BIOLOGY

Section I

53 Multiple-Choice Questions

5 Grid-In Questions

Time—90 Minutes

Directions: Each of the questions or incomplete statements below is followed by four suggested answers or completions. Select the one that is best in each case and then fill in the corresponding circle on the answer sheet.

1. Two populations of a species of squirrel are geographically isolated from each other. Although they have the same population density, one population is significantly larger in number than the other. A new bacterial disease, which is easily spread and extremely virulent, affects both populations at the same time.

   Which of the following is the best prediction of how the new disease will affect the two populations?

   (A) The two populations will be equally affected, because the ability to trigger an immune response is randomly distributed among all squirrels of that species.
   (B) The larger population will be less affected by the disease than will the smaller population, because the mutation rate of the larger population is higher than the mutation rate of the smaller population.
   (C) The smaller population will be more affected than will the larger population, because the smaller population has less genetic variation than the larger population has.
   (D) The smaller population will be less affected than will the larger population, because the smaller population exhibits more genetic drift than the larger population exhibits.

2. Mitochondria are found in most eukaryotic cells and contain their own DNA and ribosomes that are similar to those typical of many prokaryotic cells. Which of the following statements is justified by these observations?

   (A) The mitochondrion is the only location in which eukaryotic cells can synthesize ATP.
   (B) An ancestral cell most likely engulfed an aerobic prokaryote in a relationship that proved beneficial for both cells.
   (C) Mitochondrial membranes provide abundant surface area for reactions because of the infoldings called cristae.
   (D) The mitochondrion plays a role in respiration, but it also stores the cell's extra mRNA.

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3. Sickle-cell anemia is associated with a mutation in the gene encoding the beta subunit of hemoglobin that results in a change from glutamic acid to valine at position 6. All other amino acids are identical to a normal hemoglobin molecule.

   Based on the information above, which of the following mutations is the most likely cause of sickle-cell anemia?

   (A) A single base-pair substitution in the gene encoding the beta subunit
   (B) A single base-pair insertion in the gene encoding the beta subunit
   (C) A single base-pair deletion in the gene encoding the beta subunit
   (D) A translocation of DNA from one chromosome to another

4. In the year 2000, specimens of *Caulerpa taxifolia*, a green alga used in tropical aquariums, were found off the coast of California. Native to the Indian Ocean, *C. taxifolia* is known for aggressive growth and an ability to compete with sea grasses. It is currently on an international list of invasive species. Which of the following best predicts the consequences of the introduction of *C. taxifolia* to the California coast?

   (A) Without natural herbivores or competitors, *C. taxifolia* will grow rapidly and crowd out native species of producers.
   (B) *C. taxifolia* will have a hard time establishing itself because it will have to compete against native species of sea grasses, which are better adapted to the environment.
   (C) *C. taxifolia* will grow rapidly, leading to an increase in the diversity of producers.
   (D) Because it is not in the Indian Ocean, its natural environment, *C. taxifolia* will not be able to grow efficiently.

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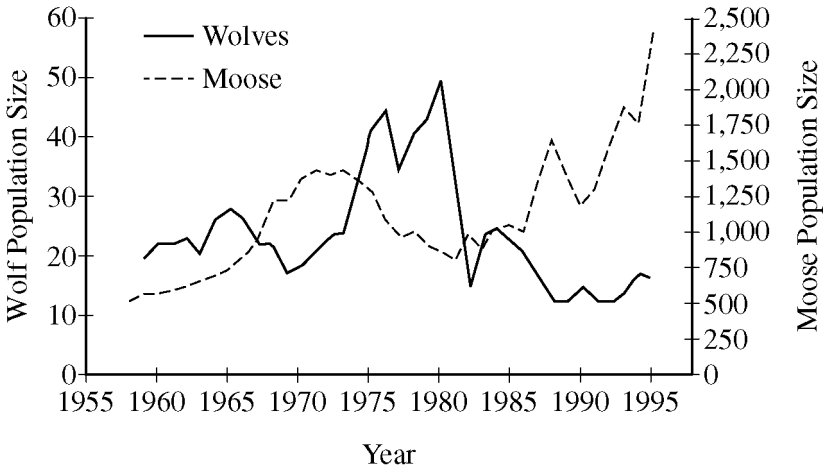

5. The graph above represents the number of individuals in a population of wolves and in a population of moose observed in the same isolated geographic area over a 40-year period, from 1955 through 1995. Which of the following statements about the two populations is best supported by the information presented in the graph?

   (A) The reproductive rate of the wolves was greater than the reproductive rate of the moose.
   (B) Mutualism allowed the two populations to reproduce while occupying the same ecological niche.
   (C) Speciation occurred when the two populations became reproductively isolated from each other.
   (D) The wolves were predators of the moose, which were otherwise reproductively successful.

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Questions 6-9

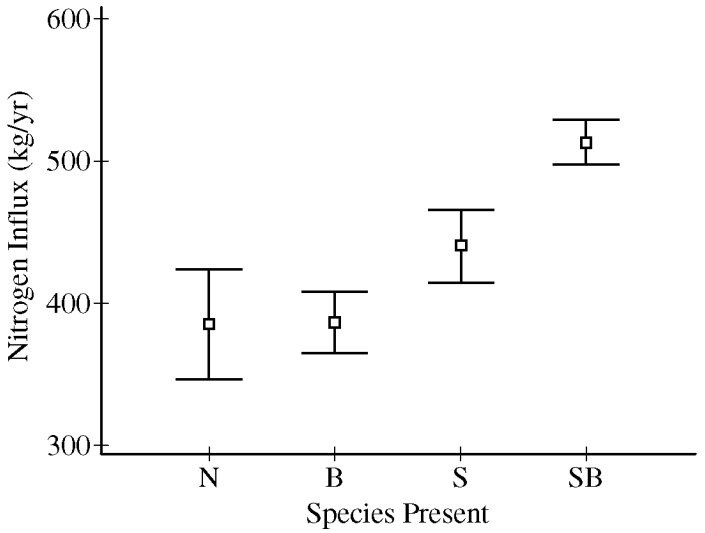

Figure 1. Mean nitrogen influx $\pm 2SE_{\bar{X}}$ as a function of species present. N = neither salmon nor bears present, B = only bears present, S = only salmon present, and SB = both salmon and bears present.

Pacific salmon and black bears have often been cited as examples of keystone species. Pacific salmon spawn in freshwater streams but spend most of their lives at sea. When mature salmon return to the freshwater streams to spawn, they are preyed upon by bears and other predators. When salmon migrate from their marine habitat to the freshwater streams, they bring nitrogen and other marine-derived nutrients that subsequently remain in the areas surrounding the streams—a process called nitrogen influx.

In an investigation, the relationship between black bears, salmon, and influx of marine nitrogen into the area around a southwestern Alaskan stream was studied. The investigators established several test plots of the same size along the stream with the following species composition: no salmon or black bears (N), bears but not salmon (B), salmon but not bears (S), and a plot where salmon and bears interact (SB). Nitrogen influx in the different sampling areas was measured as a means of assessing the impact of the different species on the health of the ecosystem. The data are plotted in Figure 1.

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6. Which of the following statements is best supported by the data?

   (A) Black bears are a keystone species.
   (B) Salmon are a keystone species.
   (C) Black bear urine is a significant source of nitrogen in the environment.
   (D) The presence of black bears and salmon correlates with a significant increase in nitrogen influx.

7. Which of the following most likely describes how the interaction between bears and salmon influences nitrogen dynamics in the environment?

   (A) When bears consume salmon, they leave parts of the carcasses on the ground, which decompose, releasing nitrogen into the environment.
   (B) When salmon swim upstream to spawn, bears migrate to the rivers and deposit nitrogen from the forest with their excrement.
   (C) Bears are a reservoir for nitrogen because they are the top consumer in the environment.
   (D) Bears urinate in rivers and streams, which provides nitrogen for the salmon.

8. Which of the following pieces of additional data would help further investigate the relationship between bears, salmon, and influx of nitrogen into the local environment?

   (A) The experimenters should remove the remains of salmon carcasses immediately after the salmon are eaten by the bears and determine the nitrogen content of the carcasses.
   (B) The experimenters should increase the number of bears in the area and measure the amount of nitrogen available for uptake by plants.
   (C) The experimenters should set up a net to catch salmon before they enter the area and then measure nitrogen influx.
   (D) The experimenters should clear-cut the trees from the area and determine how much nitrogen remains in the streams.

9. If a dam is built downstream and prevents salmon migration to the test sites, which of the following most accurately predicts the impact on nitrogen influx?

   (A) Nitrogen influx will increase because the bears will no longer store nitrogen from the salmon.
   (B) Nitrogen influx will decrease because there will be less bear-salmon interaction.
   (C) Nitrogen influx will remain stable because organisms other than bears and salmon will mobilize nitrogen in the environment.
   (D) Nitrogen influx will increase because bears will no longer lose nitrogen to the salmon.

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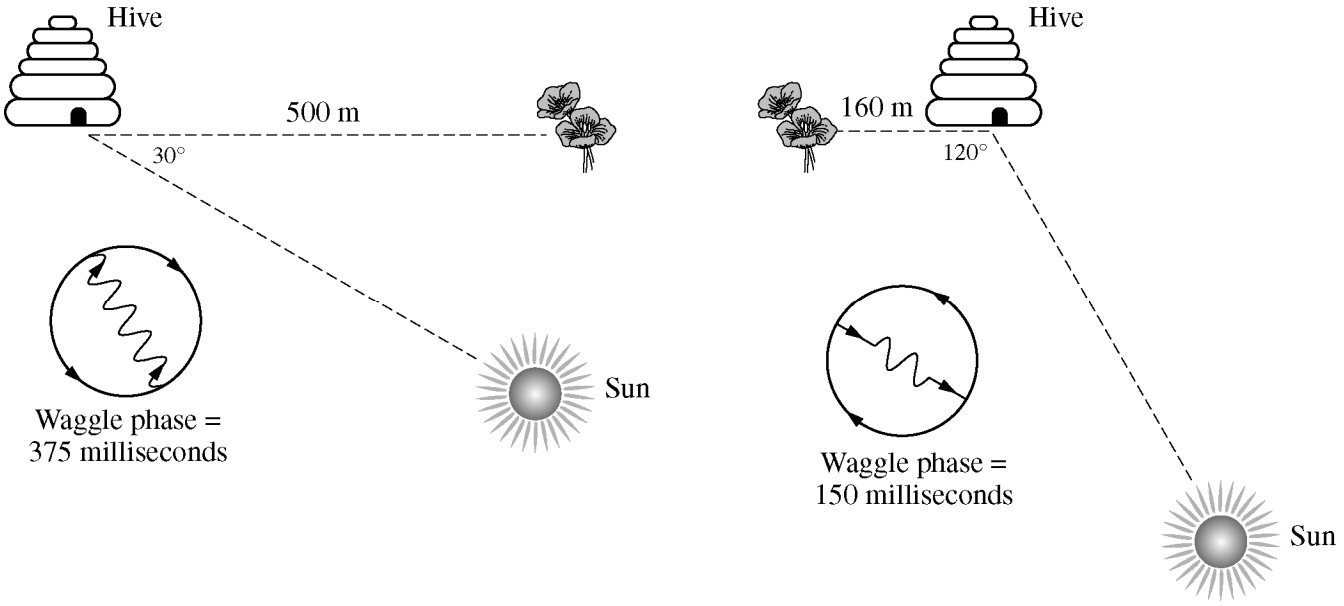

10. As depicted in the diagram, honeybees communicate the location of flower patches to members of their hives with waggle dances that give information about the direction and distance to the flowers. Which of the following statements about how honeybees communicate the position of flower patches is most consistent with the model?

(A) The number of repetitions of the waggle dance indicates the quality of the pollen source.
(B) The total area covered by any waggle dance leads bees to the target flowers.
(C) The angle of the waggle phase relative to the vertical plane indicates the position of the target flowers relative to another beehive.
(D) The farther the target flowers from the hive, the longer the waggle phase.

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11. Eye pigment in a particular strain of fly is determined by two genes. An autosomal gene that controls the color of the pigments in the eye has two alleles: a dominant allele (*R*) that results in red eyes and a recessive allele (*r*) that results in sepia eyes. A sex-linked gene that controls the expression of the colored pigments also has two alleles: a dominant allele (*T*) that allows for expression of the colored pigments and a recessive allele (*t*) that does not allow for expression of the colored pigments. Individuals without a *T* allele have white eyes regardless of the alleles of other eye-color genes.

    Which of the following represents a cross between a white-eyed female and a red-eyed male?

    (A) $Tt\ X^RX^R \times tt\ X^rY$
    (B) $Tt\ X^rX^r \times tt\ X^RY$
    (C) $RR\ X^TX^T \times Rr\ X^TY$
    (D) $Rr\ X^tX^t \times Rr\ X^TY$

12. Some strains of the bacterium *Streptococcus pyogenes* secrete poisonous substances called exotoxins. The genes encoding the exotoxins are thought to have originated in bacteriophages, which are viruses that infect bacteria.

    Which of the following is the most likely mechanism by which the *S. pyogenes* acquired the ability to produce the exotoxins?

    (A) Bacteriophages engulfed cellular debris from dead bacteria.
    (B) Bacteriophages in the environment activated bacterial cell division.
    (C) Bacteriophage DNA became integrated in the bacterial chromosome.
    (D) Bacteriophage proteins were absorbed into bacteria cells by endocytosis.

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Questions 13-16

Over many generations, two populations of the same species can diverge into separate species through reproductive isolation. The figures below represent a model of speciation and show the results of matings between individuals from two diverging populations at four different stages of speciation. The males represented in the model are heterogametic, which means they have two different sex-determining chromosomes, (e.g., XY). The females are homogametic, which means they have two similar sex-determining chromosomes, (e.g., XX). The offspring from each mating are labeled interpopulation hybrids.

Figure 1 shows the results of a mating between a male and a female from the two populations. In each subsequent figure, the males are from one of the diverging populations and the females are from the other population. The fertility and viability of the offspring from each mating are indicated in the figures.

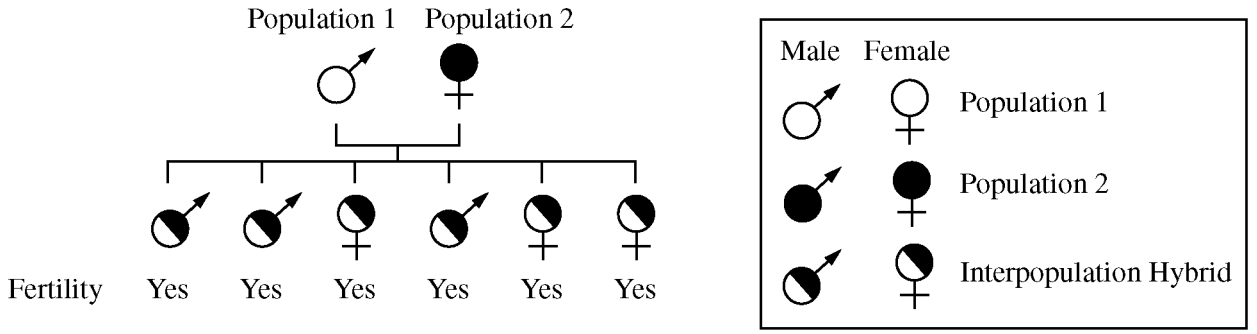

Figure 1. Mating between individuals from the initial populations

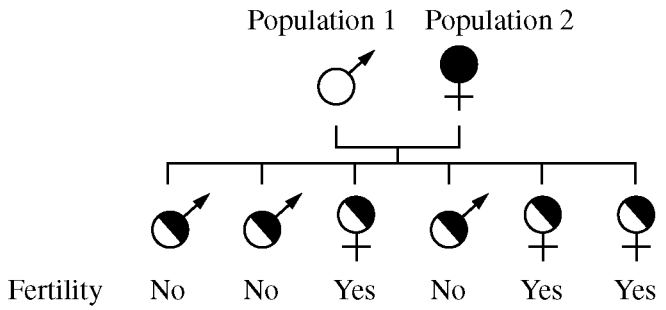

Figure 2. Mating between individuals from diverging populations at an intermediate stage of speciation

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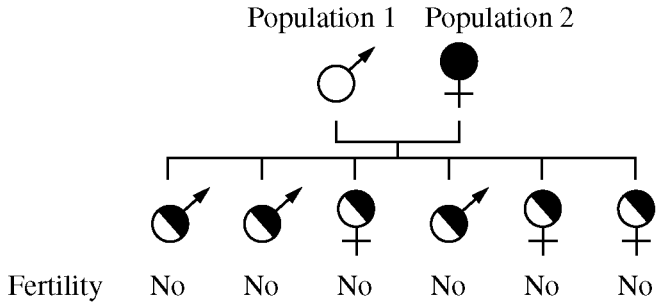

Figure 3. Mating between individuals from diverging populations at a late stage of speciation

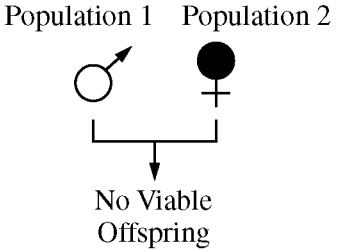

Figure 4. Mating between individuals from divergent populations after speciation is complete

13. Based on the model of speciation presented, which of the following describes the most likely consequence to the populations over time?

    (A) Hybrid individuals are less likely to pass their genetic information on to subsequent generations.
    (B) Hybrid individuals living together are physically unable to mate with each other.
    (C) Geographically isolated populations gradually acquire similar heritable traits.
    (D) Differences between hybrid individuals of a species disappear over time.

14. Which of the following best describes the reason for excluding hybrid males when calculating the allele frequencies of two interbreeding populations at the intermediate stage of speciation (Figure 2) ?

    (A) The process of mate selection in large groups often favors females over males.
    (B) The frequency of sex-determining chromosomes is usually equal to 0.5.
    (C) Sterile individuals make no genetic contribution to the next generation.
    (D) The chance of inheriting a recessive allele from a male is too small to calculate.

15. In a separate investigation, individual mice from two populations that in nature are geographically isolated from each other are mated in the laboratory. The hybrid offspring were then mated with individuals from either of the original populations. Only the female hybrid offspring were fertile. The experimental results are most consistent with which of the stages that are depicted in the model?

    (A) Initial population (Figure 1)
    (B) Intermediate stage (Figure 2)
    (C) Late stage (Figure 3)
    (D) Terminal stage (Figure 4)

16. Using the model of speciation and applying it to a different population, which of the following outcomes is most consistent for a different species in which the males are homogametic and the females are heterogametic?

    (A) Sterility would appear in females before appearing in males.
    (B) Speciation would occur more rapidly because females would produce more offspring.
    (C) Behavioral isolation would occur sooner in species exhibiting nonrandom mating.
    (D) The population would reach Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium at an accelerated rate.

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17. A scientist is evaluating a proposal for raising large numbers of fish in ocean pens for human consumption. As part of the evaluation, the scientist is designing a plan for investigating how the fish in the ocean pens might affect nearby ecosystems.

    Which of the following is the most appropriate factor to use as the dependent variable in the experimental investigation?

    (A) The amount of metabolic wastes in the water where the fish are being raised
    (B) The water temperature in the natural habitat of the fish being studied
    (C) The types of fish that are preferentially consumed by humans
    (D) The amount of time it takes for fish to digest a meal

18. Epinephrine is a protein hormone found in many animals. Epinephrine stimulates a signaling pathway that results in the breakdown of glycogen to glucose in the liver cells. Which of the following describes the initial steps in the process whereby epinephrine stimulates glycogen breakdown?

    (A) Epinephrine binds to a cell-surface receptor; the activated receptor stimulates production of the second messenger, cAMP.
    (B) Epinephrine binds to a cell-surface receptor; the activated receptor catalyzes the conversion of glycogen to glucose.
    (C) Epinephrine diffuses through the plasma membrane; the hormone dimerizes in the cytosol.
    (D) Epinephrine is taken into the cell by endocytosis; glycogen is converted to glucose in the endocytotic vesicle.

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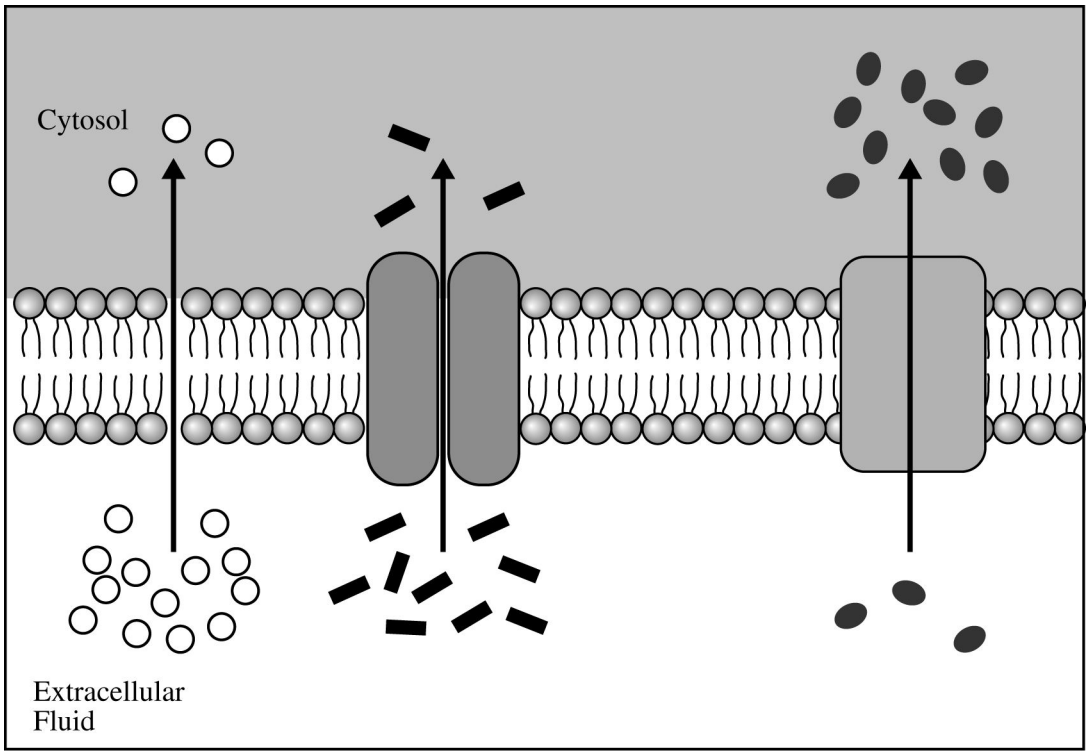

19. Which of the following scientific questions is most relevant to the model represented in the figure above?

(A) Is ATP required for the transportation of sugars across the outer mitochondrial membrane?
(B) Do the types of phospholipids in a membrane affect the rate at which molecules enter a cell by passive diffusion?
(C) Which molecular substance is actively transported across the plasma membrane?
(D) How does temperature affect the movement of molecules into lysosomes?

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20. A group of students designed an experiment to determine the effect of compost on the germination and growth of plants. The students set up experimental plots by mixing different ratios of soil and compost. They planted 20 pea and 20 melon seeds in each plot and watered each plot regularly. The students recorded the number of seeds that germinated, and as the plants grew, they recorded plant length, number and size of leaves, and general health observations.

    The following observations were recorded.

    - In all treatments, more pea seeds germinated than melon seeds.
    - There was a week of rainy weather at three weeks.
    - Melon plants developed a fungal growth at four weeks.
    - Melon plants grew longer than pea plants, but many melon leaves showed signs of yellowing as the weeks passed.

    The students concluded that pea plants grew better in compost than did melon plants.

    Which of the following best addresses the validity of the conclusion made by the students?

    (A) The conclusion is valid because the independent and dependent variables in the experiment were controlled.
    (B) The conclusion is valid because the experimental design included a large sample size.
    (C) The conclusion is invalid because other variables in the experiment (both biotic and abiotic) affected the results.
    (D) The conclusion is invalid because the units of measurement were not given in the experimental design.

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21. Butterflies of the genus *Colias* live in the Rocky Mountains, where they experience a wide range of temperatures. Different variants of a particular glycolytic enzyme in the flight muscles are optimally active at different temperatures. Within the same population, some individual butterflies fly most effectively at 29°C, while others fly most effectively at 40°C. Still others can be equally active at both temperatures.

Which of the following claims is most consistent with the observed butterfly behavior?

(A) Butterflies that express two variants of the enzyme are active over a greater range of temperature.
(B) Butterflies that are active over a wide range of temperatures produce greater amounts of the enzyme.
(C) Temperature has little effect on the activity of butterflies.
(D) Butterflies that are active at warmer temperatures produce more offspring.

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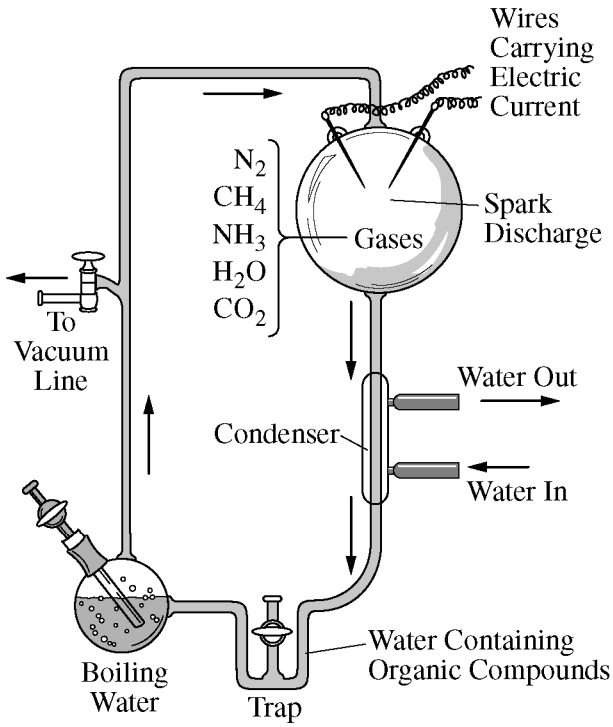
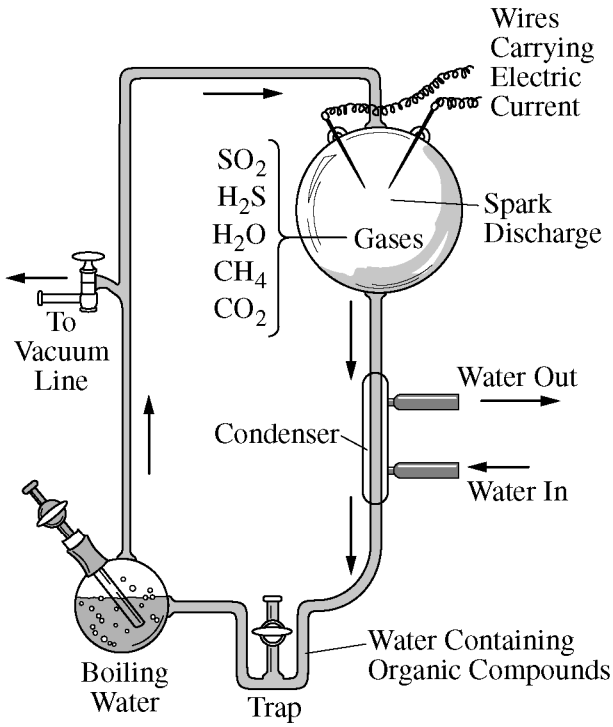
22. Two groups of students attempted to re-create the primitive atmospheric conditions of early Earth using the apparatus represented below. Each group ran the experiment with different gas mixtures in the apparatus.



Experiment 1



Experiment 2

Which of the following statements best justifies the claim that the conditions in at least one of the experiments could generate the molecular building blocks essential for life?

(A) The carbon dioxide (CO_2) gas and water (H_2O) vapor in experiment 1 could react spontaneously to produce the phospholipids required by the first life-forms.

(B) The nitrogen (N_2) gas and ammonia (NH_3) gas in experiment 1 could provide the elemental nitrogen required for the formation of amino acids.

(C) The sulfur dioxide (SO_2) gas in experiment 2 could donate the excited electrons required to drive the process of photosynthesis.

(D) The methane (CH_4) gas in experiment 2 could act as the electron acceptor required to complete the process of cellular respiration.

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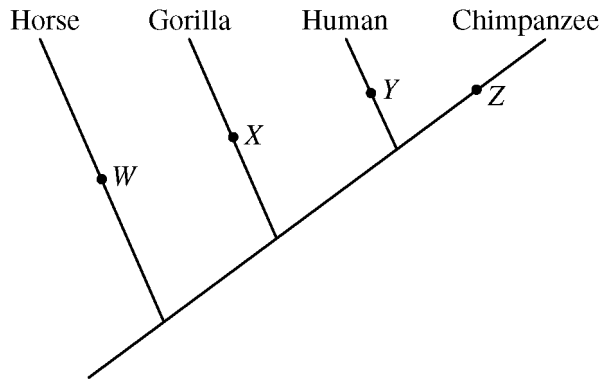
23. The cladogram shown below depicts an accepted model of the evolutionary relationships among selected species.



The amino acid at position 104 in the beta-hemoglobin protein for each of these four organisms is listed below.

Species	Amino Acid 104
Horse	Arginine
Gorilla	Leucine
Human	Arginine
Chimpanzee	Arginine

The validity of the cladogram is best supported by molecular evidence for which of the following changes in the amino acid composition of the beta-hemoglobin protein during the evolution of these species?

(A) Arginine to leucine at position *X* on the cladogram
(B) Arginine to leucine at position *Y* on the cladogram
(C) Leucine to arginine at position *W* on the cladogram
(D) Leucine to arginine at position *Z* on the cladogram

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Questions 24-27

Diapause is the interruption of an organism's life cycle in response to environmental cues. The soil nematode *Caenorhabditis elegans* is capable of entering adult reproductive diapause (ARD) when food is scarce. In *C. elegans*, individuals normally become reproductively mature 2 days after hatching and remain fertile for 18 days. They reproduce either by self-fertilization or by mating with another individual.

In an investigation, researchers examined the survival and reproductive success of *C. elegans* following different times in ARD. In the first experiment, groups of *C. elegans* were held in ARD without food for 0–30 days. Upon reintroduction of food, average brood sizes (average number of offspring per adult) were determined following either self-fertilization or mating with a well-fed male. The results are shown in Figure 1.

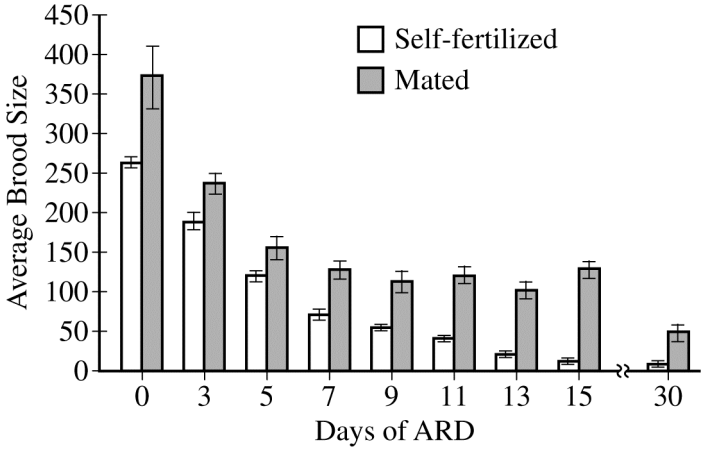

Figure 1. Mean brood sizes $\pm 2SE_{\bar{X}}$ after different times in ARD. Individual *C. elegans* were held in ARD and subsequently allowed to reproduce either via self-fertilization (unshaded bars) or by mating with well-fed males (shaded bars).

In a second experiment, individuals were held in ARD without food for 0–30 days and monitored for average survival times following reintroduction of food (Figure 2).

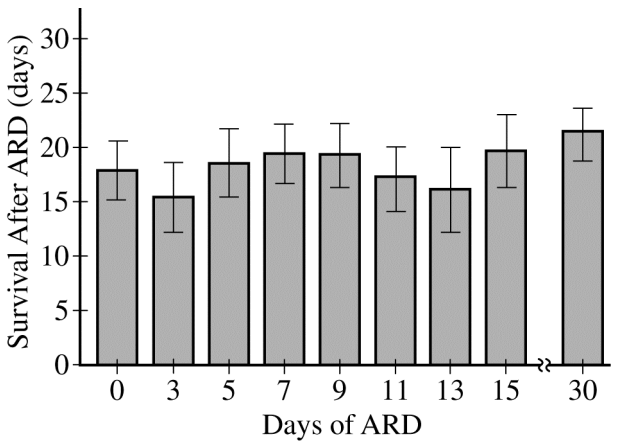

Figure 2. Mean survival $\pm 2SE_{\bar{X}}$ following different times in ARD. Individual *C. elegans* were held in ARD and subsequently given access to food, whereupon their survival times were determined.

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24. Which of the following best describes the reproductive ability of *C. elegans* following the ARD induced in the first experiment?

(A) Mating with a well-fed male consistently produced more offspring than did reproduction via self-fertilization.
(B) The numbers of progeny produced by self-fertilization and by mating with well-fed males were not statistically different.
(C) *C. elegans* stopped reproducing after 20 days without food.
(D) There was no relationship between days without food and average brood size.

25. The average brood size per mated individual upon reintroduction of food following 30 days of ARD is closest to which of the following?

(A) 10
(B) 50
(C) 250
(D) 400

26. Which of the following conclusions is most consistent with the data shown in Figure 2 ?

(A) Animals that spend 3–5 days in ARD are more likely to survive periods of food scarcity than are animals that spend 13–15 days in ARD.
(B) Animals that spend 30 days in ARD live significantly longer after reintroduction of food than animals that spend only 3 days in ARD.
(C) The number of days an animal spends in ARD does not significantly affect its time of survival after reintroduction of food.
(D) The large standard errors of the means make conclusions from the data impossible.

27. Based on the experimental results, which of the following is the best evolutionary explanation for the occurrence of ARD in *C. elegans* ?

(A) The ability to enter ARD provides a strong selective advantage because reproduction can occur despite periods of food scarcity.
(B) Acquiring the genes for ARD gives individuals a selective advantage because they produce more offspring than do individuals who cannot enter ARD.
(C) Individuals who can enter ARD are selected for in the population because they live longer than do individuals who cannot enter ARD.
(D) Individuals who can enter ARD have high fitness because they can reproduce even when food is scarce.

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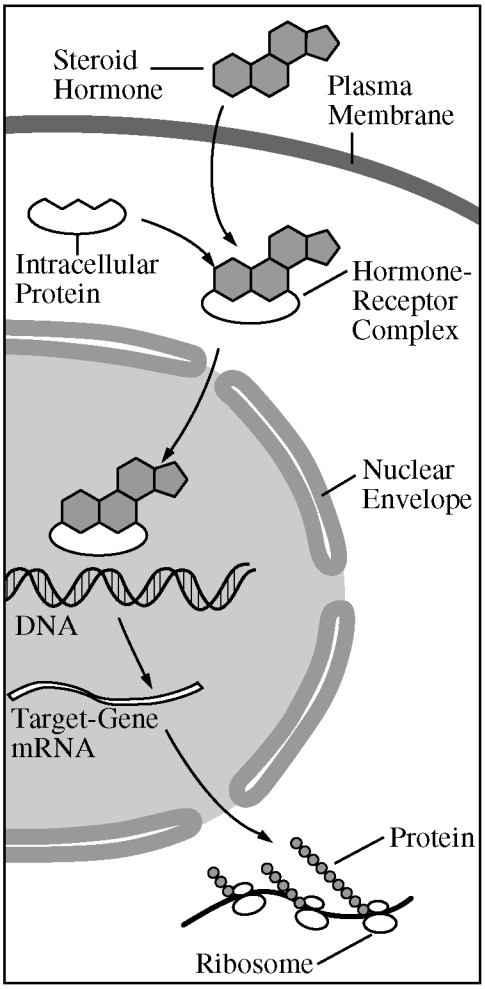
28. Steroid hormones, such as testosterone, pass through the plasma membrane and bind to an intracellular protein, as shown in the diagram below. The hormone-receptor complex then enters the nucleus, where it interacts with DNA to promote transcription of a specific gene.

SIGNALING DIAGRAM FOR STEROID HORMONES



Based on the information presented, which of the following will also occur in response to steroid signaling?

(A) Histone protein synthesis will increase because histones maintain the DNA in an optimal conformation for chromosome assembly.
(B) Ribosome production will increase because ribosomes are specific for the mRNA with which they bind during translation.
(C) DNA replication will increase as a result of the binding of the hormone-receptor complex to the DNA.
(D) Production of a specific mRNA will increase as a result of the binding of the hormone-receptor complex to the DNA.

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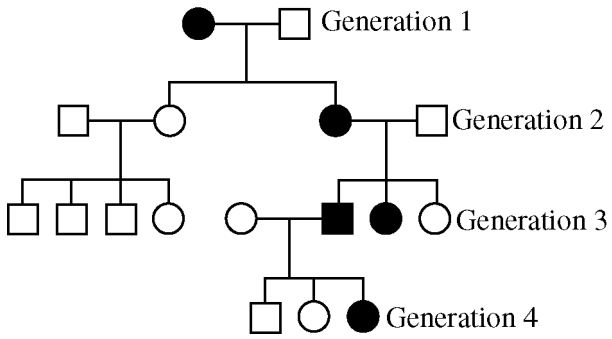
29. The pedigree below shows the inheritance of a dominant allele of a gene in a family over several generations. Circles represent females and squares represent males. Shaded symbols indicate individuals carrying the allele.



The pedigree suggests that the gene is on a nuclear chromosome, and not on mitochondrial DNA, because

(A) mitochondrial genes are not heritable
(B) mitochondrial mutations cannot produce dominant traits
(C) maternal mitochondrial mutations are inherited by all of a mother's offspring
(D) mitochondrial DNA is circular, whereas chromosomal DNA is linear

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30. High blood cholesterol (hypercholesterolemia, HC) can lead to cardiovascular problems such as atherosclerosis and heart attack. Exercise and monitoring of diet can often control cholesterol levels; however, in certain cases HC is inherited as an autosomal dominant disease caused by a mutation in a single gene.

    A man with high cholesterol levels is about to marry a woman whose total cholesterol levels are also higher than average. A physician has suggested they get tested for the *HC* allele. Which of the following is a valid ethical question concerning the test?

    (A) How important are the results of the test to the couple's health, since they already know they have HC?
    (B) How can they eliminate the allele for HC from their cells?
    (C) If both have the allele for HC, should an insurance company raise their rates because of the results of the test?
    (D) What cures are available for HC other than dietary changes and exercise?

31. A cell is treated with a drug that prevents the formation of new lysosomes. The cell continues to transcribe the genes that code for the hydrolytic enzymes that are normally found in lysosomes and continues to translate the mRNAs for those proteins on membrane-bound ribosomes.

    The hydrolytic enzymes are most likely to accumulate in which of the following cellular structures?

    (A) Nucleus
    (B) Mitochondrion
    (C) Smooth endoplasmic reticulum
    (D) Golgi complex

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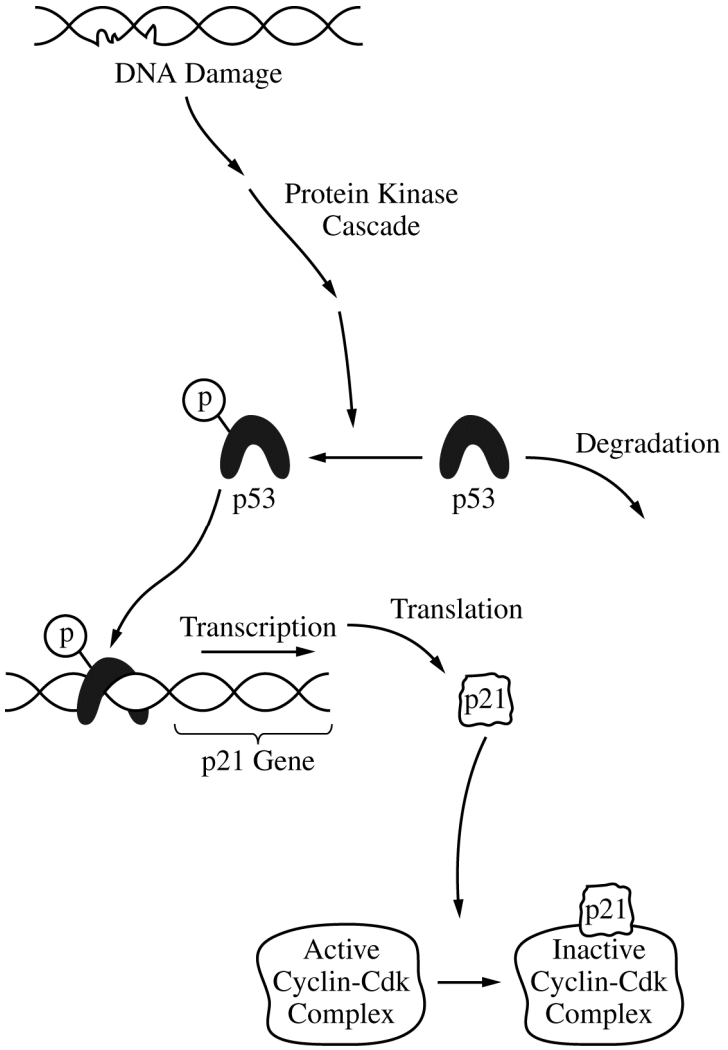

32. The p53 protein regulates a cellular response to DNA damage. Based on the diagram above, which of the following best describes the role of p53 in the response to DNA damage?

(A) Phosphorylated p53 binds to DNA and repairs the damage.
(B) Phosphorylated p53 stimulates transcription of p21, and the resulting p21 protein suppresses cell division until the DNA damage is repaired.
(C) Phosphorylated p53 binds cyclin-Cdk complexes, and the resulting protein complex repairs the DNA damage.
(D) Phosphorylated p53 activates p21 proteins, and the p21 proteins in turn repair the DNA damage.

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Questions 33-37

Students investigated the effect of light on the carbon cycle in aquatic ecosystems by performing the controlled experiment summarized below. The students placed equal amounts of water (pH 7.0) from a large aquarium in glass beakers. The students transferred aquatic plants from the aquarium to several of the beakers, and then they placed equal numbers of the beakers in the light or the dark (Figure 1: groups I and II). Similarly, the students transferred goldfish from the same aquarium to other beakers, and then they placed equal numbers of those beakers in the light or dark (Figure 1: groups III and IV). Finally, the students placed an equal number of beakers containing water only in the light or dark (Figure 1: groups V and VI).

After exposing the samples to light or dark for one hour, the students recorded the pH of the water in each beaker. Carbon dioxide dissolved in water will lower the pH of an aqueous solution. In the experiment, the students used changes in pH to monitor changes in the amount of carbon dioxide in the water. For each treatment group, the students calculated the mean pH and standard error, as documented in the table below.

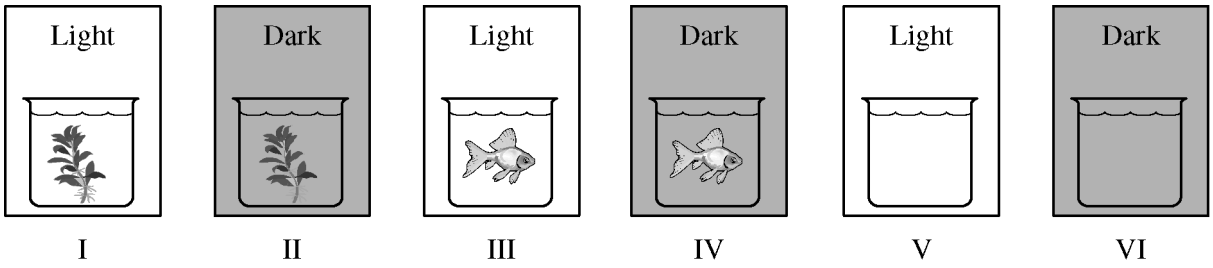

Figure 1. Treatment groups

MEAN pH OF TREATMENT GROUPS AFTER 1 HOUR

Treatment group (n = 10)	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Mean pH	8.2	6.4	5.9	5.6	7.3	6.8
Standard error of the mean	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.4

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33. Which of the following graphs is the most appropriate representation of the experimental results documented in the table?

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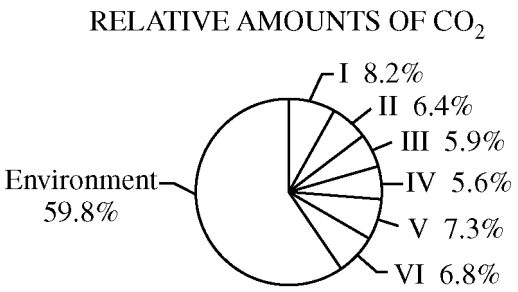

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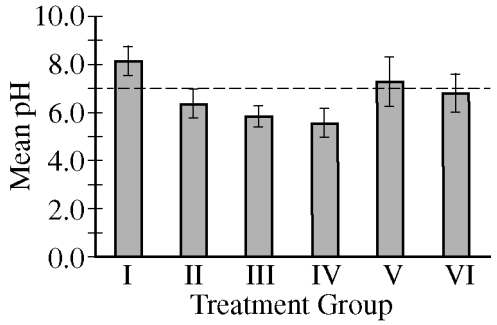

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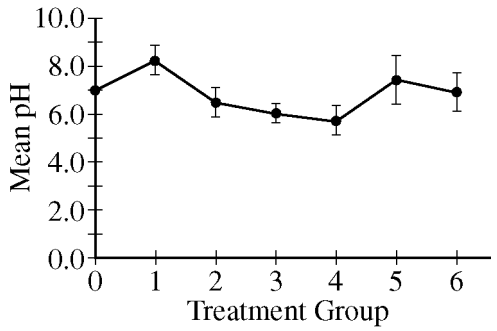

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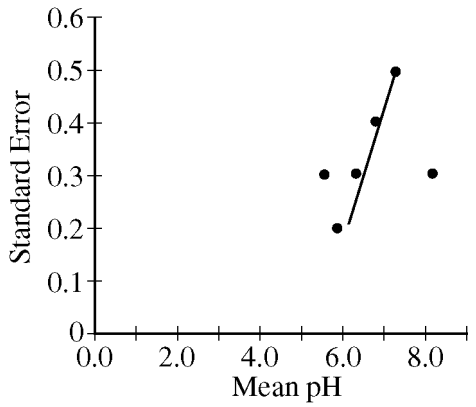

34. Which of the following observations provides the best evidence that photosynthesis occurred in treatment group I?

(A) The specimens in the beakers were aquatic plants from a large aquarium.
(B) The beakers were placed in the light.
(C) The mean pH of the samples increased after one hour.
(D) The standard error of the mean was smaller than that for treatment group V.

35. To investigate whether an organism in the study is capable of both photosynthesis and respiration, a comparison of which treatment groups is most appropriate?

(A) I and II
(B) II and IV
(C) III and V
(D) IV and VI

36. The results for treatment groups V and VI could suggest which of the following questions about the design of the experiment?

(A) Do the glass beakers prevent light from reaching the test samples?
(B) Is the method used for measuring pH harmful to aquatic organisms?
(C) Is the availability of carbon dioxide a limiting factor in aquatic ecosystems?
(D) Does the aquarium water contain living microorganisms?

37. Which of the following modifications to the experimental design will best help reduce the standard errors of the means?

(A) Using pond water instead of aquarium water
(B) Exposing samples to light for a greater amount of time
(C) Increasing the sample size of each treatment group
(D) Collecting organisms from a natural water source instead of an aquarium

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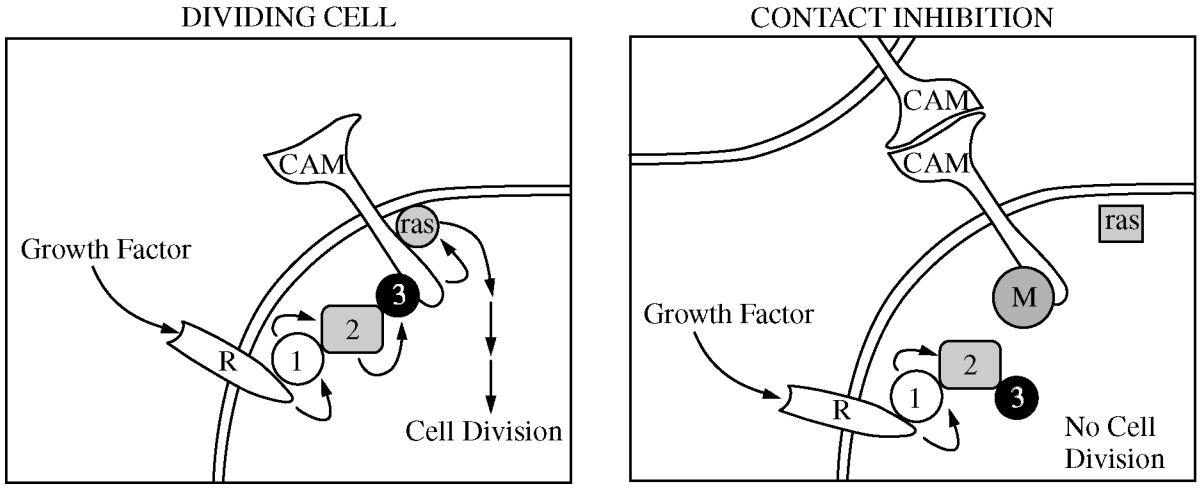
38. Many human cells can be stimulated to divide by hormonelike growth factors that bind to receptor proteins (R) on the plasma membrane and trigger an internal signal-transduction cascade. In many cases, however, the process of contact inhibition prevents mitosis when cells are in direct contact with one another. Contact inhibition occurs when proteins called cell adhesion molecules (CAMs) interact, causing them to change shape so that the growth-factor signaling proteins that normally associate with CAMs are replaced by another protein, called M. Both pathways are depicted in the figures below.



Which of the following statements accurately uses the information presented to support the hypothesis that interruption of M function in a single body cell can result in cancer?

(A) Protein 3 will be prevented from interacting with CAMs, causing the cell cycle to stop permanently.
(B) The ras protein will remain bound to DNA, blocking expression of genes required for mitosis.
(C) Growth-factor signaling can trigger mitosis in cells that are in direct contact with other cells.
(D) The receptor proteins of body cells will no longer bind to growth-factor proteins.

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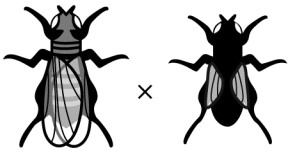
FRUIT FLY EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS



BbVv
Wild-Type Female
(tan body, wild-type wings)

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bbvv
Mutant Male
(black body, vestigial wings)

Genotypes	*BbVv* Tan, Wild Type	*bbvv* Black, Vestigial	*Bbvv* Tan, Vestigial	*bbVv* Black, Wild Type
Expected results	862	862	862	862
Observed phenotypes	1,447	1,416	309	277

39. In *Drosophila melanogaster* the allele for wild-type tan body color (*B*) is dominant to the recessive allele for black body color (*b*). Similarly, the allele for wild-type wing shape (*V*) is dominant to the recessive allele for vestigial wing phenotype (*v*). In the cross diagrammed above, the expected and observed results are shown. Which of the following best explains the observed results of the cross?

(A) The alleles for body color and wing shape assort independently, as predicted by Mendel's laws.
(B) The genes for body color and wing shape are located close to each other on the same chromosome.
(C) The traits of body color show complete dominance over the traits of wing shape.
(D) The observed variations in body color and wing shape are detectable in males but not in females.

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40. Some cells release active signaling proteins when membrane-bound precursor proteins are cleaved by proteolytic enzymes. The signaling proteins can then bind to receptors on the surface of a target cell, thereby activating an intracellular signaling pathway and eliciting a response from the target cell.

    This mechanism of activating receptor-binding signaling proteins has been observed in a variety of organisms from bacteria to humans. Many of the enzymes responsible for proteolysis of membrane-bound precursor proteins have been isolated and characterized.

    Which of the following questions would be most appropriate to investigate whether the proteolytic enzymes are evolutionarily conserved among species?

    (A) Are the genes encoding the proteolytic enzymes expressed in the same cell types in all species?
    (B) Once the precursor proteins of different species are cleaved, do the active signaling proteins bind to the same receptors on different target cells?
    (C) If a proteolytic enzyme from one species is incubated with a precursor protein from another species, does correct cleavage occur?
    (D) Are the proteolytic enzymes synthesized in the rough endoplasmic reticulum of all species?

41. Transmission of an action potential across a synapse involves the release of neurotransmitters by the presynaptic neuron. The arrival of the action potential triggers a rise in the calcium concentration in the synaptic terminal, and the change in concentration triggers a release of neurotransmitters into the synaptic cleft. Which of the following representations of the movement of calcium, sodium, and potassium ions best shows how an action potential is transmitted to the postsynaptic neuron?

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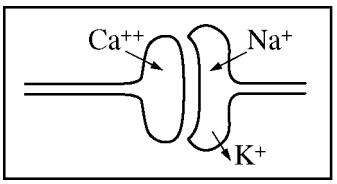

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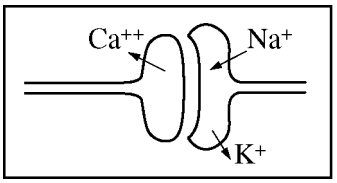

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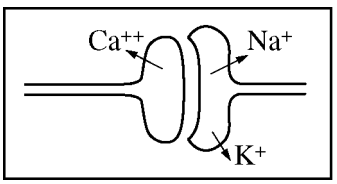

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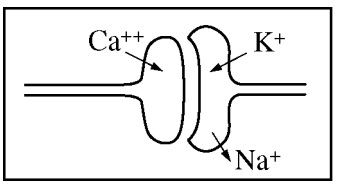

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42. The table below provides a comparison of nitrogenous waste production in selected organisms.

Nitrogenous Waste	Solubility in Water	Amount of Water Required for Excretion	Organisms that Primarily Produce the Nitrogenous Waste
Ammonia	High	High	Freshwater fish, aquatic invertebrates
Urea	Medium	Medium	Mammals, sharks
Uric acid	Very low	Very low	Birds, reptiles, and most terrestrial insects and arthropods

Which of the following statements is most consistent with the data in the table?

(A) In response to the hypotonic environment in which freshwater fish live, they excrete ammonia in concentrated urine or across their gills.
(B) The kidneys of reptiles and birds are highly efficient because little water is needed to excrete uric acid.
(C) Birds excrete ammonia in addition to uric acid, and the ratio of the two substances is independent of whether the birds are primarily terrestrial or aquatic species.
(D) The similar regulation of extracellular fluid volume and composition in all the organisms suggests conservation of kidney structure throughout evolution.

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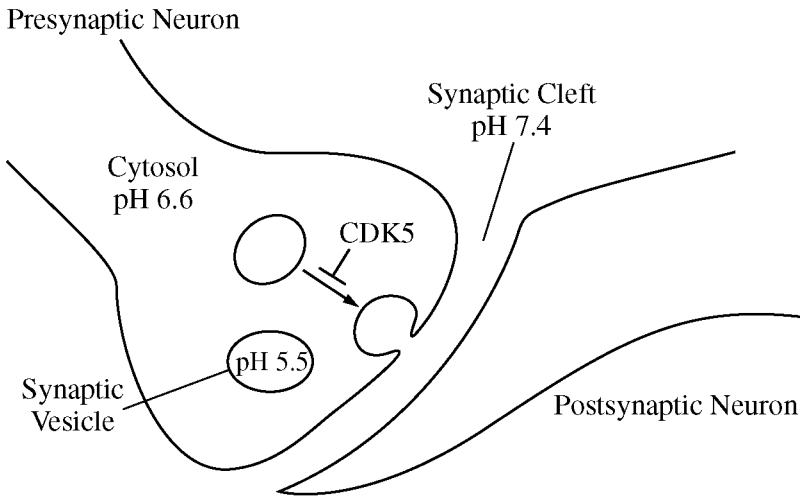

Figure 1. Model of synapse

Researchers investigating the regulation of neurotransmitter release from presynaptic neurons proposed a model (Figure 1) in which CDK5, a protein expressed in axon terminals, inhibits the movement of synaptic vesicles to the presynaptic membrane.

To test their model, the researchers used a modified version of green fluorescent protein (GFP*). In slightly alkaline conditions, GFP* exhibits a bright green fluorescence. In acidic conditions, GFP* exhibits no fluorescence. Using standard techniques, the gene encoding GFP* is easily introduced into living cells. By engineering the expression of GFP* in laboratory-cultured nerve cells, the researchers found that a bright green fluorescence was exhibited only when a presynaptic neuron was given a certain stimulus.

43. Based on the model, which of the following best explains why a bright green fluorescence was observed following stimulation of a presynaptic neuron?

(A) GFP* synthesis was activated when a gene taken up by the neuron was switched on.
(B) GFP* stored in the cytoplasm of the neuron was packaged into synaptic vesicles.
(C) GFP* contained in synaptic vesicles moved into the synaptic cleft by exocytosis.
(D) GFP* present in the synaptic cleft was reabsorbed by endocytosis into the neuron.

44. Which of the following best explains why GFP* might exhibit a bright green fluorescence in alkaline conditions but not in acidic conditions?

(A) Addition of an H^+ to GFP* at acidic pH changes the shape of the protein, preventing fluorescence.
(B) CDK5 is a degrading enzyme that hydrolyzes GFP* at alkaline pH, preventing fluorescence.
(C) An influx of protons into the axon terminal activates synthesis of new GFP* molecules, preventing fluorescence.
(D) Packaging of GFP* into synaptic vesicles is triggered by a sudden drop in cytosolic pH, preventing fluorescence.

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45. Which of the following observations best supports the hypothesis that CDK5 negatively regulates neurotransmitter release?

(A) Introduction of CDK5 protein into neurons results in the movement of synaptic vesicles to the plasma membrane in the absence of any stimulus.
(B) Uptake of a gene encoding CDK5 by neurons results in the movement of synaptic vesicles to the plasma membrane in the absence of any stimulus.
(C) Suppression of CDK5 expression in neurons inhibits the movement of synaptic vesicles to the plasma membrane in response to a specific stimulus.
(D) Inhibition of CDK5 activity in neurons increases the movement of synaptic vesicles to the plasma membrane in response to a specific stimulus.

46. Based on the model, which of the following describes the most likely mechanism by which CDK5 regulates neurotransmitter release?

(A) CDK5 adds methyl groups to DNA, altering expression of genes required for synthesis of neurotransmitters.
(B) CDK5 promotes the rearrangement of the lipid molecules of two bilayers into a single membrane.
(C) CDK5 alters the activity of other proteins involved in the movement of synaptic vesicles to the plasma membrane.
(D) CDK5 binds to gated ion channels in the postsynaptic membrane, resulting in diffusion of calcium ions.

47. Previous experiments indicate that CDK5 is active only when attached to a protein called p35. Which of the following best predicts how p35 might play a role in regulating neuron function?

(A) Elevated intracellular levels of p35 result in increased synaptic activity.
(B) Degradation of p35 results in increased synaptic activity.
(C) Reabsorption of p35 from the synaptic cleft results in increased synaptic activity.
(D) Attachment of p35 to synaptic vesicles results in increased synaptic activity.

48. Based on the model, which of the following best explains how regulation of neurotransmitter release might increase the range of responses to a stimulus in the nervous system?

(A) In the absence of any stimulus, neurons can still release neurotransmitters.
(B) Different neurons in the same neural network can release different amounts of neurotransmitter.
(C) In the depolarization phase of an action potential, postsynaptic neurons can adjust the amount of neurotransmitter bound to receptors on their surface.
(D) In the recovery phase following a stimulus, enzymes can be mobilized to degrade molecules present in the synaptic vesicles.

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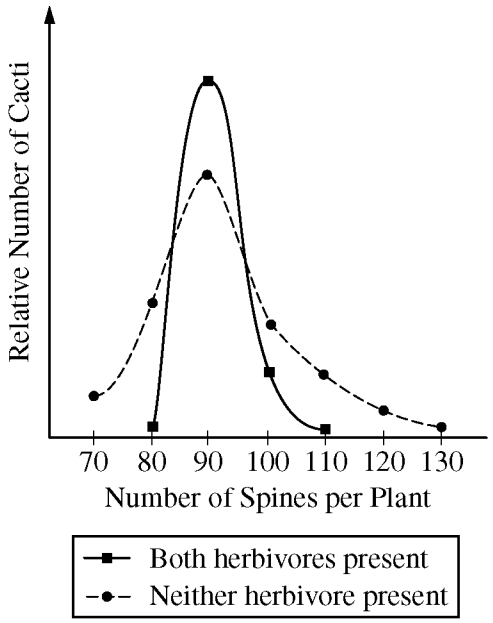

49. In a species of cactus, the number of spines on a plant is genetically determined. The graph above shows frequency distributions for populations of the cactus species growing in the presence or absence of two herbivores: peccaries (a New World pig) and wasp larvae. Which of the following best accounts for the different frequency distributions in the graph?

(A) Peccaries eat cacti with the greatest number of spines, and wasp larvae show no preference with respect to spine number.
(B) Peccaries eat cacti with a smaller number of spines, and wasp larvae eat cacti with a greater number of spines.
(C) Wasps have increasing difficulty depositing eggs on cacti with more spines, and peccaries show no preference with respect to spine number.
(D) Both peccaries and wasp larvae will eat the most abundant types of cacti, which are the plants with the greatest number of spines.

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50. Scientists are studying several populations of finches on neighboring islands in the South Pacific. Previous genetic analysis has shown that a single gene controls tail-feather length in the finch populations and that the allele for long tail feathers (*L*) is dominant to the allele for short tail feathers (*l*). On two separate islands, the scientists recorded the number of finches with long tail feathers and the number of finches with short tail feathers. The results are shown in the table below.

Location	Phenotype	Number of Individuals
Island 1	Long tail feathers	1,582
	Short tail feathers	598
	Total count	2,180
Island 2	Long tail feathers	2,432
	Short tail feathers	1,110
	Total count	3,542

If the two finch populations are each in Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium and are isolated from each other, then which of the following graphs correctly displays the relative genotype frequencies?

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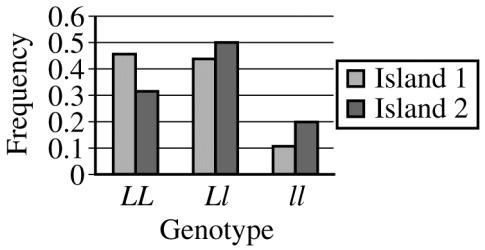

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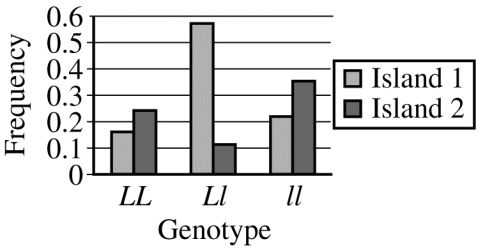

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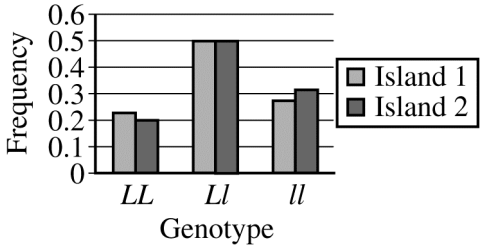

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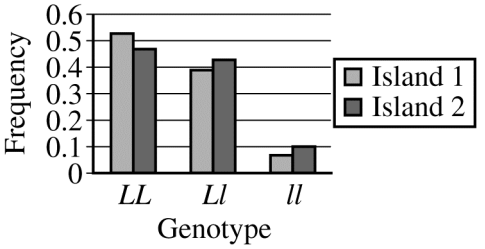

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Second Base in Codon

First Base in Codon	U	C	A	G	Third Base in Codon
U	UUU, UUC: Phe UUA, UUG: Leu	UCU, UCC, UCA, UCG: Ser	UAU, UAC: Tyr UAA: Stop UAG: Stop	UGU, UGC: Cys UGA: Stop UGG: Trp	U C A G
C	CUU, CUC, CUA, CUG: Leu	CCU, CCC, CCA, CCG: Pro	CAU, CAC: His CAA, CAG: Gln	CGU, CGC, CGA, CGG: Arg	U C A G
A	AUU, AUC, AUA: Ile AUG: Met or Start	ACU, ACC, ACA, ACG: Thr	AAU, AAC: Asn AAA, AAG: Lys	AGU, AGC: Ser AGA, AGG: Arg	U C A G
G	GUU, GUC, GUA, GUG: Val	GCU, GCC, GCA, GCG: Ala	GAU, GAC: Asp GAA, GAG: Glu	GGU, GGC, GGA, GGG: Gly	U C A G

5′-GACCGCAUGGUGACGAAAUUUGGCCAUUAA-3′

51. Based on the universal genetic code, which of the following represents the correct polypeptide that will result from translation of the mRNA molecule shown, beginning with the first available start codon?

(A) Asp-Arg-Met-Val-Thr-Lys-Phe-Gly-His
(B) Met-Arg-Asp-Stop-His-Gly-Phe-Lys-Thr-Val
(C) Met-Val-Thr-Lys-Phe-Gly-His
(D) Val-Thr-Lys-Phe-Gly-His

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	Cross 1		Cross 2		Cross 3	
Parents	Blue Male × Blue Female		Blue Male × White Female		White Male × Blue Female	
Offspring	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
	60 blue	124 blue	0 blue	115 blue	48 blue	42 blue
	52 white	0 white	108 white	0 white	53 white	49 white

52. The data above represent the results of three different crosses involving the inheritance of a gene that determines whether a certain organism is blue or white. Which of the following best explains the mechanism of inheritance of the gene?

(A) The allele for white is an autosomal dominant allele because a 1:1 phenotype ratio of blue to white among both sexes is observed in cross 3.
(B) The allele for blue is an autosomal dominant allele because an approximate 3:1 phenotype ratio of blue to white is observed in cross 1.
(C) The allele for white is an X-linked dominant allele because no white females are produced in cross 1.
(D) The allele for blue is an X-linked dominant allele because there are no blue male offspring in cross 2.

	Population 1		Population 2	
Year	**Allele *R***	**Allele *r***	**Allele *R***	**Allele *r***
1980	0.3	0.7	0.37	0.63
2010	0.0	1.0	0.75	0.25

53. The table shows the changes in allele frequencies of a specific gene in two populations of randomly mating small mammals after 30 years. The populations inhabit adjacent equatorial islands that have similar topography and climate. Which of the following is the most reliable conclusion that can be drawn from analysis of the data above?

(A) Genetic drift has occurred in population 1.
(B) Population 2 is in Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium.
(C) Selection for allele *r* is occurring in both populations.
(D) The reduced frequency of allele *R* in population 1 will eventually lead to the extinction of population 1.

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Directions: The next five questions, numbered 121–125, require numeric answers.
Determine the correct answer for each question and enter it in the grid on page 3 of the answer sheet.
Use the following guidelines for entering your answers.

- Start your answer in any column, space permitting. Unused columns should be left blank.
- Write your answer in the boxes at the top of the grid and fill in the corresponding circles. Mark only one circle in any column. You will receive credit only if the circles are filled in completely.
- Provide your answer in the format specified by the question. The requested answer may be an integer, a decimal, or a fraction, and it may have a negative value.
- To enter a fraction, use one of the division slashes to separate the numerator from the denominator, as shown in the example below. Fractions only need to be reduced enough to fit in the grid.
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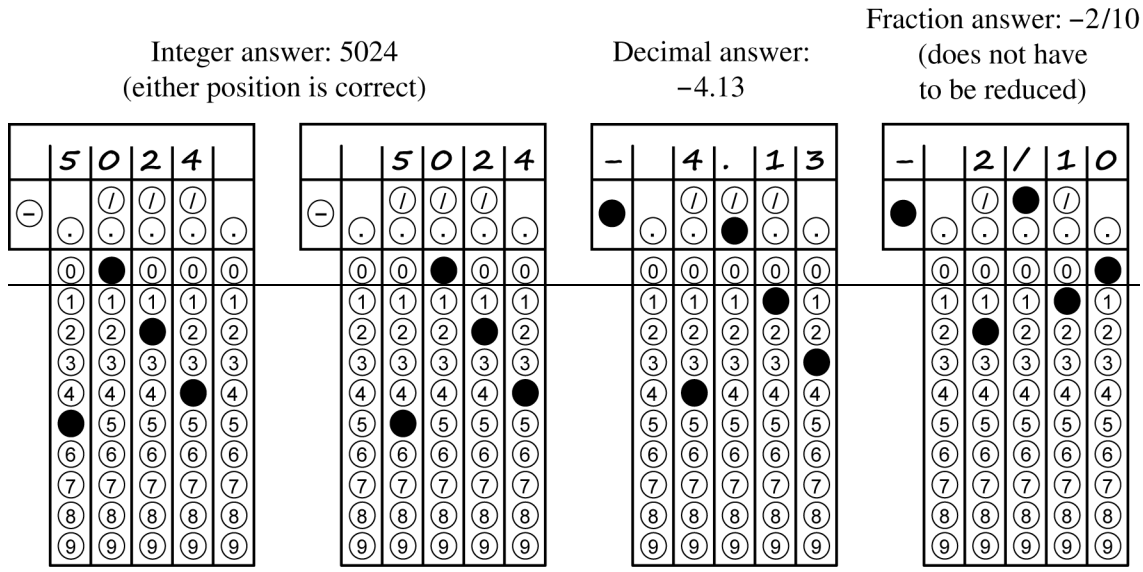

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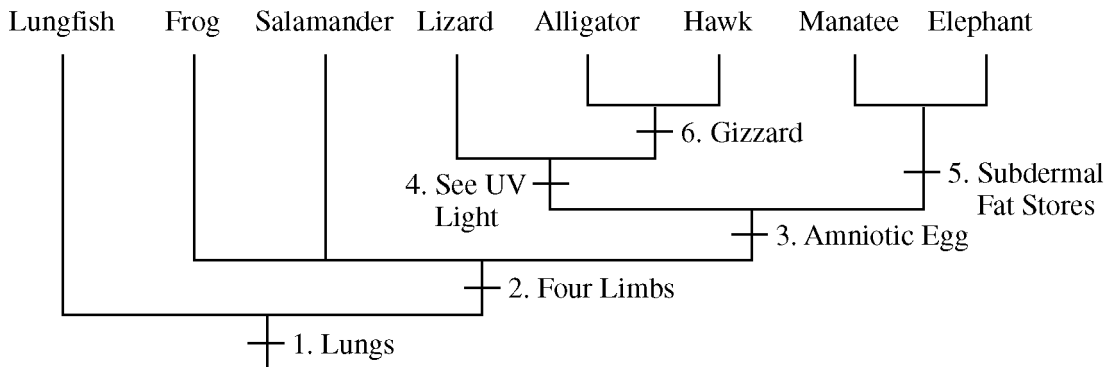

121. The cladogram above shows proposed phylogenetic relationships for several vertebrates. Selected derived characters are indicated on the cladogram by numbered labels. Based on the information presented, which of the derived characters is shared by alligators and manatees but not salamanders? Give your answer as the number label of a character indicated on the cladogram.

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122. In fruit flies, the allele for vestigial wings is recessive to the allele for wild-type wings, and the allele for white eyes is recessive to the allele for red eyes. The gene controlling wing type is carried on an autosome, whereas the gene controlling eye color is carried on the X chromosome.

A true-breeding female with wild-type wings and white eyes is crossed with a male with vestigial wings and red eyes. What proportion of the offspring are expected to be males with wild-type wings and white eyes? Give your answer as a fraction or a decimal value from 0 to 1.

123. ABO blood type in humans is determined by three alleles of a single gene: I^A, I^B, and i. The I^A and I^B alleles are codominant, and both alleles are completely dominant to the i allele.

Shown in the table are the approximate genotype frequencies of ABO blood types for a large human population.

Phenotype	Genotype	Frequency
Type A	I^AI^A or I^Ai	0.41
Type B	I^BI^B or I^Bi	0.10
Type AB	I^AI^B	0.04
Type O	$i\,i$	0.45

The Hardy-Weinberg principle can be applied to a genetic locus with three alleles by using the following equations.

$$p^2 + q^2 + r^2 + 2pq + 2pr + 2qr = 1$$
$$p + q + r = 1$$

Assuming that the population is in Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium with respect to blood type, what is the frequency of the i allele? Give your answer to two decimal places.

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124. Biological communities containing a large number of species that are evenly distributed exhibit high species diversity—a concept that encompasses both species richness (the number of different species present) and relative abundance (the number of individuals of each species). One measure of species diversity is Simpson's index of diversity, which is represented by the following mathematical equation.

$$D_s = 1 - \frac{\sum n_i(n_i - 1)}{N(N - 1)}$$

Where D_s = index of diversity for a community
N = total number of individuals of all species
n_i = number of individuals in each individual species

The following data were collected from a community of trees.

Species	Number of Individuals
1	20
2	34
3	4
4	10
Total	68

Calculate the Simpson's index of diversity for the community of trees. Enter your answer as a value between 0 and 1 to the nearest hundredth.

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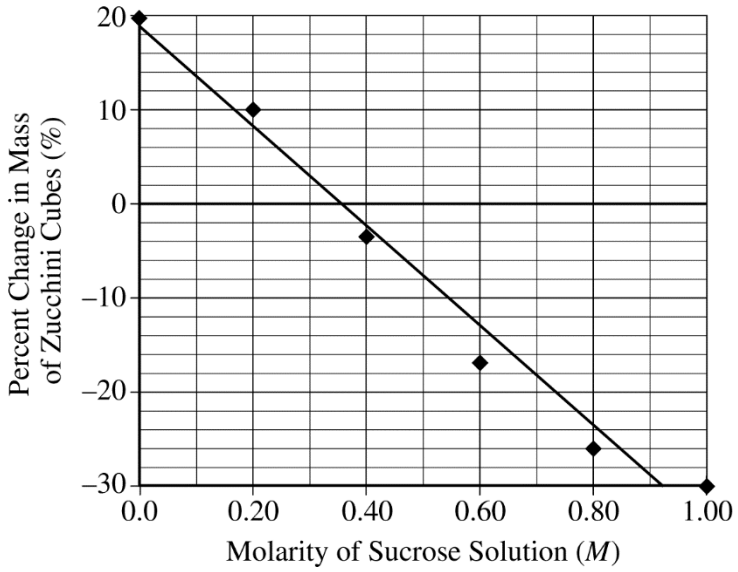
125. A zucchini squash was peeled and cut into six identical cubes. After being weighed, each cube was soaked in a different sucrose solution for 24 hours in an open container and at a constant temperature of 21ºC. The cubes were then removed from the sucrose solutions, carefully blotted on paper towels, and weighed again. The percent change in mass (due to a net gain or loss of water) was calculated for each cube, and the results are shown in the graph below. A straight line is drawn on the graph to help in estimating results from other sucrose concentrations not tested.



Using the straight line on the graph above, calculate the water potential (in bars) of the zucchini squash at 21°C. Give your answer to one decimal place.

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Section II

8 Questions

Total Time—90 minutes

Reading Period—10 minutes

Writing Period—80 minutes

Directions: Questions 1 and 2 are long free-response questions that require about 22 minutes each to answer and are worth 10 points each. Questions 3–8 are short free-response questions that require about 6 minutes each to answer. Questions 3–5 are worth 4 points each and questions 6–8 are worth 3 points each.

Read each question carefully and completely. You are advised to spend the 10-minute reading period planning your answers. You may begin writing your responses before the reading period is over. Write your response in the space provided for each question. Only material written in the space provided will be scored. Answers must be written out in paragraph form. Outlines, bulleted lists, or diagrams alone are not acceptable.

Question 1 is on the following page.

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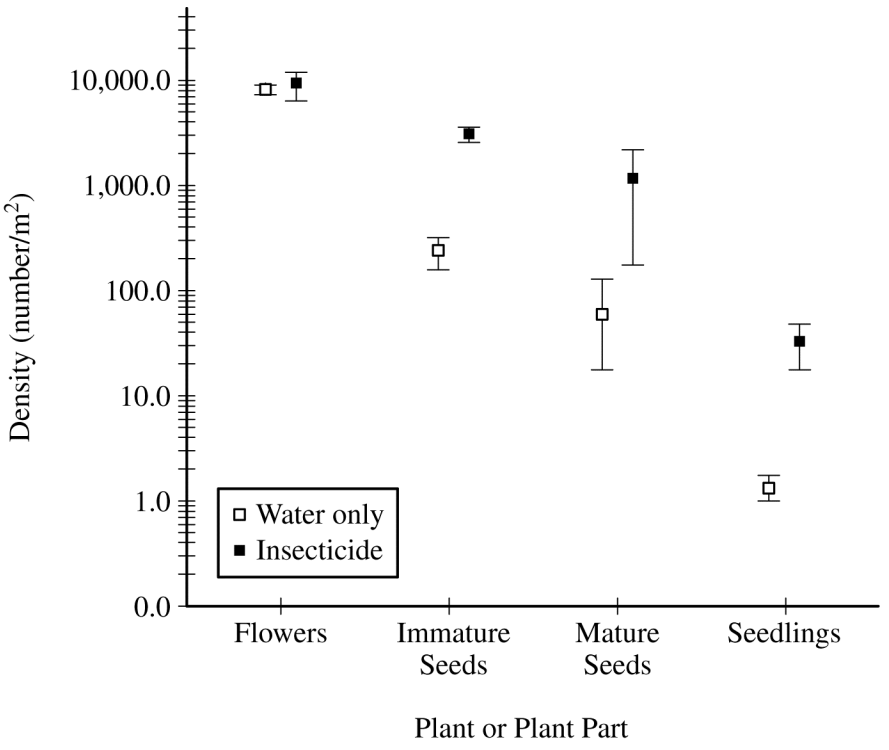

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(d) In a second experiment, researchers used a different insecticide that affects a different group of insects. In this treatment, the number of seeds formed was greatly reduced compared to the control. Based on this observation, **describe** the most likely interaction between the affected insects and the plants in this experiment. **Justify** your response.

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Seedling Development	1.4		33.1	

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Figure 1. Diagram of the choice chamber used to measure host preference of mosquitoes

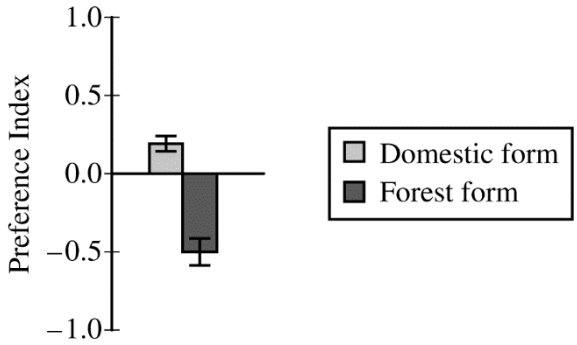

Figure 2. Mean host preference index $\pm 1 SE_{\bar{X}}$ of forest and domestic forms of mosquitoes. A positive value indicates preference for a human host, and a negative value indicates preference for a guinea pig host.

2. The yellow-fever mosquito (*Aedes aegypti*) is a major vector of human disease. In a particular location in Africa, there are two forms of the mosquito. The forest form of the mosquito is black and often lays its eggs in tree holes and pools of water in the forest. The domestic form of the mosquito is brown and prefers to lay its eggs in rainwater collected near human dwellings.

   Researchers used a choice chamber (Figure 1) to investigate the host preference of *A. aegypti*. The researchers recorded the number of forest-form and domestic-form mosquitoes that bit human or guinea pig hosts during several ten-minute trials. The researchers used these data to calculate a host-preference index for each form, as shown in Figure 2. Researchers also identified a gene in the mosquitoes, *OR4*, that encodes an olfactory receptor. A volatile odorant, sulcatone, binds to the OR4 receptor. Humans produce higher levels of sulcatone than do guinea pigs.

   (a) Based on an analysis of the data, **identify** the preferred host of the forest form and of the domestic form of the mosquito.

   (b) **Propose a refinement** to the initial experimental design that will rule out the possibility that preference is based on a visual cue. **Propose** a different refinement to the initial experiment to test whether sulcatone is the attractant for the human-preferring form.

   (c) **Predict** how each of the following mutations in the *OR4* gene would most likely affect the sensitivity of mosquitoes to sulcatone. **Justify** each prediction.

   - A mutation that results in the removal of the intracellular domain of the receptor protein
   - A mutation that results in the substitution of a small hydrophobic amino acid for another small hydrophobic amino acid in the ligand-binding site of the receptor protein

   (d) A researcher proposes that the two forms of mosquito are evolving into two different species. **Identify** ONE potential postzygotic isolating mechanism, and **describe** how the isolating mechanism would result in the evolution of the two forms into different species.

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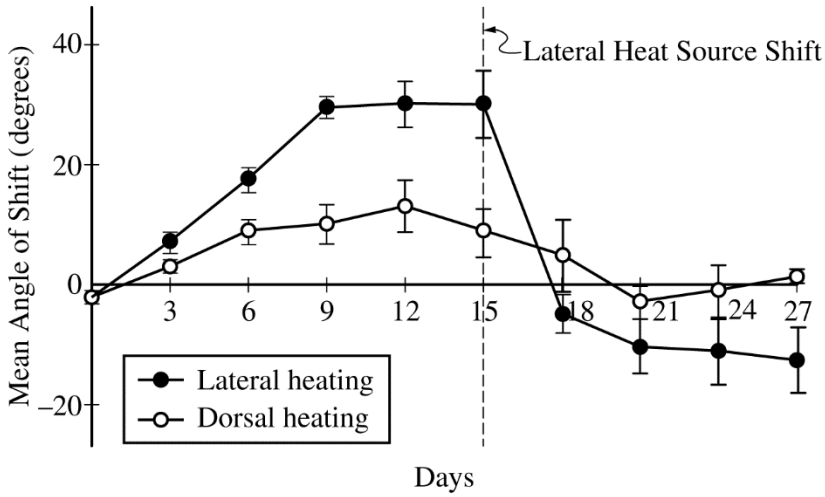

Figure 1. Mean angle of the shift in turtle embryo position following exposure to a directional heat source. The error bars represent $\pm 2SE_{\bar{X}}$.

3. A certain species of turtle (*Pelodiscus sinensis*) lays its eggs in nests that are buried in the sand. The turtle then leaves the eggs to develop. A researcher claims that turtle embryos are able to shift within their eggs in response to directional thermal cues in the environment. To test the claim, the researcher incubated turtle eggs in containers and used heating pads to deliver heat either to the top of the container (dorsal heating) or to one side of the container (lateral heating). The position of the lateral heat source was switched from one side to the other on day 15. The researcher recorded the shifts in embryo position relative to the initial embryo position in the egg. The results are shown in Figure 1.

   (a) **Indicate** whether the researcher's claim that turtle embryos within their eggs respond to thermal cues is supported or not supported. Using the data, **justify** your response.

   (b) The researcher used the dorsal heat treatment as the control. **Propose** a different treatment that would have been another valid control.

   (c) The researcher hypothesizes that when turtle embryos respond to thermal cues they develop more rapidly than do turtle embryos that do not respond to thermal cues. **Describe** ONE potential advantage for turtles having a shorter embryonic period.

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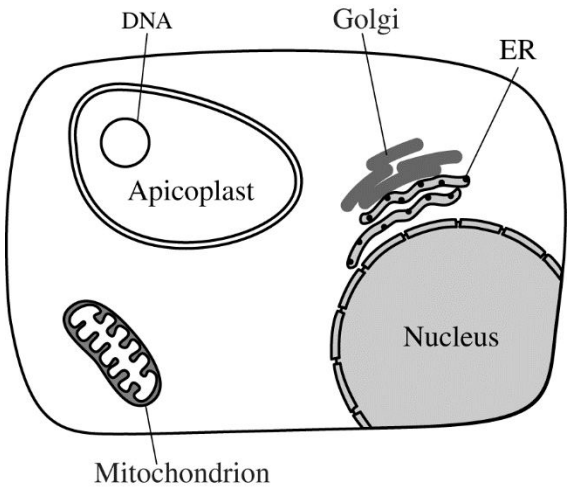

Figure 1. Simplified diagram of the cellular structures of *Plasmodium falciparum*

4. The eukaryotic protozoan parasite *P. falciparum* is the causative agent of malaria. *P. falciparum* cells contain an organelle called the apicoplast (see Figure 1). Apicoplasts synthesize precursors of biomolecules that are required for growth and reproduction of the parasite.

   (a) Based on Figure 1, **describe** TWO pieces of evidence a researcher could use to support the claim that apicoplasts evolved from free-living, prokaryotic organisms.

   (b) Doxycycline is a drug used to treat malaria and some bacterial infections. Doxycycline binds to the prokaryotic 30S ribosomal subunit and inhibits its function. **Explain** how doxycycline can be an effective treatment for a *P. falciparum* infection in humans.

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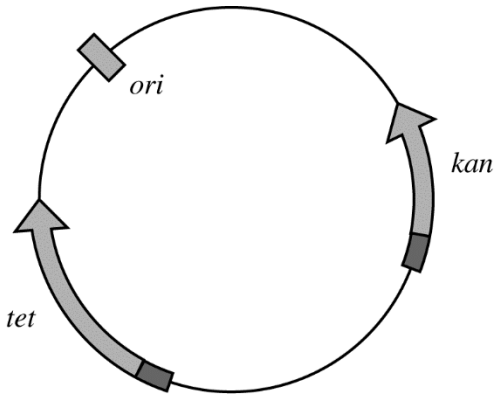

p*TET-KAN*

5. The p*TET-KAN* plasmid carries an origin of replication (*ori*) and genes conferring resistance to the antibiotics tetracycline (tet) and kanamycin (kan) as represented in the figure. Cultures of *E. coli* bacteria were transformed with the plasmid. To determine the success of the transformation experiment, the bacterial cells were cultured in the presence or absence of tetracycline overnight.

   (a) **Predict** the most likely outcome of culturing transformed *E. coli* in the presence of tetracycline. **Justify** your prediction.

   (b) Researchers inserted a small fragment of human DNA into the p*TET-KAN* plasmid. Cultures of *E. coli* were transformed with the modified plasmid. The transformed bacterial cells were able to survive in the presence of tetracycline but were unable to survive in the presence of kanamycin. **Draw** an "X" on the plasmid template provided below to indicate where the human DNA fragment was most likely inserted. **Justify** your placement of the inserted human DNA.

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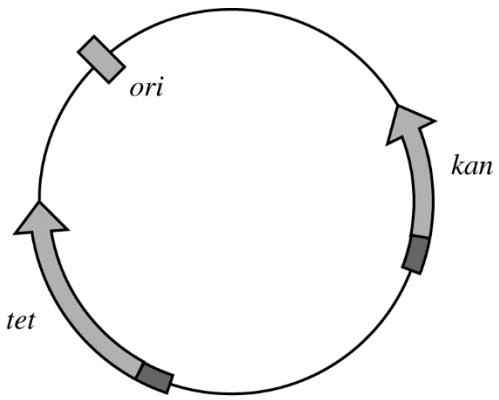

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NUMBER OF DIFFERENCES IN THE FIRST 60 AMINO ACIDS OF THE NEUROMODULIN PROTEIN ISOLATED FROM FIVE SPECIES

	Finch	Gecko	Turtle	Frog	Zebra fish
Finch	0	2	2	6	10
Gecko		0	1	7	11
Turtle			0	7	11
Frog				0	13
Zebra fish					0

6. Neuromodulin is an essential protein that is highly conserved among vertebrates. Researchers compared the first 60 amino acids of the neuromodulin protein from each of five different species. The results are shown in the table above.

   Based on the data in the table, **construct** a cladogram on the template provided to represent the evolutionary relatedness of the five species. Using the data, **justify** the placement of the zebra fish on the cladogram. On the cladogram, circle the position of the most recent common ancestor of the two most closely related species.

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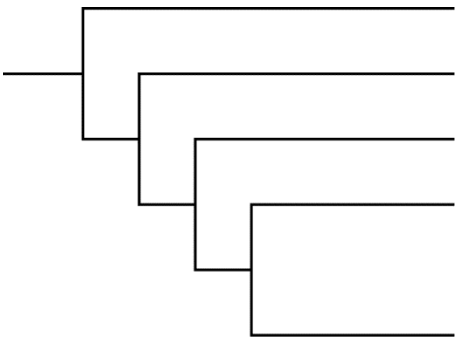

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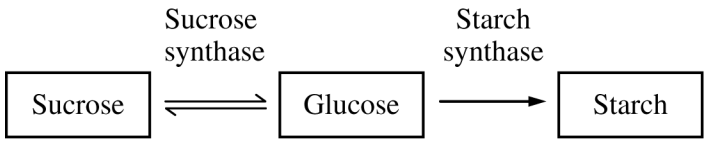

Figure 1. Simplified starch biosynthesis pathway in plants

7. A rice grain is a fruit that encloses a seed. Most of the dry mass of a rice grain is starch. In rice plants, starch is produced by hydrolyzing sucrose and then linking the released glucose molecules together into starch (Figure 1). The optimal temperature range for starch synthase activity in a particular strain of rice is 27°C–30°C. The optimal temperature range for sucrose synthase in the strain is 30°C–35°C.

   Describe how temperatures above 35°C most likely affect the structure and function of the starch synthase in the particular strain. Using the information provided, **predict** the most likely consequences to starch content in mature rice grains if the rice is grown in an area where the average temperature during the growing season is 33°C.

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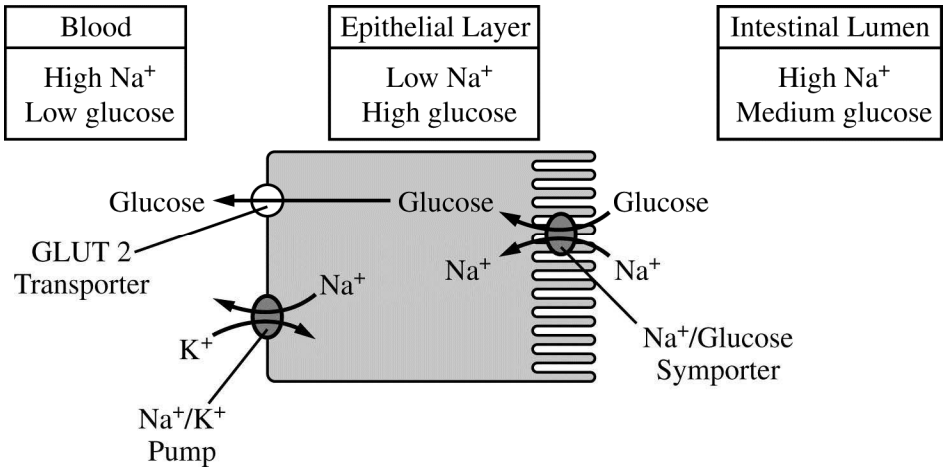

Figure 1. A single cell from the epithelial layer lining the intestine, illustrating movement of glucose and Na^+ from the intestinal lumen to the blood

8. Glucose and sodium move from the lumen of the small intestine into the blood via transport proteins in the epithelial cells lining the small intestine (Figure 1). Based on Figure 1, **describe** the direct source of energy used to move glucose into the epithelial cell from the intestinal lumen. **Explain** how this system maximizes glucose absorption from the intestinal lumen into the epithelial cells and from the epithelial cells into the blood.

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AP® BIOLOGY EQUATIONS AND FORMULAS

Statistical Analysis and Probability

Mean

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i$$

Standard Deviation

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1}}$$

Standard Error of the Mean

$$SE_{\bar{x}} = \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$$

Chi-Square

$$\chi^2 = \sum \frac{(o-e)^2}{e}$$

Chi-Square Table

p value	Degrees of Freedom							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
0.05	3.84	5.99	7.82	9.49	11.07	12.59	14.07	15.51
0.01	6.64	9.21	11.34	13.28	15.09	16.81	18.48	20.09

Laws of Probability

If A and B are mutually exclusive, then:

$$P(\text{A or B}) = P(\text{A}) + P(\text{B})$$

If A and B are independent, then:

$$P(\text{A and B}) = P(\text{A}) \times P(\text{B})$$

Hardy-Weinberg Equations

$p^2 + 2pq + q^2 = 1$

$p + q = 1$

p = frequency of the dominant allele in a population

q = frequency of the recessive allele in a population

$\bar{x}$ = sample mean

n = size of the sample

s = sample standard deviation (i.e., the sample-based estimate of the standard deviation of the population)

o = observed results

e = expected results

Degrees of freedom are equal to the number of distinct possible outcomes minus one.

Metric Prefixes

Factor	Prefix	Symbol
10^9	giga	G
10^6	mega	M
10^3	kilo	k
10^{-2}	centi	c
10^{-3}	milli	m
10^{-6}	micro	μ
10^{-9}	nano	n
10^{-12}	pico	p

Mode = value that occurs most frequently in a data set

Median = middle value that separates the greater and lesser halves of a data set

Mean = sum of all data points divided by number of data points

Range = value obtained by subtracting the smallest observation (sample minimum) from the greatest (sample maximum)

Rate and Growth

Rate

$$\frac{dY}{dt}$$

Population Growth

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = B - D$$

Exponential Growth

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = r_{\max} N$$

Logistic Growth

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = r_{\max} N\left(\frac{K - N}{K}\right)$$

Temperature Coefficient Q_{10}

$$Q_{10} = \left(\frac{k_2}{k_1}\right)^{\frac{10}{T_2 - T_1}}$$

Primary Productivity Calculation

$$\frac{\text{mg } O_2}{\text{L}} \times \frac{0.698 \text{ mL}}{\text{mg}} = \frac{\text{mL } O_2}{\text{L}}$$

$$\frac{\text{mL } O_2}{\text{L}} \times \frac{0.536 \text{ mg C fixed}}{\text{mL } O_2} = \frac{\text{mg C fixed}}{\text{L}}$$

(at standard temperature and pressure)

dY = amount of change

dt = change in time

B = birth rate

D = death rate

N = population size

K = carrying capacity

$r_{\max}$ = maximum per capita growth rate of population

T_2 = higher temperature

T_1 = lower temperature

k_2 = reaction rate at T_2

k_1 = reaction rate at T_1

Q_{10} = the factor by which the reaction rate increases when the temperature is raised by ten degrees

Water Potential (Ψ)

$\Psi = \Psi_P + \Psi_S$

Ψ_P = pressure potential

Ψ_S = solute potential

The water potential will be equal to the solute potential of a solution in an open container because the pressure potential of the solution in an open container is zero.

The Solute Potential of a Solution

$\Psi_S = -iCRT$

i = ionization constant (this is 1.0 for sucrose because sucrose does not ionize in water)

C = molar concentration

R = pressure constant (R = 0.0831 liter bars/mole K)

T = temperature in Kelvin (ºC + 273)

Surface Area and Volume

Volume of a Sphere

$$V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$

Volume of a Rectangular Solid

$$V = \ell w h$$

Volume of a Right Cylinder

$$V = \pi r^2 h$$

Surface Area of a Sphere

$$A = 4\pi r^2$$

Surface Area of a Cube

$$A = 6s^2$$

Surface Area of a Rectangular Solid

$A = \Sigma$ surface area of each side

r = radius

ℓ = length

h = height

w = width

s = length of one side of a cube

A = surface area

V = volume

Σ = sum of all

Dilution (used to create a dilute solution from a concentrated stock solution)

$C_i V_i = C_f V_f$

i = initial (starting) C = concentration of solute

f = final (desired) V = volume of solution

Gibbs Free Energy

$\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$

ΔG = change in Gibbs free energy

ΔS = change in entropy

ΔH = change in enthalpy

T = absolute temperature (in Kelvin)

$pH = -\log_{10}[H^+]$

APPENDIX - ANSWERS

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Multiple-choice answer key transcribed from the matching supplied source.

Question	Answer	Question	Answer	Question	Answer
1	C	19	C	37	C
2	B	20	C	38	C
3	A	21	A	39	B
4	A	22	B	40	C
5	D	23	A	41	A
6	D	24	A	42	B
7	A	25	B	43	C
8	A	26	C	44	A
9	B	27	A	45	D
10	D	28	D	46	C
11	D	29	C	47	B
12	C	30	C	48	B
13	A	31	D	49	B
14	C	32	B	50	C
15	B	33	B	51	C
16	A	34	C	52	D
17	A	35	A	53	A
18	A	36	D		

Grid-in answers

121: 3

122: 1/2, 0.5

123: 0.67 through 0.68

124: 0.64 through 0.66

125: -8.8 through -8.3

Matching original FRQ scoring material follows in this appendix.

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Question 1

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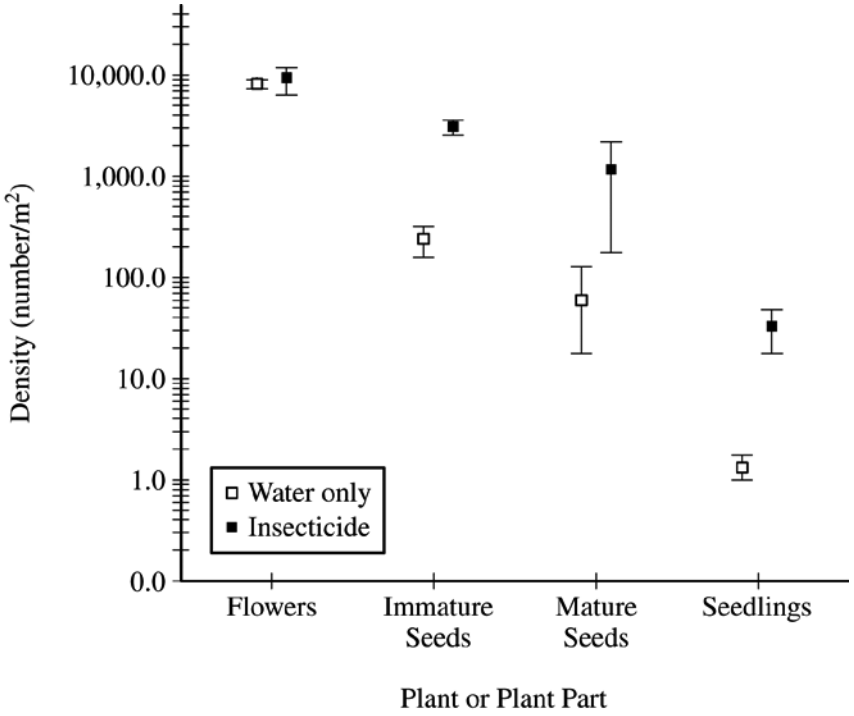

Figure 1. Student-constructed graph of data with a plotting error

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Question 1 (continued)

(a) **Identify** the control treatment in the original experiment. **Provide reasoning** to support the researcher's decision to not use a set of unsprayed plants as a control. **(2 points)**

Identification (1 point)

- The water-only treatment

Reasoning (1 point)

- Unsprayed plot would not distinguish between effect of insecticide vs. effect of water
- Water only treatment attributes the effect of the insecticide treatment to the insecticide and not the water

(b) A student incorrectly plotted one value from the table on a graph (Figure 1). **Identify** the error in the student-constructed graph. **Provide reasoning** to support the student's choice of a logarithmic scale on the Y axis. **(2 points)**

Identify (1 point)

- The seed formation stage/immature seeds data point from the water only treatment

Reasoning (1 point)

- The data span several orders of magnitude
- Enables display of all data on one graph
- Couldn't visually distinguish differences in smaller values if they were plotted on a linear scale

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Question 1 (continued)

(c) Using the template provided, **calculate** the percent of plants or plant parts remaining from one life stage to the next life stage. Round your answer to one decimal place. Based on your calculations, **identify** the plant life stage at which the insects have the greatest impact on the life cycle of the plant. **Justify** your answer. **Describe** the most likely interaction between the insects and the plants. **(4 points)**

Calculation (1 point)

Plant Life Stage	Water Spray	Percent Remaining	Insecticide Spray	Percent Remaining
Flowering	8220		9490	
Seed Formation	2440	**29.7**	3100	**32.7**
Seed Maturation	60	**2.5**	1200	**38.7**
Seedling development	1.4	**2.3**	33.1	**2.8**

Identification (1 point)

- Seed maturation
- Between immature seeds and mature seeds

Justification (1 point)

- Seed maturation time point is the only one with large difference in the percent remaining between treatment groups
- Number of mature seeds remaining in water only treatment is much less than number of mature seeds remaining in insecticide spray
- Seed maturation is the first stage where there is a significant difference in numbers of plants/plant parts between the treatment groups

Description (1 point)

- Insects must be eating/hurting the developing seeds

(d) In a second experiment, researchers used a different insecticide that affects a different group of insects. In this treatment, the number of seeds formed was greatly reduced compared to the control. Based on this observation, **describe** the most likely interaction between the affected insects and the plants in this experiment. **Justify** your response. **(2 points)**

Description (1 point)	**Justification (1 point)**
Insects must be pollinating flowers	When pollination is prevented, seeds do not develop
Specific example of a positive/beneficial impact to the plants during seed formation (e.g., remove parasite/herbivore)	Supports how cooperative interaction between insect and plant promotes seed formation

*Points can only be earned in one row of the table.

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Question 2

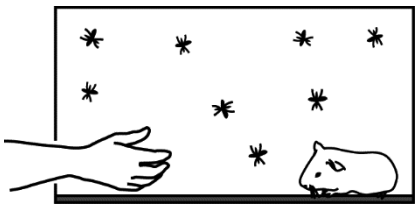

Figure 1. Diagram of the choice chamber used to measure host preference of mosquitoes

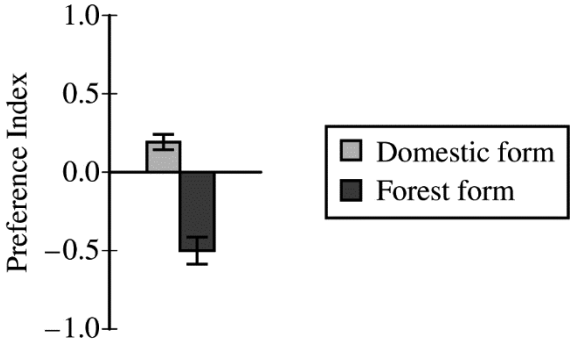

Figure 2. Mean host preference index $\pm 1SE_{\bar{X}}$ of forest and domestic forms of mosquitoes. A positive value indicates preference for a human host, and a negative value indicates preference for a guinea pig host.

The yellow-fever mosquito (*Aedes aegypti*) is a major vector of human disease. In a particular location in Africa, there are two forms of the mosquito. The forest form of the mosquito is black and often lays its eggs in tree holes and pools of water in the forest. The domestic form of the mosquito is brown and prefers to lay its eggs in rainwater collected near human dwellings.

Researchers used a choice chamber (Figure 1) to investigate the host preference of *A. aegypti*. The researchers recorded the number of forest-form and domestic-form mosquitoes that bit human or guinea pig hosts during several ten-minute trials. The researchers used these data to calculate a host-preference index for each form, as shown in Figure 2. Researchers also identified a gene in the mosquitoes, *OR4*, that encodes an olfactory receptor. A volatile odorant, sulcatone, binds to the OR4 receptor. Humans produce higher levels of sulcatone than do guinea pigs.

(a) Based on an analysis of the data, **identify** the preferred host of the forest form and of the domestic form of the mosquito. **(2 points)**

Identification (2 points)

- Forest mosquitoes prefer guinea pig
- Domestic mosquitoes prefer human hosts

(b) **Propose a refinement** to the initial experimental design that will rule out the possibility that preference is based on a visual cue. **Propose** a different refinement to the initial experiment to test whether sulcatone is the attractant for the human-preferring form. **(2 points)**

Refinement: visual (1 point)

- Use a dark/no light box
- Cover the guinea pig/hand
- Use guinea pig/hand models
- Stop movement of guinea pig/hand
- Blind mosquitoes

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Question 2 (continued)

Refinement: sulcatone (1 point)

- Use cotton ball/guinea pig/guinea-pig model soaked in sulcatone vs. control without sulcatone
- Use gloved/covered human hand that prevents odorant molecules from being released
- Remove or alter the OR4 gene in mosquitoes

(c) **Predict** how each of the following mutations in the *OR4* gene would most likely affect the sensitivity of mosquitoes to sulcatone. **Justify** each prediction. **(4 points)**

- A mutation that results in the removal of the intracellular domain of the receptor protein
- A mutation that results in the substitution of a small hydrophobic amino acid for another small hydrophobic amino acid in the ligand-binding site of the receptor protein

	Prediction (1 point each mutation; 2 points total)	**Justification (1 point each mutation; 2 points total)**
Removal of intracellular domain	Decreased sensitivity/insensitive	Unable to initiate intracellular signal/cascade
Substitution in ligand-binding site	No change (in sensitivity)	• Ligand can still bind to receptor • Conformation/shape of ligand-binding domain does not change
	Ligand can still bind to receptor	A similar amino acid leads to no/limited change to the structure of the protein

*other predictions may earn credit when appropriately justified

(d) A researcher proposes that the two forms of mosquitoes are evolving into two different species. **Identify** ONE potential postzygotic isolating mechanism, and **describe** how the isolating mechanism would result in the evolution of the two forms into different species. **(2 points)**

Identification (1 point)

- Hybrid inviability
- Hybrid sterility
- Reduced hybrid fitness/hybrid breakdown

Description (1 point)

- Maintains reproductive isolation
- Prevents gene flow

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Question 3

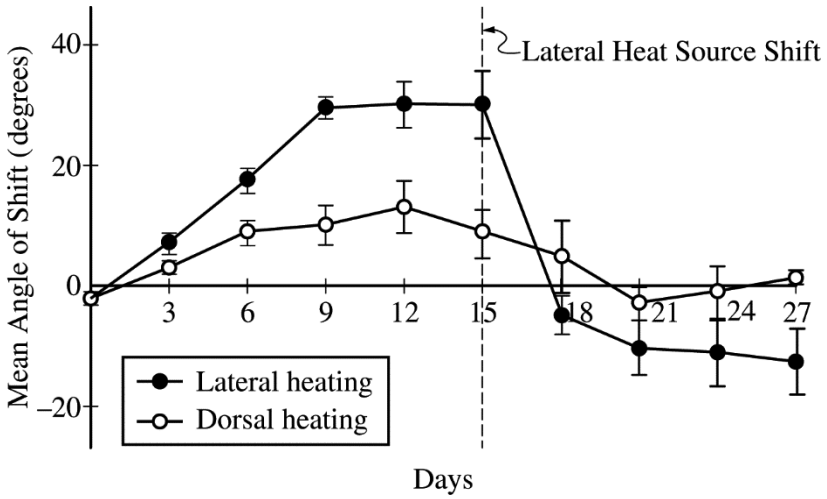

Figure 1. Mean angle of the shift in turtle embryo position following exposure to a directional heat source. The error bars represent $\pm 2SE_{\bar{x}}$.

A certain species of turtle (*Pelodiscus sinensis*) lays its eggs in nests that are buried in the sand. The turtle then leaves the eggs to develop. A researcher claims that turtle embryos are able to shift within their eggs in response to directional thermal cues in the environment. To test the claim, the researcher incubated turtle eggs in containers and used heating pads to deliver heat either to the top of the container (dorsal heating) or to one side of the container (lateral heating). The position of the lateral heat source was switched from one side to the other on day 15. The researcher recorded the shifts in embryo position relative to the initial embryo position in the egg. The results are shown in Figure 1.

(a) **Indicate** whether the researcher's claim that turtle embryos within their eggs respond to thermal cues is supported or not supported. Using the data, **justify** your response. **(2 points)**

Indication (1 point)

- The researcher's claim is supported/embryos adjust their position in response to thermal cues

Justification (1 point)

- The change in angle following the shift in lateral heat source is statistically significant in the experimental treatment/lateral heating but not in the control treatment/dorsal heating
- Shift in lateral heat source causes a statistically significant shift in the angle of the laterally heated/experimental embryos compared to the shift in the dorsally heated/control embryos
- The mean angle $\pm 2SE_{\bar{x}}$ prior to the shift in lateral heat source does not overlap with mean angle $\pm 2SE_{\bar{x}}$ after the shift in lateral heat source but the means $\pm 2SE_{\bar{x}}$ do overlap in the control

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Question 3 (continued)

(b) The researcher used the dorsal heat treatment as the control. **Propose** a different treatment that would have been another valid control. **(1 point)**

Proposed control (1 point)

- No heat source
- Uniform heat source
- Ventral heat source
- Lateral heat source that does not shift

(c) The researcher hypothesizes that when turtle embryos respond to thermal cues they develop more rapidly than do turtle embryos that do not respond to thermal cues. **Describe** ONE potential advantage for turtles having a shorter embryonic period. **(1 point)**

Description (1 point)

- Decrease vulnerability to predation
- Decrease exposure to parasitic infections
- Better chance of obtaining resources than nest mates/other species

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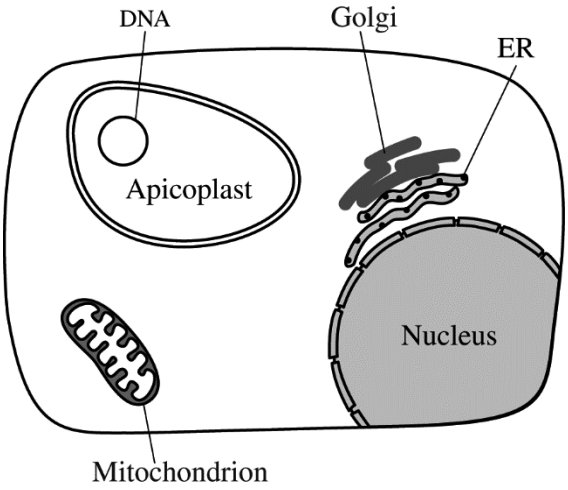

Figure 1. Simplified diagram of cellular structures of *Plasmodium falciparum*

The eukaryotic protozoan parasite *P. falciparum* is the causative agent of malaria. *P. falciparum* cells contain an organelle called the apicoplast (see Figure 1). Apicoplasts synthesize precursors of biomolecules that are required for growth and reproduction of the parasite.

(a) Based on Figure 1, **describe** TWO pieces of evidence a researcher could use to support the claim that apicoplasts evolved from free-living, prokaryotic organisms. **(2 points)**

Description (2 points maximum)

- Possesses a double membrane
- Possesses DNA

(b) Doxycycline is a drug used to treat malaria and some bacterial infections. Doxycycline binds to the prokaryotic 30S ribosomal subunit and inhibits its function. **Explain** how doxycycline can be an effective treatment for a *P. falciparum* infection in humans. **(2 points)**

Explanation (2 points maximum)

- Apicoplasts possess 30S/prokaryotic ribosomes
- Prokaryotic/apicoplast proteins are not synthesized (in presence of doxycycline)

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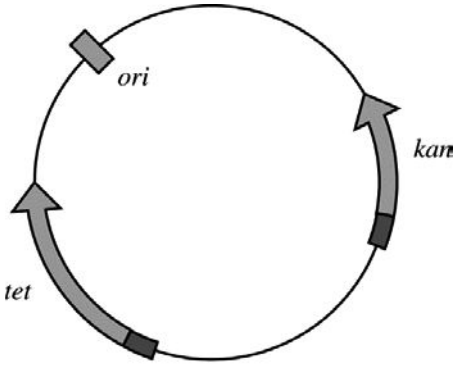


pTET-KAN

The *pTET-KAN* plasmid carries an origin of replication (*ori*) and genes conferring resistance to the antibiotics tetracycline (tet) and kanamycin (kan) as represented in the figure. Cultures of *E. coli* bacteria were transformed with the plasmid. To determine the success of the transformation experiment, the bacterial cells were cultured in the presence or absence of tetracycline overnight.

(a) **Predict** the most likely outcome of culturing transformed *E. coli* in the presence of tetracycline. **Justify** your prediction. (**2 points)**

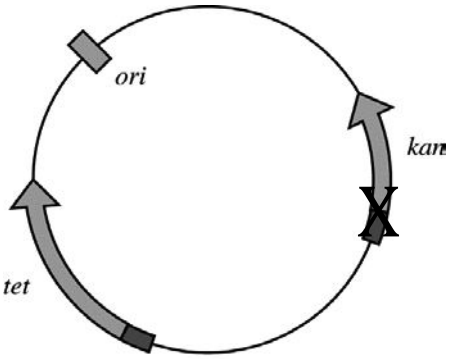
Prediction (1 point)

- Cells will reproduce/grow
- Cultures will grow
- Bacterial population will increase in size
- Untransformed cells will not reproduce/grow

Justification (1 point)

- Expression of the tet-resistance gene
- Synthesis of tet-resistance protein

(b) Researchers inserted a small fragment of human DNA into the *pTET-KAN* plasmid. Cultures of *E. coli* were transformed with the modified plasmid. The transformed bacterial cells were able to survive in the presence of tetracycline but were unable to survive in the presence of kanamycin. **Draw** an X on the plasmid template provided below to indicate where the human DNA fragment was most likely inserted. **Justify** your placement of the inserted human DNA. **(2 points)**



pTET-KAN

Identification (1 point)

- make an X in the area within the kan gene or kan promoter

Justification (1 point)

- They must not have had an intact *kan* gene/promoter
- The human DNA disrupted the *kan* gene/promoter

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Question 6

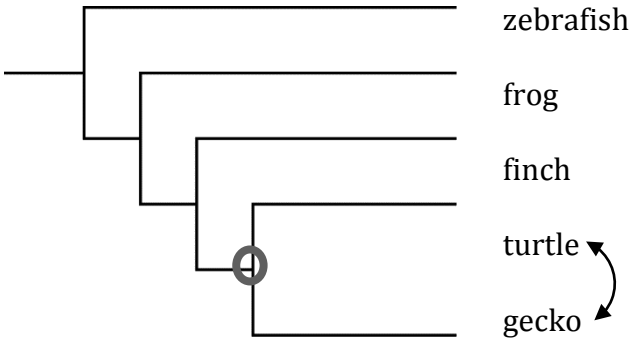
NUMBER OF DIFFERENCES IN THE FIRST 60 AMINO ACIDS OF THE NEUROMODULIN PROTEIN ISOLATED FROM FIVE SPECIES

	Finch	Gecko	Turtle	Frog	Zebra fish
Finch	0	2	2	6	10
Gecko		0	1	7	11
Turtle			0	7	11
Frog				0	13
Zebra fish					0

Neuromodulin is an essential protein that is highly conserved among vertebrates. Researchers compared the first 60 amino acids of the neuromodulin protein from each of five different species. The results are shown in the table above.

Based on the data in the table, **construct** a cladogram on the template provided to represent the evolutionary relatedness of the five species. Using the data, **justify** the placement of the zebra fish on the cladogram. On the cladogram, circle the position of the most recent common ancestor of the two most closely related species. **(3 points)**

Construction/Circle (2 points)



- Correct placement of organisms on the tree: zebrafish, frog, finch, turtle, gecko (from top to bottom; turtle and gecko can be reversed)
- Circle the node that appears furthest to the right

Justification (1 point)

- The zebrafish has the greatest number of differences (in neuromodulin sequence) compared to the other organisms

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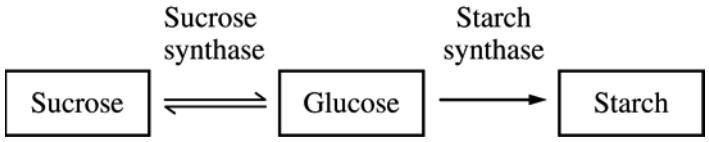

Figure 1. Simplified starch biosynthesis pathway in plants

A rice grain is a fruit that encloses a seed. Most of the dry mass of a rice grain is starch. In rice plants, starch is produced by hydrolyzing sucrose and then linking the released glucose molecules together into starch (Figure 1). The optimal temperature range for starch synthase activity in a particular strain of rice is 27°C–30°C. The optimal temperature range for sucrose synthase in the strain is 30°C–35°C.

Describe how temperatures above 35°C most likely affect the structure and function of the starch synthase in the particular strain. Using the information provided, **predict** the most likely consequences to starch content in mature rice grains if the rice is grown in an area where the average temperature during the growing season is 33°C. **(3 points)**

Description (2 points; 1 point per row)

Structure	• Starch synthase conformation/shape will change • Enzyme will become (partially) denatured
Function	The activity of the enzyme will decrease

Prediction (1 point)

- Starch content will be less than it would be at optimal temperatures

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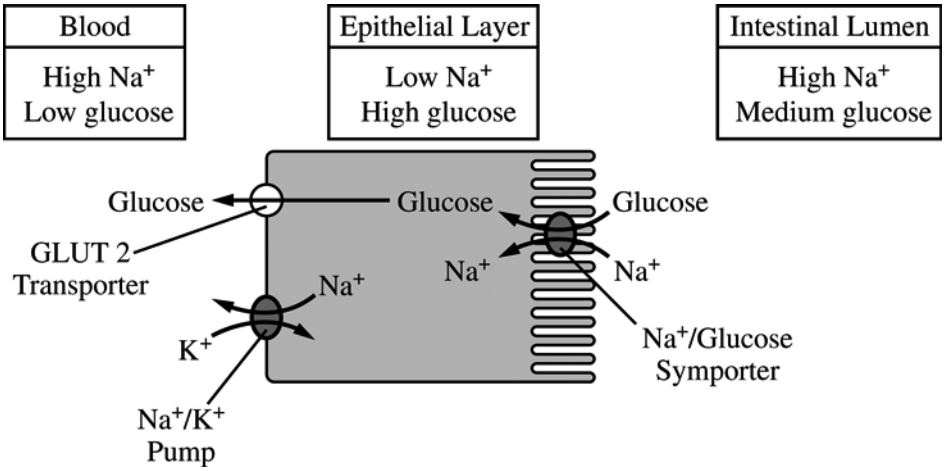

Figure 1. A single cell from the epithelial layer lining the intestine illustrating movement of glucose and Na^+ from the intestinal lumen to the blood

Glucose and sodium move from the lumen of the small intestine into the blood via transport proteins in the epithelial cells lining the small intestine (Figure 1). Based on Figure 1, **describe** the direct source of energy used to move glucose into the epithelial cell from the intestinal lumen. **Explain** how this system maximizes glucose absorption from the intestinal lumen into the epithelial cells and from the epithelial cells into the blood. **(3 points)**

Description (1 point)

- Energy from the sodium gradient

Explanation (2 points maximum)

- The Na^+/K^+ pump maintains the sodium concentration gradient and allows for the cotransport of glucose
- The symport/inflow of glucose maintains a glucose concentration gradient between the epithelial cells and the blood and allows for (facilitated) diffusion of glucose
- The microvilli/folds on the lumen side of the epithelial cell provide more surface area for uptake of glucose into the epithelial cell

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