#### **AP® BIOLOGY EQUATIONS AND FORMULAS**

#### **Statistical Analysis and Probability**

#### Mean

#### **Standard Deviation**

$$\overline{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i$$

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (x_i - \overline{x})^2}{n - 1}}$$

#### **Standard Error of the Mean**

#### **Chi-Square**

$$SE_{\overline{x}} = \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$\chi^2 = \sum \frac{\left(o - e\right)^2}{e}$$

#### **Chi-Square Table**

| p     | Degrees of Freedom |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|-------|--------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| value | 1                  | 2    | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     | 7     | 8     |
| 0.05  | 3.84               | 5.99 | 7.81  | 9.49  | 11.07 | 12.59 | 14.07 | 15.51 |
| 0.01  | 6.63               | 9.21 | 11.34 | 13.28 | 15.09 | 16.81 | 18.48 | 20.09 |

## $\overline{x}$ = sample mean

n = sample size

s = sample standard deviation (i.e., the sample-based estimate of the standard deviation of the population)

o = observed results

e = expected results

 $\Sigma = \text{sum of all}$ 

Degrees of freedom are equal to the number of distinct possible outcomes minus one.

### **Laws of Probability**

If A and B are mutually exclusive, then:

$$P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B)$$

If A and B are independent, then:

$$P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) \times P(B)$$

#### **Hardy-Weinberg Equations**

$$p^2 + 2pq + q^2 = 1$$
  $p =$ frequency of allele 1 in a population  $p + q = 1$   $q =$ frequency of allele 2 in a population

#### Metric Prefixes

| <u>Factor</u> | <u>Prefix</u> | <b>Symbol</b> |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 109           | giga          | G             |
| 106           | mega          | M             |
| 103           | kilo          | k             |
| $10^{-2}$     | centi         | c             |
| $10^{-3}$     | milli         | m             |
| $10^{-6}$     | micro         | μ             |
| $10^{-9}$     | nano          | n             |
| $10^{-12}$    | pico          | р             |

Mode = value that occurs most frequently in a data set

Median = middle value that separates the greater and lesser halves of a data set

Mean = sum of all data points divided by number of data points

Range = value obtained by subtracting the smallest observation (sample minimum) from the greatest (sample maximum)

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#### Rate and Growth

| Rate |
|------|
|      |

$$\frac{dY}{dt}$$

dY = amount of change

dt = change in time

#### **Population Growth**

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = B - D$$

B = birth rateD = death rate

# **Exponential Growth**

$$N =$$
population size

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = r_{\text{max}} N$$

$$K = \text{carrying capacity}$$
  
 $r_{\text{max}} = \text{maximum per capita}$ 

growth rate of population

### **Logistic Growth**

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = r_{\text{max}} N \left( \frac{K - N}{K} \right)$$

#### The Solute Potential of a Solution

Water Potential (  $\Psi$  )

 $\Psi_{\rm p}$  = pressure potential

 $\Psi_{\rm S}$  = solute potential

 $\Psi = \Psi_P + \Psi_S$ 

$$\Psi_{\rm S} = -iCRT$$

i = ionization constant (1.0 for sucrose because sucrose does not ionize in water)

The water potential will be equal to the solute potential of a solution in an open

container because the pressure potential of

the solution in an open container is zero.

C = molar concentration

R = pressure constant

(R = 0.0831 liter bars/mole K)

 $T = \text{temperature in Kelvin} (^{\circ}\text{C} + 273)$ 

$$pH^* = -\log[H^+]$$

## Simpson's Diversity Index

Diversity Index = 
$$1 - \sum \left(\frac{n}{N}\right)^2$$

n = total number of organisms of a particular species

N = total number of organisms of all species

#### **Surface Area and Volume**

#### **Surface Area of a Sphere**

$$SA = 4\pi r^2$$

# **Volume of a Sphere**

$$V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$

### Volume of a Rectangular Solid

$$V = lwh$$

## h = height

1 = length

r = radius

SA = 2lh + 2lw + 2wh

Surface Area of a Rectangular Solid

$$SA = 2\pi rh + 2\pi r^2$$

$$v = \iota w n$$

# w = width

# **Surface Area of a Cylinder**

$$SA = 2\pi rh + 2\pi r$$

Volume of a Cylinder
$$V = \pi r^2 h$$

$$s =$$
length of one side of a cube

#### Surface Area of a Cube

$$SA = 6s^2$$

#### **Volume of a Cube**

$$V = s^3$$

# SA = surface area

V = volume

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