

EASTERN UNIVERSITY
SECOND YEAR/ FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION
IN AGRICULTURE (2001/2002)

Principles of Genetics (AGB 2102)

Answer ALL Questions

Time Allowed : 03 Hours

1. Briefly discuss the following
 - a) Cell cycle
 - b) Prophase I of meiosis
 - c) Chromosomal translocation

2. Explain
 - a) Co-dominance
 - b) Incomplete dominance
 - c) Chi-square test of significance

3. a) Define the term "Euploidy".
 - b) Describe the different types of euploidy that are commonly encountered in nature.
 - c). Why are polyploids considered important?

4. a) Explain the concept of multiple genes for quantitative inheritance with a suitable example.
 - b) What are the special features of polygenic traits?

5. a). Describe a "Mendelian Population".
 - b). What are the requirements for a populations to remain at genetic equilibrium.
 - c). Consider a hypothetical case of two alleles "A" and "a" in a population at genetic equilibrium, which had 1480 AA, 1240 Aa and 280 aa genotypes. Using these values demonstrate that random mating will maintain genetic equilibrium.

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6. a). What are the aspects to be considered in genetic mapping?
b). What is meant by “Interference and Coincidence”.
c). A kidney bean shaped eye is produced by a recessive gene *k* on the third chromosome of *Drosophila*. Orange eye colour, called “cardinal” is produced by the recessive gene *cd* on the same chromosome. Between these two loci is a third locus with a recessive allele *e* producing ebony body colour. Homozygous kidney, cardinal females are mated to homozygous ebony males. The trihybrid F₁ females are then test crossed to produce the F₂. Among 4000 F₂ progeny are the following:

1761 kidney, cardinal	97 kidney
1773 ebony	89 ebony, cardinal
128 kidney, ebony	6 kidney, ebony, cardinal
138 cardinal	8 wild type.

- a) Determine the linkage relationships in the parents and F₁ trihybrids.
b) Estimate the map distances.