# Biology 113 Closed Book Take-Home Exam #2 – Chapters 4 - 6

There is no time limit on this test, though I have tried to design one that you should be able to complete within 3 hours. There are 6 pages in the exam, including this cover sheet and the data gallery. You are not allowed to look at someone else's test, nor use your notes, old tests, the internet, any books, nor are you allowed to discuss the test with anyone until all exams are turned in no later than 12:30 pm on Monday October. 22. **EXAMS ARE DUE BY 12:30 pm ON**MONDAY OCTOBER 22. If you turn in your exam late, then you lose a letter grade for each day you are late. The answers to the questions must be typed immediately below each question unless you are instructed to draw something. If you do not write your answers in the appropriate location, I may not find them.

I have provided you with a "Data Gallery" in the form of figures and tables. To choose a figure in support of your answer, simply state Figure #x. You can refer to subparts of figures by letter or say upper vs. lower or left vs. right panels. You do NOT need to move the figure on your test. Do not assume how many of the data images you will use, or not use. Simply choosing the data is not sufficient support for your answer. You must explain the significance of the data and how they support your answer. I have given you sentence limits so be concise.

# -3 pts if you do not follow this direction. Please do not write or type your name on any page other than this cover page. Staple all your pages (INCLUDING THE TEST PAGES) together when finished with the exam. Name (please print): Read the pledge and sign if you can do so with honor:

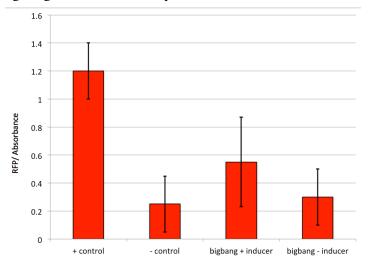
On my honor I have neither given nor received unauthorized information regarding this work, I have followed and will continue to observe all regulations regarding it, and I am unaware of any violation of the Honor Code by others.

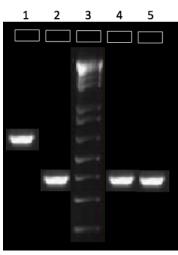
How long did this exam take you to complete?

# Lab Questions:

# 4 pts.

- 1) A particularly excited student, Gimme Morelab, obtained some results from lab but was not sure how to interpret them. Please help Gimme by answering this question:
- a) What can you say about the relative strength of the promoter called "bigbang"? Bars in the graph represent the average of three experiments and the error bars are standard deviation. For + vs controls, p = 0.005. For control vs. "bigbang + inducer", p = 0.0812. Gel image shows PCR products around the promoter: 1 = + control; 2 = control; 4 = bigbang + inducer; 5 = bigbang inducer. Limit your answer to a maximum of 2 sentences.





Bigbang+inducer is not significantly different from the negative control (p=0.08). Based on the gel, it looks like the promoter may not have been cloned in the first place, so we did not really test bigbang promoter.

### 6 pts.

- 2) You may NOT USE the Guided Tour file. You must answer this question using your own experience of analyzing DNA sequences. I emailed you a zipped file that contains two sequences. I want you to use ApE to:
- a) Tell me how many SNPs are in "variant 1" and their nucleotide positions.
- b) Translate both ORFs and describe the variant protein compared to the original mystery protein. This question is a bit tricky so be careful when you analyze the translation. Do not list all the amino acids, just describe the differences.

4 SNPs (sizes +/- 1 base): 560, 1506, 2375, 3146.

560: S → G amino acid change 1506: no change in amino acid 2375: E to Q amino acid change

3146: premature stop codon

# Lecture Questions:

# 10 pts.

3) Analyze the relationship between light flash interval and temperature for male and female fireflies. Support your answer with data. **Limit your answer to a maximum of 4 sentences.** 

#15 temps increase and IPI decreases for males with range that stays at 1.5 sec.

#30 females adjust their ideal IPI with the temperature that is consistent with male changes both adjust their temporal preferences with temperature

# 10 pts.

- 4) *Vibrio fischeri* is able to communicate more information than you might have predicted prior to taking Bio113.
- a) What is the physical form for *V. fischeri* communication? Support your answer with data. Limit your answer to a maximum of 2 sentences.

A secreted molecule #23

b) Describe the population outcome when *V. fischeri* uses its communication. Support your answer with data. Limit your answer to a maximum of 3 sentences.

#22 increases then decreases as cell density increases continuously loss of substrate in cells (+1)

### 10 pts.

- 5) Most people fail to understand how plants communicate. If anything, they will cite the colors or fragrances of flowers as the only communication produced by plants, but those lucky enough to take Bio113 know better. Give three examples (A C) of plant communication that we have studied. Support your answer with data. Limit your answer to a maximum of 6 sentences total (two per example).
  - A. #29 and 26: pollen recognize same species
  - B. #19 roots forage for nutrients
  - C. #18 ovules attract pollen tubes

### 10 pts.

6)

a) What information do mole crickets convey with sound? Support your answer with data. Limit your answer to a maximum of 2 sentences.

attract mate of same species #17

b) Do other species use mole cricket sound information? Explain your answer. Support your answer with data. Limit your answer to a maximum of 2 sentences.

#4 parasitic flies intercept for species they recognize

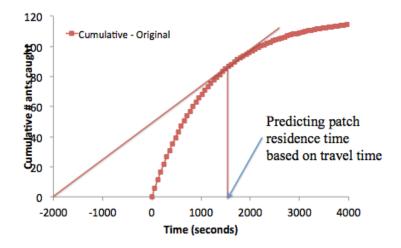
c) Compare and contrast frog-eating bats with the mole cricket example. Support your answer with data. Limit your answer to a maximum of 3 sentences.

bats and flies intercept mating information to find prey (#4, 24, 17)

# bats can learn from other bats (#24)

# 10 pts.

- 7) In the space provided below, sketch a picture that shows when a horned lizard should stop feeding at one ant nest and move onto the next one. In your diagram, you must indicate:
- a) the average time it takes to travel between nests 2000 second
- b) the average time when a lizard should leave.
- c) Explain in a maximum of two sentences what the response of a lizard would be if the ant density of each nest doubled. shorter time



# 10 pts.

8)

a) What evidence exists to support the claim that pre-biotic Earth contained the necessary organic molecules to assemble the first cell? Support at least part of your answer with data.

# Limit your answer to a maximum of 2 sentences.

#12 amino acids, lipids and later nucleic acids

b) What property of lipids enables them to form abiotic membranes? Support your answer with data. Limit your answer to a maximum of 2 sentences.

self-organizing into bilayers and vesicles (#20)

c) Living cells exhibit three characteristics that separate them from inanimate objects. List all three (A - C) and choose at least one figure (one may be sufficient but you might see more than one which is allowed) for each characteristic that shows abiotic processes could have produced the first living cell. Support your answer with data. Limit your answer to a maximum of 6 sentences (two fort each characteristic).

A. 3D/compartmentalize = #20

B. reproduce = #7 or #9

C. change in response to env. = #5 or #2

# 10 pts.

9) A very popular anti-evolution arguments can be summarized as, "Complexity cannot derive naturally from simplicity." Use data from the gallery to illustrate how complex properties can emerge by combining simple components. Bias your data selection towards big leaps of complexity rather than minor variations of structures. **Limit your answer to a maximum of 6 sentences.** 

Many possible answers, such as:

#7 ribozyme as polymerase

#9 reproduction

#2 or 5 change in response to env.

#5 produce energy (check to make sure I did not count off if you had this one)

# 10 pts.

10) In my many years of parenting, I have seen good and bad parents. A good parent exhibits behaviors that nurture the next generation. Choose three examples from the data gallery of species providing for their progeny with the assistance of information. Each example needs to come from very different species. In other words, don't chose two or more examples from the same or closely related species. Think broadly about next generation and do not limit yourself to examples of sexual reproduction. **Limit your answer to a maximum of 6 sentences total.** Many possible answers such as:

#6 choice of egg laying by moths

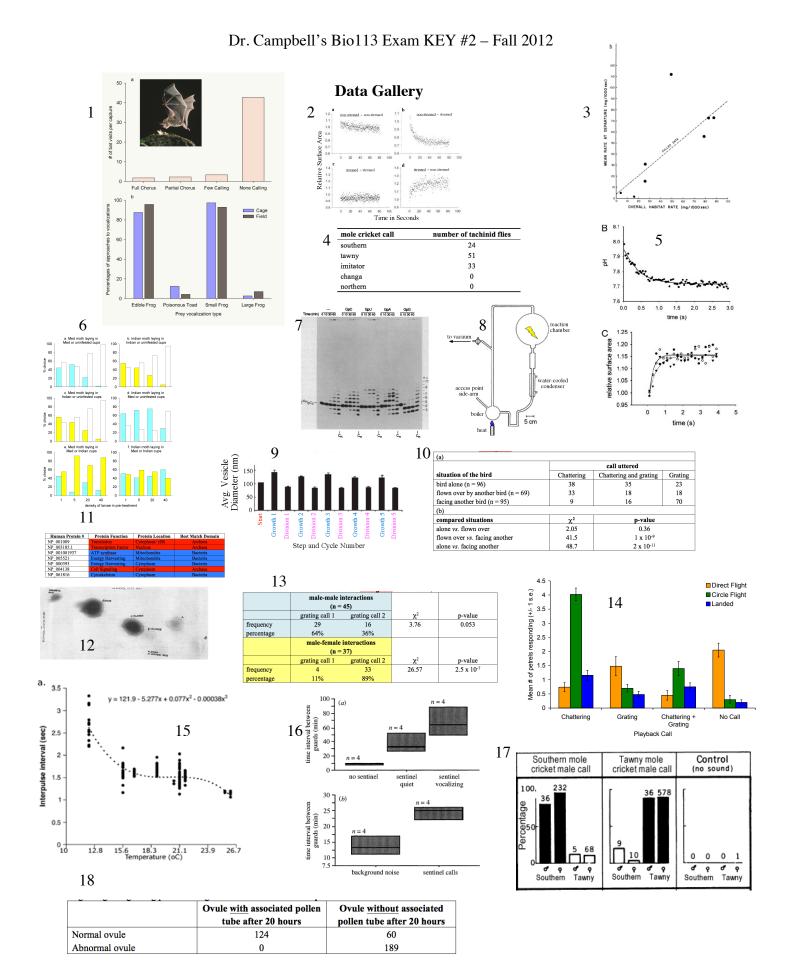
#18 fertilize efficiently

#9 vesicles divide and spill contents to form new vesicle

#4 parasite choses known food source

#24 teaching offspring to hunt

#27 teaching offspring about preditors



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