

### Chapter 8 Celebration of Knowledge

1. Which scientist(s) produced X-ray crystallography that showed DNA was a double helix?
  - a. Hershey and Chase
  - b. Watson and Crick
  - c. **Rosalind Franklin**
  - d. Avery
  
2. What bonds nucleotides together in a strand of RNA?
  - a. hydrogen bonds between the nitrogen bases
  - b. covalent bonds between the nitrogen bases
  - c. hydrogen bonds between the two phosphates
  - d. **covalent bonds between the phosphate of one nucleotide and the sugar of another nucleotide.**
  
3. In which of the following can you find the nucleotides adenine, cytosine, guanine, and thymine? (you may circle more than one choice)
  - a. Viruses
  - b. R bacteria
  - c. S bacteria
  - d. Humans
  - e. **all of the above**
  
4. The DNA molecule is made up of how many strands?
  - a. 1
  - b. **2**
  - c. 3
  - d. 6
  - e. 12
  
5. Messenger RNA differs from other types of RNA because it
  - a. **transfers genetic instructions from cell nucleus to cytoplasm.**
  - b. makes up part of a ribosome.
  - c. carries an amino acid at one end.
  - d. contains anticodons.
  
6. Adenine will hydrogen bond with
  - a. thymine
  - b. guanine
  - c. uracil
  - d. cytosine
  - e. **both a and c**
  
7. The lac operon is an example of
  - a. mutagens in the environment
  - b. **gene control in prokaryotes**
  - c. gene control in eukaryotes
  - d. lactose intolerance in E. coli bacteria.
  
8. Transcription
  - a. occurs on the surface of the ribosome.
  - b. is the final process in the assembly of a protein.
  - c. **occurs during the synthesis of any type of RNA from a DNA template.**
  - d. is catalyzed by DNA polymerase.
  - e. all of the above
  
9. The portion of the mRNA molecule that is NOT translated is composed of
  - a. **introns.**
  - b. exons.
  - c. transcriptons
  - d. anticodons.
  
10. In transcription
  - a. several amino acids are assembled by the messenger RNA molecules at one time.
  - b. **a special sequence called a promoter is necessary for transcription to begin.**
  - c. certain polypeptide sequences are governed by one ribosome, while other sequences are produced by other ribosomes.
  - d. the transfer RNA molecules arrange the messenger RNA codons into the appropriate sequence.
  - e. none of the above
  
11. If a codon consisted of two nucleotides instead of three, how many different types of amino acids could be combined to form proteins?
  - a. 2
  - b. 4
  - c. **16**
  - d. 32
  - e. none of the above
  
12. If thymine makes up 22% of the nucleotides in a sample of DNA from an organism, then cytosine would make up what percent of the bases?
  - a. 22
  - b. 44
  - c. **28**
  - d. 56
  
13. Four of the five elements listed below are components of a nucleotide. Select the exception.
  - a. carbon
  - b. oxygen
  - c. nitrogen
  - d. **sulfur**
  - e. phosphorous

14. A virus is made of

- a. **proteins and nucleic acid**
- b. carbohydrates and nucleic acid
- c. proteins and carbohydrates
- d. nucleic acids and exothermic enzymes

15. In a cell, the transfer of genetic information from RNA to protein occurs in the \_\_\_\_\_ and is called \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. nucleus, translation
- b. nucleus, transcription
- c. **ribosome, translation**
- d. ribosome, transcription

16. If a bacterial protein has 40 amino acids, how many nucleotides are needed to code for it?

- a. 30
- b. 60
- c. 90
- d. **120**

17. What enzyme is responsible for the replication of DNA?

- a. ribosome transcriptase
- b. **DNA polymerase**
- c. RNA polymerase
- d. DNA transcriptase
- e. DNA transcription enzyme

18. The specific protein produced in a cell is due to the

- a. amino acid sequence in the DNA molecule
- b. sugar and phosphate sequence in the DNA molecule
- c. number of ribosomes in the cell
- d. number of mitochondria in the cell
- e. **the nucleotide sequence in the DNA molecule**

23. Describe the three main ways in which RNA differs from DNA. (3 points)

**RNA is single stranded, has Uracil instead of Thymine, and contains ribose sugar instead of deoxyribose.**

24. Describe the processing of an mRNA transcript before it leaves the nucleus. (3 points)

**Introns are removed and exons are spliced back together. The 5' end of the mRNA receives a methyl-G cap and a poly-A tail is added to the 3' end.**

25. DNA is replicated before both mitosis and meiosis. How does the amount of DNA produced in a cell during mitosis compare with that produced during meiosis? (2 points)

**After meiosis a cell only has half as much DNA as a cell after mitosis.**

19. The amino acid that corresponds to the START codon is

- a. lysine
- b. **methionine**
- c. cysteine
- d. glycine
- e. phenylalanine

20. What enzyme proofreads the DNA strands during replication?

- a. helicase
- b. nuclease
- c. ligase
- d. **DNA polymerase**
- e. primase

21. A frameshift mutation could not result from

- a. base insertion
- b. base deletion
- c. deletion of two consecutive bases
- d. **deletion of three consecutive bases**

22. If the triplet CCC codes for the amino acid proline in bacteria, than in plants CCC should code for

- a. leucine
- b. valine
- c. cystine
- d. phenylalanine
- e. **proline**

26. Complete the table below (8 points). Use the codon chart to identify the correct amino acid.

DNA Template	mRNA Codon	tRNA Anticodon	Amino Acid
TAC	AUG	UAC	met
GTA	CAU	GUA	his
ACT	UGA	none	STOP

	U	C	A	G	
U	UUU   Phe	UCU   Ser	UAU   Tyr	UGU   Cys	U
	UUC	UCC	UAC	UGC	C
	UUA   Leu	UCA	UAA   Stop	UGA   Stop	A
C	CUU   Leu	CCU   Pro	CAU   His	CGU	U
	CUC	CCC	CAC	CGC   Arg	C
	CUA	CCA	CAA   Gln	CGA	A
A	AUU   Ile	ACU   Thr	AAU   Asn	AGU   Ser	U
	AUC	ACC	AAC	AGC	C
	AUA   Met	ACA	AAA   Lys	AGA   Arg	A
G	GUU   Val	GCU   Ala	GAU   Asp	GGU	U
	GUC	GCC	GAC   Glu	GGC	C
	GUA	GCA	GAA	GGA   Gly	A
	GUG	GCG	GAG	GGG	G

26. Suppose a bacterium had a mutated repressor protein that could not bind to the *lac* operator. How might this affect regulation of the operon? (4 points)

If the repressor cannot bind to the operator, then transcription would occur whether or not lactose is present in the cell (known as a constitutive mutation).

27. For the Hershey-Chase experiment, explain why the experimental result justified the conclusion that DNA is the genetic material, and not protein. (4 points)

DNA contains phosphorus but no sulfur, whereas protein can contain sulfur but not phosphorus. After the bacteriophages infected the bacteria with their hereditary molecule, radioactive phosphorus was found in the cells, but not radioactive sulfur.

30. Explain why frameshift mutations have a greater effect than point mutations. (4 points)

A frameshift mutation, like an insertion or deletion, not only changes a codon, but also every codon in the mRNA. A point mutation only changes a single codon.

BONUS (5 points): Biologists have recently succeeded at genetically engineering *E. coli* bacteria in a new way. These cells have to be fed a new, man-made amino acid to survive. How did biologists take advantage of a STOP codon to genetically engineer these *E. coli* cells?

The biologists made a tRNA that matches the stop codon with its anti-codon, so instead of being a STOP codon the codon now specifies the synthetic (man-made) amino acid. This was a useful invention because now these transgenic bacteria cannot survive outside of laboratory conditions.