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UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER

PROGRAMME

DIPLOMA IN AGRICULTURE YEAR II AND

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION YEAR II

COURSE CODE

APH 204

TITLE OF PAPER

INTRODUCTION TO ANIMAL HEALTH

AND

HYGIENE

TIME ALLOWED

TWO HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS : ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS

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QUESTION ONE

a. Explain how the environmental factors of climate, vectors and management could influence the occurrence of infectious diseases among farm animals.

(10 Marks)

- b. Describe how a farm animal attains specific resistance (immunity). (10 Marks)
- c. Give and account of two main types of immunity that can be attained in a farm animal. (5 Marks)

QUESTION TWO

a. You have carried out a clinical examination of a cow weighing 300 kg and have come up with a tentative diagnosis that it has red water (bovine babesiosis). Describe how you would go about getting a confirmative diagnosis.

(5 Marks)

b. After receiving the confirmative diagnosis that the cow is actually suffering from red water, you have been advised that Berenil RTU containing 70mg per ml of the active ingredient at a dosage of 3.5 mg per kg of body weight should be used. Calculate, showing your work, how many ml of this drug you will give this cow.

(15 Marks)

c. How would you control the occurrence of this disease among cattle? (5 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a. Name the causal agents of each of the following tick borne diseases and then describe how each of the causal agents is transmitted. (15 Marks)
- i. Gall sickness (anaplasmosis)
- ii. East Coast Fever (theileriosis)
- iii. Heartwater (cowdriosis)
- b. To control tick borne diseases dip chemicals are used. Describe how the dip chemical **Tactic TR** (**Total Replenishment**) at a rate of 1 kg per 5000 litres of water is used by conventional type of dipping during the first and subsequent dipping in a dip tank of 15000 litres of water. (10 Marks)

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QUESTION FOUR

a. Describe the routine measures you would use to control the spread of common diseases among dairy calves on a large dairy farm in Southern Africa.

(20 Marks)

b. Explain the importance of diseases of dairy calves on a large dairy farm in Southern Africa. (5 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a. Give an account of the economic importance of the parasitic infestation caused by the round worm *Ascaris suum* in pig production. (5 Marks)
- b. Describe the routine management measures a commercial pig farmer should apply to control the infestation caused by the roundworm *Ascaris suum*. (20 Marks)

QUESTION SIX

- a. Describe the transmission and signs of sheep scab and the routine measures used to control this disease in Southern Africa. (20 Marks)
- b. Give an account of the economic importance of sheep scab in Southern Africa.

 (5 Marks)