**Biotech Activities**

**Section A: Cloning and Stem Cells**

1. “Cloning is the process of making identical copies of an organism, cell, or DNA sequence. Molecular cloning is a process by which scientists amplify a desired DNA sequence. The target sequence is isolated, inserted into another DNA molecule (known as a vector), and introduced into a suitable host cell. Then, each time the host cell divides, it replicates the foreign DNA sequence along with its own DNA.” (https://geneed.nlm.nih.gov/topic\_subtopic.php?tid=41&sid=44)

* Go to the following link <https://learn.genetics.utah.edu/content/cloning/>
* Select “Click and Clone”. Complete the animation. What color will the clone be? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Select “Why Clone?” List 4 reason to clone organisms.

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2. Go to the following link https://learn.genetics.utah.edu/content/stemcells/

* Click on “The Nature of Stem Cells” and watch the video.

a. What are stem cells? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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b. What is differentiation? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* Click on “Unlocking Stem Cell Potential” and watch the video.

a. What is regenerative medicine? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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b. What are the possibilities of drugs that activate new stem cells? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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c. What is unique about pluripotent and embryonic stem cells? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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d. List a few ways stem cells are already being used in studies. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Section B: DNA Fingerprinting**

Type in: <https://learn.genetics.utah.edu/content/labs/gel/>. Go through the animation and answer the questions.

1. What lab procedure allows scientists to sort pieces of DNA? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. Where do you place the DNA? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. What makes the DNA move? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. Which fragments move further? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. Why do we stain the DNA? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6. What do you think the charge on a DNA molecule is? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7. Give an example of the usefulness of gel electrophoresis. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Sample Gels**

8. The diagram to the right shows DNA fingerprints from a daughter horse, the mother horse, and four possible fathers. Which horse is most likely the father? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

9. Using the gel above, who committed the crime? \_\_\_\_

10. The gel to the right contains DNA banding patterns from four sets of twins. Which set of twins is identical? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

11. What molecule is used to cut DNA into fragments? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

12. What lab procedure would be performed if a lab technician needed more DNA to analyze from a crime scene? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

13. What lab procedure is performed to separate DNA fragments based on size? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

14. A DNA \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a pattern of dark bands on photographic film that is made when DNA fragments are separated by electrophoresis and tagged. The film is often used to determine suspects in a crime.

**Section C: Genetic Engineering**

Type the following link to the article, read, then answer questions 1-4. <https://www.nature.com/scitable/topicpage/genetically-modified-organisms-gmos-transgenic-crops-and-732/>

1. Numerous agriculture plants have been genetically modified. List benefits of genetic engineering in agriculture.

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2. The pharmaceutical industry is another area where genetic engineering is prevalent. List examples and benefits for genetic engineering in this area. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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3. List some examples of potential GMO applications. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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4. Explain some of the risk and controversy surrounding the use of GMOs. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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5. What process alters genes to introduce desirable traits? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6. What is a transgenic organism? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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7. When DNA from two different sources is spliced together, what is the DNA called?

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8. What is the function of restriction enzymes? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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9. A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a plasmid used to move foreign genes into desired host cells.

10. Scientists have changed the DNA of a type of cabbage so that it contains a tiny amount of poison from a scorpion’s tail. The poison in the cabbage kills caterpillars that try to eat it. This is an example of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_