

MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY

REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR FOURTH-YEAR SECOND SEMESTER

SCHOOL OF NATURAL RESOURCES, TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION COURSE CODE: AHP 4204

COURSE TITLE: HERD HEALTH

DATE: TIME: 3HRS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer **ALL** questions

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Question 1

- a) What is a herd health program? (2 marks)
- b) Discuss the requirements for a successful herd health programme (6 marks)
- c) Describe the animal health economic losses common in livestock production systems (7 marks)
- d) Discuss factors affecting development of a herd health program (5 marks)

Question 2

- a) Describe in a stepwise manner the steps of developing a disease control program (12 marks)
- b) List factors to consider in setting achievable goals for disease control programme (8 marks)

Question 3

- a) Describe how to set up biosecurity level in a farm under the following subheadings (10 marks)
 - (i) Low Biosecurity Zone
 - (ii) Medium Biosecurity Zone
 - (iii) High Biosecurity Zone
- b) Discuss components of biosafety and biosecurity guidelines while using example of dairy enterprise (10 marks)

Question 4

- a) List four types of breeding records kept in a farm (5 Marks)
- b) Describe the kind of information recorded in any one of the records stated in (a) above and its application in management of breeding in animals (15 Marks)

Question 5

- a) List four (4) key characteristics of a successful herd health program (4 marks)
- b) Describe the key steps involved in planning and carrying out herd health in sheep production kept under pastoral (extensive) production (16 Marks)

Question 6

Describe the components of a herd health report (20 marks)