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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

O D) DNA

The basic unit of heredity is a gene.

Which of the following are components of a chromosome?

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

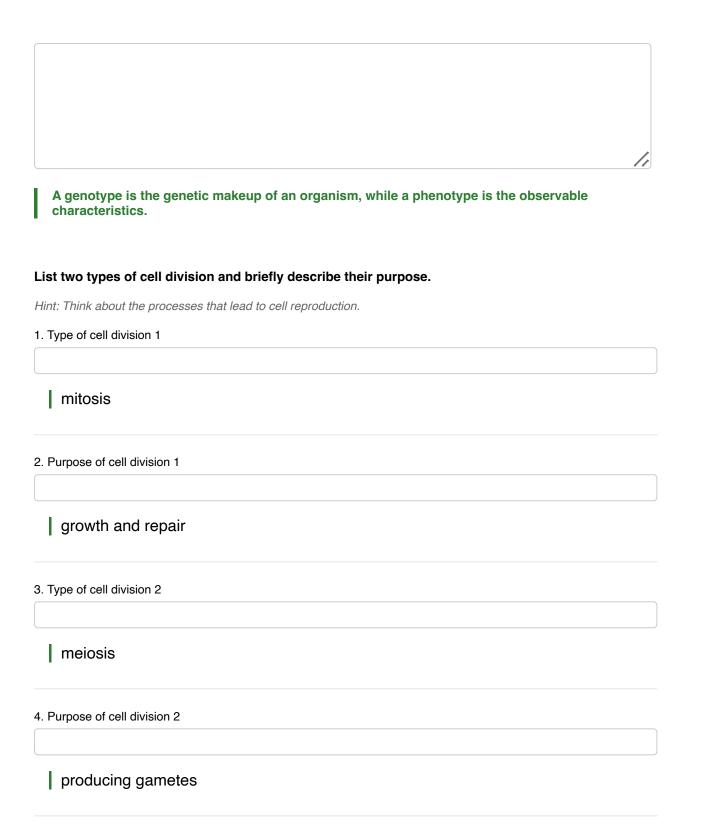
A) DNA ✓
 B) Protein ✓
 C) Lipids
 D) RNA

Chromosomes are made up of DNA and proteins.

Explain the difference between a genotype and a phenotype.

Hint: Consider how genetic makeup differs from observable traits.







The two types of cell division are mitosis (for growth and repair) and meiosis (for producing gametes).

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
- \bigcirc B) A form of a gene \checkmark
- C) A protein structure
- O D) A genetic disorder
- An allele is a form of a gene that can exist in different versions.

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
- \square D) A red flower from a red and white-flowered parent \checkmark
- Dominant alleles are expressed when at least one dominant allele is present.

Describe how linked genes can affect inheritance patterns.

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

Linked genes tend to be inherited together, affecting the expected ratios of traits.



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 ✓

O C) Green

O D) Hazel

Brown is likely to be expressed because it is typically the dominant allele.

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

The possible genotypes are AA, Aa, and aa.

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.

The offspring would likely have pink flowers due to incomplete dominance.

Which process increases genetic variation during meiosis?



Hint: Think about the mechanisms that shuffle genetic material.

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

Cross-over increases genetic variation by exchanging genetic material between homologous chromosomes.

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 ✓
- Examples of polygenic traits include eye color, skin color, and height.

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

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

Mutations can disrupt normal gene function, leading to disorders such as cystic fibrosis and sick cell anemia.

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.



\bigcirc A) It has no impact
○ B) It only benefits large corporations
\bigcirc C) It can increase crop yields and resistance to pests \checkmark
\bigcirc D) It is detrimental to all ecosystems
Genetic engineering can increase crop yields and resistance to pests.
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

 \Box D) DNA sequencing \checkmark

Strategies include pedigree analysis, genetic counseling, and 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.

A method could involve gene therapy for hereditary diseases, which includes identifying the mutation, designing a corrective gene, and delivering it to the patient.