EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA

HIRD YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION IN AGRICULTURE-2010/2011(REPEAT) AGB 3102: CROP BREEDING AND TECHNIQUE

Answer all questions.

Time: 02 hours

Q₁ Explain the following

- a) Heritability and its importance in plant breeding
- b) Genetic male sterility and maintenance
- c) Incompatibility in crops
- Q₂ Discuss the pedigree method of selection to develop a variety in self-pollinating crop and how bulk selection method differs from it.

Q₃ Describe the following:

- a) Recurrent selection method to improve oil content in maize.
- b) Screening of crop varieties for foliage diseases.
- Q₄. Write short notes on:
 - a) Donor and recurrent parents
 - b) Basic genetic resources
 - c) Acclimatization