



Quick Check Genetics at Work

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**Instructions:** Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

- When something is received from parents or ancestors, it is \_\_\_\_\_\_.
  - (A) propagated
  - **B** inherited
  - © selected
  - (I) reproduced
- 2. Which of the following is an example of successful animal hybridization?
  - (A) mules
  - **B** pandas
  - (C) cheetahs
  - (D) sheep
- **3.** What is the effect of zoos not conducting genetic research?
  - A People will no longer visit zoos.
  - B Habitats for rare animals will increase.
  - © Endangered species will die out.
  - ① Rare animals will stay healthy and alive in the wild.

## 4. What is genetics?

- (A) the study of plants and animals
- B the study of how living things pass on traits
- © the study of how crimes can be solved using science
- ① the study of ways to create new types of animals
- **5.** Why do law enforcement agencies want to establish databases of DNA?
  - A to help accurately identify criminals
  - B to help keep fingerprinting records organized
  - © to help solve crimes that occurred before 1985
  - ① to help keep evidence from becoming contaminated

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- 6. Researchers are using the technique of \_\_\_\_\_ when they attempt to reproduce tomatoes for large size and early ripening ability.
  - (A) genetic diversity
  - B captive breeding
  - © selective breeding
  - DNA fingerprinting
- **7.** How are fingerprints and DNA similar?
  - (A) Both are difficult to find.
  - B Both are unique to each individual.
  - © Both are needed to solve a crime.
  - D Both are identical for members of the same family.

- 8. Why are some scientists concerned about the effect of genetically modified foods?
  - (A) Genetically modified foods may not be able to provide more nutrition.
  - (B) Genetically modified foods may become too expensive for people to buy them.
  - © Scientists cannot predict how foreign genes will react in an organism.
  - ① Genetically modified foods may not be available in all countries.
- **9.** Breeding in captivity is considered to be truly successful when
  - A animals reproduce in an environment where they are protected
  - B animals can no longer reproduce
  - © animals reproduce on their own once released into the wild
  - animals reproduce with the help of scientists and animal researchers





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- **10.** What is the author's purpose in writing *Genetics at Work?* 
  - A to inform the reader about job opportunities involving genetics
  - B to inform the reader about how to breed endangered animals
  - © to explain the effect of genetics on plants and animals
  - (I) to explain how scientists use genetics to create better food
- 11. Extended Response: What are the benefits of selective breeding? What are the problems? Use details from the book to support your response.
- **12. Extended Response:** In what ways does the field of genetics offer many job opportunities?



## LEVEL Z2

## **Quick Check Answer Sheet**

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Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

- **1.** B Vocabulary
- 2. A Main Idea and Details
- **3.** (C) Cause and Effect
- **4. B** Vocabulary
- **5.** (A) Cause and Effect
- **6.** ① Vocabulary
- **7.** B Compare and Contrast
- **8.** ① Main Idea and Details
- 9. (C) Main Idea and Details
- **10.** (A) Author's Purpose
- 11. Answers will vary but should include the following information: Benefits: plants that grow faster, animals that produce more, and meat that is low in fat. Problems: traits will be lost forever, a species could be wiped out by a virus, and scientists cannot predict how foreign genes will react.
- 12. Answers will vary but should include the fact that the field of genetics is ever-growing and is a part of farming, medicine, law enforcement, and so on. Students should note that any profession among these fields includes the study and understanding of genetics.