

THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF PATHOLOGISTS

Part 1 Examination

Tuesday 23 September 2003

VETERINARY PATHOLOGY (birds)

Second Paper

Candidates must answer FOUR questions ONLY

Time allowed-THREE HOURS

- 1. Give an account of the major viral diseases of psittacine birds.
- 2. Discuss the role of protozoa in diseases of game birds.
- 3. Describe the pathological changes in bone disorders of the domestic fowl.
- 4. Write short notes on the following:
 - (a) Causes of depressed egg production in laying hens
 - (b) Cardiovascular disease in turkeys
 - (c) Infectious bronchitis of poultry
- 5. Outline the pathology and pathogenesis of the leucosis / sarcoma group of diseases of the chicken.

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- 1. Outline the sequence of microscopic changes that occur in the trachea of the chicken following infection with respiratory viruses. Describe any changes that are pathogonomonic for particular viruses.
- 2. What are the particular features of fracture repair in birds? Discuss how these may be influenced by nutritional diseases.
- 3. List the important ectoparasites of wild (free-living) birds and explain how these may cause ill-health. Give particular attention to the pathological changes that can result from such ectoparasitism.
- 4. Describe the gross and histological changes that may be seen in disease of the central nervous system in birds.
- 5. Write short notes on THREE of the following:
 - (i) Tuberculosis in birds
 - (ii) Chicken anaemia virus infection
 - (iii) Swollen head syndrome in broilers
 - (iv) Sinusitis in parrots.