**Evolution and Heredity Pre-Test Practice**

**1. For each of the following statements indicate whether it is true or false:**

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**B. Individuals with a beneficial trait always produce more offspring**

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**D. Sexual reproduction is advantageous to evolution because it is much quicker than asexual reproduction**

**E. Acquired traits can be passed on through sexual reproduction**

**F. Sexual reproduction leads to a greater variation in genetic makeup of a population**

**G. Greater genetic variance generally increases the odds of survival of a species when the environment changes**

**H. Evolution is driven forward by competition for niches**

**I. Evolution guarantees that humans will never go extinct**

**2. The example of the experimental breeding Russian foxes by Dmitry K. Belyaev showed which of the following:**

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**3. In your own words describe *evolution by natural selection*. Don’t just say change over time, be specific. How does it occur, what pressures drive it forward, why is it so slow?**

**4. What is the difference between a scientific Law and a scientific Theory?**

**5. Consider a species of rabbitt in which the colour of the nose is controlled by a single gene with two alleles. The alleles are:**

**P: Pink Nose**

**p: black Nose**

**A. What is the phenotype of a PP individual?**

**B. What is the phenotype of a Pp individual?**

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**D. List all possible genotypes for an individual with a black nose.**

**E. List all possible genotypes for an individual with a pink nose.**

**F. Draw a Punnett square showing a cross between two Pp rabbits. Beneath each offspring, within the Punnet square, write the phenotype.**

**G. What is the probability of each of the following in the offspring?**

**Pink Nose \_\_\_\_\_ % Pp \_\_\_\_\_ % Black Nose \_\_\_\_\_ % pp \_\_\_\_\_ % PP \_\_\_\_\_ %**

**H. Draw a punnet square for the cross of a heterozygous pinknose male with a black nose female.**

**6. Consider a type of plant that has two possible phenotypes for stem shape, straight and curly. When purebred straight stems are crossed with purebred curly stems, 100% of the offspring have curly stems.**

**A. Show the Punnett square that illustrates this cross.**

**B. Draw a Punnet square showing the result if two of the offspring from the first cross are bred.**

**C. Write the percentage of theses F2 generation plants that have straight stems.**

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**7. In a certain type of hamster all individuals have either round ears or pointed ears. When pure breeding round eared hamsters are crossed with pure breeding pointed ear hamsters, 100% of the offspring have pointed ears.**

**A. Clearly define the alleles for pointed ears and round ears:**

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**A. Clearly define the TWO ALLELES that control colour in cows.**

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**9. Imagine a situation in which a type of plant has three distinct flower colours: Red, Yellow and Purple. The following THREE alleles exist:**

**FR: Red flowers**

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**fp: purple flowers.**

**Complete the following list of genotypes and phenotypes:**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Genotype** | **FRFR** | **FRfY** | **FRfp** | **fYfY** | **fYfp** | **fpfp** |
| **Phenotype** | **Red** |  |  |  | **Yellow** |  |

**A. Draw a Punnett square showing the cross of an FRfY with an fYfp individual. State the phenotype of each offspring.**

**B. Draw a cross in which a red flower crosses with a yellow flower to produce a purple flower.**

**10. Consider a tri-hybrid cross between two AaBbCc individuals.**

**A. What are the odds of the offspring having the following genotypes?**

**i. AABbCc**

**ii. AaBbCc**

**iii. aabbcc**

**B. How many unique germ cells can be produced by each parent?**

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**4. What is the difference between a scientific Law and a scientific Theory?A scientific law describes WHAT happens without any attempt to explain why. A scientific theory explains WHY and HOW something happens; theories provide a mechanism. Both are verified by evidence, experiment, peer review. Both can be changed or discarded depending on new evidence.**

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**F. Draw a Punnett square showing a cross between two Pp rabbits. Beneath each offspring, within the Punnet square, write the phenotype.**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **P** | **p** |
| **P** | **PP**  **pink** | **Pp**  **pink** |
| **p** | **Pp**  **pink** | **pp**  **black** |

**G. What is the probability of each of the following in the offspring?**

**Pink Nose 75% Pp 50% Black Nose 25% pp 25% PP 25%**

**H. Draw a punnet square for the cross of a heterozygous pinknose male with a black nose female.**

**Male**

Female

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
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| --- | --- | --- |
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| **c** | **Cc**  **curly** | **Cc**  **curly** |
| **c** | **Cc**  **curly** | **Cc**  **curly** |

**B. Draw a Punnet square showing the result if two of the offspring from the first cross are bred.**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **C** | **c** |
| **C** | **CC**  **curly** | **Cc**  **curly** |
| **c** | **Cc**  **curly** | **cc**  **straight** |

**C. Write the percentage of theses F2 generation plants that have straight stems. 25%**

**D. What percentage of the F2 generation are homozygous? 50%**

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**Pointed Ears**

Round Ears

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
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| --- | --- | --- |
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| **fp** | **FRfp**  **red** | **fYfp**  **yellow** |

**B. Draw a cross in which a red flower crosses with a yellow flower to produce a purple flower.**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **FR** | **fp** |
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**23 = 8 (ABC, ABc, AbC, Abc, aBC, aBc, abC, abc)**