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2021 EXAMINATION_1 1254

COURSE CODE: BIO403

COURSE TITLE: POPULATION CYTOGENETICS

CREDIT: 2 Units

TIME ALLOWED: 2 Hours

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

- 1a. Outline the main causes of genetic variation among organisms? (5 marks)
- b. Explain what you understand by Founder Effect in Cytogenetics (3 marks)
- c. Give a brief description of Bottleneck Effect in Cytogenetics (3 marks)
- d. Write briefly on sex linked traits (2 marks)
- e. Genetic drift affect small populations. Discuss (7 marks)
- f. The number of genotypes in a species of butterflies are as follows:
350 BB, 65 Bb, and 6bb. Calculate the genotypic frequencies (5 marks)

- 2a. Outline any three examples of traits as a result of adaptation (3 marks)
- b. When is a population said to be in equilibrium? (6 marks)
- c. Explain the possibilities of forward and backward mutations (6 marks)

- 3a. What do you understand by coefficient of breeding? (2marks)
- b. Define Darwinian fitness (2marks)
- c. Explain the no Natural Selection of a population (3 marks)
- d. If a population of diploid plants is with 855 AA, 520Aa, and 124 aa
Individuals, then determine the allele frequency of that population. (8 marks)

- 4a. What do you understand by selective mating? (2 marks)
- b. State the equation for determination of allelic frequencies at an X-linked locus
from the genotypic frequencies. (3 marks)
- c. Provide evidence(s) to support the fact that: recessive X-linked traits are more frequent
amongst male. (4 marks)
- d. Calculate the genotypic frequencies of a butterfly collected in a location in Abuja with the
following genotypes: 820BB, 100Bb and 10bb out of the total of 930. (6 marks)

- 5a. Use the Dunkers to explain genetic drift. (7marks)
- b. Explain coefficient of inbreeding (f) as a component of selected mating. (8marks)