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SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR CERTIFICATE IN ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION

AAP 1219: INTRODUCTION TO EPIDEMIOLOGY

DATE: JANUARY 2025

TIME: 1½ HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Define the following terms (6 marks)
 - i. Pathogenicity
 - ii. Virulence
 - iii. Mortality rate
- b) Outline any five benefits accrued from epidemiological studies (5 marks)
- c) Outline five extent to which transmission of infectious agents is dependent upon (5 marks)
- d) Describe three methods of data collection in epidemiological studies (6 marks)
- e) Highlight five advantages of cohort studies (5 marks)
- f) Highlight three important sources of veterinary data (3 marks)

QUESTUON TWO (15 MARKS)

- a) Describe eight steps to take in an outbreak investigation (8 marks)
- b) Discuss seven methods of disease transmission (7 marks)

QUESTION THREE (15MARKS)

- a) Discuss five categories of Temporal Patterns of a Disease (10 marks)
- b) Describe five strategies that infectious agents use for their maintenance (5 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (15MARKS)

Discuss infectious bursal disease under the following heading;

- i. Clinical signs (5 marks)
- ii. Post mortem Signs (5 marks)
- iii. Prevention and control (5 marks)