

Human Biology: Concepts and Current Issues, 8e (Johnson)
Chapter 1 Human Biology, Science, and Society

1.1 Multiple-Choice Questions

1) The branch of science that studies the natural world within the context of life is

- A) biology.
- B) geology.
- C) chemistry.
- D) physics.
- E) medicine.

Answer: A

Topic: Sec. 1.0

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.0

GLO: G1

2) The process by which living organisms maintain a fairly constant internal environment despite changes in the external environment is known as

- A) metabolism.
- B) biology.
- C) homeostasis.
- D) evolution.
- E) chemistry.

Answer: C

Topic: Sec. 1.1

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.1

GLO: G1

3) *Molecules of life* include which one of the following?

- A) water, proteins, lipids, nucleic acids, carbohydrates
- B) proteins, saturated fats, monosaccharides, but not polysaccharides
- C) lipids and proteins only
- D) any noncarbon base molecule
- E) nonsugar carbohydrates, proteins, lipids, water

Answer: A

Topic: Sec. 1.1

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.1

GLO: G1

4) Which one of the following is a TRUE statement?

- A) Molecules are considered to be the smallest unit capable of exhibiting all the characteristics of life.
- B) Cells arise spontaneously from nonliving chemical elements.
- C) All living things are made up of at least one cell.
- D) Cells are incapable of maintaining homeostasis because they are too small.
- E) Complex organisms can be unicellular.

Answer: C

Topic: Sec. 1.1

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.1

GLO: G1

5) Which one of the following is a CORRECT statement regarding metabolism?

- A) Few living organisms require raw materials and a constant source of energy.
- B) Plants get the raw materials they need for life processes entirely from the air.
- C) Cells maintain life through the breakdown of molecules and energy by chemical and physical processes.
- D) Cells do not require energy to change molecules from one form to another.
- E) Animals use energy obtained directly from the sun and chemicals obtained from plants, other animals, air, and water.

Answer: C

Topic: Sec. 1.1

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.1

GLO: G1

6) All of these criteria are used to classify an organism as a member of the plant, animal, or fungi kingdom EXCEPT which one?

- A) the organism's life cycle
- B) the means by which the organism transports itself
- C) the structure or body plan of the organism
- D) the mode of nutrition of the organism

Answer: B

Topic: Sec. 1.2

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.2

GLO: G1

7) Which one of the following is a kingdom?

- A) Eukarya
- B) Primates
- C) Archaea
- D) Animalia
- E) Bacteria

Answer: D

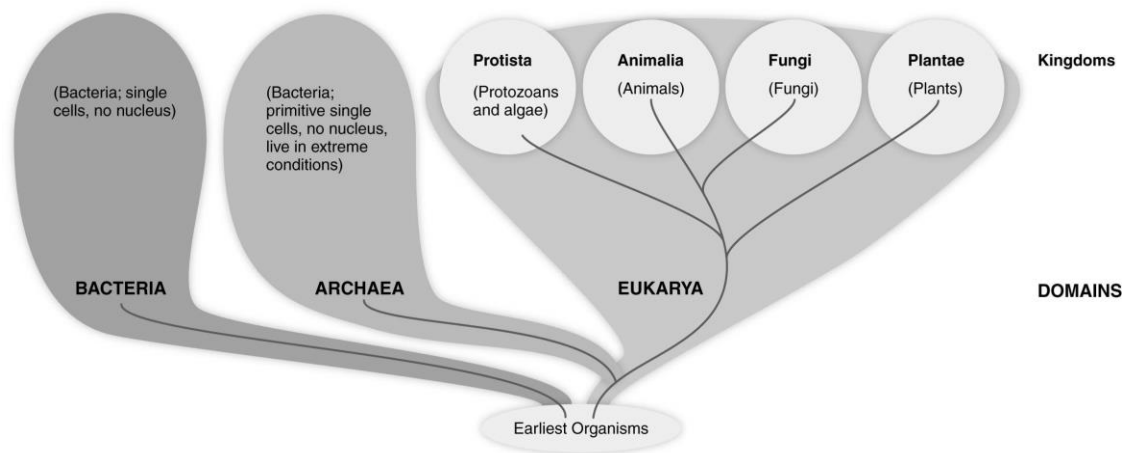
Topic: Sec. 1.2

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.2

GLO: G1

8)



Based on the figure above, which group of organisms is most closely related to members of the Kingdom Animalia?

- A) Protista
- B) Fungi
- C) Plantae
- D) Bacteria
- E) Archaea

Answer: B

Topic: Sec. 1.2

Bloom's: Applying/Analyzing

LO: 1.2

GLO: G3

9) Which kingdom in the Domain Eukarya contains multicellular photosynthesizers?

- A) Plantae
- B) Bacteria
- C) Fungi
- D) Archaea
- E) Animalia

Answer: A

Topic: Sec. 1.2

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.2

GLO: G1

10) Which one of the following taxa (subgroups used in classification) applies to humans?

- A) Mammals
- B) Protista
- C) Invertebrates
- D) Prokarya
- E) Bacteria

Answer: A

Topic: Sec. 1.2

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.2

GLO: G1

11) Which one of the following sequences represents taxa arranged in order from largest, most all inclusive, to smallest?

- A) kingdom, domain, phylum, order, class, genus, species, family
- B) domain, kingdom, phylum, class, order, family, genus, species
- C) domain, kingdom, phylum, class, order, genus, species, family
- D) species, genus, family, order, class, phylum, kingdom, domain
- E) kingdom, phylum, domain, class, order, genus, species, family

Answer: B

Topic: Sec. 1.2

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.2

GLO: G1

12) Humans possess several characteristics that, when taken together, differentiate them from other organisms. These characteristics include all of the following EXCEPT which one?

- A) opposable thumbs
- B) capacity for complex language
- C) bipedalism
- D) large brain relative to body mass
- E) the inability to maintain a constant internal body temperature

Answer: E

Topic: Sec. 1.2

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.2

GLO: G1

13) Which one of the following best describes the evolutionary advantage of bipedalism?

- A) allows an organism to have precise control over the action of the thumb and fingers
- B) frees the hands for carrying objects
- C) results in improved eye-hand coordination
- D) in early humans, allowed for complex motions associated with the use of tools
- E) increases the chance that an organism can communicate through the written word

Answer: B

Topic: Sec. 1.2

Bloom's: Applying/Analyzing

LO: 1.2

GLO: G2

14) Which one of the following sequences is CORRECT in terms of level of organization from least to most complex?

- A) cells, tissues, organs, organ systems, organism
- B) atoms, cells, organs, community, population
- C) atoms, cells, organism, organ systems, ecosystem
- D) tissues, organ systems, population, cells, organism

Answer: A

Topic: Sec. 1.2

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.2

GLO: G1

15) Which one of the following is the lowest level of biological organization in which evolutionary change can occur?

- A) cell
- B) organism
- C) community
- D) population

Answer: D

Topic: Sec. 1.2

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.2

GLO: G1

16) Which one of the following of the following statements is FALSE?

- A) Science is a process.
- B) Scientists use the scientific method to gain knowledge about the natural world.
- C) Because scientific knowledge is empirical, it cannot be tested.
- D) Knowledge gained through the scientific method can be used to predict the natural world.
- E) The scientific method involves many different ways of obtaining information.

Answer: C

Topic: Sec. 1.3

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.3

GLO: G1

17) Which one of the following best describes the proper sequence of steps involved in the scientific method?

- a. state hypothesis
- b. observe
- c. experiment
- d. support or disprove hypothesis
- e. form a prediction

A) b, a, d, e, c

B) a, b, c, d, e

C) b, a, e, c, d

D) a, b, c, e, d

E) e, b, a, c, d

Answer: C

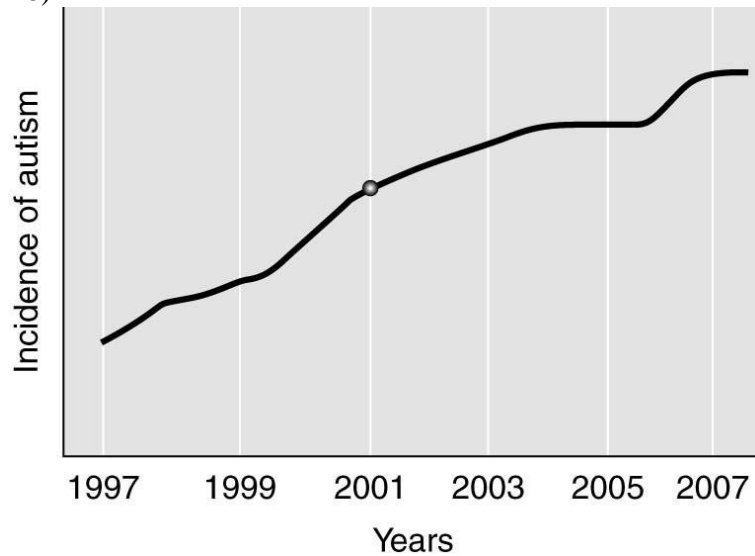
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Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.3

GLO: G1

18)



The graph above depicts the relative increase in autism in children from 1997 to 2007 living in California. In 2001, the additive thimerosal was removed from most childhood vaccines. Based on the information presented in the graph, what can be concluded about the hypothesis that thimerosal causes autism?

- A) Thimerosal, at the very least, contributes to the occurrence of autism as evidenced by the almost logarithmic increase in children with autism from 2001 to 2007.
- B) Prior to 2001, thimerosal clearly influenced the cases of autism in California.
- C) A sharp decrease in the cases of autism would be expected after 2001 if thimerosal was the causative agent of autism.
- D) The results of the study are inclusive.
- E) Thimerosal requires some other agent to help induce autism.

Answer: C

Topic: Sec. 1.5, Current Issue

Bloom's: Applying/Analyzing

LO: 1.5

GLO: G5

19) Which one of the following statements regarding scientific theory is FALSE?

- A) A scientific theory is a speculation as to the possible outcome of an experiment.
- B) A hypothesis that has been repeatedly tested over time, and found to be true, usually becomes a scientific theory.
- C) A scientific theory explains scientific facts with a high degree of reliability.
- D) As new information is gained over time, scientific theories can be modified.
- E) The highest status that a hypothesis can achieve is becoming a scientific theory.

Answer: A

Topic: Sec. 1.3

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.3

GLO: G1

- 20) Peer review is essential to the scientific process because
- A) several experts in the field are able to scrutinize a finding before it can be published.
 - B) the process immediately validates any hypotheses tested in the experiments.
 - C) the process can lead to improvements in articles prior to being published.
 - D) it is the primary means for informing the general public about new information in the field.
 - E) it tests hypotheses proposed by other investigators.

Answer: A

Topic: Sec. 1.3

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.3

GLO: G1

- 21) A farmer wants to improve crop yield in his fields by testing the effectiveness of a new pesticide available on the market. Which one of the following is the best control for this experiment?

- A) a higher concentration of new pesticide used on the control field than the experimental field
- B) more shade on the control field than on the experimental field
- C) a lower concentration of new pesticide used on the control field than on the experimental field
- D) more water on the control field than on the experimental field
- E) no new pesticide used on the control field; new pesticide used only on the experimental field

Answer: E

Topic: Sec. 1.3

Bloom's: Evaluating/Creating

LO: 1.3

GLO: G5

- 22) According to a recent study of nearly 140,000 women who were enrolled in the Women's Health Initiative, women who breast-fed their babies had a lower risk of developing heart disease and diabetes later in life than women who did not breast-feed their babies. These research findings are an example of

- A) causation.
- B) skepticism.
- C) hypothesis testing.
- D) correlation.
- E) deductive reasoning.

Answer: D

Topic: Sec. 1.5

Bloom's: Applying/Analyzing

LO: 1.5

GLO: G5

- 23) How does scientific information in peer-reviewed journals differ from that in newspapers?
- A) Information is more technical; readers usually require a background in the field in order to understand the article.
 - B) The article is written by a reporter, not a researcher.
 - C) Articles often include political, ethical, and economic ramifications of the scientific findings.
 - D) Information is less in-depth and easily understood by the average reader.
 - E) Information is not approved by other scientists before its publication.

Answer: A

Topic: Sec. 1.4

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.4

GLO: G1

- 24) One of the most common ways to get information out to a wide audience in the least amount of time regarding hot topics in science is by using
- A) peer-reviewed journals.
 - B) science magazines.
 - C) the Discovery Channel on television.
 - D) general interest news magazines or newspapers.
 - E) books.

Answer: D

Topic: Sec. 1.4

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.4

GLO: G1

- 25) A student needs information from the National Institutes of Health, a government agency. Which one of the following endings should he or she look for in the Internet address?
- A) edu
 - B) com
 - C) gov
 - D) nih
 - E) org

Answer: C

Topic: Sec. 1.4

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.4

GLO: G1

26) The Internet has been used as a rapid means to obtain information, including scientific ideas. Which one of the following statements about the Internet as a source of scientific information is FALSE?

- A) At present, the Internet is less regulated than broadcast and print media.
- B) Anyone can post "scientific" information, regardless of whether the information is misleading or not true.
- C) Information on the Internet is generally very reliable because inaccurate information is quickly removed or corrected.
- D) Individuals and/or groups may post information to promote their own personal interests rather than ideas that have been tested through the scientific process.

Answer: C

Topic: Sec. 1.4

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.4

GLO: G1

27) Approaching new information with a questioning attitude and looking for evidence to support the claim involves

- A) inductive reasoning.
- B) the process of predicting an outcome.
- C) deductive reasoning.
- D) curiosity.
- E) skepticism.

Answer: E

Topic: Sec. 1.5

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.5

GLO: G1

28) The process of displaying and organizing data to represent connections is known as

- A) algebra.
- B) differential equations.
- C) statistics.
- D) graphing.
- E) correlation and causation.

Answer: C

Topic: Sec. 1.5

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.5

GLO: G1

29) In science, graphs are often used to display data collected from an experiment. Which one of the following is TRUE regarding a graph?

- A) Most graphs are plotted on three axes.
- B) The dependent variable is plotted on the y-axis.
- C) Independent variables are generally not included on a graph.
- D) The horizontal axis is known as the ordinate.
- E) Graphs always involve plots of individual data points.

Answer: B

Topic: Sec. 1.5

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.5

GLO: G1

30) Which one of the following is TRUE regarding knowledge gained through scientific investigation?

- A) The knowledge can be used to prove or disprove religious beliefs.
- B) Scientific knowledge cannot be used to improve human life through technology.
- C) The information can be used to detect problems at an early stage and correct mistakes.
- D) Society as a whole generally ignores scientific information.
- E) The knowledge has resulted in less-efficient sources of energy yet better health care.

Answer: C

Topic: Sec. 1.6

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.6

GLO: G1

31) According to the Health & Wellness essay, *The Growing Threat of Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria*, which one of the following is TRUE?

- A) The more we use antibiotics, the more we encourage the rise of antibiotic-resistant bacterial strains.
- B) Antibiotics should be prescribed to treat viral infections, such as the common cold.
- C) Consumers should support the use of antibiotics in livestock feeds and on fruit trees to decrease the incidence of food-borne infections.
- D) Antibiotics kill only harmful bacteria.
- E) Because of the indiscriminate use of antibiotics in medicine and society, some bacterial strains have now become less resistant to almost all currently existing antibiotics.

Answer: A

Topic: Health & Wellness

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.6

GLO: G5

- 32) Which one of the following experiments would be considered acceptable in our society?
- A) Determining the effects of cocaine use on babies born to cocaine-using mothers.
 - B) Determining the response of a patient's "incurable" cancer to a newly developed cancer drug.
 - C) Testing the effects of radiation exposure on volunteers.
 - D) Testing the effectiveness of a new AIDS vaccine using deliberate exposure of human volunteers to HIV.
 - E) Testing the effectiveness of a newly developed antibiotic using deliberate exposure of humans to antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

Answer: B

Topic: Sec. 1.6

Bloom's: Applying/Analyzing

LO: 1.6

GLO: G5

1.2 True/False Questions

- 1) Because the natural world includes all energy and matter, it also includes all living organisms.

Answer: TRUE

Topic: Sec. 1.1

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.1

GLO: G1

- 2) Plants obtain their energy directly from the soil, air, and water in their environment.

Answer: FALSE

Topic: Sec. 1.1

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.1

GLO: G1

- 3) Human are only one species of many different primates that prefer to walk upright on two legs.

Answer: FALSE

Topic: Sec. 1.2

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.2

GLO: G1

- 4) The kingdom Protista primarily includes multicellular eukaryotic organisms.

Answer: FALSE

Topic: Sec. 1.2

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.2

GLO: G1

5) The validity of a prediction in the scientific method is determined by experimentation or observation.

Answer: TRUE

Topic: Sec. 1.3

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.3

GLO: G1

6) "Double-Blind" experiments are designed so that only subjects do not know if they are receiving placebo or drug.

Answer: FALSE

Topic: Sec. 1.3

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.3

GLO: G1

7) After years of experimentation and testing, it is possible to prove that a hypothesis is true, at which point it becomes absolute truth.

Answer: FALSE

Topic: Sec. 1.3

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.3

GLO: G1

8) A theory is a hypothesis that has been tested many times and continues to be supported.

Answer: TRUE

Topic: Sec. 1.3

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.3

GLO: G1

9) Special-interest groups are not permitted to post information as science on the Internet unless it has undergone peer review.

Answer: FALSE

Topic: Sec. 1.4

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.4

GLO: G1

10) Scientific knowledge cannot prove or disprove the existence, or importance to us, of issues that fall outside of the natural world.

Answer: TRUE

Topic: Sec. 1.6

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.6

GLO: G5

11) The pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine has virtually eliminated whooping cough in the United States.

Answer: FALSE

Topic: Current Issue

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.6

GLO: G5

12) The available evidence suggests that the measles vaccine may cause autism.

Answer: FALSE

Topic: Current Issue

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.6

GLO: G5

1.3 Matching Questions

Match each criterion that defines living organisms to its example.

- A) Living things grow and reproduce.
- B) Living things have a different molecular composition than nonliving things.
- C) Living things maintain homeostasis.
- D) Populations of living things evolve.
- E) Living things require energy and raw materials.
- F) Living things respond to their external environment.

1) Many species of fish increase swimming activity when moving into colder waters.

Topic: Sec. 1.1

Bloom's: Applying/Analyzing

LO: 1.1

GLO: G2

2) All animals consume plants, animals, or other organisms in their environment.

Topic: Sec. 1.1

Bloom's: Applying/Analyzing

LO: 1.1

GLO: G2

3) Plants growing in flower beds around a house close leaf pores during the hot hours of the day.

Topic: Sec. 1.1

Bloom's: Applying/Analyzing

LO: 1.1

GLO: G2

4) Through years of exposure, many insects have become resistant to insecticides used in agriculture.

Topic: Sec. 1.1

Bloom's: Applying/Analyzing

LO: 1.1

GLO: G2

5) Chemical analysis of a plant indicates that it is primarily composed of carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, oxygen, sulfur, and phosphorous; these elements are generally lacking in most rocks.

Topic: Sec. 1.1

Bloom's: Applying/Analyzing

LO: 1.1

GLO: G2

6) Skin cells, like the bacteria living on human skin, give rise to new individual cells.

Topic: Sec. 1.1

Bloom's: Applying/Analyzing

LO: 1.1

GLO: G2

7) Certain blood vessels in humans constrict or dilate in during intense exercise.

Topic: Sec. 1.1

Bloom's: Applying/Analyzing

LO: 1.1

GLO: G2

Answers: 1) F 2) E 3) F 4) D 5) B 6) A 7) C

Match each domain or kingdom to its description.

- A) Fungi
- B) Bacteria
- C) Plantae
- D) Animalia
- E) Archaea
- F) Protista

8) All consume other organisms for energy and are multicellular eukaryotes; members range from simple sponges to complex primates like humans.

Topic: Sec. 1.2

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.2

GLO: G1

9) Some members are unicellular, while others are multicellular eukaryotes; some, but not all, undergo photosynthesis; protozoa and algae are common examples of the kingdom.

Topic: Sec. 1.2

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.2

GLO: G1

10) Members of this group are responsible for breaking down the bodies of dead organisms, thereby releasing nutrients back into the environment.

Topic: Sec. 1.2

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.2

GLO: G1

11) Organisms are single celled, lack membrane-bound nuclei or other cellular components, and are found everywhere on the planet.

Topic: Sec. 1.2

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.2

GLO: G1

12) This group includes multicellular, eukaryotic organisms that convert energy from the sun into food; tallest organisms on the planet.

Topic: Sec. 1.2

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.2

GLO: G1

13) This group includes unicellular prokaryotes that tend to live in extreme environments such as hot springs.

Topic: Sec. 1.2

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.2

GLO: G1

Answers: 8) D 9) F 10) A 11) B 12) C 13) E

Each of the following terms is related to the scientific process. Match each to its description.

- A) deductive reasoning
- B) inductive reasoning
- C) scientific method
- D) controlled experiment
- E) hypothesis
- F) theory

14) a possible explanation to a proposed problem

Topic: Sec. 1.3

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.3

GLO: G1

15) making a generalization from knowledge gained from specific cases

Topic: Sec. 1.3

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.3

GLO: G1

16) a hypothesis that has been extensively tested and found to be true

Topic: Sec. 1.3

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.3

GLO: G1

17) the process of testing ideas and gaining information about the natural world

Topic: Sec. 1.3

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.3

GLO: G1

18) using a general statement to predict/reason the outcome of a specific case

Topic: Sec. 1.3

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.3

GLO: G1

19) when testing a prediction, this accounts for all possible variables except the variable being considered

Topic: Sec. 1.3

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.3

GLO: G1

Answers: 14) E 15) B 16) F 17) C 18) A 19) D

1.4 Short Answer Questions

1) The four organic molecules found in all living systems are carbohydrates, nucleic acids, lipids, and _____.

Answer: proteins

Topic: Sec. 1.1

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.1

GLO: G1

2) A(n) _____ is a category of the classification system of organisms that can include multiple kingdoms.

Answer: domain

Topic: Sec. 1.2

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.2

GLO: G1

3) The chemical and physical processes that are involved in energy and molecular transformations in living organisms are collectively termed _____.

Answer: metabolism

Topic: Sec. 1.1

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.1

GLO: G1

4) Organisms made up of one cell are said to be _____.

Answer: unicellular

Topic: Sec. 1.1

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.1

GLO: G1

5) Unicellular microorganisms that lack a membrane-bound nucleus and other membranous organelles are classified into two domains: _____ and _____.

Answer: Bacteria; Archaea

Topic: Sec. 1.2

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.2

GLO: G1

6) A group of similar organisms capable of interbreeding and producing fertile offspring is a(n) _____.

Answer: species

Topic: Sec. 1.2

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.2

GLO: G1

7) The ability to stand upright and walk on two legs is termed _____.

Answer: bipedalism

Topic: Sec. 1.2

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.2

GLO: G1

8) Humans can grasp objects between their thumbs and fingers because the thumb is _____.

Answer: opposable

Topic: Sec. 1.2

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.2

GLO: G1

9) A group of tissues working together for a common purpose is known as a(n) _____.

Answer: organ

Topic: Sec. 1.2

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.2

GLO: G1

10) A factor of interest that can be manipulated to create an experimental group is called a(n) _____.

Answer: variable

Topic: Sec. 1.3

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.3

GLO: G1

11) The process by which an individual makes a generalization after examining specific cases is termed _____ reasoning.

Answer: inductive

Topic: Sec. 1.3

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.3

GLO: G1

12) A(n) _____ is a tentative statement about the natural world that can lead to a testable deduction.

Answer: hypothesis

Topic: Sec. 1.3

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.3

GLO: G1

13) A carefully planned and executed manipulation of the natural world used to test a prediction in the scientific method is a(n) _____.

Answer: experiment

Topic: Sec. 1.3

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.3

GLO: G1

14) The first step of the scientific method is _____.

Answer: observation

Topic: Sec. 1.3

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.3

GLO: G1

15) A properly designed controlled experiment should include both a(n) _____ group and a(n) _____ group.

Answer: experimental; control

Topic: Sec. 1.3

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.3

GLO: G1

16) A display of data obtained from scientific experiments can often be described using a(n) _____ to clarify the meaning of experimental results.

Answer: graph

Topic: Sec. 1.5

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.5

GLO: G1

17) When data are presented in a graph, independent variables such as time or age should be plotted on the _____ axis.

Answer: horizontal or abscissa or x-

Topic: Sec. 1.5

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.5

GLO: G1

18) Information that takes the form of a testimonial is considered to be _____ evidence, not scientific evidence because it is not based on empirical evidence.

Answer: anecdotal

Topic: Sec. 1.5

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.5

GLO: G1

19) The application of scientific knowledge to improve the condition of humans is known as _____.

Answer: technology

Topic: Sec. 1.6

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.6

GLO: G1

1.5 Essay Questions

1) Explain how the characteristics of bipedalism and opposable thumbs are advantageous to humans.

Answer: Bipedalism frees the hands and forearms for carrying items, tools, food, and even children. Coupled with opposable thumbs, these features have undoubtedly contributed to better defense against predators, increased utilization of resources, and even advanced communication through gesturing and written symbols.

Topic: Sec. 1.2

Bloom's: Remembering/Understanding

LO: 1.2

GLO: G8

2) You have been asked to test the effectiveness of drug X in preventing the growth of certain types of cancerous cells. Your responsibilities include designing and executing the experimental approach. After completing the study, you realize that no control variables were defined. How will this impact your drug study?

Answer: Failure to define the control variables implies that many unintended factors were left to change with the application of the drug. This would prevent you from determining whether any inhibition of the cancerous cells was due to drug X or some other factor that you did not control. The result is the study would have to be repeated using appropriate controlled variables.

Topic: Sec. 1.3

Bloom's: Evaluating/Creating

LO: 1.3

GLO: G8

3) While out on a trip to a remote location in South America, you discovered an organism on a beautiful tropical flower. You have no idea about the classification of this organism. What features or characteristics of the new organism should you look for to at least be able to determine the kingdom it belongs to?

Answer: By observing whether the creature feeds on other organisms, you can potentially determine if it is an animal. Typically organisms that have a green appearance contain chlorophyll, which suggests that it undergoes photosynthesis, a feature of Plants and Protists.

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