

Chapter – 5 | Molecular Basis of Inheritance

QUIZ
PART-06

1. Genetic information during translation is transferred from:

- A. Protein to DNA
- B. Polymer of nucleotides to polymer of amino acids
- C. Amino acids to RNA
- D. Protein to RNA (B)

Explanation : During translation, nucleotide sequence information is converted into an amino acid sequence of proteins.

2. A codon consists of:

- A. One nucleotide
- B. Two nucleotides
- C. Three nucleotides
- D. Four nucleotides (C)

Explanation : Genetic code is a triplet code where one codon contains three nucleotides.

3. Who developed the chemical method for synthesis of RNA molecules with fixed base sequences?

- A. George Gamow
- B. Har Gobind Khorana
- C. Marshall Nirenberg
- D. Severo Ochoa (B)

Explanation : Har Gobind Khorana developed methods for synthesizing RNA molecules with fixed base sequences.

4. How many codons code for amino acids?

- A. 20
- B. 61
- C. 64
- D. 3 (B)

Explanation : Out of 64 codons, 61 code for amino acids and 3 act as stop codons.

5. Which codon acts as both an initiation codon and codes for methionine?

- A. UAA
- B. AUG
- C. UGA
- D. UAG (B)

Explanation : AUG serves a dual role: it codes for methionine and acts as the start codon.

6. A codon that codes for only one amino acid is called:

- A. Degenerate
- B. Universal
- C. Unambiguous
- D. Commaless (C)

Explanation : Each codon specifies only one amino acid, making the genetic code unambiguous.

7. The genetic code is called degenerate because:

- A. One codon codes for many amino acids
- B. Many codons can code for the same amino acid
- C. Codons are absent in RNA
- D. Codons stop translation (B)

Explanation : Some amino acids are coded by more than one codon, which is called degeneracy of genetic code.

8. The genetic code is almost universal because:

- A. All organisms have identical DNA
- B. Same codon generally codes for the same amino acid in different organisms
- C. All proteins are identical
- D. All mutations are prevented (B)

Explanation : The same codons generally specify the same amino acids from bacteria to humans.

9. A permanent change in the DNA sequence of an organism is called:

- A. Translation
- B. Mutation
- C. Replication
- D. Transcription (B)

Explanation : Mutation is a permanent alteration in the DNA sequence.

10. Sickle cell anemia is caused due to:

- A. Change in a single base pair of DNA
- B. Deletion of entire chromosome
- C. Change in RNA type
- D. Failure of DNA replication (A)

Explanation : Sickle cell anemia occurs due to a point mutation causing replacement of glutamic acid by valine in beta-globin chain.