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Study Guide- Experimental Design

**Directions: Read each of the following statements about writing a hypothesis. Write a “T” in the blank if the statement is true and write “F” if the statement is false.**

1. \_\_\_\_ A hypothesis is a type of prediction.

2. \_\_\_\_ A hypothesis is made before the experiment is conducted.

3. \_\_\_\_ A hypothesis must be supported by the results.

4. \_\_\_\_ A hypothesis is often based on past research, observation, or experiments.

5. \_\_\_\_ A hypothesis is a random guess of the results.

6. \_\_\_\_ A good scientist always changes his/her hypothesis after the experiment to match the results.

7. \_\_\_\_ A hypothesis explains what the scientist thinks will happen during the experiment.

8. \_\_\_\_ A good hypothesis is written in the format “I think that…” or “My hypothesis is…”

9. \_\_\_\_ A hypothesis should tell how the scientist believes the DV will affect the IV.

10. \_\_\_\_ If the data does not support the hypothesis, a scientist should explain why in the conclusion.

**Directions: Read each experiment description below. Identify the IV and DV and then write a hypothesis.**

11. Justine is experimenting to find out if the temperature of water affects the amount of time it takes for an iron nail to rust.

IV: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

DV: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Hypothesis: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

12. Tyler wants to determine if the rate of evaporation is affected by the salt content of water.

IV: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

DV: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Hypothesis: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

13. Maggie is testing the find out if the weight of an object affects the time it takes to sink in a pool of water.

IV: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

DV: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Hypothesis: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Directions: Read the information below about Mrs. Long’s class garden. Identify the IV, DV, and two Constants in each part of the garden experiment.**

14. Mrs. Longs’ class wants to grow one type of plant outside their school. They have three possible locations that are all the same size and receive the same amount of sunlight each day. However, one location has sandy soil, one has clay soil, and one has soil composed of dead organic material. The students are trying to decide which type of soil will allow their plants to grow the tallest.

IV: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ DV: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Constant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Constant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

15. After Mrs. Long’s class decides that the soil made of organic material makes plants grow the tallest; they need to determine the proper pH level for growing their plants. They take four samples of the soil made from organic material and change the pH level of each soil sample by adding chemicals. They observe the height of the plants in each soil sample.

IV: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ DV: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Constant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Constant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Directions: Read each statement, and then determine which type of variable is being described. In the blank, write “IV” for independent variable, “DV” for dependent variable, and “CV” for constant variables.**

16. \_\_\_\_ The part of the experiment that changes in response to the treatment manipulated by the scientist.

17. \_\_\_\_ Also known as the manipulated variable.

18. \_\_\_\_ Things that are kept the same in the experiment.

19. \_\_\_\_ There can only be one of this type of variable in an experiment in order to know what caused the results.

20. \_\_\_\_ Also known as the responding variable.

21. \_\_\_\_ This variable causes a response or has an effect on another variable in the experiment.

22. \_\_\_\_ There should be many of this type of variable in an experiment.

23. \_\_\_\_ The measured results of the experiments.

**Directions: Examine each data table. Look for patterns and trends and then write a concluding statement that summarizes the data shown.**

24. Conclusion: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **Amount of Water (mL)** | **Height of plant**  **(cm)** |
| 10 | 4 |
| 30 | 12 |
| 60 | 7 |

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| **Length of bar magnet (cm)** | **Number of paper clips picked up**  25. Conclusion: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 4 | 3 |
| 10 | 13 |
| 15 | 24 |

26. All experiments should be summarized in a conclusion. Name 2-4 things that an effective conclusion should include.

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**Directions: Create a data table and a graph on a separate sheet of paper for each of the experiment observations below. Make sure to include appropriate labels and titles.**

27. Research questions: How does the volume of water affect the amount of time it takes to boil?

500 mL = 7 minutes 1500 mL= 18 minutes

1000 mL = 13 minutes 2000 mL = 23 minutes

28. Research question: How does the amount of time studying for a test affect the average points scored on the test?

0 hours = 56 points 4 hours = 85 points

2 hours = 70 points 6 hours = 94 points

29. Your friend tells you that you don’t need to write procedures for an experiment before you begin. He says that you can just decide how you’re going to do the experiment as you go. Explain to your friend why his idea is scientifically inaccurate and why you do need to write procedures before the experiment.

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