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UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER

PROGRAMME: BSc. IN ANIMAL SCIENCE III: BSc. IN ANIMAL SCIENCE (DAIRY OPTION) III

COURSE CODE: AS 307

TITLE OF PAPER: REPRODUCTIVE PHYSIOLOGY

TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS

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QUESTION 1

- a) Discuss mammary gland development from before birth to late pregnancy and the hormones involved. (15 Marks)
- b) Explain in detail how progesterone maintains pregnancy. (10 Marks)

QUESTION 2

Describe are the components of the male reproductive capacity and the factors that affect them. (25 Marks)

QUESTION 3

- a) Explain sperm maturation and give 4 different examples of physical or biochemical changes that sperm undergo as they mature. (10 Marks)
- b) Discuss 5 factors that can influence postpartum interval to first oestrus. (15 Marks)

QUESTION 4

- a) Define ovulation. (5 Marks)
- b) Discuss the events, hormones, and enzymes involved in the process of ovulation in the cow. (10 Marks)
- c) Briefly explain how does stress affect reproduction in the bull. (10 Marks)

QUESTION 5

- a) Define puberty in both the male and the female. (6 Marks)
- b) Describe the changes that are associated with puberty and explain the causes for these changes in both the male and female. (19 Marks)