

EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA

SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION IN AGRICULTURE 2004 / 2005

AGB 2102 – PRINCIPLES OF GENETICS

Answer ALL Questions

Time: 03 Hours

1. a) Describe 'Mendelian Population' (20 marks)

b) Consider a gene pool of random mating population containing 'A' and 'a' alleles at frequencies 'p' and 'q', respectively

i) Work out the distribution of possible individuals (genotypes) in the population (30 marks)

ii) If these individuals undergo random mating, show that the same distribution can be obtained in the next generation (50 marks)

2. a) Explain 'Linkage and Crossing over' (40 marks)

b) Three recessive genes in linkage group V of tomato are 'a' producing absence of anthocyanin pigments, 'hl' producing hairless plants and 'j' producing joint less fruit stems. Among 3000 progenies from a tri-hybrid test cross, the following phenotypes were observed.

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| 259 | hairless | 268 | anthocyaninless, jointless, hairless |
| 40 | jointless, hairless | 941 | anthocyaninless, hairless |
| 931 | jointless | 32 | anthocyaninless |
| 260 | normal | 269 | anthocyaninless, jointless |

i) How were the genes originally linked in the tri-hybrid parent

ii) Estimate the distance between the genes?

(show each step clearly)

(30 X 2 = 60 marks)

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3. Write an account on polygenes and their inheritance with a suitable example (100 marks)

4. Briefly discuss the following:

- a) Translocation in chromosomes
- b) Effect of mutation on genetic equilibrium

(50 x 2 = 100 marks)

5. Explain the following with one example in each:

- a) Dominance and recessiveness
- b) Semi-dominance (Incomplete dominance)
- c) Epistasis
- d) Co-dominance

(25 x 4 = 100 marks)

6. Write short notes on

- a) Polyploidy (40 marks)
- b) Cell cycle (30 marks)
- c) Interference and coincidence (30 marks)