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Department of Animal Science and Fisheries
2020_2 Examination

Course: ANP507: Animal Breeding And Livestock Improvement
Credit Unit: 2
Time Allowed: 2 hours.

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question one (Compulsory: 25 Marks) and any other THREE (15 marks each)

QUESTION ONE

- i. Explain in your own words the meaning of performance testing in selection of Animal **3 marks**
- ii. Can you provide a list of heritable traits of Cattle Beef/milk productions, Horses, Swine Sheep and Poultry that can be easily and accurately measured? **22 mark**

QUESTION TWO

- i. Can you write a brief outline of performance testing that should be included in a progressive beef cattle breeder's program? **6 marks**
- ii. State the primary goal of seed stock producers? **5 marks**
- iii. Can you distinguish between seed stock producers and commercial performance testing programs? **4 marks**

QUESTION THREE

- i. Can you write a brief outline on the use of information on relatives in the selection of animal breeds? **5 marks**
- ii. What differences exist between the two different types of information on use of relatives in the selection of animal breeds? **10 marks**

QUESTION FOUR

Can you write a brief outline on the following types of selections?

- a) Natural selection 6 marks
- b) Artificial selection 9 marks

QUESTION FIVE

- i. Why is a selection generally more effective for highly heritable traits than for lowly heritable ones? 6 marks
- ii. Can you distinguish between recurrent selection, reciprocal recurrent selection and pedigree selection? 9 marks

QUESTION SIX

- i. Explain in your own words what is meant by production traits of an animal 3 marks
- ii. Describe a typical breeding design for a Progeny Testing Programme that can be implemented in smallholder production situations. 5 marks
- iii. Briefly explain Positional cloning 7 marks