Revision Questions - Pig Production & Management

- 1. Describe the farming practices a farmer should employ when caring for a new-born bonham.
- 2. What do the letters FCR stand for?
- 3. State and fully explain two factors that contribute to a low FCR in pigs.
- 4. Explain the meaning of the term integrated pig production unit.
- 5. Explain two advantages of an integrated pig production unit.
- 6. Explain the term critical temperature in the context of pig production.
- 7. Explain the breeding strategy in pig production.
- 8. Outline how (i) housing and (ii) breed influence the Food Conversion Ratio (FCR) in a pig production unit.
- 9. Distinguish between the management and feeding practices used for weaners and fatteners in a pig production unit.
- 10. Name 2 bacterial diseases of pigs and give one symptom of each disease.
- 11. Explain the importance of critical temperature in the context of a pig rearing enterprise.
- 12. Name 3 breeds of pigs including 2 breeds suitable for outdoor rearing.
- 13. Give a scientific explanation why pigs in poorly managed units have overfat carcasses.
- 14. Indicate the average litter size and the target number of bonhams weaned per annum for a sow. Suggest 2 ways by which the number of bonhams weaned per annum could be increased.

15. Describe the husbandry practices involved in preparing a sow at the end of gestation for transfer from the dry-sow house to the farrowing house.

