

Discussion questions from Chapter 12:

1. What is the “two-fold genetic cost of sex” described by the authors?
2. What are advantages and disadvantages of mixis?
3. What happens to deleterious mutations in asexual vs. sexual organisms?
4. How do gender differences evolve and what are some of the resulting gender strategies (i.e. strictly male/female and other strategies)?

Discussion questions from the Allsop and West paper:

5. How does natural selection act to favor whether a sequentially hermaphroditic species matures as a male or a female?
6. What does sex allocation theory predict for overall breeding sex ratio in species that undergo sex change? Why?
7. What were some of the phylogenetic trends that were found among various taxa?