**Characteristics of Life Pretest**

**Directions:** fill in the blanks with the best choice from the word bank below. This is a pretest; therefore your quiz grade will not be affected by the accuracy of this assessment. Do not leave any answers blank!

1. An “effect” is known as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. The type of reproduction that uses the same genetic information to make a copy is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ reproduction
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ organization can be found in a single cell organism like a paramecium.
4. An increase in mass or weight is known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ must eat in order to survive.
6. When genetic information is exchanged and the offspring are a combination of two parents’ DNA, it is known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ reproduction.
7. Any inherited characteristic that results from changes to a species over time is known as a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
8. The type of environment inside of an organism is known as its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ environment.
9. The type of environment outside of an organism is known as its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ environment.
10. A change in abilities as an organism gets older is known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
11. The production of offspring is known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
12. A “cause” is known as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
13. When an organism makes its own food, it is called a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
14. Maintaining a stable internal environment is known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
15. All living things use \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for “fuel”.
16. All living things are made of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
17. An example of a living organism that is made of only one cell is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
18. When something is made of many cells, it is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Word Bank**

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| response | sexual | external | homeostasis | multicellular |
| cells | energy | stimulus | asexual | simple |
| development | growth | adaptation | internal | reproduction |
| producer | bacteria | consumer | photosynthesis | respiration |
| organism | parasite | food | water | nonliving |