



9. Briefly mention the contribution of T.H. Morgan in genetics.

Ans: Thomas Hunt Morgan (1866-1945) is called father of experimental genetics. He was an American scientists, famous for his experimental research with the fruit fly (*Drosophila*) by which he established the chromosome theory of heredity. He discovered presence of gene over chromosomes, chromosome theory of linkage, chromosome mapping, crossing over, criss-cross inheritance & mutability of genes. Morgan's work played a key role in establishing the field of genetics. He received the nobel prize for physiology or Medicine in 1933.

10. What is pedigree analysis? Suggest how such an analysis, can be useful.

Ans: Pedigree analysis is study of pedigree for the transmission of particular trait and finding the possibility of absence or presence of that trait in homozygous or heterozygous state in a particular individual. Pedigree analysis helps-

- (i) in analysis of transmission of character in family over generation.
- (ii) in genetic counselling of disease like haemophilia.
- (iii) to identify whether a particular genetic disease is due to recessive gene or a dominant gene.
- (iv) to identify the possible origin of the defective gene in the family or in a population.

11. How is sex determined in human beings?

Ans: Sex determination refers to the mechanisms employed by organisms to produce offsprings that are of two different sexes. The sex of an individual is determined by the genetic information present in the individual's sex chromosomes. Sex determination in human is done by XY type chromosome. In humans, females have two XX chromosomes and males have two different chromosomes (XY).

12. A child has blood group O. If the father has blood group A and mother of blood group B, work out the genotypes of the parents and the possible genotypes of the other off springs.

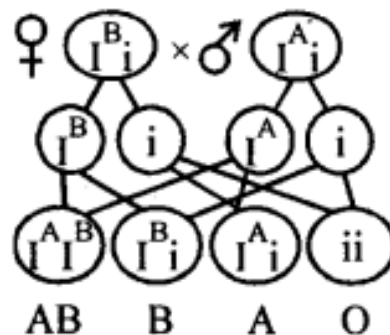
Ans:

Parents

Gametes

F₁ generation

Blood groups of other offspring will be



13. Explain the following terms with example

- (a) Co-dominance
- (b) Incomplete dominance

Ans:

(a) Codominance: Codominance is the phenomenon of two contrasting alleles of the same gene lacking dominant recessive ratio and expressing themselves simultaneously when present together. E.g. ABO blood group system - Human blood group AB is formed when alleles of blood groups A and B are present together (IAIB). Such RBCs carry both antigen A & B showing that both alleles are expressing their effect phenotypically & codominant.

(b) Incomplete dominance: Incomplete dominance may be defined as the partial /expression of both alleles in a heterozygote so that the phenotype is intermediate between those of two homozygotes. In this none of the allele is completely dominant, e.g., Pink colour flower in dog flower. In *Mirabilis jalapa* & Snapdragon or dog flowers, there are two types of flower colour in pure state-red & white. When the two types of plant are crossed, the hybrid or plants of F₁ generation have pink flowers. The pink colour apparently appears either due to mixing of red & white colours (incomplete dominance) or expression of a single gene for pigmented flower which produces only pink colour.

14. What is point mutation? Give one example.

Ans: Mutations arising due to change in single base pair of DNA is called point mutation. Eg., sickle cell anaemia, haemophilia.

15. Who had proposed the chromosomal theory of the inheritance?

Ans: Sutton and Boveri proposed the chromosomal theory of the inheritance. The theory believes that chromosomes are vehicles of hereditary information possess mendelian factors or genes and it is the chromosomes which segregate and assort independently during transmission from one generation to the next.

16. Mention any two autosomal genetic disorders with their symptoms.

Ans:

Sickle cell anaemia: Haemoglobin has less O₂ transport, sickle shaped RBCs etc.

Phenylketonuria: Mental retardation (due to accumulation of phenylalanine in brain), hypopigmentation of skin & hair, eczema etc.

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