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## **AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES MARKING GUIDELINE (BACK-UP)**

**MARKS: 150**

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This question paper consists of 12 pages.

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

- |     |        |                            |          |      |
|-----|--------|----------------------------|----------|------|
| 1.1 | 1.1.1  | B ✓✓                       |          |      |
|     | 1.1.2  | C ✓✓                       |          |      |
|     | 1.1.3  | C ✓✓                       |          |      |
|     | 1.1.4  | B ✓✓                       |          |      |
|     | 1.1.5  | C ✓✓                       |          |      |
|     | 1.1.6  | D ✓✓                       |          |      |
|     | 1.1.7  | A ✓✓                       |          |      |
|     | 1.1.8  | B ✓✓                       |          |      |
|     | 1.1.9  | C ✓✓                       |          |      |
|     | 1.1.10 | D ✓✓                       | (10 x 2) | (20) |
| 1.2 | 1.2.1  | None ✓✓                    |          |      |
|     | 1.2.2  | B only ✓✓                  |          |      |
|     | 1.2.3  | Both A and B ✓✓            |          |      |
|     | 1.2.4  | A only ✓✓                  |          |      |
|     | 1.2.5  | A only ✓✓                  | (5 x 2)  | (10) |
| 1.3 | 1.3.1  | Assimilation ✓✓            |          |      |
|     | 1.3.2  | Sustainable medication ✓✓  |          |      |
|     | 1.3.3  | Ovigenesis/Oogenesis ✓✓    |          |      |
|     | 1.3.4  | Superovulation ✓✓          |          |      |
|     | 1.3.5  | Cryptorchidism ✓✓          | (5 x 2)  | (10) |
| 1.4 | 1.4.1  | Maintenance ration ✓       |          |      |
|     | 1.4.2  | Vaccination/immunisation ✓ |          |      |
|     | 1.4.3  | Pheromones ✓               |          |      |
|     | 1.4.4  | Leydig ✓                   |          |      |
|     | 1.4.5  | Cloning ✓                  | (5 x 1)  | (5)  |

**TOTAL SECTION A: 45**

**SECTION B****QUESTION 2: ANIMAL NUTRITION****2.1 The alimentary canal of a farm animal****2.1.1 Identification of parts**

- **D** – Omasum ✓
  - **F** – Rectum ✓
- (2)

**2.1.2 Classification of the alimentary canal of the farm animal**

Ruminant ✓ (1)

**2.1.3 Justification**

- Has complex/compound stomach ✓
  - Has rumen/reticulum/omasum/abomasum ✓
- (Any 1 x 1) (1)

**2.1.4 Identification of letters:**

- (a) **F** ✓ (1)
- (b) **A** ✓ (1)
- (c) **G** ✓ (1)

**2.1.5 Part of the fowl performing same function as abomasum**

Pro-ventriculus ✓ (1)

**2.2 Vitamin or mineral deficiencies****2.2.1 Osteomalacia** – Vitamin D/phosphorus/calcium ✓ (1)**2.2.2 Night blindness** – Vitamin A/retinol ✓ (1)**2.2.3 Goitre** – Iodine ✓ (1)**2.2.4 Anaemia** – Iron/copper/vitamin B6 ✓ (1)

### 2.3 Calculation of digestibility coefficient of hay

- 2.3.1
- DM of hay =  $\frac{85}{100} \times 19 \text{ kg} = 16,15 \text{ kg} \checkmark$
  - $DC = \frac{\text{DM feed intake (kg)} - \text{DM manure (kg)}}{\text{DM feed intake (kg)}} \times 100 \checkmark$
  - $DC = \frac{16,15 \text{ kg} - 2,5 \text{ kg}}{16,15 \text{ kg}} \times 100 \checkmark$
  - $DC = 84,5 \checkmark \% \checkmark$  (5)

#### 2.3.2 TWO methods to improve digestibility of hay

- Cutting/grinding  $\checkmark$
- Pelleting  $\checkmark$
- Crushing  $\checkmark$
- Soaking/adding molasses  $\checkmark$
- Supplementing with NPN  $\checkmark$  (Any 2 x 1) (2)

### 2.4 Ratio formulation for farm animals

#### 2.4.1 Calculation of nutritive ration of FEED A

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

$$NR = 1 : \frac{90\% - 10\%}{10\%} \checkmark$$

$$NR = 1 : 8 \checkmark$$
 (3)

#### 2.4.2 The feed most suitable for growing lambs FEED B $\checkmark$ (1)

#### 2.4.3 Justification

- Has more proteins / FEED B has 20% of DP and FEED A has 10% DP  $\checkmark$
- Narrow NR  $\checkmark$
- The NR is less than 1 : 6  $\checkmark$  (Any 1 x 1) (1)

### 2.5 Energy value of feeds

#### 2.5.1 TWO important aspects of Net Energy

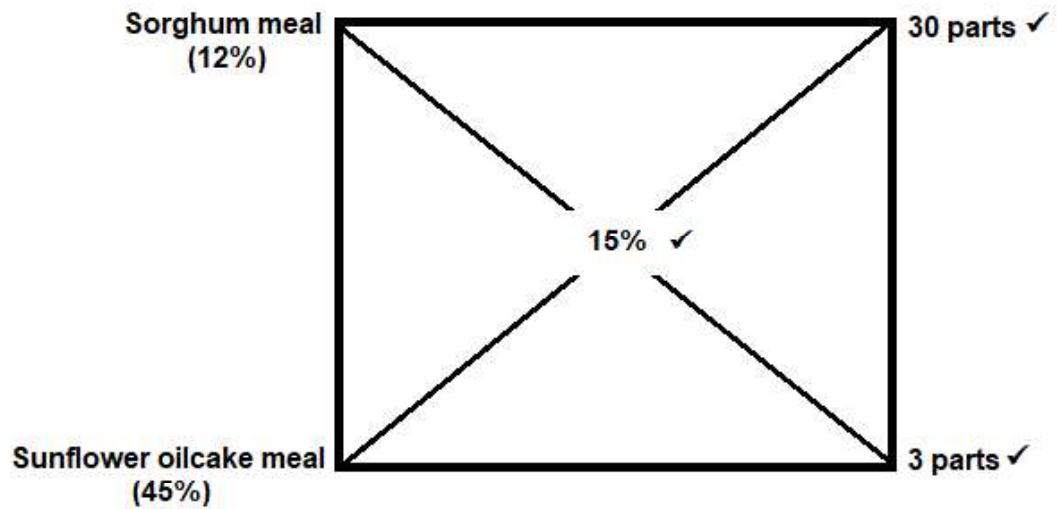
- Maintenance  $\checkmark$
- Production/work/lactation/reproduction  $\checkmark$  (2 x 1) (2)

#### 2.5.2 TWO purposes for calculating energy value of feed

- Formulation of animal ration  $\checkmark$
- Determine animal diet  $\checkmark$
- Determine feeding standards for animals  $\checkmark$  (Any 2 x 1) (2)

## 2.6 Formulation of the ration

### 2.6.1 Pearson's square method calculation



Ratio for sorghum meal to sunflower oilcake meal = 30 : 3 ✓

(4)

### 2.6.2 The percentage of sunflower oil cake meal in the mixture

- $30 + 3 = 33$  ✓
- $\frac{3}{33} \times 100$  ✓
- 9,09% ✓

(3)

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**QUESTION 3: ANIMAL PRODUCTION, PROTECTION AND CONTROL****3.1 The production systems****3.1.1 Identification of animal production systems****PICTURE A** – Extensive ✓**PICTURE B** – Intensive ✓

(2)

**3.1.2 Justification:****PICTURE A (Extensive)**

- Low stocking rate/low density/few animals in a large area ✓
- Less capital invested / no proper shelter / kraal made with stones ✓
- Animals fend for themselves ✓ (Any 1 x 1) (1)

**PICTURE B (Intensive)**

- High stocking rate/high density/many animals in a small area ✓
- More capital invested / proper cement shelter ✓
- Animals are fed by the farmer ✓ (Any 1 x 1) (1)

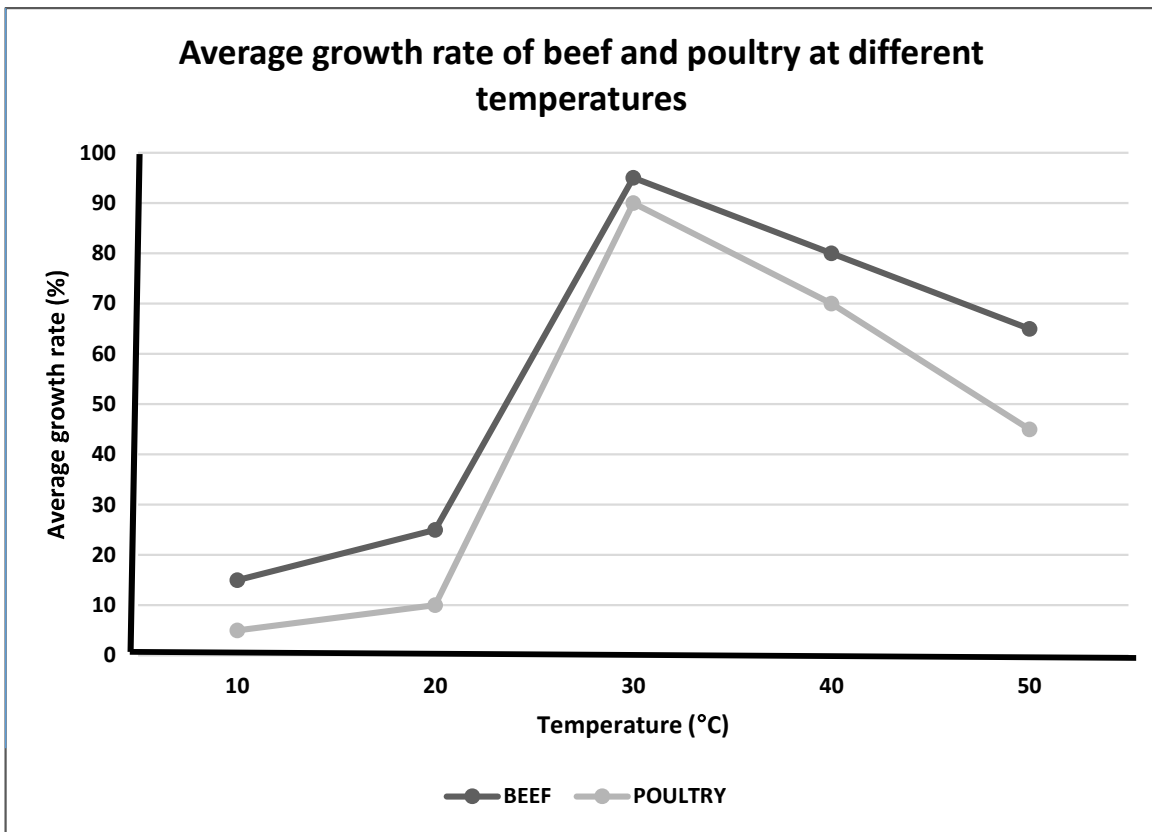
**3.1.3 Differentiation****Subsistence farming system**

- Farming on a very small scale in order to feed the family and sell the surplus ✓ (1)

**Commercial farming system**

- Farming on a large/medium scale to sell the produce and make a profit ✓ (1)

3.2 Graph



3.2.1 Criteria for marking

- Correct heading ✓
- Type of graph ✓
- X-axis – correctly calibrated with label (Temperature) ✓
- Y-axis – correctly calibrated with label (Average growth rate) ✓
- Correct units: Percentage and degrees (% and °C) ✓
- Accuracy (80% and more in plotting) ✓ (6 x 1) (6)

3.2.2 The trend between beef and poultry at different temperature

**Poultry:** Growth rate decreases at too low or too high temperatures ✓ (1)

**Beef:** Growth rate responds better at lower/higher temperatures than poultry ✓ (1)

3.2.3 ONE method to protect poultry against extreme cold weather

- Use of heaters ✓
- Air conditioners ✓
- Poultry house curtains ✓
- Insulation of roof and floor/bedding ✓ (Any 1 x 1) (1)

**3.3 The picture of a pig****3.3.1 Identification of the equipment**

Plywood board ✓

(1)

**3.3.2 TWO reasons for handling pigs**

- Vaccination ✓
- Dehorning ✓
- Dosing ✓
- Milking ✓
- Marking ✓
- Marketing ✓

(Any 2 x 1) (2)

**3.4 Animal diseases****A** – Ringworm ✓

(1)

**B** – Protozoa ✓

(1)

**C** – Mastitis ✓

(1)

**D** – Bacteria ✓

(1)

**E** – Virus ✓

(1)

**F** – Aggression / froth in the mouth / running and biting everything / circling / paralysis of lower jaw and tongue ✓

(1)

**3.5 Parasites****3.5.1 Classification of the parasite**

External parasite/exoparasites/ectoparasites ✓

(1)

**3.5.2 Reason**

Mites are found on less hairy parts of the skin ✓

(1)

**3.5.3 THREE examples of external parasites except mites and ticks**

- Nasal worms ✓
- Blue flies/blowflies ✓
- Lice ✓

(3 x 1) (3)

**3.6 Life cycle of parasites****3.6.1 The parasite**

Liver flukes/Trematodes/Flukes/Fasciola hepatica ✓

(1)

**3.6.2 The intermediate host**

Snail/Slug ✓

(1)



3.6.3 **TWO pasture management measures of controlling internal parasite**

- Rotational grazing ✓
- Resting of infected pastures ✓
- Allowing animals that are resistant to specific internal parasites ✓
- Avoid wet places ✓
- Use of zero grazing ✓
- Removal of manure/hygienic measures ✓

(Any 2 x 1) (2)

3.7 **TWO examples of metallic salt poisoning**

- Salt poisoning ✓
- Urea poisoning ✓

(2)  
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**QUESTION 4: ANIMAL REPRODUCTION****4.1 The reproductive system of a bull****4.1.1 Identification of parts**

- **A** – Seminal vesicles ✓
- **C** – Urethra ✓
- **F** – Epididymis ✓

(3)

**4.1.2 The process**

Spermatogenesis ✓

(1)

**4.1.3 Match of the functions**

(a) E ✓

(1)

(b) L ✓

(1)

(c) J ✓

(1)

**4.1.4 TWO congenital defects**

- Hypoplasia ✓
- Cryptorchidism ✓
- Hermaphroditism ✓

(Any 2 x 1)

(2)

**4.1.5 Reason why scrotum is outside the body**

To regulate the temperature ✓

(1)

**4.2 Identification of the electronic or mechanical devices**

(a) Tail-chalking/Tail-painting ✓

(1)

(b) Pedometer ✓

(1)

(c) Kamar heatmount detector/heatmount detector ✓

(1)

**4.3 Oestrus cycle****4.3.1 The reproductive process**

Oestrus cycle ✓

(1 x 1)

(1)

**4.3.2 Identification of phases of oestrus cycle****PHASE B** – Pro oestrus ✓**PHASE C** – Met oestrus ✓

(2 x 1)

(2)

**4.3.3 TWO hormones**

- Oestrogen ✓
- Luteinising Hormone/LH ✓

(2 x 1)

(2)

**4.3.4 TWO visible sexual behaviours displayed by bulls.**

- Resting the bull's chin on the cow's rump ✓
- Flehmen response/Bull extends its head and curl upper lip ✓
- Bull follows/excited about the cow on oestrus ✓
- Bulls smelling and licking external genitalia and urine of the cow ✓
- Pawing on the ground and snorting by the bull ✓
- Bellowing and tongue lapping ✓
- Bull will try to protect/guard the female on oestrus ✓ (Any 2 x 1) (2)

**4.4 Embryo transfer/transplant****4.4.1 Identification of the reproductive technique**

Embryo transfer/transplant ✓ (1)

**4.4.2 The stages of embryo transfer/transplant**

- C ✓
- A ✓
- D ✓
- E ✓
- B ✓ (5 x 1) (5)

**4.4.3 TWO methods of collecting semen**

- Artificial vagina ✓
- Electro-ejaculator ✓ (2)

**4.5 Stages of parturition****4.5.1 The stage of parturition**

Expulsion of foetus/ejection of foetus/delivery ✓ (1)

**4.5.2 Identification of the birth position**

Anterior ✓ (1)

**4.5.3 TWO signs of parturition**

- Vulva softens and become swollen ✓
- Cervix secretes sticky mucus ✓
- Cervix dilates ✓
- Cow urinates and defaecates frequently ✓
- Swollen udder that is dripping milk ✓
- Belly droops ✓
- Cow isolates itself ✓
- Cow stops eating ✓
- Cow shows signs of distress and discomfort ✓
- Cow becomes restless ✓ (Any 2 x 1) (2)

**4.6 The milk production cycle****4.6.1 The name of the graph**

Lactation curve ✓

(1)

**4.6.2 Identification of the range of weeks**

4 to 6 weeks ✓

(1)

**4.6.3 Name of the hormone**

Prolactin ✓

(1)

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