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Biology
Practice Test

Unit 3: Evolution and Diversity

25 Questions

Original practice test based on the New Mexico curriculum. Work through each question, then check your answers at the end.

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Question 1

Natural selection acts on variation in a population when individuals with helpful traits are more likely to

A) Survive and reproduce

B) Change their DNA at will

C) Live forever

D) Stop evolving

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Question 2

In evolutionary terms fitness means an organism ability to

A) Run fast

B) Survive and reproduce

C) Stay large

D) Eat many foods

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Question 3

An adaptation is a trait that helps an organism

A) Change its genes in one lifetime

B) Survive in its environment

C) Avoid all predators

D) Produce identical offspring

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Question 4

Fossils provide evidence for evolution because they show

A) That all species are unchanged

B) That DNA never changes

C) That extinction never happens

D) How organisms changed over time

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Question 5

Homologous structures such as the forelimbs of a human a bat and a whale suggest

A) A common ancestor

B) Identical environments

C) No shared history

D) Recent cloning

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Question 6

Analogous structures such as bird wings and insect wings are similar because of

A) Shared ancestry

B) Similar functions

C) Identical DNA

D) Same chromosome number

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Question 7

A vestigial structure is a structure that

A) Has a major new function

B) Appeared in one generation

C) Has lost most or all of its original function

D) Is found only in fossils

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Question 8

Similarities in early embryos of different vertebrates are evidence for

A) Identical adults

B) No evolution

C) Common ancestry

D) Cloning

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Question 9

Two species with very similar DNA sequences most likely share a

A) Common diet

B) Common habitat only

C) Common predator

D) Recent common ancestor

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Question 10

Speciation occurs when populations become unable to

A) Share a habitat

B) Interbreed and produce fertile offspring

C) Eat the same food

D) Move between areas

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Question 11

Geographic isolation can lead to speciation when a barrier prevents

A) Mutation

B) Photosynthesis

C) Gene flow between populations

D) Fossil formation

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Question 12

The founder effect occurs when a small group starts a new population and the new population has

A) More genetic diversity than the original

B) Reduced genetic diversity

C) No mutations

D) Identical alleles to all species

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Question 13

A population bottleneck is a sharp drop in population size that can

A) Increase genetic diversity

B) Reduce genetic diversity

C) Stop natural selection

D) Create new species at once

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Question 14

The ultimate source of new genetic variation in a population is

A) Mutation

B) Migration

C) Selection

D) Drift

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Question 15

Gene flow between two populations tends to

A) Increase differences between them

B) Make them more genetically similar

C) Stop reproduction

D) Cause extinction

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Question 16

Antibiotic resistance in bacteria spreads mainly because resistant bacteria

A) Choose to mutate

B) Survive treatment and reproduce

C) Learn to resist

D) Stop dividing

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Question 17

On a cladogram species that share a more recent branching point are more

A) Distantly related

B) Unrelated

C) Closely related

D) Identical

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Question 18

A shared derived character is a trait shared by species descended from a

A) Common predator

B) Common ancestor

C) Common habitat

D) Common diet

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Question 19

Lamarck idea that traits acquired during a lifetime are inherited is not supported because

A) Acquired traits do not change DNA in gametes

B) Organisms never change

C) Environments never change

D) Mutations never occur

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Question 20

Darwin observed that finches on different Galapagos islands had different beak shapes suited to different

A) Colors

B) Songs

C) Nests

D) Foods

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Question 21

The process by which a single species gives rise to many species filling different niches is

A) Genetic drift

B) Gene flow

C) Adaptive radiation

D) Artificial selection

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Question 22

Artificial selection differs from natural selection because humans choose which organisms

A) Mutate

B) Reproduce

C) Migrate

D) Become extinct

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Question 23

A fossil layer that is deeper in undisturbed rock is generally

A) Younger

B) Older

C) Identical in age

D) Unrelated to age

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Question 24

After two half lives what percent of a radioactive sample remains

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Question 25

In a population the frequency of allele A is 0.6 and of allele a is 0.4 Under Hardy Weinberg conditions the expected frequency of heterozygotes is 2 times 0.6 times 0.4

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ANSWER KEY

1.	A	**10.**	B	**18.**	B
2.	B	**11.**	C	**19.**	A
3.	B	**12.**	B	**20.**	D
4.	D	**13.**	B	**21.**	C
5.	A	**14.**	A	**22.**	B
6.	B	**15.**	B	**23.**	B
7.	C	**16.**	B	**24.**	25
8.	C	**17.**	C	**25.**	0.48
9.	D				

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