

Q 1. What do you mean by plant breeding, give its scope and importance of plant breeding and give its objective?

Ans  $\Rightarrow$  Definition of plant breeding  $\Rightarrow$

"plant breeding may be defined as the art, science and technology of improving genetic make up of crop plant in relation to their economic use for mankind"

Scope of plant breeding  $\Rightarrow$

- ① There is ample scope for genetic improvement of pulses and oilseed crops
- ② In India, considerable area is under rainfed cultivation, Hence, there is need to develop crop cultivars resistant to drought condition.
- ③ In view of global warming, there is need to develop crop cultivars suitable for climate change.
- ④ The labour has become very expensive. Hence there is need in many crop to develop varieties suitable for machine harvesting.
- ⑤ The problem of metal toxicity is increasing in many area particularly adjacent to industries. Hence, there is need to develop crop cultivars tolerant to metal toxicity.

Objective of plant breeding  $\Rightarrow$

In plant breeding, there are two type of objective viz. general objective and crop specific

objective. A brief account of some general objectives of plant breeding is presented below:

(i) Higher yield  $\Rightarrow$  The main objective of a plant breeder is to improve the yield of economic produce which differs from crop to crop. Improvement in yield can be achieved either by evolving high yielding varieties or hybrids.

(ii) Improvement in Quality  $\Rightarrow$  The price of produce is determined by its quality. Agricultural quality differs from crop to crop. It refers to cooking quality in rice, baking quality in wheat, malting quality in barley, fibre length, strength and fineness in cotton, nutritive & keeping quality in fruits and vegetables, protein content in pulses, oil content in oil-seeds and sugar content in sugarcane and sugar beet etc.

(iii) Resistance to Biotic Stress  $\Rightarrow$  Biotic stress refers to stress caused by biotic factors such as insects, diseases and parasitic weeds. In crop plants, considerable yield losses are caused by insects and diseases. Genetic resistance is the cheapest and the best method of minimizing such losses. Resistant varieties are developed through the use of resistant donor parents available in the gene pool.

(iv) Resistance to Abiotic Stress  $\Rightarrow$  Crop plants also suffer from abiotic factors such as drought, soil salinity, heat, wind, cold, and frost.



Breeders to develop resistance varieties for such environmental conditions.

(v) ~~Wider~~ Adaptability  $\rightarrow$  Adaptability is an important objective in plant breeding because it helps in stabilizing the crop production over regions and season. Adaptability refers to suitability of a variety for general cultivation over a wide range of environmental conditions.

(vi) Early Maturity  $\rightarrow$  Early maturity is a desirable character which has several advantages. It requires less crop management period, less insecticidal sprays, permits double cropping system and reduces over production cost. This earliness is an important objective in plant breeding programmes.

(vii) Insensitivity to Temperature and Light  $\rightarrow$  Development of varieties insensitive to light and temperature helps in crossing the cultivation boundaries of crop plant. In maize, rice and potato now varieties are available which can be grown during summer as well as winter season. Evolution of photo and thermoinsensitive varieties permit their cultivation in new areas outside the boundaries of cultivation of a crop species.

(viii) Synchronous Maturity  $\rightarrow$  It refers to maturity of a crop species at one time. This character is highly desirable in crops like green gram, cowpea, and cotton where several pickings are required for crop harvest.

(ix) Desirable Agronomic characters  $\rightarrow$  It includes plant height, branching, tillering capacity, growth habit etc. Usefulness of these traits also differ from crop to crop.



(x) Development of Toxin free varieties  $\Rightarrow$  It is essential to develop varieties free from toxic compound in some crops to make them safe for human consumption.

(xi) Crop specific objective  $\Rightarrow$  In some crop such as green gram, black gram and pea seeds germinate in the standing crop before harvesting if rain are received. A period of dormancy has to be introduced in these crop to check loss due to germination.

Que 2) What do you mean by male sterility, ? Enlist different types of male sterility describe all type of male sterility.

Ans  $\Rightarrow$

Definition of male sterility  $\Rightarrow$

Male sterility can be defined as a condition in which pollen is either absent or nonfunctional in flowering plants.

Different types of male sterility  $\Rightarrow$

There are three type of male sterility  $\Rightarrow$

- (a) genetic male sterility.
- (b) cytoplasmic male sterility.
- (c) cytoplasmic genetic male sterility.

(a) Genetic male sterility  $\Rightarrow$  The pollen sterility which is caused by nuclear gene is termed as genetic male sterility. This type of sterility has been reported in several crop plant like barley, wheat, maize, cotton, sorghum, lucerne, tomato, sugarbeet



main feature of genetic male sterility are given below :

(i) Main sterility genes are usually recessive and rarely dominant.

(ii) In majority of cases, sterility is caused by single gene. However, in few cases two or more gene control male sterility.

(iii) This system consists of two types of lines viz., A line and B line. A line refers to genetic male sterile line (mm) which is used as female parent in hybrid seed production. B line is heterozygous fertile (Mm) line which is similar to A line except for sterility. B line is used to maintain sterile line (A). Thus A and B line are isogenic lines with a difference of fertility locus.

(iv) The genetic male sterile line is maintained by crossing recessive male sterile plant (mm) with heterozygous male fertile plant (Mm). Such cross will yield 50% sterile plant and 50% fertile plants.

Merits :

- (i) GMS can be used for the production of hybrid seed in both seed propagated crops & vegetatively propagated species.

- (ii) Genetic male sterility generally does not have undesirable agronomic characters.

- (iii) It requires less area and labour, because the breeder has to maintain only A and B line.

Demerits :

- (i) There are three main disadvantages of genetic male sterility. (i) It is less stable.

- (ii) GMS can sometimes become fertile particularly low temperature.

- (iii) 50% plants are fertile which have to be removed every year in hybrid seed production.

This increases the cost of hybrid seed.



(3) Identification of male sterile and fertile plant is possible only after anthesis.

(b) Cytoplasmic Male Sterility  $\Rightarrow$  The pollen sterility which is controlled by cytoplasmic gene or plasmagene is known as cytoplasmic male sterility. It has been reported in onion, sugarbeet, sorghum.

The main features of cytoplasmic male sterility are given below -

(1) plant carrying particular type of cytoplasm are male sterile but will produce seed if pollinators are present.

(2) This system consists of A line and B line. A is male sterile and B is male fertile.

(3) The cytoplasmic male sterile line is maintained by crossing of A line with B line.

(4) cytoplasmic male sterility cannot be utilized for hybrid seed production without the use of restorer line because  $F_1$  seed produce only male sterile  $F_1$  plant.

(5) CMS is not influenced by environmental factor such as low or high temperature.

Merit  $\Rightarrow$  The CMS is that it is stable one & is not affected by environmental factor.

Demerit  $\Rightarrow$  The CMS can not be used for the production of hybrid in those crop where seed or grain is the economic product.

(c) Cytoplasmic Genetic male sterility  $\Rightarrow$  When pollen sterility is controlled by both cytoplasmic and nuclear genes, it is known as cytoplasmic genetic male sterility. This type of male sterility was first discovered by Jones and Davis in 1994 in onion.



The main features of cytoplasmic, genetic male sterility are given below -

(i) The male sterility is controlled by the interaction of cytoplasm and nuclear genes.

(ii) This system includes A, B, and R lines. A is male sterile line, B is similar to A, in all feature but is male fertile and R restores the fertility in the  $F_1$  hybrid and hence is called restorer line since B line is used to maintain the fertility, It is also referred to as maintainer line.

(iii) cytoplasmic male sterile line can be maintained by crossing the male sterile cytoplasmic line with male fertile cytoplasmic line.

(iv) There is type of male sterility can be used for the production of hybrid in both vegetatively propagated as well as seed propagated crop because in  $F_1$  hybrid fertility by the restorer line.

Merits :

- (1) cytoplasmic genetic male sterility is widely used for hybrid seed production in both seed propagated species and vegetatively propagated species.
- (2) CGMS is highly is highly stable and reliable.
- (3) It is not affected by environmental factor

Demerits :

- (1) It require more area and labour
- (2) The main disadvantage of this system is that the breeder has to maintain three types of line viz. A, B. and R.



Que 8)

What do you mean by self incompatibility give the classification different type of self incompatibility explain any one in detail.

Ans →

Definition of self incompatibility →

Self incompatibility is an important mechanism which prevent autogamy and promote allogamy. Incompatibility refers to the inability of a plant with functional pollen to set seed when self pollinated.

Types of self Incompatibility →

- ① gametophytic self incompatibility
- ② Sporophytic self incompatibility

① Gametophytic system / self incompatibility →

The self incompatibility which is controlled by the genetic constitution of gametes, it is known as gametophytic self incompatibility.

The main feature of this system are presented below →

① Self incompatibility in majority of species is governed by a single gene  $S_i$  which has large number of multiple alleles. However, in some self incompatibility reaction is governed by two loci.

② In this system alleles have individual action in the style without interaction.

③ pollen grains are unable to germinate or function on a pistil having similar allele as that of pollen. The pollen tube growth is usually inhibited in the style or ovary.

④ This system give rise to three type of pollination viz, ① fully incompatible ( $S_1 S_2 \times S_1 S_2$ ) in which both alle



are common in the pollen and ovule. (ii) half the pollen is compatible ( $S_1S_2 \times S_1S_3$ ) in which one allele is different and (iii) fully fertile ( $S_1S_2 \times S_3S_4$ ) when both alleles differ in pollen and ovule;

(5) Gametophytic system permit recovery of male parent only in the partially fertile crosses which are obtained when one allele differ in the cross viz.  $S_1S_2 \times S_1S_3$ . This cross would give rise to  $S_1S_3$  and  $S_2S_3$  progeny.)

(6) plant species belonging to gametophytic self incompatibility system have binucleate pollen.

(7) All gametophytic system operate with well stigma surface and there is no direct interaction between one pollen grain and one surface cell because germination take place in a common fluid medium.

(8) The biochemical substance which is associated with the incompatibility response of the pollen develop very late i.e during pollen formation in gametophytic system.

(9) With few exception, gametophytic system is polyallelic, homomorphic and often involve a stylar reaction for species with binucleate pollen grain.

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Ques 4) Explain different methods used in self and cross pollinated crop

Ans: Method of breeding used in self pollinated crop:

- (i) Introduction
- (ii) Pure line selection
- (iii) mass selection
- (iv) Pedigree method
- (v) Bulk cross method
- (vi) Bulk method
- (vii) single seed descent method.

Method of breeding used in cross pollinated crop:

- (i) mass selection
- (ii) progeny selection.

Ques 5) Define the heterosis. Give the various hypothesis of heterosis and explain the different methods of heterosis estimation

Ans:

Definition: "Heterosis refers to the superiority of F<sub>1</sub> hybrid in one or more characters over its parents."

Various hypothesis of heterosis:

- (i) Dominance hypothesis
- (ii) overdominance hypothesis
- (iii) epistasis

(i) Dominance hypothesis:

- This theory was proposed by Davenport (1908), Griffith (1910) and Wright and Muller (1945). This is the most widely accepted explanation of heterosis. According to this hypothesis heterosis is the result of the superiority of dominant gene.

When recessive allele are deleterious. Here the deleterious recessive gene of one parent are hidden by the dominant gene of another parent and the hybrid exhibits heterosis. Both the parents differ for dominant gene. Suppose genetic constitution of the parent is AaBbCcDd and that of another as aabbccdd.

A hybrid between these two parents will have four dominant gene each. Thus heterosis is directly proportional to the number of dominant gene contributed by each parent.

|                      |   |                      |   |                             |
|----------------------|---|----------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| <u>AaBbCcDd</u>      | x | <u>aabbccdd</u>      | → | <u>AaBbCcDd</u>             |
| Parent 1             |   | Parent 2             |   | Hybrid with 4 dominant gene |
| with 2 dominant gene |   | with 2 dominant gene |   |                             |

(ii) Overdominance hypothesis:

- This theory was independently proposed by Shull and East in 1908 and supported by East (1936) and Muller (1945). This theory called by various name such as stimulation of heterozygous, "stimulative action of divergent alleles", "single gene heterosis", "superdominance" and "overdominance". Though this theory was proposed by Shull and East in 1908.

According to this hypothesis, heterosis is the result of superiority heterozygotes over the both homozygous parents. Thus heterozygote is superior to both parents.



directly proportional to the heterozygosity. The superiority of heterozygote over both homo may arise either due to (i) production of superior hybrid substance in heterozygote which is different from either of the homozygous parents (ii) greater buffering capacity in the heterozygote resulting from cumulative action of divergent or stimulation of divergent allele.

(3) Epistasis :-  
Epistasis refers to interaction between allele of two or more different loci. It is also known as non-allelic interaction. The non-allelic interaction is of three type viz. additive x additive, dominance x dominance and additive dominance. Epistasis, particularly that involve dominance (dominance x dominance) may contribute to heterosis.

Estimation of Heterosis :-  
Heterosis is estimated in three different way  
(i) over mid parent (ii) over better parent and (iii) over commercial hybrid. Thus on the basis of estimation heterosis is of three type as given below :-

(i) Average heterosis is estimated with the help of following formula -  
Average heterosis =  $[(F_1 - MP) / MP] \times 100$   
where  $F_1$  is the mean value of  $F_1$  and  $MP$  is the mean value of two parent involved in the cross.

(ii) Heterobeltiosis is worked out as follows :-  
Heterobeltiosis =  $[(F_1 - BP) / BP] \times 100$   
where BP is the mean value of the better parent of the particular cross.  
(iii) Useful Heterosis is estimated as follows :-  
Useful heterosis =  $[(F_1 - CC) / CC] \times 100$   
where CC is the mean value over replication of the local commercial cultivar.

give the difference between .

| Mass selection and pureline selection                                       |   |
|---|---|
| Mass selection  | Pureline selection  |
| 1. Used both in self and cross pollinated crop                              | 1. practiced in self pollinated crop only   |
| 2. Large numbers of plants are selected                                     | 2. comparatively less number of plant are selected.                                   |
| 3. The produce of the selected plant is mixed and sown as such in next year | 3. produce of individual plant is kept separate and progeny row are raised next year. |
| 4. No control of pollination  | 4. pollination is controlled  |
| 5. variety develop is heterozygous and not uniform                          | 5. variety is homozygous, homogeneous and uniform.                                    |



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|--|--|
| 6. Due to heterozygosity the variety deteriorate quickly.                | 6. Due to homozygosity the variety lasts long.                       |
| 7. The method has to be repeated once in 2-3 years to purify the variety | 7. No need to repeat   |
| 8. wider adaptability due to heterozygosity                              | 8. Narrow adaptability due to homozygosity                           |
| 9. No knowledge of science is required. It is more on art.               | 9. Knowledge of science and genetic is required.                     |
| 10. Selection within a variety is effective                              | 10. Selection within a pureline variety is not effective             |
| 11. The variety is relatively difficult to identify.                     | 11. It is relatively easy to identify in seed certification program. |

## (ii) Difference between pedigree method

| pedigree method   | Bulk method.  |
|---|---|
| 1) most widely used Breeding method   | 1) used only to a limited extent.   |
| 2) Individual plants are selected in $F_2$ and subsequent generation and individual plant progenies are grown | 2) $F_2$ and subsequent generation are grown in bulk.                                     |
| 3) Artificial selection - artificial disease epidemics etc. are an integral part of the method.               | 3) Mainly natural selection. In certain cases artificial selection may be essential.      |
| 4) Natural selection does not play any role   | 4) Natural selection determine the composition of pop n at the end of the bulking period. |
| 5) Pedigree record have to be maintained which is often time consuming and laborious                          | 5) No pedigree record are maintained.   |
| 6) Generally it's taken 12-13 years to release new variety  | 6) Taken more than 15 years   |
| 7) Require close attention of breeder from 1st onward   | 7) It is quite simple & does not require much attention                                   |



|   |  |
|---|--|
| 8) Planting the segregating generation are space planted to permits effective individual plant selection. | 8) The bulk population are generally planted at commercial plantings rates |
| 9) Population size is small in comparison to bulk.  | 9) The population size is large.   |

### iii) Difference between Synthetic and composite variety

| Synthetic variety                                 | Composite variety                       |
|---|---|
| 1. No. of inbred lines are less (6-8)             | 1. No. of lines are more (even upto 20) |
| 2. GCA of parental line is tested                 | 2. GCA of parental line is not tested.  |
| 3. Performance can be predicted                   | 3. Performance can not be predicted     |
| 4. It is broad based                              | 4. More broad based.                    |
| 5. Synthetic can be reconstituted at a later date | 5. cannot be reconstituted.             |
| 6. Seed replacement after 4-5 year                | 6. cannot be reconstituted.             |

What do you mean by Recurrent Selection give its type and explain any one in details.

#### Definition :

"Recurrent selection may be defined as reselection generation after generation with interbreeding of selects to provide for genetic recombination".

It is an important method of population improvement which is used to improve the frequency of desirable alleles for a character in a breeding population.

#### Types of Recurrent Selection :

There are four types of Recurrent Selection :

- Simple recurrent selection.
- Recurrent selection for general combining ability.
- Recurrent selection for specific combining ability.
- Reiprocal recurrent selection.

#### i) Simple Recurrent selection :

"A type of recurrent selection that does not include tester is referred to as simple recurrent selection." This method is an extension of mass selection.

Main feature of simple recurrent

Selection are given below :

- The tester is not used in this scheme.
- It does not measure the combining ability.
- The selection is based on phenotype or simple traits.
- This method is useful only for those character which have high heritability.



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What do you mean hybridization, Define wide Hybridization is crop improvement.

Hybridization =

Hybridization - "The mating or crossing of two plant or line of dissimilar genotype is known as hybridization."

on the basis of taxonomic relationships of the two parent hybridization is classified into two broad group

- ① Intervarietal hybridization.
- ② Distant hybridization.

definition of wild hybridization  $\neq$   
"crossing between different"

Species of the same genus or different genera of the same family is known as wide hybridization.

## Role of wild hybridization in crop improvement?

wide or distant hybridization has played

significant role in improving crop plant for (i) yield (ii) disease resistance (iii) insect resistance quality

(v) mode of reproduction and

vii) dwarf stature, earliness etc.

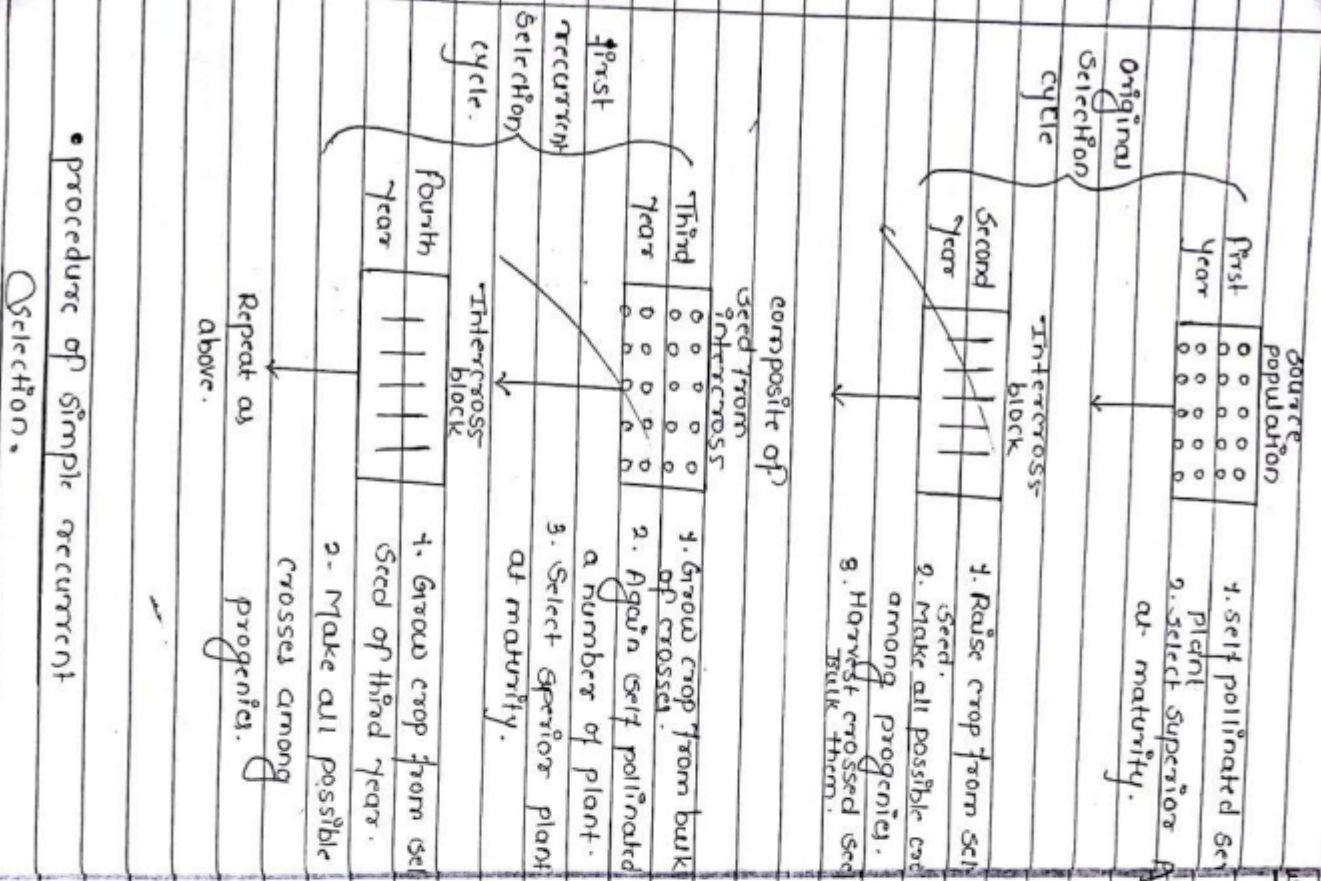
① Improvement in yield  $\rightarrow$

Improvement in yield has also

been achieved through the use of wide hybridization in some crop. Some examples are given below.

⑥ In tobacco, yield were increase by the use of wild species *Nicotia debneyi*.

(b) yield of Sugarcane and Octaploid Strawberries have been increased by the use of their



- procedure of simple recurrent

### Selection.



## (i) Disease resistance

wide hybridization has been instrumental in transferring disease resistance from wild species into cultivated ones. Some examples are given below -

- ① cotton = Resistance to rust and black arm
- ② Tobacco = Resistance to mosaic virus, wilt, black shank, blue mould, black
- ③ sugarcane = Resistance to sheath blight, black
- ④ potato = Resistance to late blight, leaf roll and virus X.
- ⑤ wheat = Resistance to rust and eye spot
- ⑥ Okra = Resistance to yellow mosaic virus
- ⑦ Tomato = Resistance to bacterial canker, bacterial wilt, fusarium wilt, leaf mould.

## (ii) Insect resistance

less progress has been made on insect resistance. Resistance to grasshopper and boll weevil in cotton, leaf chewing insect, pear and aphids in strawberry have been transferred from the wild species to cultivars.

## (iii) Improvement in quality

In some crops, wild species have been used to improve the quality cultivated on for example protein content in rice, oats and rye.

Give the definition of mutation. Give the different type of mutagen. Explain the procedure of mutation breeding.

Definition of mutation → "Mutation refers to sudden heritable change in the phenotype of an individual."

Type of mutagen →

- Mutagen are of two type
- (a) physical mutagen
  - (b) chemical mutagen

(a) physical mutagen →

physical mutagen include various type of radiation viz. X-rays, gamma rays, alpha particle, beta particles, fast and thermal (slow) neutrons and ultra violet rays.

(b) chemical mutagen →

There is a long list of chemical which are used as mutagens. Detailed treatment of such chemical is beyond the scope of this discussion. The chemical mutagen can be divided into four group viz. ① alkylating agents ② base analogue ③ acridine dye ④ other mutagen

Procedure of mutation breeding →

① 1 year →

② seed treatment with selected mutagen using recommended dose and duration of treatment.



- (i) Raising  $M_1$  generation using wider spacing.
- (ii) Recording observation on morphological variation and fertility.
- (iii) Selfing of all  $M_1$  plant to avoid contamination.
- (iv) Harvesting of each  $M_1$  plant separately.

3. 2nd year  $\Rightarrow$

- (i) Raising  $M_2$  generation from self seed obtained from all using wider spacing.
- (ii) Identification and selection of disease resistance mutant.
- (iii) Harvesting seed of such mutant separately.

3. 3rd year  $\Rightarrow$

- (i) Raising  $M_3$  generation separately for each  $M_2$  selected plant.
- (ii) Evaluation of homozygosity for disease resistance.
- (iii) Bulking of homozygous disease resistant  $M_3$  progeny.

4. 4th year  $\Rightarrow$

planting of  $M_4$  disease resistant progeny in replicated trial using check for comparison.

5. 5-9 year  $\Rightarrow$

- (i) Multi-location evaluation in co-ordinated trials for disease resistance.
- (ii) The disease resistant line is released as a variety.

10) Define polyploidy, what is euploidy, give the type of aneuploidy and its application in crop improvement.

Definition of polyploidy -

"An organism or individual having more than two basic or monoploid sets of chromosomes is called polyploid and such condition is known as polyploidy"

Euploidy  $\Rightarrow$

"The change in chromosome number which involve entire set is called euploidy"

Euploidy includes (i) Monoploids

(ii) diploids and (iii) polyploids.

Types of Aneuploidy  $\Rightarrow$

(i) Hypoploidy - (a) Monosomic.

(b) Nullisomic

(ii) Hyperploidy - (a) Trisomic

(b) Tetrasomic

(i) Hypoploidy - loss of one or two chromosome from diploid set.

(a) Monosomic - loss of one chromosome from one pair ( $2n-1$ ) or from two different pairs ( $2n-1-1$ )

(b) Nullisomic - loss of one chromosome pair ( $2n-2$ )

(ii) Hyperploidy - Addition of one chromosome to one pair or two different pairs.

(a) Trisomic - Addition of one chromosome to one pair ( $2n+1$ ) or two different pairs ( $2n+1+1$ )



## Application in crop improvement :-

Aneuploids are useful in crop improvement various way. Some of the uses of aneuploids in plant breeding are briefly presented below,

① Locating gene :- Aneuploids are useful tools for locating gene on specific chromosome.

Monosomic and nullisomic are used for the purpose. Monosomic analysis has been used in wheat, cotton, tobacco, oat and other crop for locating gene on specific character chromosome. In case nullisomic, loss of a pair of chromosome will affect expression of some characters.

② Interspecific gene transfer :- Monosomics are also used in transferring chromosome with desirable gene from one species to another.

③ Aneuploids are used for developing alien addition and alien substitution line in various crops.

Ques 11) What is the synthetic variety and composite variety give the difference between synthetic and synthetic variety.

Ans -

Synthetic variety :- "A variety which is developed by intermating in all possible combinations, a number of inbred lines with good general combining ability and mixing the seed of crosses in equal quantity."

Composite variety :- "A composite variety is produced by mixing the seed of several phenotypically outstanding lines."

in all combination among the mixed line.

The synthetic variety for commercial cultivation was first suggested in maize. Both synthetic and composite varieties are polymorphic stable.

• Difference between synthetic variety and composite variety.

| <u>Synthetic variety</u>                          |    | <u>Composite variety</u>            |    |
|---|----|-------------------------------------|----|
| 1) No. of inbred line are less                    | 1) | No. of line are more (even upto 20) | 1) |
| 2) GCA of parental line is taken                  | 2) | GCA of parental line is not taken.  | 2) |
| 3) performance can be predicted                   | 3) | performance can not be predicted.   | 3) |
| 4) It is broad based                              | 4) | more broad based.                   | 4) |
| 5) Synthetic can be reconstituted at a later date | 5) | cannot be reconstituted.            | 5) |
| 6. seed replacement after 6-5 year                | 6. | cannot be reconstituted             | 6. |



Ques 10) What are different method used in self pollinate and explain Back cross method and pedigree method.

Ans -

Different method used in self pollinate crop are

- (i) plant introduction
- (ii) pure line selection
- (iii) mass selection
- (iv) pedigree method
- (v) backcross method
- (vi) bulk method
- (vii) single seed descent method.

• Back cross method → Backcross refers to crossing of  $F_1$  with either of its parents. A system of breeding in which repeated backcrosses are made to transfer a specific character to a well adapted variety for which the variety is deficient. The main feature of backcross method of breeding are briefly given below:

(i) Application - The backcross method is generally used to improve specific character of a well adapted variety for which it is deficient such as resistant to a specific disease.

(ii) Parental material - Backcross method involve two types of parent viz. recipient parent and donor parent. The parent which receive a desirable character is known as recipient parent. The parent who donate the desirable character is known as donor parent.

(iii) Genetic constitution - Backcross method retain the genotype or original variety except for character which is improved by backcrossing.

(iv) Number of backcross - Generally 5 to 6 backcrosses are sufficient in a well adapted variety.

(v) Basic requirement → The basic requirement to start a backcross programme are (i) recurrent parent (ii) donor parent and (iii) high heritability of the character under transfer.   
 Merits → (i) Backcross method retains all desirable characters of a popular adapted variety and replace undesirable allele at a particular locus.   
 (ii) This is a useful method for transfer of oligogenic character like disease resistance. It is also useful in the incorporation of gene for quality.   
 (iii) This is used for development of isogenic line and multiline variety, a mixture of several isogenic lines.   
 (iv) The male sterility and fertility restorer gene are transferred to various agronomic bases by this method.

(v) This is the only breeding method which is used for interspecific gene transfer.

(vi) The variety developed by this method does not require multilocational testing because it is identical to parent variety except for the character.   
 Demerits → (i) This method is used to rectify the deficiency of an adapted variety. The new variety differ from the old one only in respect of deficiency which has been rectified.

(ii) It involve lot of crossing work. The backcross have to be made for 6-8 generations. In pedigree and bulk method hybridization is done only once.   
 (iii) sometime undesirable character is tightly linked with desirable one which is also transferred to the new variety.

Achievements → Backcross method has been widely used for the development of disease resistant varieties in both self and cross pollinated species.



## ● Pedigree Breeding method :

Pedigree refers to record of ancestry of an individual selected plant. Pedigree breeding is a method of genetic improvement of self poll species in which superior genotype are selected from segregating generation and proper record of the ancestry of selected from segregating generation and proper record of the plant are maintained in each generation.

Main features of this breeding method are given below -

Application - This method is widely used for the improvement of self pollinated species. It is generally used when both the parents that are used in the hybridization have good agronomic character.

(i) Maintenance of pedigree record : In this method proper record of the ancestry of each self plant or plant progeny is maintained for all generation of selection.

(ii) Selection - In this method only human selection artificial selection is used. Natural selection is allowed to operate only in the modified form of pedigree breeding known as mass pedigree method.

(iii) Time taken - Development of new crop cultivar by this method generally takes 14-15 years.

(iv) Genetic constitution - The variety developed by this method is homozygous and progeny of single homozygote.

Merits :

(i) Pedigree method provides information about the mode of inheritance of various qualitative characters which is not possible by other breeding methods.

(ii) There are chances of recovering transgressive segregant by pedigree method.

(iii) This method takes 14-15 years to release a new variety.

(iv) The breeding value of selected plant is ascertained by progeny test. Thus pedigree selection is based on genotype value rather than phenotypic value.

Demerits :

(i) The selected material becomes so large that handling of the same becomes very difficult.

(ii) Record have to be maintained for all the selected plant and progenies which take lot of valuable time of a breeder.

(iii) Since large no. of progeny are rejected in this method there are chances of elimination of some valuable material.



① Clonal Selection -

Progeny of single plant obtained by asexual reproduction is known as clone. A procedure of selecting superior clone from the mixed population of asexually propagated crop is referred to as clonal selection. The crop which are propagated asexually or by vegetative means are known as asexually propagated or vegetatively propagated or clonal crop. The main feature of clonal selection are preimitted as follows -

① Relevance - clonal selection is relevant to

② Base material - The mixed population of vegetatively propagated crop is used as base material

③ Variation - In a clonal variety, the variation is entirely due to environmental factors.

④ Genetic constitution - A variety developed by clonal selection is heterozygous but homogeneous.

⑤ Adaptation - A clonal variety is more adaptable to environmental variation due to high level heterozygosity than pure line.

⑥ Disease resistance - clonal varieties are highly vulnerable to new race of a disease due to narrow genetic base.

⑦ Reconstitution - Exact reconstitution of a clonal variety is not possible.

⑧ Product - The produce of a clonal variety is highly uniform due to homogeneous nature

⑨ Maintenance - The clonal variety is maintained by asexual propagation.

2) Apomixis :-

Apomixis refers to the development of seed without sexual fusion. In apomixis embryo develops without fertilization. Thus apomixis is an asexual means of reproduction. Apomixis is found in many crop species. Reproduction in some species occurs only by apomixis. This apomixis is termed as obligate apomixis. But in some species sexual reproduction also occurs in addition to apomixis. Such apomixis is known as facultative apomixis.

There are four types of apomixis viz. ① parthenogenesis ② apogamy, ③ apospory and ④ adventitious embryony.

3) Type of Introduction :-

plant introduction are generally classified on the basis of adaptation and utilization. Based on adoption, plant introduction are of two types

① primary introduction and ② secondary introduction. Based on utilization again introduction are of two types viz. ① direct introduction and ② indirect introduction. They are defined as follows -

① primary introduction :- Introduction that can be used for commercial cultivation as a variety without any change in the original genotype called primary introduction.

② Secondary introduction :- Introduction that can be used as a variety after selection from the original variety or used for transfers of some desirable gene to the cultivated variety is known

by asexual propagation.



#### 4) Effect of inbreeding

The different effect of inbreeding are -

① Appearance of lethal and sublethal alleles

Inbreeding result in appearance of lethal, sublethal and subvital character. eg. chlorophyll deficient, rosettes seedling.

② Reduction in vigour - general reduction in vigour size of various plant part.

③ Reduction in reproduction ability - Reproductive ability of population decrease rapidly.

Many line reproduce purely that they can not be maintained.

④ Separation of population into distinct line - Population rapidly separates into

distinct line. i.e. due to increase in homozygosity.

⑤ Increase in homozygosity - Each line become homozygous. Therefore variation within a line decrease rapidly.

⑥ Reduction in yield - IB leads to loss in yield.

The inbred that survive and maintained have much less yield than the open pollinated variety from which they have been developed.

#### 5) Asexual Reproduction

Asexual reproduction refers to multiplication of plant without the fusion of male and female gametes.

The asexual reproduction is of

two type viz, ① vegetative reproduction

② Apomixis.

① vegetative reproduction - Multiplication by vegetative plant part.

② Natural - Multiplication by Rhizome, tuber, corn, bulb, runner, suckers and stolon.

③ Artificial - Multiplication by stem and root cutting, grafting, budding.

④ Apomixis - Development of embryo without sexual fusion.

⑤ parthenogenesis - Development of embryo from egg cell without fertilization.

⑥ Apogamy - Development of embryo either from synergids or antipodal cells.

⑦ Apospory - origin of embryo from diploid egg cell of another embryo sac developed from diploid tissue

⑧ Adventive origin of embryo sac directly from diploid cell

⑨ Embryony develops from belonging to other nucellus or integument.



