

Item

29. Most bacteria reproduce asexually. Mammals reproduce sexually. Describe how these two methods of reproduction differ with respect to the genetic makeup of the offspring produced.

Respond in the space provided in your **Answer Document**. (2 points)

Sample Response for Item 29 (Short Answer):

Other Correct Response(s):

Asexual reproduction (binary fission) leads to offspring that are genetically identical to each other and the parent.

Sexual reproduction leads to offspring with a genetic makeup that includes a contribution from two parents.

Scoring Guidelines for Item 29

Score Point	Description
2 points	The student describes the difference between asexual reproduction and sexual reproduction with respect to the genetic makeup of the offspring produced.
1 point	The student describes the genetic makeup of offspring produced by asexual reproduction. OR The student describes the genetic makeup of offspring produced by sexual reproduction.
0 points	The student response demonstrates no understanding of the task or concept. The response may provide an incorrect solution and/or supporting information may be totally irrelevant to the task. The student may repeat information from the passage or prompt or may have written "I don't know."

sexual reproduction is the joining of a male reproductive cell (sperm) and a female cell (egg). When they meet, they begin to reproduce. Asexual reproduction occurs when one egg splits in two to form offspring. Offspring of sexual reproduction are usually more developed, and have opportunities to grow and develop more.

Score Point: 0

The response does not meet the criteria to receive one point. The response describes the process of sexual and asexual reproduction but does not provide a description of how the genetic makeup of the offspring differs.

The reproduction of mammals that reproduce sexually differ with the respect to the genetic makeup of the offspring produced is that the mammals have their offspring when they find a mate and are able to produce offspring. The mammals have offspring like any human would. The reproduction of bacteria that reproduces asexually differs with respect to the genetic offspring by not having to go search for a mate they already are able to form offspring without some other specie.

Score Point: 0

The response does not meet the criteria to receive one point. Description of the reproductive process does not address the prompt.

By reproducing asexually the bacteria and other and other organisms such as bacteria build off from one another and form an identical and new organism and keep forming with not much contact. Sexually mammals rather take and reproduce and wait a period at time to make a new living mammal mainly b/c of size. The genetic makeup of this is that bacteria are very small and mammals tend to be much bigger.

Score Point: 0

The response does not meet the criteria to receive one point. The description of the offspring of asexual reproduction being "identical" is too vague to receive credit, as it is not clear whether it is referring to genetic makeup. The response does not provide a description of the genetic makeup of offspring produced by sexual reproduction.

One major differences is how asexual offspring are clones of their parents. Sexual reproduction produces a new type of offspring. The asexual reproduction is not always a good thing for any wrong DNA will be cloned. Another differences is how reproduction occurs. In asexual it's offspring are not inside the body of a parent while in mammals, offspring are.

Score Point: 0

The response does not meet the criteria to receive one point. The description of the offspring of asexual reproduction as "clones" is not correct. While in some cases the DNA may be replicated with no errors, it is still possible for genetic mutations to occur during asexual reproduction.

reproducing asexually is different from producing sexually. In example, bacteria may reproduce with two offspring that came out to be the same. But mammals on the other hand, produce offspring that came from a male and a female mammal.

Score Point: 1

The response describes the genetic makeup of offspring produced by asexual reproduction. ("bacteria may reproduce with two offspring that came out to be the same.")

Asexual means they don't have the genes of the parents & they can make hundreds at a time. Sexual means they have characteristics of their parents & look like them in certain ways.

Score Point: 1

The response describes the genetic makeup of offspring produced by sexual reproduction. ("Sexual means they have characteristics of their parents")

When living things produce asexually, only one of those living things is needed. It will reproduce by breaking apart. (The nucleus will divide so that one becomes two.) In sexual reproduction, two of the living things, a male and a female, are needed to create offspring. The sperm from the male joins with the egg from the female.

Score Point: 1

The response describes the genetic makeup of offspring produced by asexual reproduction. ("When living things produce asexually ... The nucleus will divide so that one becomes two.")

These two methods of reproduction differ with respect to the genetic makeup of the offspring produced. When something is reproduced asexually, it comes out to be identical to the parents or the creature it came from. When something is reproduced sexually, it has traits and genetics from both parents and genes passed on by their parents.

Score Point: 2

The response describes the difference between asexual reproduction and sexual reproduction with respect to the genetic makeup of the offspring produced. ("reproduced asexually, it comes out to be identical to the parents or the creature it came from. ... sexually, it has traits and genetics from both parents and genes passed on by their parents.")

When bacteria reproduce, the daughter cell are exactly the same as the father cell. However, when mammals reproduce, the offspring aren't exactly the same as one of the parents. They are part of each parent.

Score Point: 2

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If an organism reproduces asexually the offspring will be genetically identical to their parents. However if an organism reproduces sexually, the mixing of genes increases the genetic variation of the offspring.

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When bacteria produce asexually, they only have their own genetic material to pass on, therefore producing near identical copies of the same bacteria. With mammals that produce sexually, mating occurs causing the mixture of genetic material from the male and from the female, therefore producing variety in further generations.

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Asexually means that the DNA will stay the same but only uses one parent to reproduce. Sexually means that the DNA will have both parents genes in it.

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