

BIO 1130FF

An introduction to Organismal biology
Midterm examination
Worth either 15% or 20% of your final grade

Saturday, October 13, 2011

Part A: Multiple choice questions
20 points (1 point/question)

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FF.1 What was the major stumbling block for the acceptance of natural selection as a mechanism for evolution when proposed by Darwin?

- a. lack of a plausible theory of heredity
- b. the incomplete nature of the fossil record
- c. lack of observational and experimental data

FF.2 At what temperature is water at its densest?

- a. 0°C
- b. 32°C
- c. 212°C
- d. 4°C
- e. 100°C

FF.3 The Black Plague caused the end of

- a. The late middle ages
- b. The renaissance
- c. The early middle ages
- d. The high middle ages

FF.4 This important building block has not been successfully synthesized in experiments looking at the prebiotic organic chemistry of life's origins.

- a. Transfer RNA
- b. Nucleotides with the base and phosphate sugar components
- c. Ribose
- d. Amino acids

FF.5 The first classification of plants created during the Greek and Roman ages divided the plants into groups based on:

- a: Seed morphology
- b: The shapes of the leaves of the plant
- c: Their flowers
- d: The reproductive structures of the plant.

FF.6 Unlike Lamarckian evolution Darwin's evolutionary scheme was

- a. a linear pattern
- b. a cladistic pattern
- c. a branching pattern
- d. an essentialism pattern

FF.7 Two species that belong to the same genus must also belong to the same

- a. class.
- b. kingdom.
- c. phylum.
- d. order.
- e. all of the above

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FF.8 Water's high specific heat is mainly a consequence of the

- a. inability of water to dissipate heat into dry air.
- b. absorption and release of heat when hydrogen bonds break and form.
- c. fact that water is a poor heat conductor.
- d. high specific heat of oxygen and hydrogen atoms.
- e. small size of the water molecules.

FF.9 Which of the following pairs of traits are homologous?

- a. butterfly wings and bat wings
- b. the bones of bird and bat wings
- c. the surface areas of bird and bat wings
- d. butterfly wings and bird wings

FF.10 Protobionts (protocells) are

- a. a group of abiotically produced inorganic molecules surrounded by a membrane-like structure.
- b. a group of abiotically produced organic molecules surrounded by a membrane-like structure.
- c. a group of biotically produced inorganic molecules surrounded by a membrane-like structure.
- d. a group of biotically produced organic molecules surrounded by a membrane-like structure.

FF.11 Our sun is an out of control nuclear fusion reactor that is converting hydrogen into what element

- a. Carbon
- b. Helium
- c. Carbon
- d. Nitrogen

FF.12 Who was responsible for establishing the classification system that uses binomial nomenclature?

- a. Carolus Linnaeus
- b. Louis Pasteur
- c. Jean-Baptiste Lamarck
- d. Charles Darwin

FF.13 The date October 23, 4004 BCE was important because:

- a. it established the date for the creation of all the organisms on the planet.
- b. it established the date of the great flood that was used by Cuvier to explain fossil animals.
- c. It established a date for the origins of the scala naturae.
- d. A and C are both correct **Please note the scala naturae was a model/mechanism to explain the living world as it appeared to Aristotle who proposed it. Aristotle is the origin of the scala**
- e. A and B are both correct **Please note the scala naturae was a model/mechanism to explain the living world as it appeared to Aristotle who proposed it. Aristotle is the origin of the scala**

FF.14 Which of the following has the highest Darwinian fitness?

- a. A scientist who devotes herself to science and wins the Nobel Prize
- b. A woman who home schools her two children
- c. A sperm donor who anonymously fathers 52 children
- d. A personal trainer who works out at the gym every day

FF.15 Carbon is an important element for biology because

- a. It has the ability to form six covalent bonds.
- b. Of the variety of carbon skeletons and functional groups that can be built on them.
- c. Carbon is so rare, organisms conserve it highly.
- d. It has very high electronegativity and forms highly stable bonds.

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- FF.16 Gill pouches in chick, human, and house-cat embryos are an example of
- a. genetic homology.
 - b. embryological homology.
 - c. the inheritance of acquired characters.
 - d. structural homology.
- FF.17 When this naturalist noticed that similar environments in different locations around the world didn't have the same types of plants and animals it marked the start of which biological science.
- a. Biogeography
 - b. Ecology
 - c. Population Genetics
 - d. Essentialism
 - e. Taxonomy
- FF.18 The Irish elk and the mammoth are two of the 23 large animals that George Cuvier found as used as evidence for this process.
- a. Spontaneous generation
 - b. Scala naturae
 - c. Extinction
 - d. Transmutation of species
 - e. Transition fossils
- FF.19 A controlled experiment is one in which
- a. the experiment is repeated many times to ensure that the results are accurate.
 - b. the experiment proceeds at a slow pace to guarantee that the scientist can carefully observe all reactions and process all experimental data.
 - c. there are at least two groups, one of which does not receive the experimental treatment.
 - d. there is one group for which the scientist controls all variables.
 - e. there are at least two groups, one differing from the other by two or more variables.
- FF.20 Which type of bond must be broken for water to vaporize?
- a. hydrogen bonds
 - b. polar covalent bonds
 - c. ionic bonds
 - d. nonpolar covalent bonds
 - e. covalent bonds