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**Biology 20 Evolution** 

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# 4.1.1. What is used to determine phylogeny?

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What is used to determine phylogeny?

Please choose only one answer:

- mutations
- DNA
- evolutionary history
- organisms on earth

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4.1.2. What do scientists in the field of systematics accomplish?

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What do scientists in the field of systematics accomplish?

Please choose only one answer:

- discover new fossil sites
- organize and classify organisms
- name new species
- communicate among field biologists

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# 4.1.3. Which statement about the taxonomic classification system is correct?

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Which statement about the taxonomic classification system is correct?

Please choose only one answer:

- There are more domains than kingdoms.
- Kingdoms are the top category of classification.
- Classes are divisions of orders.
- Subspecies are the most specific category of classification.

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4.1.4. On a phylogenetic tree, which term refers to lineages that diverged...

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On a phylogenetic tree, which term refers to lineages that diverged from the same place?

Please choose only one answer:

- sister taxa
- basal taxa
- rooted taxa
- dichotomous taxa

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## 4.1.5. Which statement about analogies is correct?

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Which statement about analogies is correct?

Please choose only one answer:

- They occur only as errors.
- They are synonymous with homologous traits.
- They are derived by similar environmental constraints.
- They are a form of mutation.

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### 4.1.6. What do scientists use to apply cladistics?

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What do scientists use to apply cladistics?

Please choose only one answer:

- homologous traits
- homoplasies
- analogous traits
- monophyletic groups

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# 4.1.7. What is true about organisms that are a part of the same clade?

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What is true about organisms that are a part of the same clade?

Please choose only one answer:

- They all share the same basic characteristics.
- They evolved from a shared ancestor.
- They usually fall into the same classification taxa.
- They have identical phylogenies.

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4.1.8. Why do scientists apply the concept of maximum parsimony?

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Why do scientists apply the concept of maximum parsimony?

Please choose only one answer:

- to decipher accurate phylogenies
- to eliminate analogous traits
- to identify mutations in DNA codes
- to locate homoplasies

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4.1.9. The transfer of genes by a mechanism not involving asexual reproduc...

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The transfer of genes by a mechanism not involving asexual reproduction is called:

Please choose only one answer:

- meiosis
- web of life
- horizontal gene transfer
- gene fusion

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4.1.10. Particles that transfer genetic material from one species to anothe...

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Particles that transfer genetic material from one species to another, especially in marine prokaryotes:

Please choose only one answer:

- horizontal gene transfer
- lateral gene transfer
- genome fusion device
- gene transfer agents

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4.1.11. What does the trunk of the classic phylogenetic tree represent?

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What does the trunk of the classic phylogenetic tree represent?

Please choose only one answer:

- single common ancestor
- pool of ancestral organisms
- new species
- old species

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4.1.12. Which phylogenetic model proposes that all three domains of life ev...

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Which phylogenetic model proposes that all three domains of life evolved from a pool of primitive prokaryotes?

Please choose only one answer:

- tree of life
- web of life
- ring of life
- network model

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