

## 2018 AP<sup>®</sup> BIOLOGY FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

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|    |      |      |
|----|------|------|
|    | Z    | W    |
| Z* | Z* Z | Z* W |
| Z  | Z Z  | Z W  |

- (a) **Predict** the percent of phenotypic males among the F<sub>1</sub> offspring of the cross shown in the Punnett square if the offspring are raised at 22°C.
- (b) At least one Z or Z\* chromosome is necessary for survival of the fish. A researcher crossed two fish and observed a 2:1 ratio of males to females among the offspring. Based on the information, **identify** the genotype of the male parent in the cross. **Describe** ONE fitness cost to the female of mating with this particular male.

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**Prediction (1 point)**

75%

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**Identification (1 point)**

Z\* W

**Description (1 point)**

- Fewer offspring will develop/survive.
- 1/4 of the offspring are predicted to die.
- Some of her offspring will have the Z\* chromosome/all of her male offspring will have a Z\* chromosome.