## Living Environment Review

The University of the State of New York

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### LIVING ENVIRONMENT



### **Regents Exam Format**

- A: 30 Multiple Choice
- **B-1: Multiple Choice**
- B-2: MC and Short constructed response Reading passages, graphing, lab skills
- **C: Constructed Responses**
- D: Labs and Lab Skills
  - Making Connections
  - Beaks of the Finches
  - **Relationships and Biodiversity**
  - Diffusion Through a Membrane

Part	Maximum Score	Student's Score
A	30	
B-1	12	
B-2	13	
С	17	
D	13	
Total Raw Score (maximum Raw Score: 85)		
Final Score (from conversion chart)		
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### **Living Environment Core Content and Material**

#### **STANDARD 4**

Students will understand and apply scientific concepts, principles, and theories pertaining to the physical setting and living environment and recognize the historical development of ideas in science.

### **Unit 1 Web of Life: Interactions and Interdependence**

**Ecology**: The branch of biology that deals with the interactions between organisms and the relationship between organisms and the environment.





### Ecology is the study of the interactions of organisms and the environment

Ecology can be studied at different levels:

**Organism:** an individual of life by means of organs separate in function but mutually dependent : a living being

**Populations:** all the individuals of a single species that live in a specific area

**Communities:** a combination of all the different populations that live and interact in the same environment

**Ecosystems:** all the living and nonliving things that interact in a specific area; a subdivision of the environment

**Biosphere:** all of Earth's ecosystems, collectively; the biologically inhabited portions of Earth, including all of the water, land, and air in which organisms survive



### **Factors Affect the Distribution of Organisms**



#### **The Biosphere**

**Abiotic Factors** are the non-living, physical conditions that define the characteristics of the region.

### Climate



### **Abiotic Factors can be Limiting Factors:**

Determines the types of organisms which may exist in that environment.

The amount of rain fall and temperature range determines the types of plant communities

Savanna

Desert





### **Nutritional Interactions**

Involves the <u>transfer</u> of nutrients from one organism to another within an ecosystem.

In terms of nutrition, organisms are either <u>autotrophs</u> or <u>heterotrophs</u>.



**Pathway of Energy Flow** 

Food Chain involves the linear transfer of energy and material through a series of organisms.

<u>Food Web</u> shows the interrelationship between food chains.



### **Types of Heterotrophs**



### **Saprophytes-** <u>fungi</u>, and <u>bacteria</u> which feed on <u>dead</u> organisms. (also called decomposers)









### Herbivores- animals that feed on plants









# <u>Carnivores</u>- animals that <u>consume</u> other <u>animals</u>. a) <u>predator</u> – <u>kills</u> and consume their prey. b) <u>scavenger</u>- feed on the remains of animals <u>they did not kill.</u>



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### <u>Omnivores</u>- animals that consume both <u>plants &</u> <u>animals</u> (humans)



#### The Balance of Good Health



Meat, fish and alternatives

Foods containing fat Foods and drinks containing sugar Milk and dairy foods

There are five main groups of valuable foods







### What do the arrows show?



The flow of energy from one organism to another.



#### **Population Growth: Members of a species**

This table shows how many bacteria are in a population that doubles every 20 minutes. The graph is another way to show the same data.

#### **Exponential Growth of Bacteria**



**Population Growth:** limiting factors determine the size of a population.

**Carrying Capacity:** is the maximum population size that a particular environment can support without degradation to the habitat. Growth of a Fur Seal Population

What factors contribute to determining the carrying capacity of an area?

Food, territory, water, predators, limiting resources...



### **Human Population Growth**

The size of the human population is the cause of many of issues detrimental to our ecosystems.



**Ecological Niche**: sum of all activities and relationships a species has while obtaining and using the resources needed to survive and reproduce

**Ecological Habitat**: the location or environment of a species



### What happens if two species occupy the same niche?

### Competition

No two similar species occupy the same niche at the same time.



**Ecological Succession** is the sequence of changes in the composition or structure of an ecological community



**Cycling of Chemical Elements:** pathway by which an element or molecule moves through both biotic and abiotic components of an ecosystem.





### **Carbon Cycle**



#### Nitrogen Cycle



Nitrogen gas is converted by bacteria to forms that plants and animals can use to build amino acids, proteins, and nucleic acids.

Human Impact on Ecosystems and the Biosphere Human population growth is the root of many environmental issues.



**Eutrophication** is caused by enrichment of the aquatic biomes from fertilizers and wastes. (too much of a good thing)



### Eutrophic Lake





### Acid Precipitation is caused mainly by combustion of fossil fuels.



Acid rain cause the rapid erosion of statues and destruction of lakes

#### Average pH profiles in U.S. in 1999



**Air Pollution** 

### **Green House Effect:** Climatic change caused by increasing Greenhouse Gases (carbon dioxide)



# Introduced Species: species from another ecosystem is a problem because there usually aren't natural checks May reduce Biodiversity!

Nile perch (Lake Victoria)



Brown tree snake (Guam)







Argentine ants

Caulerpa (seaweed)



### In the Northeast, purple loosestrife and gypsy moths





### Zebra Mussels in the Great Lakes Has reduced Biodiversity!











### What is **Biodiversity**



**Biodiversity** is the variation of life forms within an ecosystem High biodiversity leads to a **more stable ecosystem**. **Trade-offs**: solving environmental issues involves trade-offs. There are always costs associated with social decisions.



Nuclear Power provides electricity without fossil fuel but generates nuclear wastes.
### Industrialization

Increased industrialization demands more resources and energy use.

This has positive and negative effects on humans and ecosystems





## **Societies must decide** on proposals and assess risks, costs, benefits and <u>trade-offs</u>.









## **Solar Energy** reduces dependence on fossil fuel but it is expensive.



### **Processes and Cellular Nature of Life**

PERFORMANCE INDICATOR 1.2 Describe and explain the structures and functions of the human body at different organizational levels (e.g., systems, tissues, cells, organelles).

Levels of organization:

Begins with molecules



#### Level of Organization

Organelles

- Cells
- Tissues
- Organs
- Organ systems
- Whole organisms



#### Cells have organelles for specific jobs.

Just as body systems are coordinated, cell parts work together







Cell Organelles	Function
Cytoplasm	the jellylike substance that is between the cell membrane and the nucleus and that contains specialized structures
Cell membrane	the thin boundary between the cell and its environment
Nucleus	a large structure within a cell that controls the cell's metabolism and stores genetic information, including chromosomes and DNA
Ribosome	one of the tiny structures in the cell that is the site of protein production
Mitochondria	pod shaped organelles that contain enzymes used to extract energy from nutrients
Chloroplast	the green organelle that contains chlorophyll; where photosynthesis takes place
Vacuole	storage sacs within the cytoplasm of a cell that may contain either wastes or useful materials, such as water or food

### **Cell Membranes have several functions**

- Separation from outside environment
- Control transport in/out of cell
- Recognition of chemical signals



### **Membrane Transport**

# Passive transport doesn't require cell input of energy (ATP) Diffusion









#### **Active Transport**

Molecules transport from lower to higher transportation with the use of cellular energy (uses ATP)

Special proteins transport molecules help transport



#### How can you determine which is passive or active transport?



Diffusion may use special proteins **moves from high to low** 



#### **Receptor molecules are important for cell communication**



The receptors are specific in shape and to the individual organism

## Nerves and hormones use specific chemical signals to communicate.



#### **Biochemical Nature of Life**

Biochemical processes and molecules are essential fro maintaining dynamic equilibrium.



#### Metabolism is the sum of the processes in an organism



### Carbon is the main ingredient of organic molecules



**Organic compounds** are carbon based and contain carbon and hydrogen.

**Inorganic compounds** are not carbon based. (Water, salt, minerals...)

#### Large and Small Organic Molecules

Small molecular units that are the building block of a larger molecules

**Polymer:** long chain of small molecular units (monomers)



Living things must both synthesize (build) large molecules and break them down.

#### Organic chemistry is the study of carbon compounds

Carbohydrates, Proteins, Fats, Nucleic Acids



#### **Carbohydrates provide fuel and building material**

Carbohydrates are organic compounds made of sugar molecules.

Sugars are combined to synthesize starch.

Starches are broken down (digested) to make sugars.



#### Fats are important for stored energy and membrane structure



## Proteins are long folded chains made of 20 different kinds of amino acids

Specific shape determines its function.



## Proteins are synthesized at the ribosomes and folded into specific shapes



#### Protein shape is essential to function



## **Protein Synthesis**

#### **Process and steps**

- •The DNA unzips
- •The mRNA reads the code off the DNA; transcription

•mRNA moves out of the nucleus into the cytoplasm and attaches to the ribosome

•tRNA brings amino acids to ribosomes according to the original DNA code

 Amino acids bind together and are released into cytoplasm as a protein

#### **Protein shape determines function**



A single amino acid substitution in hemoglobin causes sicklecell disease. How does an individual get this disorder?



**Denaturation** occurs at high temperatures or various chemical treatments. Shape maybe permanently changed.



## Structure of DNA (Nucliec Acids)

**Building Blocks are Nucleotides** 



## Nitrogen Bases

- Adenine
- Thymine
- Guanine
- Cytosine



**Enzymes** specialized protein that catalyzes the chemical reactions of a cell

•Enzyme shape fits the shape of only particular reactant molecules called the substrate.

- •Enzymes are specific to the substrate.
- •The substrate fits the enzyme at the active site.



Identify the enzyme, substrate, and active site

#### Catalytic cycle of a enzyme



## Enzymes are substrate specific due to the "fit" at the active site of the enzyme.



#### Enzyme sucrase will catalyze this reaction



#### Factors influence rate of enzyme reactions



### **Principles of Energy Harvest**

- Energy flow occurs through the ecosystem
- The products of photosynthesis are used in cellular respiration.
- The products of cellular respiration are the ingredients for photosynthesis.



**Photosynthesis**: Use light energy from the sun to make sugar from carbon dioxide and water.



## Photosynthesis



produced by photosynthesis!



#### Chloroplasts are the sites of photosynthesis in plants

The leaf is the organ of photosynthesis. Photosynthesis takes place in cellular organelles called chloroplasts.




**Feedback:** Conditions regulate guard cells to open or close stomates

Open – water vapor exits & carbon dioxide enters Closed – plant is conserving water





#### **Cell Respiration**

Energy stored in organic molecules is released as and temporarily stored as ATP

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Organic} \\ \text{compounds} + \text{Oxygen} \longrightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{Carbon} \\ \text{dioxide} \end{array} + \text{Water} + \text{Energy} \end{array}$$



### The ATP Cycle



ATP is constantly recycled in your cells. A working muscle cell recycles all of its ATP molecules about once each minute. That's 10 million ATP molecules spent and regenerated per second! **Cell Respiration** takes place in the mitochondria in eukaryotic cells (cell with organelles bound by membrane)

Plants and Animals perform cell respiration.



### $C_6H_{12}O_6 + 6O_2 \rightarrow 6CO_2 + 6H_2O + Energy (ATP + heat)$

# **Genetic Nature of Life**

Key Idea 2:

Organisms inherit genetic information in a variety of ways that result in continuity of structure and function between parents and offspring.





#### DNA is the language of life

#### Nucleotides: The building blocks of DNA



#### **Nitrogen Bases**



#### **Structure of DNA**

Nucleotides of sugar, phosphate, nitrogen bases

The bases pair forming the a **double helix** A:T and G:C.



#### **DNA Replication occurs when cells divide**

Occurs before cells divide in mitosis and meiosis



The original parent DNA molecule **serves as a <u>template</u>** for making a new strand.

Results in two daughter DNA molecules, each consisting of one original strand and one new strand. DNA regulates cell processes with its specific code to synthesize proteins.

**DNA to RNA to Protein** 

# Information flows from gene to protein.

- DNA (a gene) is copied to make RNA in the cell's nucleus.
- The RNA travels to the ribosome where it is **translated** into the specific amino acid sequence of a protein.





### **The Triplet Code**

Each RNA codon codes for a particular amino acid.

The genetic code is a universal dictionary for the synthesis of proteins from the DNA nucleotides.

Second base in codon G U С А UUU UCU U UAU UGU Phe Tyr -Cys UUC . UAC . UGC UCC C Ser U UCA UAA Stop UGA Stop UUA ` A Leu UAG Stop UUGJ UCG / UGG Trp G CCU CGUN CUU CAU U in codon His CUC CCC CAC CGC C. Leu Pro Arg CUA CCA CAA CGA base GIn CUG CCG / CGG G CAG First U AUU ACU AAU AGU Asn Ser AGC AUC ACC AAC C lle Thr A ACA AAA AGA AUA A Arg Lys Met or AUG ACG / AAG J AGG G start GCU 1 GAUI GGUN U GUU Asp GUC GCC GAC GGC Ċ Gly G Val Ala GAA GGA GCA GUA A Glu GUG. GCG. GGG / G GAG

Third base in codon

### **Step 1: DNA to RNA** The <u>DNA template</u> is used to make a single stranded RNA.



RNA nucleotides base-pair with DNA nucleotides on the template strand. RNA has the base U which pairs with A in DNA.



#### Step 3: mRNA and Ribosome join in cytoplasm



**Step 4:** Amino Acids are carried to ribosome and joins according to the triplet code





#### Step 5: The protein chain is created



The DNA is wrapped around proteins to form Chromosomes The Gene is a unit of information within a chromosome



spastic paraplegia, X linked

- Humans have 46 chromosomes in a "normal" body cell.
- Chromosomes in a body cell are paired, so we have two of each one.



Sex chromosomes: Males are XY and Females are XX

# Chromosomes replicate and separate so body cell have the same chromosomes



Daughter cells are genetically identical!

#### Meiosis makes Sex Cells (gametes)

#### Meiosis reduces chromosome number from (2n) to (1n)



Chromosomes replicate and there is a double division in meiosis.



Gametes have one of each pair of chromosomes



Gametes carry ½ the chromosomes of body cells and are genetically different.

Recombinations occur when gametes form and at fertilization.

#### How does Mitosis and Meiosis compare?

Comparison of mitosis and meiosis



# Mitosis vs. Meiosis

Points of Comparison	Mitosis	Meiosis
# of cell divisions	1	2
# of functioning cells produced from the original	2	4
Compare Genetic makeup of final cells produced	identical	different
Function of cells produced in multicellular organisms	Body cells	Gametes or sex cells

#### Mutations that result in an abnormal number of chromosomes

**Nondisjunction** occurs when chromosome fail to separate during meiosis.



#### **Human Disorders Due to Chromosomal Alterations**

One condition, Down syndrome, affects approximately one out of every 700 children born in the United States





Extra chromosome 21

#### **Damaged Chromosomes**

Changes in chromosome structure may also cause disorders. For example, a chromosome may break, leading to a variety of new arrangements that affect its genes.



#### Mutations of a gene

A gene mutation is a change in the nucleotide sequence of DNA.



Alters the gene product: Altered Protein produced

A single amino acid substitution in hemoglobin causes sicklecell disease. How does an individual get this disorder?



# **Biotechnology** is the use of organisms to perform practical tasks for humans.

Scientists manipulate DNA with both breeding and biochemistry.



#### **Recombinant DNA Technology**



Bacteria are genetically engineered by inserting DNA from another source.

#### How is Recombinant DNA made?

DNA containing the desired gene must be "cut" out of a much longer DNA molecule.

DNA is cut with **restriction enzymes**.

Recombinant

plasmid

Donor cell

**Bacterial cell** 

The desired gene is identified.

The gene is inserted into a plasmid.

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Recombinant DNA molecule

Recombinant DNA is used to make chemicals humans may be missing: (insulin, growth hormone)



#### **Cloning makes identical genetic copies**

#### **Nuclear Transplant Technology**



#### **Evolution:** The change in species over time

Key Idea 3:

Individual organisms and species change over time.



# Charles Darwin: Theory of Natural Selection

## **Theory of Natural Selection**

- Overproduction of offspring: species produce far more offspring than are needed.
- **Competition**: space and food are limited so competition occurs for resources. Only fraction can survive
- Variation among offspring: individuals in a species vary and these are inheritable





# **Theory of Natural Selection**

- Struggle for survival: result of competiton
- Adaptations due to variations, some individuals are better adapted to survive and reproduce.
- Natural Selection: environmental factors will select the optimal traits. The "best fit" will survive and reproduce.
- **Speciation**: Over many generations, favorable adaptations accumulate and many changes lead to new species.



Gradation in Beak Size in Geospiza Species


#### What is the source of Variation?

- Mutations: Changes in the DNA
- Sexual Reproduction: Recombination of chromosomes





#### Why is variation important to evolution?







#### cichlid fish

Variations within a species increases the chance of survival when conditions change.

## Fossil Evidence shows Evolutions progress without set direction.





#### **Observed Natural Selection**

- Insect resistance to insecticides
- Bacterial resistance to antibiotics





## Homologous <u>structures</u> are a clues to determine evolutionary relationships.



## Molecular data is the best way to compare organisms to relatedness.



\*Total chain length = 146 amino acids

#### **Reproduction and Development**

Reproduction is necessary for the continuation of a species.

**Asexual Reproduction** is the production of offspring with genes all from one individual, without the fusion of gametes.

Offspring are genetically identical. No variation





**Cloning** produces identical copies

#### Sexual Reproduction involves the combining of gametes



## Variation due to recombination of chromosomes and gametes





**Development:** Changes that occur as the zygote through steps to form and embryo and fetus.



Zygote divides many times by mitosis and differentiates to form specialized cells, tissues and organs.

#### Differentiation causes cells to specialize.

All genes of the genome are present in every type of cell.

Only a specific fraction of these genes are actually expressed in each type of cell.









Internal Fertilization in **Oviduct** 

Internal Development in Uterus

Hormones: Estrogen Progesterone

#### **Menstrual Cycle**

Regulated by hormones

Estrogen

Progesterone



Internal Development occurs in the uterus with nourishment through the placenta.



#### **Disease is a failure of Homeostasis**

#### Virus, bacteria, fungi, and parasites may cause infections





- **Immune system** from foreign substances and pathogenic organisms
- Antigens: factors the body "sees" as foreign
- Pathogenic Organisms: cause disease



Antibody-antigen interaction



**Engulfing White Blood Cell** 

Special white blood cells make antibodies that mark the pathogen for destruction by other cells.



Antibodies are structure specific to the antigen



Due to their protein nature, antibody shape "fits" binding sites on the antigens.

#### Antibodies inactivates antigens several ways



#### Immunity can occur naturally or artificially

- 1. Active Immunity: stimulates the infected person's immune system
  - a. Immunization by vaccination give the person a weakened, dead, fragment of the pathogen
  - b. Recover from the infection





2. **Passive Immunity:** person receives antibodies only so it is temporary

- a. <u>Maternal immunity</u> occurs when antibodies pass from mother to baby through placenta and breast milk
- b. Artificial injection of antibodies gives short term immunity





Vaccinations: Patient receive weakened versions of pathogen to stimulate the immune system



Weakened Pathogen



Antigen

Antibody

## Vaccines movie



#### **Immune System Failures**

# <u>Autoimmune diseases</u>: immune system destroys body cells, type I diabetes, multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis

AIDS: Acquired Immune Deficiency Disease



#### Primary and Secondary Immune Responses

How the Immune System "Remembers" Pathogens





The first exposure to a pathogen memory cells specific to that pathogen. A second exposure activates those memory cells.



Large White Blood Cells engulf pathogens. They display antigens and activates helper T cells. The helper T cells stimulate other T cells and B cells.

HIV virus kills Helper T cells.



**Allergies:** immune reaction involving histamines to a "harmless" allergen.



#### **Human Systems**

Humans are complex organisms with multiple systems.

The systems interact to perform life functions.



## **Transport System:** provides for the circulation and distribution of materials to the cells.





**Respiratory System:** provides for gas exchange to supply the cells with  $O_2$  and removal of  $CO_2$ .



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#### **Immunity:** provides for protection from pathogens









**Excretion**: provides for the elimination of metabolic wastes Many organs help with excretion: Skin, kidneys, lungs, liver



# **Coordination of the cells** is provided by the regulatory systems of Nerves and Glands Chemical regulating molecules are produced.

Nerves



#### **Endocrine System**



## **Reproduction**: producing offspring is necessary for survival of the species






### **Movement** is provided by a system of muscles and skeleton Control is provided by the nervous system



## **Digestive System:** Consumption and digestion of food provides nutrients to the cells



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Science is a process of inquiry that includes repeatable observations and testable hypotheses



## **Designing a Controlled Experiment**

•Controlled experiment: tests the effect of a single variable.

 Variable: any factor that can be changed
Dependent variable is the measured effect caused by the
Independent variable which is the factor being studied

•Controlled Factors: all other variables must be held constant.

•Hypothesis: "If ..., then ...."





### **Observations may lead to questions and hypothesis**



Warning coloration: Why is this frog so colorful and visible?



Why does this fly look so much like a bee?

#### Data: is the measured results of the experiments

Growth Chart	
Age (years)	Height (cm)
2.0	86 90
3.0	93
4.0	100
4.5	104
5.5	110
6.0	114

Data of height vs. age of a child's growth.

Independent Variable: Age

Dependent Variable: Height

## **Components of a Controlled Experiment**

- State a hypothesis
- Identify the independent variable
- ➤Control all other factors
- Identify the dependent variable
- Identify or make a control group
- ➤Control all other factors
- Collect and record data
- Make data table and graphs
- Verify results with repeats