

Topic 4- Lesson 4: “Trait Variations”

name _____

- How do genes on sex chromosomes determine different traits?
- How do mutations affect protein synthesis and increase variations?
- How does the environment influence genetic traits?

1. How do differences in traits have the potential to change the population? _____

2. A variation is _____.

3. What are the three ways described in the book that can cause trait variation?

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

4. True or False – Trait variations are either helpful or harmful.

5. What are the two types of chromosomes found in your cells?

a. # _____ pair(s) of _____

b. # _____ pair(s) of _____

6. Humans have a total of _____ pairs of chromosomes in each cell.

7. _____ determine whether a person is biologically male or female.

8. A human female inherits one _____ chromosome from her mother and one _____ chromosome from her father.

9. A human male inherits one _____ chromosome from his mother and one _____ chromosome from his father.

10. Autosomal chromosomes are _____

11. All pairs of autosomal chromosomes are “homologous”. What does “homologous chromosomes” mean? _____

12. Why does the X chromosome express more traits than the Y chromosome? _____

13. Which parent contributes the sex chromosome that determines the sex of the offspring?

- a. mother
- b. father
- c. neither parent
- b. both parents

14. What is a mutation? _____

15. Name the two types of mutations and how they occur.

- a. _____
- _____
- b. _____
- _____
- _____

Use Figure 4 (pg. 208) “Genetic Mutations” to answer the following questions.

16. Draw the original DNA sequence.

17. One type of genetic mutation that can occur is a deletion. What happens if a deletion occurs? _____

18. What is the deletion in Figure 4? _____

19. Another type of genetic mutation that can occur is an addition. What happens if an addition occurs? _____

20. What is the addition in Figure 4? _____

21. A third type of mutation is called a substitution. What happens if a substitution occurs? _____

22. What is the substitution in Figure 4? _____

23. Why are sex-linked mutations more likely to occur on the X chromosome? _____

24. Mutations can occur on which of the following types of chromosomes? (circle all that apply)

- a. Autosomal Chromosomes
- b. X chromosomes
- c. Y chromosomes
- d. RNA chromosome

25. Give an example of a naturally occurring mutagen. _____

26. Give two examples of synthetic mutagens.

_____ and _____

27. What does it mean if a mutation is “helpful”? _____

Example of “helpful” mutation: _____

28. What does it mean if a mutation is “harmful”? _____

Example of “harmful” mutation: _____

29. What does it mean if a mutation is “neutral”? _____

Example of “neutral” mutation: _____

30. What is a nondisjunction? _____

31. What is a karyotype? _____

32. A karyotype sometimes shows an additional chromosome. This grouping is called _____, (_____ meaning “three” and _____ meaning “body”). Edward’s Syndrome is called _____ and Down’s Syndrome is called _____. If a chromosome is missing, it is called _____, (_____ means “one”).

33. Protein changes occur when an _____ sequence is altered causing the directions for _____ to be altered. The result is a _____.

34. Some genes called “_____” can move to a new location on the _____. This causes a _____ to be produced at that point and may disrupt a _____ causing that trait to not be expressed. This can cause a _____ to change.

35. Some species are able to change their _____ in order to create specific _____ in response to their _____.