

**GRADE 12 BIOLOGY  
FINAL EXAM**

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**Weight Factor:** This final exam is worth 25% of the course mark

**Due to COVID this is a take home exam. It must be in my hands by Thursday Noon 5 Nov. It can be earlier. Consult with classmates if necessary.**

**Marks:**

Each individual question is two marks unless otherwise indicated

**Open responses.** Open responses are to be answered in **grammatically correct** sentences/paragraphs.

## UNIT A – GENETICS

**Multiple Choice** – Circle the letter of the **one** best answer

1. Alternate forms of a gene that influence the same trait and are found at the same location in homologous chromosomes are called:

- a. alleles
- b. phenotypes
- c. genotypes
- d. prototypes

2. If the genotype is **AaBbcc** then **aBc** would represent

- a. The genotype of the offspring
- b. the phenotype of the offspring
- c. a gamete of the parent
- d. a possible zygote

3. In humans brown eyes are dominant over blue eyes. A brown-eyed woman who has a blue-eyed child has the genotype

- a. bb
- b. Bb
- c. BB
- d. none of these

4. An **AA** individual:

- a. has a homozygous genotype.
- b. has a heterozygous phenotype.
- c. has a heterozygous genotype.
- d. has a homozygous phenotype.

5. If a human organism inherits two X chromosomes, this individual will be:

- a. Female
- b. Male
- c. colour-blind
- d. sterile

6. A family has seven sons and no daughters. The chance that their eighth child will be a daughter is

- a. 1 in 7
- b. 1 in 8
- c. 1 in 2
- d. 7 in 8

7. An expectant mom's 'amniocentesis' reveals that the embryo has Tay Sachs disease, a recessive genetic condition (**tt** =Tay Sachs). What are the genotypes of the parents if the parents do not have the disease?

- a. Tt X Tt
- b. TT X TT
- c. tt X tt
- d. t X t

8. Amniocentesis reveals that the embryo does have Tay Sachs disease, a recessive gene. From the previous question what are the chances that a later child **will** have Tay Sachs?

- a. No chance
- b. 100%
- c. 25%
- d.50%

9. A pedigree is:

- a. a diagram or documentation that depicts the biological relationships between an organism and its ancestors.
- b. documentation of the orthomorphic, anthroprogenic and dyslexic tendency of an extinct extoplactic organism
- c. a certificate for graduating university with a degree in Biology.
- d. no longer relevant ever since the Cambrian era explosion of life on the planet.

**OPEN RESPONSE**

9. Blue eyes is an autosomal recessive trait, brown dominant. If a blue-eyed woman had children with a heterozygous brown-eyed man;


- a. Show the Punnett Square
- b. Determine the probability any of their children having blue eyes.

**UNIT C – EVOLUTION****OPEN RESPONSE**

1. Explain the difference between a genome and a gene pool.
  
2. **Types of natural selection.** State the three types of natural selection that occur on polygenic traits and give an example of each with their graphs.

**TRUE / FALSE**

**True False.** Is the following sentence True or False? Circle the correct response **T** or **F**. (1 Mark each)

- a. Natural selection is the only source of evolutionary change.  
**T / F**
- b. The theory of evolution states that species change over time  
**T / F**
- c. The inheritance of *acquired* characteristics during an individual organism's lifetime was one mechanism of evolution supported by Darwin. **T / F**
- d. The two major ideas that Darwin presented in *The Origin of Species* were that evolution occurred and that natural selection was its mechanism. **T / F**
- e. Evolution by natural selection works best on a population having no genetic variation. **T / F**
- f. Evolution by natural selection selects based on the phenotype, not the genotype. **T / F**
- g. A vestigial structure is inherited from ancestors but has lost much or all of its original function. **T / F**
- h. Evolution, in genetic terms, is not affected by a change in the frequency of alleles in population over time. **T / F**
- i. The height of humans is an excellent example of a single gene trait. **T / F**

**MULTIPLE CHOICE** – Circle the letter of the **one** best answer.

1. The occurrence of large or small beak sizes among seed crackers in the absence of medium-sized beaks is an example of:
  - a. directional selection
  - b. stabilizing selection
  - c. disruptive selection
  - d. none of the above
  
2. The random change in allele frequency in a population is called:
  - a. mutation
  - b. selective pressure
  - c. genetic drift
  - d. electrophoresis
  
5. The disruption of a population's genetic equilibrium **cannot** be caused by:
  - a. non-random mating
  - b. mutations
  - c. natural selection
  - d. polygenic traits

6. Which single statement most accurately reflects what population geneticists refer to as "fitness"?

- a. Fitness is the measure of an organism's ability to survive and reproduce.
- b. Fitness reflects the number of mates each individual of the population selects.
- c. Fitness refers to the relative health of each individual in the population.
- d. Fitness is a measure of the contribution of a genotype to the gene pool of the next generation.

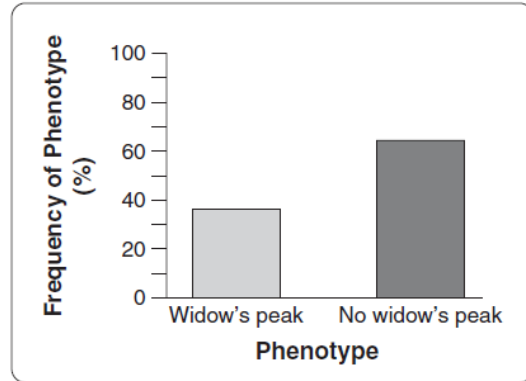
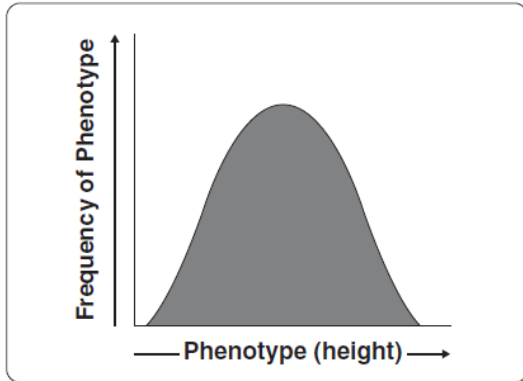
7. Which one of the following populations would most quickly lead to two groups with few shared traits?

- a. a population with disruptive selection
- b. a population with directional selection
- c. a population with stabilizing selection
- d. a population with no selection
- e. none of the above

8. An example of speciation caused by **temporal isolation** is:

- a. organisms are only temporary and never reach fertility
- b. the season in which the organisms mate becomes different
- c. the feather plumage of one is not pretty enough to attract a mate
- d. the mating call of the organism is not sufficiently melodic.

9. Label the two graphs to show which one represents a single-gene trait and which one represents a polygenic trait.



10. Traits, such as human height, that are controlled by more than one gene are known as:

- a. single-gene traits
- b. polygenic traits
- c. recessive traits
- d. dominant traits

### UNIT D – BIODIVERSITY CLASSIFICATION

1. A group of organisms at any one particular level in a binomial nomenclature classification system is called a

- a. species
- b. genus
- c. taxon
- d. phylum

2. In the original Linnaean taxonomic system, the taxon 'Class' is a collection of various different:

- a. classes
- b. phyla
- c. orders
- d. divisions
- e. kingdoms



3. Physical structures of an organism that have arisen as a result of common evolutionary descent are said to be:

- a. analogous
- b. homogenous
- c. heterogamous
- d. homologous
- e. contiguous

5. Which one of the following sequences shows the correct hierarchy of the Linnaean binomial classification system, going from the most inclusive (largest group) to the least inclusive (smallest)?

- a. Kingdom, Domain, Phylum, Order, Class, Family, Genus, Species
- b. Domain, Phylum, Kingdom, Genus, Species, Family, Order, Class
- c. Genus, Species, Kingdom, Phylum, Order, Class, Family
- d. Species, Genus, Family, Class, Order, Phylum, Kingdom
- e. Domain, Kingdom, Phylum, Class, Order, Family, Genus, Species

6. True or False. Snakes are in the clade that includes all tetrapods (organisms with four limbs) Circle one: **T** / **F**

7. Give an explanation of why there are no more dinosaurs remaining on earth.

8. It is frequently argued by some that humans (*Homo sapiens*) are descended from monkeys. Explain how this is incorrect.

### UNIT E – BIODIVERSITY

1. Energy Pyramid.
  - a. Draw an energy pyramid for a four-step food chain.
  - b. Given that 100% of the energy is available at the first trophic level (producer), show (label) what percentage of that energy is available at the highest trophic level?

**MULTIPLE CHOICE** – Circle the letter of the *ONE* best answer.

1. Which of the following describes how ALL autotrophs get their energy?
  - a. directly from the sun with photosynthesis or chemosynthesis from hydro thermal vents in the ocean
  - b. from eating primary producers
  - c. from organic food like hydrogen sulfide
  - d. from eating organisms that are living or were once living
  
2. The total number of individual living organisms at each trophic level in an ecosystem can be shown in a(n)
  - a. energy pyramid.
  - b. biomass pyramid.
  - c. pyramid of numbers.
  - d. biogeochemical cycle.
  
3. In the following food chain, which organism is the producer?
 

grass -----> rabbit -----> snake -----> eagle

  - a. Grass
  - b. Rabbit
  - c. Snake
  - d. Hawk
  
4. A relationship in which one organism is helped and another organism is neither helped nor hurt is called:
  - a. parasitism
  - b. mutualism
  - c. competition
  - d. commensalism
  
5. Which one of the following is an **abiotic** factor in an ecosystem?
  - a. Plants
  - b. Fungi
  - c. Weather
  - d. Deer

7. Mushrooms and other fungi are responsible for breaking down dead organic matter. In the ecosystem, they are called:

- a. Producers
- b. Consumers
- c. Decomposers
- d. Scavengers

8. The amount of energy that is passed from one organism to the next in a food chain is typically:

- a. 5%
- b. 10%
- c. 15%
- d. 20%

9. On what trophic level would you find organisms that use the sun's energy directly to make their own food?

- a. 1
- b. 2
- c. 3
- d. 4

10. One gas that is a major contributor to the greenhouse warming is:

- a.  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$
- b.  $\text{CO}_2$
- c. Helium from the sun
- d. mustard

11. An animal that only eats plants is called a

- a. Producer
- b. Herbivore
- c. Carnivore
- d. Omnivore

12. Which of the following organisms is an autotroph?

- a. Algae
- b. A bear
- c. Fungi
- d. ecliptic heterotrophs

13. All the beavers in an area would be called a:

- a. Community
- b. Population
- c. Habitat
- d. Gaggle

14. All of Earth's water, land, and atmosphere within which life exists is known as

- a. a population
- b. a community
- c. a biome
- d. the biosphere

15. Fires, hurricanes, and other natural disturbances can result in:

- a. commensalism
- b. competition
- c. parasitism
- d. succession

### **OPEN RESPONSE**

**Do two of the following three questions. If you do all three, the best two will be marked**

1. Explain the difference between a habitat and a niche.

2. Explain the meaning of a 'keystone' species.

3. In the movie '***How Wolves Change Rivers***', explain how the re-introduction of Wolves after 70 years changed the ecosystem back to its natural condition.

4. Symbiosis

a. Explain, in one sentence, the idea of symbiosis.

b. List at least **two** of the **three** major types of symbiosis **and** give an example of those two.

**Bonuses: (Extra bonus points below)**

1. **Explain.** Explain what a heterotroph is. (2 marks)

**BONUS FOR 10 MARKS**

2. In rabbits, grey hair is dominant to white hair. Also in rabbits, black eyes are dominant to red eyes.

GG = gray hair  
gg = white hair  
Bb = black eyes

Gg = gray hair  
BB = black eyes  
bb = red eyes

A male rabbit with the genotype **Ggbb** is crossed with a female rabbit with the genotype **ggBb**. The Punnett square is set up below. Fill it out the necessary Punnett square(s) and determine the expected **number** of each phenotype in the offspring.


How many out of 16 have grey fur and black eyes? \_\_\_\_\_

How many out of 16 have grey fur and red eyes? \_\_\_\_\_

How many out of 16 have white fur and black eyes?  
\_\_\_\_\_

How many out of 16 have white fur and red eyes? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Explain the greenhouse effect. (two marks bonus)

4. Explain what is a co-dominant trait with an example.

5. Using a proper binomial nomenclature, **name this curious bug** you have discovered by its genus and species.

**Be Kind!**

The name of this bug is:

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**Thanks for being a great bunch!**  
**See you soon for some more learning together.**