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2025_2 EXAMINATIONS

COURSE CODE: ANP 502

COURSE TITLE: RUMINANT NUTRITION

CREDIT UNIT: 2 CU

TOTAL SCORE: 70 MARKS

TIME ALLOWED: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: ATTEMPT QUESTION 1 (30 MARKS) AND ANSWER ANY OTHER TWO (20 MARKS EACH)

Q1.

Provide a detailed explanation of the following microorganisms, focusing on the specific feed nutrients they degrade and their roles in ruminant digestion:

- (a) Amylolytic bacteria. *(10 marks)*
- (b) Fibrolytic bacteria, fungi, and protozoa. *(10 marks)*
- (c) Proteolytic bacteria. *(10 marks)*

Q2.

Write concise notes on the following topics, with emphasis on their processes and importance in ruminant metabolism:

- (i) Ruminant protein degradation. *(8 marks)*
- (ii) Metabolism of urea. *(8 marks)*
- (iii) Deamination. *(4 marks)*

Q3.

Discuss in detail the various factors affecting the digestibility coefficients in ruminant animals. *(20 marks)*

Q4.

- (a) Explain the characteristics of ideal feed additives. *(10 marks)*
- (b) Enumerate and describe the common feed additives you are familiar with, highlighting their functions and benefits in livestock nutrition. *(10 marks)*