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Faculty of Agricultural Sciences

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION: June/July

COURSE CODE: ANP 307

COURSE TITLE: ELEMENTARY TOPICS IN ANIMAL BREEDING (2

Units)

TIME: 2HOURS

ANSWER 4 QUESTIONS (ALL QUESTION CARRIES EQUAL MARKS)

1. What is breeding and state the aim of breeding?

1b. Define the following terms in animal breeding:

Homozygous; Heterozygous; Recessive; Phenotype;. Genotype; and Hybrid

- 1c. Briefly explain the concept of animal breeding
- 2a. Bakewell was a proponent of 3 concepts lists them and what was the limitation of his breeding programme?
- 2b. Most of the traits of economic importance in farm animals are quantitative in nature, what characteristics do they possessed?
- 2c. Briefly describe the genetic change that can be attained in breeding.
- 3a. Define science of animal breeding and write a short note on the historical background of animal breeding.
- 3b. Discuss the principle of animal breeding for increase productivity. .
- 4a. List four (4) challenges in breeding animals for disease resistance
- 4b. Philosophers put different ideas forward at different times about the mode of transmission of character from one generation to another discuss five (5) of this philosophies.

- 4c State two (2) reasons that made Mendel's research work unique compare to the other early theories and the implication of his work (
- **5a.** State the differences between Ovist and Spermist theory of heredity (10 marks)
- 5b. Name and explain the two laws of Mendel (15 marks)
- **6a.** What is Punnett squares and how can the square be used to predict the genetic variation.
- **6b.** List three application of principle of genetics in agriculture.
- **6c.** Briefly explain SRY system of sex determination