

### Genetics Practice Problems Worksheet

1. For each genotype below, indicate whether it is heterozygous (**He**) or homozygous (**Ho**)

AA _____	Ee _____	Ii _____	Mm _____
Bb _____	ff _____	Jj _____	nn _____
Cc _____	Gg _____	kk _____	oo _____
DD _____	HH _____	LL _____	Pp _____

2. For each of the **genotypes** below determine what **phenotypes** would be possible.

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| <p>a. Purple flowers are dominant to white flowers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PP _____</li> <li>• Pp _____</li> <li>• pp _____</li> </ul> | <p>c. Brown eyes are dominant to blue eyes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BB _____</li> <li>• Bb _____</li> <li>• bb _____</li> </ul> |
| <p>b. Round seeds are dominant to wrinkled seeds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RR _____</li> <li>• Rr _____</li> <li>• rr _____</li> </ul>   | <p>d. Bobtails in cats are recessive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TT _____</li> <li>• Tt _____</li> <li>• tt _____</li> </ul>      |

3. For each phenotype below, list the **genotypes**

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| <p>a. Straight hair is dominant to curly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ____ straight</li> <li>• ____ straight</li> <li>• ____ curly</li> </ul> | <p>b. Pointed heads are dominant to round heads.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ____ pointed</li> <li>• ____ pointed</li> <li>• ____ round</li> </ul> |
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Set up the Punnett squares for each of the crosses listed below.

***Round seeds are dominant to wrinkled seeds.***

4. Rr x rr

- a. What are the different kinds of gametes these parents can produce? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Make a Punnett square

c. What percentage of the offspring will be round? \_\_\_\_\_

5. RR x rr

- a. What are the different kinds of gametes these parents can produce? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Make a Punnett square

c. What percentage of the offspring will be round? \_\_\_\_\_

6. RR x Rr

- a. What are the different kinds of gametes these parents can produce? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Make a Punnett square

c. What percentage of the offspring will be round? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Rr x Rr

- a. What are the different kinds of gametes these parents can produce? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Make a punnett square

c. What percentage of the offspring will be round? \_\_\_\_\_

8. A TT (tall) plant is crossed with a tt (short plant).

- a. What are the different kinds of gametes these parents can produce? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Make a punnett square

c. What percentage of the offspring will be tall? \_\_\_\_\_

9. A Tt plant is crossed with a Tt plant.

- a. What are the different kinds of gametes these parents can produce? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Make a punnett square

c. What percentage of the offspring will be short? \_\_\_\_\_

10. A heterozygous round seed plant (Rr) is crossed w/ a homozygous round seed plant (RR).

- a. What are the different kinds of gametes these parents can produce? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Make a punnett square

- c. What percentage of the offspring will be homozygous (RR)? \_\_\_\_\_

11. A homozygous round seeded plant is crossed with a homozygous wrinkled seeded plant.

- a. What are the genotypes of the parents? \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_
- b. What are the different kinds of gametes these parents can produce?
- c. Make a punnett square

- d. What percentage of the offspring will also be homozygous? \_\_\_\_\_

**12. In guinea pigs, the allele for short hair is dominant.**

- a. What genotype would a heterozygous short haired guinea pig have? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. What genotype would a purebred short haired guinea pig have? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. What genotype would a long haired guinea pig have? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Show the cross for a pure breeding short haired guinea pig and a long haired guinea pig.

a. What percentage of the offspring will have short hair? \_\_\_\_\_

14. Show the cross for two heterozygous guinea pigs.

a. What percentage of the offspring will have short hair? \_\_\_\_\_

b. What percentage of the offspring will have long hair? \_\_\_\_\_

15. Two short haired guinea pigs are mated several times. Out of 100 offspring, 25 of them have long hair. What are the probable genotypes of the parents? Show work!

**More DIFFICULT Punnett Squares (start these once we finish Chapter 12):**

16. In horses, black color (B) dominates chestnut color (b). The trotting gait (T) dominates the pacing gait (t). A cross is made between a horse homozygous for black color and the pacing gait, and a horse homozygous for chestnut color and the trotting gait. What is the probability that an offspring will be a black trotter? **SHOW WORK FOR CREDIT!**

First Horse's Phenotype: \_\_\_\_\_      Second Horse's Phenotype: \_\_\_\_\_

First Horse's Genotype: \_\_\_\_\_      Second Horse's Genotype: \_\_\_\_\_

Gametes:

Gametes:

Punnett Square:

17. In humans, the condition for normal blood clotting dominates the condition for non-clotting (hemophilia). These genes are **sex-linked**. If a male hemophiliac marries a woman who is a carrier for this trait, what are the chances that a male child will be normal for blood clotting? **SHOW WORK FOR CREDIT!**

Male Genotype: \_\_\_\_\_      Female Genotype: \_\_\_\_\_

Gametes:

Gametes:

Punnett Square:

18. In humans, normal color vision dominates red-green colorblindness. This is a sex-linked trait. Two parents produce daughters who are all carriers and sons who are all normal. What are the probable genotypes of the parents? **SHOW WORK FOR CREDIT!**

19. Assume a male with type O blood mates with a female who has type A blood. The female's mother had type A blood and her father had type B. What is the probability that their first child will have type A blood? What is the probability that their third child will have type O blood? **SHOW WORK FOR CREDIT!**

Male Genotype: \_\_\_\_\_ Female Genotype: \_\_\_\_\_

Gametes: \_\_\_\_\_ Gametes: \_\_\_\_\_

Punnett Square:

20. In humans, hair color is controlled by two interacting genes. The same pigment, melanin, is present in both brown-haired and blond-haired people, but brown hair has much more of it. Brown hair (B) is dominant to blond-hair (b). Whether any melanin can be synthesized depends on another gene. The dominant form (M) allows melanin synthesis; the recessive form (m) prevents melanin synthesis. Homozygous recessive (mm) are albino, regardless of whether they have brown or blonde alleles. What will be the expected proportions of phenotypes in the children of the following parents?  
**SHOW WORK FOR CREDIT, INCLUDING PUNNETT SQUARES!**

a. BBMM x BbMm

b. BbMm x BbMm

c. BbMm x bbmm



21. In humans, one of the genes determining color vision is located on the X chromosome. The dominant form (C) produces normal color vision; red-green color blindness (c) is recessive. If a man with normal color vision marries a color-blind woman, what is the probability of their having a color-blind son? A color-blind daughter? **SHOW WORK!!**

22. In the couple described in the last problem, the woman gives birth to a color-blind but otherwise normal daughter. The husband sues for a divorce on the grounds of adultery. Will his case stand up in court? Explain. **SHOW WORK FOR CREDIT**

This next problem contains a sex-linked trait and a non sex-linked trait. Pay attention!

23. In humans, brachydactylism is the result of a dominant allele. Individuals that suffer from this trait have very short fingers. Defective dentine is also the result of a dominant allele but it is carried on the X chromosome. The allele causes the teeth to wear down rapidly and usually only stubs remain by adolescence.

Assume a female who has brachydactylism and defective dentine (she is heterozygous for both traits) mates with a male who has normal fingers and teeth. **SHOW WORK!**

- a. What is the genotype of the female? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. What is the genotype of the male? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. What kind of gametes can the female produce? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. What kind of gametes can the male produce? \_\_\_\_\_
- e. What is the probability that a son from these parents will have both brachydactylism and defective dentine? **SHOW ALL WORK INCLUDING PUNNETT SQUARE!**
- f. What is the probability that a daughter will have both defects?