Quiz 4 Key (ave 87, s.d. 17, high 100(4), low 40) BI-102-1, Fall '06, Dr. C. S. Tritt

Please keep your answers concise (more words will not necessarily lead to more points). Use the amount of space provided as a guide as to how detailed to make your answers. This is a 4 question, 2-sided test! The first 2 are worth 20 points each, that last 2 are worth 30 points each.

1. Briefly explain the significance of the G_0 stage of the cell cycle.

 G_0 is a waiting (called "resting" in the slide show) stage between the G_1 and S stages. Not mentioning G_1 or S or not indicating that some cells wait (and do their "jobs") in G_0 (rather than continuing with replication) was -2 points. Answering as if G_0 is a check point was -5. Saying or directly implying that the cell is "getting ready" to replicate was -4.

2. Does crossing-over occur during mitosis or meiosis?

The correct answer is meiosis. Saying both was -15.

3. A man with type A blood and a women with type B blood have children with the following blood types: AB, B and O. Tell me as much as you can about the genotypes of these parents.

The fact that a child with type O blood is produced indicates that both parents must have at least 1 i allele. In this case it means they must be heterozygous (I^Ai and I^Bi). Full credit was given for simply giving the Punnett square:

| | I^A | i |
|---------|------------------|----------|
| I^{B} | I^AI^B | iI^{B} |
| | (AB) | (B) |
| i | I ^A i | ii |
| | (A) | (O) |

Using any set of reasonable symbols. Using symbols a and b to represent I was -3 (A and B and I and O were okay). Answering this problem as if blood type is sex linked was -20.

4. In my spare time, I've been breading and studying MSOE camels. In particular I've determined their eye colors are determined by just 2 genes. One of these genes controls the brownness of animals' eyes. This gene has 2 alleles. I call them B (the dominant form that results in brown eyes) and b (the recessive form that results in blue eyes). The other gene controls the greenness of their eyes. This gene also has 2 alleles. I call them G (the dominant form that results in green eyes) and g (the recessive form that results in blue eyes). These genes assort independently (they're not linked). Also, B is epistatic with respect to G and g meaning that B with either of these results in a brown eyed animal. Similarly, G is epistatic with b in that G with b results in green eyed animals.

Now for the problem, predict the ratio of eye colors in the F_2 offspring when true breeding brown eyed animals that are homozygous recessive (g) for the greenness gene are crossed with true breeding green eyed animals and the resulting F_1 animals are self-crossed.

The parental generation consists of BBgg and bbGG animals so the F1 animals are all BbgG (double heterozygous) and would all have brown eyes. When these animals are self-crossed, the following gametes are possible BG, Bg, bG, bg. The Punnett square for this cross is:

| | BG | Bg | bG | bg |
|----|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| BG | BBGG | BBGg | BbGG | BbGg |
| | (Brown) | (Brown) | (Brown) | (Brown) |
| Bg | BBgG | BBgg | BbgG | Bbgg |
| | (Brown) | (Brown) | (Brown) | (Brown) |
| bG | bBGG | bBGg | bbGG | bbGg |
| | (Brown) | (Brown) | (Green) | (Green) |
| bg | bBgG | bBgg | bbgG | bbgg |
| | (Brown) | (Brown) | (Green) | (Blue) |

So the F_2 ratio is 12 (brown): 3 (green) to 1 (blue). Misreading the square (writing in the wrong genotype) was -6. Completely messing up the square (as in putting only B's on one edge and G's on the other) was -25 (even if you got the correct answer). Getting just one letter wrong -12.