

1. Which of the below is the best description of **microRNAs**
 - (a) coordinately transcribed clusters of genes in bacteria
 - (b) regulatory sequence to which transcriptional regulators bind, which can be thousands of base pairs away from the transcriptional start site
 - (c) molecules that control gene expression by base-pairing with specific mRNAs
 - (d) regulatory sequence that mediates binding of RNA polymerase and initiation of transcription
 - (e) process mediated by changes in gene expression by which precursor cells become specialized cell types
2. Which of the following RNA's primary function is to translate the genetic code
 - (a) mRNA
 - (b) snRNA
 - (c) tRNA
 - (d) rRNA
 - (e) microRNA
3. Which of the following is the main function of Ubiquitin?
 - (a) parts of mRNA that must be removed during processing
 - (b) large complex of proteins and RNAs necessary for mRNA processing
 - (c) large complex of proteins and RNAs necessary for translation
 - (d) marks cellular proteins for destruction
 - (e) enzyme where the catalysis is carried out by RNA molecules
4. Which RNA is necessary for translation?
 - (a) mRNA
 - (b) tRNA
 - (c) rRNA
 - (d) a and b
 - (e) all of the above
5. DNA replication and transcription are similar to each other in that both of these
 - (a) begin at origins
 - (b) add nucleotides in a 5' to 3' direction on the new strands
 - (c) lead to the synthesis of two new strands
 - (d) require a promoter
 - (e) use ATP hydrolysis for energy at each step
6. What does the operon model attempt to explain?
 - (a) the coordinated control of gene expression in bacteria
 - (b) bacterial resistance to antibiotics
 - (c) how genes move between homologous regions of DNA
 - (d) the mechanism of viral attachment to a host cell
 - (e) horizontal transmission of plant viruses
7. The mRNA is read by the ribosome in the _____ direction and *proteins are synthesized* _____
 - a. N-terminus to C-terminus/ 5' to 3'
 - b. C-terminus to N-terminus / 5' to 3'
 - c. 3' to 5'/ C-terminus to N-terminus
 - d. 5' to 3'/ N-terminus to C-terminus
 - e. none of the above

13.) The mRNA sequence that would be encoded by the DNA coding strand ATGGGCCATAC is

- a.) ATGGGCCATAC
- b.) TACCCGGTATC
- c.) UACCCGGUAUC
- d.) AUGGGCCAUAC

14.) The expressed sequence of DNA that codes for a protein is known as a _____.

- a.) Promoter
- b.) Exon
- c.) Intron
- d.) Anticodon

15.) The lac operon is present in some _____, and is an example of _____.

- a.) Eukaryotes, regulation of gene expression
- b.) Eukaryotes, regulation of DNA synthesis
- c.) Prokaryotes, regulation of gene expression
- d.) Prokaryotes, regulation of DNA synthesis

16.) The direction of synthesis of an RNA transcript is,

- a.) 1' → 5'
- b.) 5' → 3'
- c.) 5' → 1'
- d.) 3' → 5'

17.) The functioning of enhancers is an example of

- a.) Transcriptional control of gene expression.
- b.) Post-transcriptional regulation of gene expression.
- c.) Post-translational regulation of protein function.
- d.) Stimulation of translation by initiation factors.

18.) What would occur if the repressor of an inducible operon were mutated so it could not bind the operator?

- a.) Irreversible binding of the repressor to the promoter.
- b.) Reduced transcription of the operon's genes.
- c.) Continuous transcription of the operon's genes.
- d.) Buildup of a substrate for the pathway controlled by the operon.

19.) Which of the following statements about the DNA in one of your brain cells is true?

- a.) Most of the DNA codes for protein.
- b.) The majority of genes are likely to be transcribed.
- c.) Many genes are grouped into operon-like clusters.
- d.) It is the same as the DNA in one of your heart cells.

23. Gene regulation can occur through:
- A) DNA modification.
 - B) histone modification.
 - C) RNA modification.
 - D) All of these choices are correct.
24. In humans and other mammals, dosage compensation is achieved by:
- A) males transcribing twice the normal amount of copies of *X*-chromosome genes.
 - B) females decreasing transcription of both *X* chromosomes by half.
 - C) females eliminating one *X* chromosome in each cell.
 - D) females inactivating the paternal *X* chromosome in each cell.
 - E) females randomly inactivating one *X* chromosome in each cell.
25. The human body contains approximately 200 major cell types. They look and function differently from one another because each:
- A) has a slightly different genome.
 - B) expresses a different set of genes.
 - C) expresses the same set of genes, but in different orders at different times.
 - D) has a slightly different genome and each expresses a different set of genes.
26. What happens when the *Xist* gene from an *X* chromosome is inserted into an autosome?
- A) Gene activity in the autosome remains normal.
 - B) The autosome with *Xist* is inactivated like an *X* chromosome.
 - C) The autosome with *Xist* is inactivated in half the cells, and the homologous autosome is inactivated in the other half.
 - D) Both the autosome and its homologous chromosome are inactivated.
27. The enzymatic processing of a polypeptide chain is an example of:
- A) signal transduction.
 - B) post-transcriptional modification.
 - C) dosage compensation.
 - D) epigenetic modification
28. Small regulatory RNAs work in conjunction with:
- A) RNA polymerase.
 - B) nucleosomes.
 - C) RISC proteins.
 - D) ribosomal RNA.