

Provincial Intermediate Practical - Saturday 28th March 2015

1. Describe:
 - a) how you assess the level of Varroa Destructor in your beehives.
 - b) what chemical treatments you use to treat Varroa and evaluate their effectiveness.
 - c) what non-chemical practices you employ to keep Varroa infestation to a minimum.

2.
 - a) What signs would lead you to suspect the presence of American Foul Brood (AFB) in a beehive?
 - b) What signs should a beekeeper look out for in order to spot AFB in its early stages?
 - c) How is AFB confirmed?
 - d) If AFB is confirmed, what steps must you take and what precautions should you take?

3.
 - a) Describe how you would prepare – long term and short term – a colony of bees for winter.
OR
 - b) Describe your priorities in Spring Management.

4.
 - a) Give an account of your system of Swarm Control.
In dealing with swarms, what lessons has experience taught you?
OR
 - b) Describe a Queen Rearing system suitable for a small scale beekeeper?

5.
 - a) How would you prepare a colony of bees for **either** Oil Seed Rape **or** Heather.
OR
 - b) You have stored some honey which has granulated. Describe how you would prepare it for sale as run honey.

6. Small Hive Beetle poses a huge threat to beekeepers. Describe the life cycle of the Small Hive Beetle and say what signs would indicate the presence of Small Hive Beetle in a beehive.