Linki DNA, Alleles and Chromosomes

- 1. Describe DNA and Base pairing rule.
- 2. Link base sequence to different alleles and their traits
- 3. Link the pair of alleles to genotype and then to phenotype
- 4. Link phenotype to dominant and recessive

Inheritance of alleles

- 1. Link variation of offspring to different alleles inherited from both parents
- 2 Link recessive phenotype to a recessive allele inherited from both parents.
- 3. Link dominant phenotype to only one dominant allele required either parent.
- 4. Can also use Punnett squares to explain

Mutation – inherited and non-inherited

- 1. Define mutation and link to new allele
- 2. Link where mutation occurs (gametes / body) to whether it is passed on to offspring or not
- 3. Indicate **most mutations are harmful** but a beneficial mutation may increase survival and therefore more offspring

Sources of variation

- 1. Define meiosis and fertilisation linking to chromosome numbers
- 2. State the processes that create variation (the processes may require more explanation)
- 3. Link variation to increased chance of survival of a species if there is environmental change

Inheritable and non-inheritable variation

- 1. Define inheritable variation and the cause
- 2. Define non-inheritable variation and that it does not affect offspring
- 3. Identify non-inherited variation and link to definition
- 4. Identify inherited variation and link to definition

Advantages and disadvantages of Sexual reproduction

- 1. Link advantage of sexual reproduction to variation AND give an example using information provided in the question
- 2. Link disadvantage of sexual reproduction to extra energy/structures required for attracting a mate and/or mating AND link to example given as the advantage
- 3. The question may also ask about advantages/ disadvantages of **asexual reproduction** so make sure to give a point for each.

Pedigree charts and genotypes

- 1. State the phenotype of the individual which you are explaining the genotype of.
- 2. Link having a recessive parent to receiving at 1 recessive allele (both not a recessive allele from both otherwise would be recessive itself)
- 3. Link having a recessive offspring as evidence that the individual MUST have a recessive allele. Recessive phenotypes only occur if both parents pass down a recessive allele

Test crosses

- 1. Explain a pure breeding population needs to be homozygous (only one type of allele present)
- 2. Link test cross (breed with recessive) outcome to genotype of individual tested
- 3. State requirements for repeating test crosses and removing heterozygous individuals

Punnett square probabilities

- 1. Link Punnett square to being a prediction only
- 2. Explain fertilisation as random/new event
- 3. Give possible phenotypes of offspring
- 4. Compare predicted to actual phenotype ratio

Variation and species survival

- 1. Define variation and link to sexual reproduction in a species
- 2. Link survival of some individuals if environment changes
- 3. Link surviving individuals passing on genetic material to next generation and species survival

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