis – correct calibrations and labelled (Days) ✓
  - Correct unit ✓
  - Accuracy ✓
  - Line graph ✓
- (6)

4.2.2 **Role of progesterone**

Inhibits/suppresses the secretion/functioning of oestrogen ✓ (1)

4.2.3 **Day when follicles will be fully developed**

Day 20 ✓ (1)

4.2.4 **Motivation**

Oestrogen is at its highest level/30mg/ml ✓  
**Or**  
 Progesterone is at its lowest levels/3mg/ml ✓ (1)

4.3 **Schematic representation of a sperm cell**

4.3.1 **Identification of part B**

Nucleus ✓ (1)

4.3.2 **Part representing acrosome**

A ✓ (1)



- 4.3.3 **The function of part labelled E**  
Movement/mobility/motility of the sperm cell ✓ (1)
- 4.3.4 **Distinction between a sperm cell and semen**  
• **Sperm** - Male gamete/reproductive cell ✓  
• **Semen** - Mixture of sperm cells and fluids produced by accessory glands ✓ (2)
- 4.3.5 **TWO methods of collecting semen**  
• Artificial vagina ✓  
• Electrical stimulator/electrojaculator ✓ (2)
- 4.4 **Artificial insemination in farm animals**
- 4.4.1 **Definition of AI**  
• A technique whereby semen is artificially collected from bulls ✓  
• and artificially placed into the reproductive tract of a female ✓ (2)
- 4.4.2 **THREE requirements for successful AI**  
• Correct detection of heat/oestrus ✓  
• Correct timing ✓  
• Use of viable semen ✓  
• Correct technique ✓  
• Experienced and knowledgeable inseminator ✓  
• Observation of hygiene ✓ (Any 3) (3)
- 4.5 **Stages of embryo transfer**
- 4.5.1 **Identification of technique**  
Embryo transfer/ET ✓ (1)
- 4.5.2 **Correct order of embryo transfer**  
• E/Synchronisation of both donor and recipient cows ✓  
• C/Super ovulation of the donor cow ✓  
• B/Artificial insemination of the donor cow ✓  
• A/Flushing the embryo from the donor cow ✓  
• D/Placement of the embryo in the recipient cow ✓ (5)

4.5.3 **TWO benefits of ET**

- More progeny are produced from the best cows ✓
- Profits are made from sales of quality genetics ✓
- Fast cost effective method to improve genetic make-up of the herd ✓
- Extended reproductive life of older and incapable cows ✓
- Genetics in the herd conserved ✓
- Animals can be bred for improved diseases resistance/  
milk/meat production

(Any 2) (2)  
**[35]**

**TOTAL SECTION B: 105**  
**GRAND TOTAL: 150**