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### Part 1: Building a Foundation

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#### Who is known as the father of genetics?

*Hint: Think about the scientist who conducted the pea plant experiments.*

- A) Charles Darwin
- B) Gregor Mendel
- C) James Watson
- D) Francis Crick

#### Which of the following are Mendel's Laws of Inheritance?

*Hint: Consider the principles that govern how traits are passed down.*

- A) Law of Segregation
- B) Law of Independent Assortment
- C) Law of DominANCE
- D) Law of Mutation

#### Define the term 'alleles' and provide an example of how alleles can affect a trait.

*Hint: Think about variations of a gene.*

#### List two characteristics of a dominant allele and two characteristics of a recessiv allele.

*Hint: Consider how these alleles express themselves in phenotypes.*

1. Characteristic of dominant allele 1

2. Characteristic of dominant allele 2

3. Characteristic of recessiv allele 1

4. Characteristic of recessiv allele 2

**What is the observable trait of an organism called?**

*Hint: Think about the physical expression of genetic traits.*

- A) Genotype
- B) Phenotype
- C) Alleles
- D) Chromosome

## Part 2: Understanding and Interpretation

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**In a monohybrid cross between two heterozygous individuals (Aa x Aa), what is the expected phenotypic ratio?**

*Hint: Consider the outcomes of a Punnett square for this cross.*

- A) 1:1
- B) 3:1
- C) 9:3:3:1
- D) 1:2:1

**Which of the following statements are true about a dihybrid cross?**

*Hint: Think about the traits involved in a dihybrid cross.*

- A) It involves two traits.
- B) It can demonstrate the Law of Independent Assortment.

- C) It results in a 9:3:3:1 phenotypic ratio.
- D) It involves only one pair of alleles.

**Explain the difference between homozygous and heterozygous genotypes, providing an example for each.**

*Hint: Consider how alleles are paired in these genotypes.*

### Part 3: Application and Analysis

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**If a plant with genotype AaBb is crossed with a plant with genotype aabb, what proportion of the offspring will be homozygous recessive for both traits?**

*Hint: Use a Punnett square to visualize the cross.*

- A) 1/16
- B) 1/4
- C) 1/2
- D) 1/8

**In a pedigree chart, which of the following symbols and lines indicate a mating and their offspring?**

*Hint: Think about how relationships are represented in a pedigree.*

- A) A horizontal line connecting a circle and a square
- B) A vertical line leading to a horizontal line
- C) A shaded circle
- D) A square with a diagonal line

**Describe how a Punnett square can be used to predict the outcome of a genetic cross. Provide an example using a monohybrid cross.**

*Hint: Think about the steps involved in creating a Punnett square.*

**Which of the following scenarios demonstrates codominANCE?**

*Hint: Consider how traits are expressed in the offspring.*

- A) A red flower and a white flower produce pink offspring.
- B) A black chicken and a white chicken produce speckled offspring.
- C) A tall plant and a short plant produce medium-height offspring.
- D) A blue-eyed parent and a brown-eyed parent produce only brown-eyed children.

**Analyze the following statements and identify which are true about incomplete dominance:**

*Hint: Think about how phenotypes are expressed in incomplete dominance.*

- A) The heterozygous phenotype is a blend of the two homozygous phenotypes.
- B) Both alleles are fully expressed in the phenotype.
- C) It results in a 1:2:1 phenotypic ratio in a monohybrid cross.
- D) It follows Mendel's Law of DominANCE.

## Part 4: Evaluation and Creation

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**Which genetic disorder is an example of autosomal dominant inheritance?**

*Hint: Think about genetic disorders that can be passed down through generations.*

- A) Cystic fibrosis
- B) Sickle cell anemia
- C) Huntington's disease
- D) Hemophilia

**Evaluate the following scenarios and identify which involve multiple alleles:**

*Hint: Consider traits that have more than two allele options.*

- A) Blood type in humans

- B) Flower color in snapdragons
- C) Eye color in fruit flies
- D) Coat color in rabbits

**Design a hypothetical experiment using pea plants to demonstrate Mendel's Law of Independent Assortment. Describe the setup, procedure, and expected results.**

*Hint: Think about how you would set up a genetic cross.*

**Propose two real-world applications of Mendelian genetics in modern science and briefly explain their significance.**

*Hint: Consider how Mendelian genetics is applied in fields like agriculture and medicine.*

1. Application 1

2. Application 2