



Exam Answers: Mendelian Genetics

- 1) Gregor Mendel was:
 - a. A Geneticist who studied genetics and the pea plant his entire life.
 - b. A priest who studied the traits of pea plants, and came up with the laws of Genetics.**
 - c. An assistant who worked for a Geneticist, and stole his ideas.
 - d. A farmer that stumbled across what we know as Genetics.

- 2) The cross between parent alleles, which involves a pair of contrasting alleles.
 - a. Monohybrid cross**
 - b. Heredity
 - c. True breeding
 - d. Genetics

- 3) When the offspring is exactly like the parent, this is called _____.
 - a. True Breeding.**
 - b. Identical Offspring.
 - c. Replicated alleles.
 - d. Heredity.

- 4) _____ is the first two individuals that are crossed in a breeding experiment.
 - a. F_1
 - b. F_2
 - c. F_3
 - d. P Generation**

- 5) The passing of characters from parents to offspring is called?
 - a. Monohybrid cross
 - b. Heredity**
 - c. True breeding
 - d. Genetics

- 6) What are alleles?
 - a. The letters that designate the different versions of a gene.
 - b. The genotype of an individual.
 - c. The phenotype of an individual.

- d. **Both A and B**
- e. All the above.

7) What are homozygous alleles?

- a. The physical appearance of a character.
- b. The set of alleles that an individual has for a character.
- c. **The genotype expressed when two alleles of a particular gene are the same in an individual.**
- d. The genotype expressed when two alleles of a particular gene are different in an individual.

8) What are heterozygous alleles?

- a. The physical appearance of a character.
- b. The set of alleles that an individual has for a character.
- c. The genotype expressed when two alleles of a particular gene are the same in an individual.
- d. **The genotype expressed when two alleles of a particular gene are different in an individual.**

9) The discipline of Biology that incorporates the mechanics of heredity is called _____?

- a. Monohybrid cross
- b. Heredity
- c. True breeding
- d. **Genetics**

10) Why are garden peas good to experiment on in a monohybrid cross?

- a. The garden pea was small and easy to obtain and grow.
- b. The garden pea was a simple plant with very little traits.
- c. **The garden pea was abundant in variety, and could be bred true for clear-cut, qualitative traits.**
- d. The garden pea has a short life, so after it dies after offspring is created.

11) The stamen is the _____ reproductive part of the flower, while the carpel is the _____ part.

- a. **Male; Female**
- b. Female; Male
- c. Dominant; Recessive
- d. Recessive; Dominant

12) When 2 heterozygous parents (Rr) are crossed, what are the alleles of the offspring?

- a. 100% Rr

- b. 50% RR, 50% Rr
- c. **25% RR, 50% Rr, 25% rr**
- d. 50% Rr, 50% rr
- e. None of the above

13) Which is true about recessive alleles?

- a. Recessive alleles are displayed when one recessive allele is present.
- b. Recessive alleles are randomly expressed.
- c. Recessive alleles can never be expressed.
- d. **Recessive alleles are only expressed when the alleles are homozygous recessive.**

14) What was Mendel's first conclusion?

- a. It states that one factor in a pair may mask the other, preventing the other from having an effect.
- b. It is translated as seed color, for instance, and does not have any connection with the height of the pea plant.
- c. **It is the inherited characteristics that are controlled by factors that occur in pairs.**
- d. It states that a pair of factors is segregated during the formation of gametes.

15) What was Mendel's third conclusion (known as Mendel's First law or the Law of Segregation)?

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16) True or **False**: Mendel discovered the basic rules of inheritance by accidentally planting garden peas too close to each other?

17) What is the difference between dominant and recessive alleles?

- a. **Dominant alleles are the expressed form of a character, where the recessive allele is the trait that is not expressed.**
- b. When a dominant allele is expressed, not recessive alleles can be present.
- c. Recessive alleles are always expressed, while the dominant allele is not.
- d. Both dominant and recessive alleles are always expressed equally.

18) A genotype is the _____ that an individual has for a character, while the phenotype is the _____ of a character.

- a. Physical traits; alleles
- b. Expressed alleles; unexpressed alleles
- c. Alleles from mom; alleles from dad
- d. **Set of alleles; physical appearance**

19) When Mendel crossed a Pure-breed, round-seeded pea (RR) with a pure-breed wrinkled-seeded one (rr), what were the genotypes expressed in the offspring?

- a. 100% RR
- b. 50% RR, 50% Rr
- c. **100% Rr**
- d. 25% RR, 50% Rr, 25% rr
- e. None of the above

20) **Essay:**

Professor Paul did a dihybrid cross during his lecture, and used the genotypes: **RY Ry rY rr X RY Ry rY rr**. What is the genotypic ratio of this cross?

9/16 Round and yellow
3/16 Round and green
3/16 Wrinkled and yellow
1/16 Wrinkled and green