

CHAPTER 10 Principles of Evolution Period

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10.2 DARWIN'S OBSERVATIONS

Choose the letter of the best answer.

- **1.** The difference in the physical traits of an individual from those of other individuals in a group is called a(n)
  - a. change.
  - **b.** adaptation.
  - c. species.
  - **d.** variation.

**2.** Over time, adaptations can lead populations to experience

- **a.** environmental changes.
- **b.** genetic changes.
- c. geologic changes.
- **d.** extinctions.
- **3.** What did Charles Darwin observe in finch populations on the Galápagos Islands off the coast of South America?
  - **a.** different species on different islands
  - **b.** all species on one of the islands
  - c. identical species on all the islands
  - d. the same species as in North America
- **4.** What did Charles Darwin learn from the fossils of a giant armadillo that he found in Argentina?
  - **a.** An earthquake led to the armadillo's extinction.
  - **b.** Armadillos used to be marine organisms.
  - c. Modern animals may be related to fossilized organisms.
  - d. Fossils do not resemble modern animals.
- **5.** Fossils of marine organisms high in the Andes Mountains led Darwin to conclude that
  - **a.** Earth is 6000 years old.
  - **b.** interspecific variation had taken place.
  - **c.** great change can happen over time.
  - **d.** an earthquake had taken place.