Patterns of Heredity and Random Mechanisms of Evolution

Directions: Read the scenarios below and check the type of evolution that each describes.

	Convergent Evolution	Divergent Evolution	Co- Evolution	Punctuated Equilibrium	Gradualism
1 Over time the strines on tigers				-94	
developed in size and shape to					
better hide in tall grass.					
2. Both large cats and wolves					
have canines to help them grab					
and hold on to their prey. Both					
use them for ripping and					
tearing.					
3. African elephants have					
developed large ears to aid in					
cooling the body in the heat of					
the savannah. Their close					
relative, the Asian elephant, has					
smaller ears because they live in					
cooler areas. African elephants					
are also larger, taller and longer					
than the Asian elephants.					
4. As smaller lizard like reptiles					
hid in rock crevices to avoid					
larger predators and feed on					
smaller insects they found that					
shorter legs could get further in					
and find more insects. Over time					
through many generations					
snakes evolved as the legs were					
slowly lost.					
5. A sticky tongue is useful for					
catching and eating small					
insects. The poison dart frog					
and anteater both use this					
method of feeding.					
6. Some plants are toxic to					
protect themselves from insects.					
In response, insects have					
evolved ways to become					
resistant to the toxins.					
7. In human evolution, fossil					
study has shown that species					
remained stable for long periods					
of time then abruptly changed.					



Directions: Study the images below and check the type of evolution that each represents.

Directions: Read the scenarios below and check the type of evolution that occurred.

	Genetic Drift	Gene Flow
13. A bee picked up pollen from		
a sunflower in one field and		
carried that pollen to a new		
population of sunflowers in		
another field across a river.		
14. A population of lizards in a		
jungle included red, green and		
yellow colors. Over time the		
recessive trait of yellow did not		
show in many offspring.		
15. Many wild monk parakeets		
have made their home in a		
colony located in Kemah, Texas.		
A local pet store accidently let		
several of their monk parakeets		
escape. They joined the wild		
parakeets in Kemah.		
16. A flock of geese were		
migrating south when they flew		
through a wind storm. Several		
of the geese were blown off		
course and landed in a lake		
nearby. The next day they		
heard a new population of		
geese flying over and joined		
them to continue their		
migration.		
17. A certain type of plant		
produces blue or yellow		
flowers. During a fire, many		
yellow flowers were destroyed.		
Now only blue flowers are		
produced.		

Questions (circle the correct answer):

- 18. If new organisms move from one population into another but fail to breed and reproduce with the new population, does gene flow still occur? **(YES / NO)**
- 19. Genetic drift results in the genetic variation (INCREASING / DECREASING) in a population.
- 20. Gene flow results in the genetic variation (INCREASING / DECREASING) in a population.