Answer Key

HSA Item Number	Answer	Indicators Assessed
1	A	**1.3.2** The student will recognize safe laboratory procedures.
2	G	**3.1.1** The student will be able to describe the unique characteristics of chemical substances and macromolecules utilized by living systems.
3	C	**1.6.1** The student will use ratio and proportion in appropriate situations to solve problems.
4	G	**3.2.1** The student will explain processes and the function of related structures found in unicellular and multicellular organisms.
5	BCR	**1.4.7** The student will determine the sources of error that limit the accuracy or precision of experimental results.
6	G	**3.1.2** The student will be able to discuss factors involved in the regulation of chemical activity as part of a homeostatic mechanism.
7	D	**3.1.2** The student will be able to discuss factors involved in the regulation of chemical activity as part of a homeostatic mechanism.
8	G	**1.1.5** The student will explain factors that produce biased data.
9	B	**3.1.3** The student will be able to compare the transfer and use of matter and energy in photosynthetic and non-photosynthetic organisms.
10	H	**1.5.6** The student will read a technical selection and interpret it appropriately.
11	A	**3.4.1** The student will explain how new traits may result from new combinations of existing genes or from mutations of genes in reproductive cells within a population.
12	H	**3.3.1** The student will demonstrate that the sorting and recombination of genes during sexual reproduction has an effect on variation in offspring.
13	BCR	**1.7.1** The student will apply the skills, processes, and concepts of biology, chemistry, physics, and earth science to societal issues.
14	J	**1.2.6** The student will identify appropriate methods for conducting an investigation, including independent and dependent variables, and affirm the need for proper controls in an experiment.

15	B	**3.2.1** The student will explain processes and the function of related structures found in unicellular and multicellular organisms.
16	H	**3.3.2** The student will illustrate and explain how expressed traits are passed from parent to offspring.
17	BCR	**3.4.2** The student will estimate degrees of relatedness among organisms or species.
18	J	**1.7.2** The student will identify and evaluate the impact of scientific ideas and/or advancements in technology on society.
19	D	**3.2.1** The student will explain processes and the function of related structures found in unicellular and multicellular organisms.
20	F	**3.2.1** The student will explain processes and the function of related structures found in unicellular and multicellular organisms.
21	D	**3.2.1** The student will explain processes and the function of related structures found in unicellular and multicellular organisms.
22	BCR	**3.5.1** The student will analyze the relationships between biotic diversity and abiotic factors in environments and the resulting influence on ecosystems.
23	A	**3.2.1** The student will explain processes and the function of related structures found in unicellular and multicellular organisms.
24	G	**3.5.1** The student will analyze the relationships between biotic diversity and abiotic factors in environments and the resulting influence on ecosystems.
25	B	**1.2.6** The student will identify appropriate methods for conducting an investigation, including independent and dependent variables, and affirm the need for proper controls in an experiment.
26	H	**3.3.4** The student will interpret how the effects of DNA alteration can be beneficial or harmful to the individual, society, and/or the environment.
27	C	**3.3.3** The student will explain how a genetic trait is determined by the code in a DNA molecule.
28	G	**3.3.1** The student will demonstrate that the sorting and recombination of genes during sexual reproduction has an effect on variation in offspring.
29	D	**3.5.2** The student will analyze the interrelationships and interdependencies among different organisms and explain how these relationships contribute to the stabilty of the ecosystem.
30	F	**3.5.2** The student will analyze the interrelationships and interdependencies among different organisms and explain how these relationships contribute to the stabilty of the ecosystem.

31	BCR	**3.1.3** The student will be able to compare the transfer and use of matter and energy in photosynthetic and non-photosynthetic organisms.
32	F	**3.4.1** The student will explain how new traits may result from new combinations of existing genes or from mutations of genes in reproductive cells within a population.
33	A	**3.1.2** The student will be able to discuss factors involved in the regulation of chemical activity as part of a homeostatic mechanism.
34	H	**3.5.2** The student will analyze the interrelationships and interdependencies among different organisms and explain how these relationships contribute to the stabilty of the ecosystem.
35	B	**3.4.2** The student will estimate degrees of relatedness among organisms or species.
36	H	**3.5.1** The student will analyze the relationships between biotic diversity and abiotic factors in environments and the resulting influence on ecosystems.
37	C	**3.1.1** The student will be able to describe the unique characteristics of chemical substances and macromolecules utilized by living systems.
38	BCR	**3.3.2** The student will illustrate and explain how expressed traits are passed from parent to offspring.
39	B	**3.1.3** The student will be able to compare the transfer and use of matter and energy in photosynthetic and non-photosynthetic organisms.
40	J	**3.1.3** The student will be able to compare the transfer and use of matter and energy in photosynthetic and non-photosynthetic organisms.
41	A	**3.3.1** The student will demonstrate that the sorting and recombination of genes during sexual reproduction has an effect on variation in offspring.
42	G	**3.4.2** The student will estimate degrees of relatedness among organisms or species.
43	C	**3.5.2** The student will analyze the interrelationships and interdependencies among different organisms and explain how these relationships contribute to the stabilty of the ecosystem.
44	F	**3.5.3** The student will investigate how natural and man-made changes in environmental conditions will affect individual organisms and the dynamics of populations.
45	B	**3.3.3** The student will explain how a genetic trait is determined by the code in a DNA molecule.
46	J	**3.3.3** The student will explain how a genetic trait is determined by the code in a DNA molecule.
47	D	**3.2.1** The student will explain processes and the function of related structures found in unicellular and multicellular

		organisms.
48	BCR	**3.2.1** The student will explain processes and the function of related structures found in unicellular and multicellular organisms.
49	C	**3.2.1** The student will explain processes and the function of related structures found in unicellular and multicellular organisms.
50	G	**3.5.1** The student will analyze the relationships between biotic diversity and abiotic factors in environments and the resulting influence on ecosystems.
51	A	**3.2.2** The student will conclude that cells exist within a narrow range of environmental conditions and changes to that environment, either naturally occurring or induced, may cause changes in the metabolic activity of the cell or organism.
52	H	**3.5.1** The student will analyze the relationships between biotic diversity and abiotic factors in environments and the resulting influence on ecosystems.
53	D	**3.4.2** The student will estimate degrees of relatedness among organisms or species.

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