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**MEMORANDUM**

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**SECTION A****QUESTION 1.1**

1.1.1	X✓✓	B	C	D
1.1.2	A	B	C	X✓✓
1.1.3	A	B	C	X✓✓
1.1.4	A	B	C	X✓✓
1.1.5	X✓✓	B	C	D
1.1.6	A	B	X✓✓	D
1.1.7	A	B	C	X✓✓
1.1.8	A	X✓✓	C	D
1.1.9	A	B	X✓✓	D
1.1.10	A	B	X✓✓	D

(10 x 2) (20)

**QUESTION 1.2**

	ONLY A	ONLY B	A and B	NONE
1.2.1				X✓✓
1.2.2	X✓✓			
1.2.3			X✓✓	
1.2.4	X✓✓			
1.2.5		X✓✓		

(5 x 2) (10)

**QUESTION 1.3**

1.3.1 Abomasum ✓✓

1.3.2 Villus ✓✓

1.3.3 Feedlot/Intensive farming/Intensive  
production ✓✓

1.3.4 Cryptorchidism ✓✓

1.3.5 Docking ✓✓ (5 x 2) (10)

**QUESTION 1.4**

1.4.1 Protein ✓

1.4.2 Nutritional ✓

1.4.3 Shelter/Housing ✓

1.4.4 Precision ✓

1.4.5 Pregnancy/Gestation ✓

(5 x 1) (5)

**TOTAL SECTION A: 45**

**SECTION B****QUESTION 2****2.1 Digestive system of ruminants**

- 2.1.1 Diagram 1 ✓ **and**  
The compartments of the stomach A, B and C are underdeveloped ✓  
D is well developed ✓ (2)  
(Any 1)

- 2.1.2
- | Diagram 1 | Diagram 2 |
|-----------|-----------|
| A         | E ✓       |
| B         | F ✓       |
| C         | G ✓       |
| D         | H ✓       |
- (4)

- 2.1.3 I – oesophagus/gullet ✓  
J – small intestine/duodenum ✓ (2)

- 2.1.4 Diagram 2/E/rumen ✓  
Rumen/reticulo-rumen is well developed and large (great volume) ✓  
to cater for the bulky and fibrous roughages ✓  
formed like a fermentation organ or vessel ✓  
and is ideal for microbe/bacteria/protozoa activity ✓  
has a warm and moist environment ✓ (Any 4) (4)  
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**2.2 Energy loss in animal body**

- 2.2.1 A – Digestible energy ✓  
C – Energy lost in heat ✓ (2)

- 2.2.2 **Importance of nett energy value of a feed**  
It shows how much energy is directly available to the animal for:  
  - Maintenance ✓
  - Growth ✓
  - Production ✓
(3)

- 2.2.3 Lipids have a high gross energy level and would increase the gross energy value ✓  
because they do not contribute greatly to the formation of faeces and fermentation gases ✓  
so less energy is lost ✓ (Any 2) (2)



- 2.2.4 Monogastric animals ✓  
They lose less energy ✓  
in faeces and fermentation gases ✓ (3)  
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### 2.3 Lucerne as a feed to livestock

- 2.3.1 Protein rich ✓  
Roughage ✓ (2)

- 2.3.2 Hay – Dry content:  $7 \text{ kg} - 0,56 = 6,44 \text{ kg}$   
Manure – Dry content:  $2 \text{ kg} - 0,08 = 1,92 \text{ kg}$   
  

$$= \frac{\text{Dry matter intake (kg)} - \text{Dry mass of manure}}{\text{Dry matter intake}} \times \frac{100}{1} \checkmark$$

$$= \frac{(7 \text{ kg} - 0,056 \text{ kg}) - (2 \text{ kg} - 0,08 \text{ kg})}{6,44} \checkmark \times \frac{100}{1}$$

$$= \frac{6,44 - 1,92}{6,44} \times \frac{100}{1} \checkmark \quad \text{OR} \quad = \frac{4,52}{6,44} \times \frac{100}{1} \checkmark$$

$$= 70,1\% \checkmark \quad (4)$$

- 2.3.3 Younger sheep need proteins mainly for growth ✓  
while older sheep need proteins for production and reproduction ✓ (2)

- 2.3.4 **Suitability of lucerne hay**  
  - Easy for sheep (ruminant) to digest ✓
  - It is palatable ✓
  - Rich in proteins ✓
  - Rich in calcium ✓
  - Rich in vitamins A and D ✓
  - Contains cobalt and potassium that stimulate microbial activities ✓ (Any 2) (2)

- 2.3.5 **THREE ways to improve digestibility of lucerne hay**  
  - Grinding ✓
  - Pelleting ✓
  - Soaking ✓
  - Milling ✓
  - Chopping/cutting ✓ (Any 3) (3)  
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**QUESTION 3****3.1 Animal production**

- 3.1.1 Nkomani feedlot ✓ (1)
- 3.1.2 Sondela feedlot: ✓  
The total cost was the lowest (78 compared to 81) and ✓  
The production output was the highest (72 compared to 68) ✓ (3)
- 3.1.3 **The most efficient way to improve**  
• Genetic improvement and breeding ✓ (1)
- 3.1.4 Temperature/Light/Humidity/Wind/Nutrition/feeding ✓ (Any 1) (1)
- 3.1.5 A specialised breeding program/Inbreeding/Cross-breeding/  
Upgrading will increase the genetic potential of the herd ✓ (1)  
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**3.2. Dairy farming**

- 3.2.1 Suitable/favourable/conducive/ideal temperature for maximum  
production ✓ (1)
- 3.2.2 - Low temperature will increase food intake to maintain a constant  
body temperature (heat) ✓  
- High temperature leads to a lower intake of food as the animal  
needs less energy to maintain its body temperature / animal is  
uncomfortable and eats less ✓ (2)
- 3.2.3 **TWO possible measures to control high temperature**  
• Shelter ✓  
• Ventilation ✓ (2)  
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**3.3 THREE requirements for transporting animals**

- Big and strong vehicles/adapted vehicles for transportation/strong sides ✓
- Enough space for animals ✓
- Correct documentation for the transport of livestock ✓
- Animals should be marked as prescribed by regulations ✓
- Animals of same sex and age transported together ✓
- Sufficient protection ✓
- Provision of drinking water/a calm area prior to departure ✓ (Any 3) (3)

**3.4 Inspection by organic farmers' association**

- 3.4.1 The reasons for inspection of a farmer by organic association**  
To make sure that the farmer meets the requirements for being a registered member of the association ✓

(1)

**3.4.2 Five criteria for organic farming**

- Irrigation water should be free from inorganic minerals like sodium, potassium, boron etc ✓
- Fertilisation is done with organic fertilisers e.g. compost/ farm manure ✓
- Weed control is done biologically without any herbicides ✓
- Pest and disease are controlled biologically ✓
- The produce (milk) is supplied to consumers that deal with organic products e.g. Woolworths ✓
- No growth stimulants added into rations e.g. hormones/ antibiotics ✓
- No supplements of mineral licks, only animal products like bone meal or carcass meal ✓

(Any 5)

(5)

**3.4.3 Necessity for registration with the association**

- To ensure that the products have a relevant market ✓
- To ensure that the produce (milk) supplied to consumers (Woolworths) meets the criteria ✓
- Dairy farmer will be supplied with relevant and new information as well as technology ✓
- The association will ensure/strengthen the negotiating power of the organic dairy producer ✓

(Any 2)

(2)

**3.4.4 TWO advantages of organic farming**

- There is no more pollution of the environment with poisonous chemicals/the use of ecologically friendly methods and substances to improve soil and control pests ✓
- The produce is sold at a higher price ✓
- The higher price for the produce will make his/her dairy farming more profitable ✓
- Milk is free of contaminants (additives such as chemicals, antibiotics and hormones) ✓
- Farmer and workers enjoy healthier working conditions ✓

(Any 2)

(2)  
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**3.5 Natural grazing**

- 3.5.1 July ✓  
 - No rainfall in winter ✓  
 - Too low temperatures for growth ✓ (3)
- 3.5.2 TWO observations of pasture conditions  
 - Colour of grazing/green highly nutritious/age of plants ✓  
 - Volume of grazing/size of plants ✓  
 - Type of dominant plants/permanent plants/annual plants ✓  
 - Cover density/damage to grazing plants ✓ (Any 2) (2)
- 3.5.3 Summer ✓  
 because the nutritive value is high during summer ✓ (2)
- 3.5.4 Early winter months (May – Sept.) ✓ (1)
- 3.5.5 When the nutritional value of the pasture starts to drop ✓✓ (2)  
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**QUESTION 4****4.1 Animal disease carriers**

- 4.1.1 Ticks are parasites that have toxins and pathogens in their salivary glands ✓  
 When ticks suck blood these pathogens (toxins and bacteria) are transmitted ✓ (2)
- 4.1.2 **Control measures to restrict infectious diseases**  
 • Work closely with veterinarians ✓  
 • Apply strict health measures on the farm (clean housing and clean fresh water)/sanitation ✓  
 • Isolate sick animals ✓  
 • Destroy carcasses, skins and other material from infected animals ✓  
 • Strict control of pests or parasites ✓  
 • Provide proper nutrition ✓  
 • Quarantine of sick animals ✓ (Any 3) (3)  
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**4.2 Fertilisation and embryo development**

4.2.1 Oestrogen ✓  
Ovulation ✓ (2)

4.2.2 B/fallopian tube/oviduct ✓ (1)

4.2.3 **TWO functions of membranes around the embryo**  
 - For nutrition/gases/antibodies ✓  
 - For protection against shock ✓  
 - For excretion/waste products ✓ (Any 2) (2)

4.2.4 **Causes of termination of pregnancy**  
 - Infections ✓  
 - Allergies ✓  
 - Poison/Toxin ✓  
 - Malnutrition/Incorrect feeding ✓  
 - Diseases ✓  
 - Vaccines ✓  
 - Injuries  
 - Hormonal disturbances ✓ (Any 2) (2)

4.2.5 **Visible signs of approaching parturition**  
 - Isolation ✓  
 - Stops eating ✓  
 - Making bellowing noises ✓  
 - Urinates and defaecates often ✓  
 - Ligaments of tail area, pelvis, vagina and cervix relax ✓  
 - Vulva enlarges/swollen ✓  
 - Strings of mucus appear ✓  
 - Udder becomes swollen and leak milk ✓ (2)  
 (Any 2) [9]

**4.3 Life cycle of animal pests**

4.3.1 The pest will affect the human alimentary canal/human health (nutrition) ✓  
 The animal health (market value) will be affected ✓  
 The quality of meat will be negatively affected ✓  
 Mechanical damage on the digestive system as it destroys some tissues and organs/cause wounds ✓  
 Damage to the digestive capacity in both animals since the pests destroy tissue (cells) secreting gastric juices ✓  
 Depletive damage as it absorbs nutrients required by the host ✓

(Any 3)

(3)

- 4.3.2 The animal will get the pest through grazing/infected pasture ✓ (1)
- 4.3.3 Man (humans) ✓ and cattle ✓ (2)
- 4.3.4 Meat is inspected before consumption ✓ (1)
- 4.3.5 Dosing/Drenching/Premixes (worm remedy mixed into feed)/Pastes (remedies smeared onto the tongue)/Injections (remedies that are injected)/Lick blocks (that contain remedies) ✓  
The tapeworm is an internal parasite ✓ (2)
- 4.3.6 Beef measles tapeworm/*Taenia saginata*/Tapeworm ✓ (1)
- [10]

4.4

Battery system	Free-range system
Chickens are protected from contact with other chickens and humans ✓	Chickens are allowed to utilise the space freely ✓
Chickens are protected in an enclosed environment ✓	Chickens are exposed to the sunlight and other environmental conditions ✓
Disease prevention is emphasised at all levels of the operation ✓	Chickens are more exposed to diseases ✓
Sterilisation of cages and shelter is carefully done and monitored ✓	Manure and other material is left on the soil surface ✓
All layers receive vaccines and remedies simultaneously ✓	Chickens are treated for diseases as necessary ✓
Receive additions in their food ✓	Receive only food and roam the area where they are kept ✓
Separate food is provided for batches ✓	They supplement their food with vegetation and things they pick from the soil ✓

(Any 3 from each column)

(6)

4.5

**Mineral deficiency diseases**

- 4.5.1 Vitamin B<sub>2</sub> ✓ (1)
- 4.5.2 Vitamin D ✓ (1)
- 4.5.3 Vitamin A ✓ (1)
- 4.5.4 Vitamin K ✓ (1)
- 4.5.5 Vitamin D ✓ (1)
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**TOTAL SECTION B: 105****GRAND TOTAL: 150**