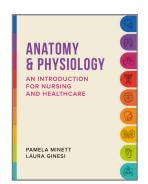


# Questions to accompany Anatomy and Physiology



## CHAPTER 13 THE HUMAN GENOME

## **Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)**

Each question consists of a stem statement or question, and 5 options. You must pick the one correct answer.

## 1. A gene is defined as:

- A. the science of inheritance and mechanisms by which traits pass from one generation to the next
- B. the code for a protein that plays a part in structure or function of the body
- C. the complete set of instructions for the human body
- D. a macromolecule that makes the chromatin for a cell
- E. a molecule made from building blocks and folded into a 3-dimensional structure

# 2. Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) molecules are composed of building blocks called nucleotides. Which of the following bases is NOT found in nucleotides of DNA?

- A. uracil
- B. cytosine
- C. guanine
- D. arginine
- E. thymine

## 3. Which is the correct sequence of events in the cell cycle?

- A.  $G_0 \rightarrow S \rightarrow G_1 \rightarrow G_2 \rightarrow M$
- B.  $M \rightarrow S \rightarrow G_1 \rightarrow G_2$
- C.  $G_1 \rightarrow S \rightarrow G_2 \rightarrow M$
- D.  $S \rightarrow G_1 \rightarrow M \rightarrow G_0$
- E.  $G_0 \rightarrow G_1 \rightarrow G_2 \rightarrow M$

## 4. DNA replication takes place during which phase of the cell cycle?

- A. G
- B. M
- $C. G_1$
- D. G<sub>2</sub>
- E. S

#### 5. A change in the sequence of DNA is called a:

- A. mutation
- B. translation
- C. transcription
- D. replication
- E. restriction

## 6. The haploid number of human chromosomes is:

- A. 46
- B. 23
- C. 92
- D. 12
- E. 43

## 7. Genetically identical cells are produced through which process?

- A. genesis
- B. mitosis
- C. meiosis
- D. apoptosis
- E. necrosis

#### 8. Dominant alleles in a pair of genes:

- A. mean that children always have the same eye colour as their parents
- B. have the same effect as recessive alleles
- C. mask the effect of recessive alleles
- D. only have an effect when two copies are present
- E. are donated by the male parent

## 9. When a cell divides by mitosis, the correct sequence of events is

- A. metaphase → telophase → anaphase → prophase
- B. prophase → metaphase → telophase → anaphase
- C. anaphase → telophase → metaphase → prophase
- D. prophase → metaphase → anaphase → telophase
- E. telophase → metaphase → prophase → anaphase

## 10. The observable physical characteristics of an individual are known as their:

- A. alleles
- B. phenotype
- C. genotype
- D. dominant traits
- E. recessive traits

# 11. If one parent is a homozygous tongue roller and the other parent is a homozygous nontongue roller, what proportion of their children would be tongue rollers?

- A. 5%
- B. 25%
- C. 50%
- D. 100%
- E. 0%

## 12. Which of these conditions has a genetic cause?

- A. Marfan syndrome
- B. Huntington's disease
- C. thalassaemia
- D. all of the above
- E. none of the above

## 13. Cystic fibrosis is caused by an inherited allele that affects function of:

- A. endocrine glands
- B. bone marrow
- C. neurocrine glands
- D. exocrine glands
- E. haemoglobin

## 14. Sickle cell anaemia is an inherited disorder that affects the structure of:

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Mutations can be beneficial when they provide the genetic material for natural selection and survival of the fittest	Mutations may result in chromosomal abnormality or inherited disease
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## **Question 16**

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When gametes (sperm and eggs) are formed, the alleles separate so each gamete has two alleles for each characteristic (trait)	Two sets of chromosomes, and therefore many pairs of alleles, are inherited by a zygote
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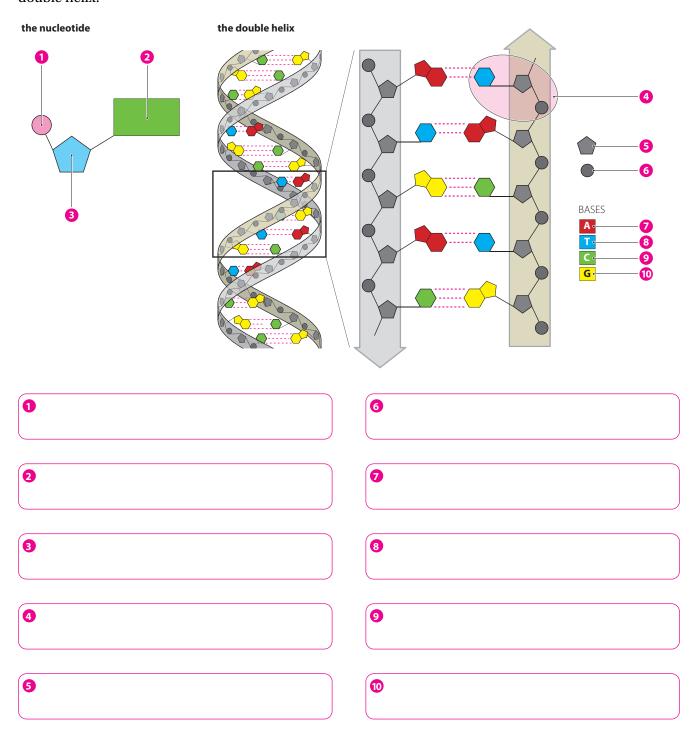
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Choose one of the following conditions that was explored in *Chapter 13*:

- Haemophilia
- Cystic fibrosis
- Sickle cell anaemia
- Thalassaemia
- Huntington's disease
- A. In genetics, what is meant by the term "carrier"?
- B. Explain, in your own words, how affected children inherit the disorder from carrier parents. You may find it helps to use figures and diagrams to support your explanation.

## **Answers to questions**

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#### 2. Both A and R are true but R is NOT the explanation of A

#### **Explanation**

The assertion (A) is *TRUE*. Mutations are changes in the genetic material (DNA) of a cell and can occur as a result of mistakes in copying of DNA or through exposure to environmental factors such as cigarette smoke or UV light.

Mutations are part of both normal and abnormal physiological processes. The resulting change(s) can be a good thing or a bad thing for the cell and may or may not produce observable changes in the organism. Much depends on the way in which every mutation affects gene expression and the way proteins are made and function.

The Reason (R) is *TRUE*. Sometimes, the result of a mutation is an alteration in the structure and function of a protein that plays a critical role in the human body. Since every cell in the body depends on the activity of proteins:

- if a mutation alters one of the proteins that is critical to the human body, then the change may be harmful and result in a disease
- if the mutation is present in the sperm or an egg, then fertilisation may give rise to an embryo that carries the mutation in all of its cells (known as germ-line mutations).

Both statements are *TRUE* but not related, so **option 2** is the correct answer.

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## **Explanation**

The Assertion statement (A) is *FALSE*. Gametes – sperm and eggs – are haploid cells that have been formed through the process of meiosis, which is a reduction division. As a result, each gamete has 23 chromosomes and hence only one allele for each characteristic.

The Reason (R) is *TRUE*. At fertilisation, the sperm and the egg fuse to form a diploid zygote, which has 46 chromosomes. Since each haploid cell contributes 23 chromosomes, the zygote inherits two pairs of every allele, one from maternal chromosomes and one from paternal chromosomes.

The Reason is true but the assertion is false, so **option 4** is the correct one to select.

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### **Explanation**

The Assertion (A) is *FALSE*. Mitochondria do possess a small amount of DNA, but it is not in the form of chromosomes and it contains 37 genes. Most of the mitochondrial genes code for enzymes necessary for aerobic respiration and for ribosomal RNA that helps with assembly of proteins.

The Reason (R) is *FALSE*. Mitochondrial DNA is derived from the mother's cells, including the egg; therefore it is maternally inherited. This is because mitochondria are found in the flagellum (tail) of sperm; the flagellae, including their mitochondria, are required for swimming but are normally lost during fertilisation or degraded by the egg cell.

Since both statements are incorrect, option 5 is correct.

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### **Explanation**

The Assertion (A) is *FALSE*. Transcription is the process of copying a segment of DNA (the gene) to make a single strand of messenger RNA (mRNA) and it takes place in the nucleus of the cell, not the cytoplasm.

The Reason (R) is *TRUE*. Ribosomes are found in the cytoplasm of cells and their function is the synthesis of proteins such as enzymes, antibodies, hormones and clotting factors. Specifically, ribosomes take part in the translation stage of protein synthesis, when mRNA is used as the template for assembly of amino acids in the correct order.

Since the Assertion (A) is false, and the Reason (R) is true, **option 4 is the correct answer**.

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