Guidelines for answering and receiving credit for study questions

Questions may only be answered by responding to the question within the original thread for that group of study questions. For every submission, respond to the original question and not to previous responses.

Questions to be answered will be assigned to individual students. Assignments will be posted on the Biology 370 Website.

If you are assigned a question, you will have an initial time period (usually at least 48 hours from the time of assignment, not counting weekends) to attempt to answer the question. If you do not attempt to answer the question within the initial time period, the question is no longer yours to answer and can be answered by anyone for extra credit (see Extra credit submissions below).

If you are assigned a question and attempt to answer it within the first time period and you don’t receive full credit for your response, you will have an additional time period (at least 24 hours) to revise your submission.

If, after the second time period, you have not received full credit (5 pts) for your submission, the question will be open for anyone to answer for extra credit (see Extra credit submissions below).

For your submissions, you may consult your notes, your book, outside references, or discuss the question with me or anyone else before submitting your answer. At the end of your answer put the sources of the information you used to construct your answer. You may also revise your answer within either the first or second time period, before or after receiving my response.

I will grade or comment on your submissions within each time period.

Grades on study question submissions will be from 0 to 5 points. I’ll post the grade in a response to the answer submitted.

Extra credit submissions: If an answer to a question was not submitted by the person to whom it was assigned during the first time period, the question will be open for anyone in the class to answer for extra credit. If a question was answered, but did not receive full credit during the second time period, the question will be open for anyone in the class to answer for extra credit. Extra credit will be limited to a total of 5 points for each set. If you answer a question that has opened for anyone to answer and have received 5 points credit, you won’t receive credit for additional submissions. After questions become open they can be answered for credit up until the exam on which that question might appear.

You are expected to be familiar with all questions for classroom discussions. So, review the answers others have posted and try to answer all questions as soon as you can. You’ll receive credit for contributions to classroom discussion too.

Please note: I have the answers to the questions that were posted by students in previous semesters. Do not plagiarize answers from previous semesters. Write your own answer to the question. I know you’ll find that many of the answers to the questions will come directly from the lecture notes. You may use the notes and text verbatim. I don’t consider that plagiarism for this course. However, using answers posted by other students is plagiarism. If you plagiarize, and I detect it, you won’t pass the class. A copy and paste from another website is also allowed so long as you cite it as a source. Make sure you understand what you are copying before doing so.