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Part 1: Building a Foundation

What is the basic unit of heredity in living organisms?

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

- Chromosome
- Gene
- Protein
- Cell

Which of the following are true about alleles?

Hint: Consider the different forms a gene can take.

- They are different forms of a gene.
- They are always dominant.
- They determine traits.
- They are found on chromosomes.

Define the term "phenotype" and provide an example.

Hint: Think about how traits are expressed in an organism.

List two laws of inheritance proposed by Gregor Mendel.

Hint: Consider the fundamental principles of genetic inheritance.

1. Law of Segregation

2. Law of Independent Assortment

Which of the following best describes a heterozygous genotype?

Hint: Think about the combination of alleles present.

- AA
- Aa
- aa
- AAA

Part 2: comprehension and Application

In Mendel's pea plant experiments, which traits did he observe?

Hint: Consider the characteristics Mendel studied in his experiments.

- Flower color
- Seed shape
- Leaf size
- Plant height

Explain the difference between a monohybrid cross and a dihybrid cross.

Hint: Think about the number of traits being studied.

If a plant with genotype Aa is crossed with a plant with genotype aa, what is the probability of an offspring having the genotype Aa?

Hint: Consider the possible combinations of alleles from the parents.

- 0%
- 25%
- 50%
- 100%

Which of the following scenarios can be analyzed using a Punnett Square?

Hint: Think about the applications of Punnett squares in genetics.

- Predict the outcome of a coin toss
- Determining the probability of inheriting a genetic trait
- Calculating the speed of a moving car
- Analyzing the results of a genetic cross

Describe how a test cross can be used to determine the genotype of an organism with a dominant phenotype.

Hint: Consider the method of crossing with a known genotype.

Part 3: Analysis, Evaluation, and Creation

Which of the following statements about the Law of Independent Assortment is true?

Hint: Think about how traits are inherited independently.

- It applies only to genes on the same chromosome.
- It explains the segregation of alleles during gamete formation.
- It states that genes for different traits can segregate independently during gamete formation.

- It applies only to recessive traits.

Analyze the following genotypes and identify which are homozygous.

Hint: Consider the definition of homozygous genotypes.

- AA
 Aa
 aa
 Bb

Analyze how Mendel's Law of Segregation contributes to genetic diversity.

Hint: Think about how alleles are distributed during gamete formation.

Which of the following scenarios best demonstrates the concept of incomplete dominance?

Hint: Think about how traits blend in the offspring.

- A red flower and a white flower produce a pink flower.
 A tall plant and a short plant produce a medium-height plant.
 A black cat and a white cat produce a black and white spotted cat.
 A brown dog and a brown dog produce a brown dog.

Evaluate the following statements and identify which are consistent with Mendelian genetics.

Hint: Consider the principles of inheritance.

- Traits are inherited independently of each other.
 Dominant traits always appear in the offspring.
 Genetic traits can skip generations.
 Environmental factors can alter genetic inheritance.

Propose a real-world scenario where understanding Mendelian genetics could be beneficial in solving a problem. Explain your reasoning.

Hint: Think about applications in agriculture or medicine.