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THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER
MAIN EXAMINATIONS

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURE
ECONOMICS AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

COURSE CODE: AAP 322

COURSE TITLE: BIOTECHNOLOGY IN RUMINANT
PRODUCTION

DATE: 25TH APRIL 2023

TIME: 9 – 11 AM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions.

TIME: 2 Hours

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QUESTION ONE

- a. Outline the three major constraining factors that influence the productivity in the livestock sector **(3 marks)**
- b. Explain the term gene mapping and list types of genetic maps **(3 marks)**
- c. Define the following terms
 - i. Prebiotics **(2 marks)**
 - ii. Probiotics **(2 marks)**
 - iii. Biotechnology **(2 marks)**
- d. Briefly describe the following Antigen-antibody interaction-based techniques
 - i. Monoclonal antibodies **(4 marks)**.
 - ii. Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent **(4 marks)**
- e. Which of the following statement is NOT true for genetic markers? Explain **(4 marks)**
 - a) A gene or a DNA sequence
 - b) Associated with a particular trait
 - c) Anything can be used as a genetic marker
 - d) The first genetic map was prepared was of fruit fly
- f. Outline the advantages of using embryo transfer technology in animal breeding **(2 marks)**
- g. Which of the following technique is used for the amplification of DNA fragments? Explain. **(4 marks)**
 - a) AFLP
 - b) RFLP
 - c) RAPD
 - d) SNP

QUESTION TWO

Discuss different methods of gene mapping **(20 marks)**

QUESTION THREE

Write short notes on

- i. Immunotherapy **(4 marks)**
- ii. Nanotechnology **(4 marks)**
- iii. Vaccination **(4 marks)**

- iv. Cytokine Therapy (**4 marks**)
- v. Proteomics (**4 marks**)

QUESTION FOUR

- i. Discuss different DNA-based diagnostic techniques (**10 marks**)
- ii. Discuss the application of biotechnology in animal breeding (**10 marks**)

QUESTION FIVE

- i. Discuss the approaches to automate oestrus detection in animal breeding (**10 marks**)
- ii. Describe different types of molecular markers and their shortcomings (**10 marks**)