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# **Unit 7:** Genetics **Practice Test**

- 1. Gregor Mendel concluded that each pea has two units for each trait, and each gamete contains one unit. Mendel's "units" are now referred to as \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A) genes
  - B) characters
  - C) alleles
  - D) transcription factors
- 2. What is the ratio of phenotypes in the offspring produced by the cross *Aa* x *Aa*? Assume complete dominance for the trait.
  - A) 100% dominance
  - B) 100% recessive

- D) 50% dominant: 50% recessive
- E) 25% dominant: 75% recessive

- C) 75% dominant: 25% recessive
- 3. According to the Law of Segregation
  - A) each individual carries a single copy of each "factor"
  - B) pairs of factors fuse during the formation of gametes
  - C) pairs of factors separate during the formation of gametes
  - D) the sex chromosomes of males and females differ
  - E) there is an independent assortment of non-homologous chromosomes during meiosis
- 4. A recessive gene is one
  - A) that is not expressed as strongly as a dominant allele
  - B) whose effect is masked by a dominant allele
  - C) that appears only in a heterozygote
  - D) that produces no effect when present in the homozygous condition
- 5. Which of the following statements is FALSE?
  - A) Individuals with the same phenotype might have different genotypes
  - B) Matings between individuals with dominant phenotypes cannot produce offspring with recessive phenotypes
  - C) Matings between individuals with recessive phenotypes usually do not produce offspring with dominant phenotypes
  - D) All of the above choices are correct

# 6. The physical manifestation of an organism's genes is its

- A) environment
- B) genotype
- C) phenotype

- D) genetic code
- E) number of chromosomes
- 7. The genetic makeup of an individual is its
  - A) phenotype
  - B) sex cells
  - C) mutation

- D) gene pool
- E) genotype

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- 8. Cleft chin is an autosomal dominant trait. A man homozygous for the cleft chin marries a woman with a round chin. What proportion of their female progeny will show the trait? D) 75%
  - A) 0%
  - B) 25%
  - C) 50%
- 9. Classical albinism results from a recessive allele. Which of the following is the expected offspring from a normally pigmented male with an albino father and an albino wife?
  - A) 75% normal; 25% albino
  - B) 75% albino; 25% normal
  - C) 50% normal; 50% albino

E) all albino

D) all normal

E) 100%

10. In crossing a homozygous recessive with a heterozygote, what is the chance of getting a homozygous recessive phenotype in the F1 generation?

A) 0%	D)	75%
B) 25%	E)	100%
C) 50%		

- 11. If two parents are heterozygous for albinism (an autosomal recessive trait), what is the chance that their fourth child will have a homozygous genotype?
  - A) 0% D) 75% E) 100% B) 25%
  - C) 50%
- 12. Humans possess
  - A) 2 pairs of sex chromosomes and 46 pairs of autosomes
  - B) 2 pairs of sex chromosomes and 23 pairs of autosomes
  - C) 1 pair of sex chromosomes and 46 pairs of autosomes
  - D) 1 pair of sex chromosomes and 22 pairs of autosomes
- 13. A human sperm cell receives autosomes and
  - A) exactly the same genetic information as a body cell
  - B) an X chromosome always
  - C) either an X or a Y chromosome
  - D) a Y chromosome always
  - E) both an X and a Y chromosome
- 14. In humans, the sex of the offspring is determined by the
  - A) autosomes carried by the egg cell
  - B) autosomes carried by the sperm cell
  - C) sex chromosome carried by the egg cell
- D) sex chromosome carried by the sperm cell
- E) cytoplasm carried by the egg cell
- 15. Traits controlled by sex-linked recessive genes are expressed more often in males because
  - A) males inherit these genes from their fathers
  - B) males always carry two copies of these genes
  - C) all male offspring of a female carrier get the gene
  - D) the male has only one allele for the trait

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E) 100%

D) 75%

E) 100%

- 16. A recessive allele on the X chromosome causes colorblindness. A non-colorblind woman (whose father is colorblind) marries a colorblind man. What is the chance their son will be colorblind? D) 75%
  - A) 0%
- B) 25% C) 50%

17. Hemophilia is a sex-linked recessive gene causing a blood disorder. What are the chances that the daughter of a normal man and a heterozygous woman will have hemophilia?

- A) 0%
- B) 25%
- C) 50%

18. A man who carries a harmful sex-linked (on the X chromosome) gene will pass the allele on to A) all of his daughters

- B) half of his daughters
- C) half of his sons
- D) all of his sons
- E) all of his children
- 19. A type of muscular dystrophy shows sex-linked recessive inheritance. Affected persons usually die by the age of 15-20. Suppose that a boy with the disease lives long enough to marry a woman heterozygous for the trait. If they have a son, what is the probability that he will have the disease?
  - A) 25% B) 50%
  - C) 75%
  - D) 100%
  - E) 0%

20. Two people with normal vision have two sons, one colorblind and one normal.

If this couple then has six daughters, what percentage of the daughters should have normal color vision?

- A) 25% B) 50% C) 75% D) 100% E) 0%
- 21. Blood typing is often used as evidence in paternity cases in court. In one case, the mother had blood type B and the child had blood type O. Which of the following blood types could the father NOT have?

A) A B) B C) AB D) O E) Both choices C and D are correct. Name:

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22. In snapdragons, red x white → pink. What is expected for the cross pink x red? A) 1/2 red and 1/2 pink

B) all pink

C) 1/2 red and 1/2 white

D) all red

- E) 3/4 red and 1/4 pink
- 23. In snapdragons, red x white  $\rightarrow$  pink. This pattern of inheritance is explained by
  - A) complete dominance

- C) hybridization
- B) incomplete dominance D) multiple alleles
- 24. Codominance occurs when
  - A) both of the alleles in a heterozygote are expressed phenotypically in an individual
  - B) expression of 2 different alleles alternates from one generation to the next
  - C) a heterozygote expresses an intermediate phenotype
  - D) offspring exhibit several different phenotypic expressions of a single trait
  - E) None of the above choices is correct

25. When the expression of a trait is influenced by the action of many genes, the pattern of inheritance is called A) complete dominance

- B) incomplete dominance
- C) multiple allele

- D) discontinuous variation
- E) polygenic inheritance

- 26. Human skin color is the result of
  - A) codominance
  - B) simple dominance

- C) sex-linked recessive inheritance
- D) polygenic inheritance
- 27. If an individual who is homozygous for type B blood marries a heterozygous type A individual, what is the chance that their first child will have type AB blood?
  - A) 0%
     D) 75%

     B) 25%
     E) 100%
  - C) 50%
- 28. Pedigree analysis
  - A) documents transmission of a genetic characteristic over two or more generations.
  - B) reveals whether a trait is dominant or recessive
  - C) involves procedures of molecular biology
  - D) A & B
  - E) A, B and C

29. The failure of chromosomes to segregate properly during meiosis is called

- A) nondisjunction
- B) translocation
- C) replication

- D) inversion
- E) independent assortment

30. A disorder caused by non-disjunction of chromosome 21 resulting in a trisomy 21 child is

- A) Cystic fibrosis
- C) HemophiliaD) Color blindness

B) Down syndrome