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Part 1: Building a Foundation

What is the basic unit of heredity in a living organism?

Hint: Think about the smallest functional unit that carries genetic information.

- A) Chromosome
- B) Gene
- C) Alleles
- D) DNA

Which of the following are components of a chromosome?

Hint: Consider the materials that make up the structure of chromosomes.

- A) DNA
- B) Protein
- C) Lipids
- D) RNA

Explain the difference between a genotype and a phenotype.

Hint: Consider how genetic makeup differs from observable traits.

List two types of cell division and briefly describe their purpose.

Hint: Think about the processes that lead to cell reproduction.

1. Type of cell division 1

2. Purpose of cell division 1

3. Type of cell division 2

4. Purpose of cell division 2

Part 2: Understanding and Interpretation

Which of the following best describes an allele?

Hint: Consider the variations of a gene.

- A) A type of cell division
- B) A form of a gene
- C) A protein structure
- D) A genetic disorder

Which scenarios demonstrate dominant allele expression?

Hint: Think about traits that appear in offspring.

- A) A brown-eyed child from two blue-eyed parents
- B) A tall plant from a short and tall parent
- C) A white flower from two white-flowered parents
- D) A red flower from a red and white-flowered parent

Describe how linked genes can affect inheritance patterns.

Hint: Consider the relationship between genes on the same chromosome.

Part 3: Application and Analysis

If a child inherits one allele for brown eyes and one for blue eyes, which eye color is likely to be expressed?

Hint: Consider which allele is dominant.

- A) Blue
- B) Brown
- C) Green
- D) Hazel

In a genetic cross between two heterozygous individuals (Aa), what are the possible genotypes of the offspring?

Hint: Think about the combinations of alleles that can result from this cross.

- A) AA
- B) Aa
- C) aa
- D) AaBb

Apply your understanding of incomplete dominance to predict the phenotype of offspring from a cross between a red-flowered plant and a white-flowered plant.

Hint: Consider how incomplete dominance results in a blend of traits.

Which process increases genetic variation during meiosis?

Hint: Think about the mechanisms that shuffle genetic material.

- A) DNA replication
- B) Mutation
- C) Cross-over
- D) Cell division

Which of the following are examples of polygenic traits?

Hint: Consider traits that are influenced by multiple genes.

- A) Eye color
- B) Blood type
- C) Skin color
- D) Height

Analyze how mutations can lead to genetic disorders. Provide examples.

Hint: Consider the types of mutations and their effects on genes.

Part 4: Evaluation and Creation

Which of the following best evaluates the impact of genetic engineering on agriculture?

Hint: Consider the benefits and drawbacks of modifying crops.

- A) It has no impact
- B) It only benefits large corporations
- C) It can increase crop yields and resistance to pests
- D) It is detrimental to all ecosystems

Which strategies could be used to predict the likelihood of inheriting a genetic disorder?

Hint: Consider methods used in genetics to assess risk.

- A) Pedigree analysis
- B) Genetic counseling
- C) Random guessing
- D) DNA sequencing

Propose a method for using genetic information to address a real-world problem, such as a hereditary disease or agricultural challenge. Describe the steps and potential outcomes.

Hint: Think about how genetic research can lead to solutions.