EATERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA

IRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION IN AGRICULTURE 2005/2006 (June/July2007) ACS 3201 Animal Breeding and Techniques (2:30/00)

swer all questions

Time allowed: Two hours

Briefly explain

- a. Phenotypic and genetic effects of inbreeding in goats
- b. Properties of metric traits

Briefly discuss the steps involved in embryo transfer technique in cattle.

Write short notes on

- a. Selection aids in breeding programs
- b. Heritability
- c. Methods of semen collection

The following details on body weight gain have been recorded in a selection program carried out to increase growth rate of rabbits in the Livestock farm, Eastern University, Sri Lanka.

Population mean: 20 g/day

Mean of the selected group: 32 g/day

Mean of the progeny: 28 g/day

Phenotypic variance is 16 (g/day)²

Calculate the following

- i. Selection differential
- ii. Response to selection
- iii. Heritability
- iv. Additive standard deviation of the flock
- v. Selection intensity
- vi. Give suggestions to increase the response to selection.