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## University Examinations 2022/2023

SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURE AND BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN  
AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION AND EDUCATION

### SBT 3252: GENETIC AND CYTOGENETIC

DATE: APRIL 2023

TIME: 2 HOURS

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INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question *one* and any other *two* questions

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#### QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Distinguish between the following;
- (i) Transmission genetics and population genetic
  - (ii) Gene and Allele
  - (iii) Genotype and phenotype (6 marks)
- b) Outline any three (3) inheritance involving multiple alleles (3 marks)
- c) Define linkage and explain how linkage interferes with independent assortment (3 marks)
- d) State three factor that affect of crossing over (3 marks)
- e) State three reasons why genetic mapping is important (3 marks)
- f) In a survey of 1000 individuals, the following genotype distribution was reported  
AA=353; Aa=494; aa=153. Calculate the genotype and allele frequencies of the  
population (5 marks)

- g) State any four qualities that make an organism suitable for genetic experimentation  
(4 marks)
- h) Explain the term polypoidy and state two of its commercial applications in plants  
(4 marks)

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

Discuss the various abberations in chromosome structure and their consequences in human  
(20 marks)

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

Discuss sources of variation in crop and livestock and how these variations can be maintained to improve production  
(20 marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

Discuss the major evolutionary forces that influence the distribution and frequencies of alleles in a population  
(20 marks)