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MARCH/APRIL 2016 EXAMINATION

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

COURSE CODE: BIO402
COURSE TITLE: CYTOGENETICS OF PLANTS CREDIT UNIT: 2

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER QUESTION ONE (1) AND ANY OTHER THREE (3) QUESTIONS

- 1a. Summarize the advantages of polyploidy. (4 marks)
- b. You are given the following chromosome complement for plant with Chromosome number, $2n = 12$; aa, bb, cc, dd, ee, ff.
Give the chromosome complement and the chromosome number of the following aneuploids: (6 marks)
 - (i) A monosomic for chromosome b, d and f
 - (ii) A double nullisomic for chromosomes a, c and f
 - (iii) A trisomic for chromosome a, d and e
- c. Write **short notes** on the following:
 - (i) Satellite chromosomes (5 marks)
 - (ii) mitotic behavior in monoploids (5 marks)
 - (iii) fertility in monoploids (5 marks)
1. Give a detailed account of the causes of aneuploidy. (15 marks)
- 3a. Give reasons for the fact that banana cannot be propagated by seed. (5 marks)
- b. Outline Emund Beercher Wilson's principles of chromosome theory of inheritance. (6 marks)
- c. Summarize Thomas Morgan's contribution to the chromosome theory of inheritance? (4 marks)
- 4a. Define Cytogenetics (3 marks)
- b. Describe the different methods of production of monoploids. (12 marks)
5. Classify chromosomes based on the number of centromeres. (15 marks)
- 6a. Differentiate between Autopolyploids and Allopolyploids. (3 marks)

- b. Outline the role of Wilhelm Roux in the development of Cytogenetics. (4 marks)
- c. Enumerate the genetic consequences of the following:
 - (i) translocation (4 marks)
 - (ii) deletion (4 marks)