

SBI 4U0 Genetics Unit Test Outline

Part A – Multiple choice - Knowledge - 25 marks:

DNA history (Scientists), structure of DNA and RNA, Role of enzymes in DNA replication and Protein synthesis, Operons, General knowledge of Chapter 7 techniques.

Part B – Multiple Choice – Thinking – 10 marks:

Questions about Chapter 7 techniques – Interpreting Results

Part C – The Big Question – 25 marks (Communication 10 marks, Application 15 marks):

Prepare (ahead of time) a cohesive answer with diagrams and explanations of terms (on big ledger paper).

The Big Question (25 marks)

Complete this question on the ledger paper provided. Be sure to use diagrams as part of your answer.

Question: Proteins go through complicated processes to become functional. There are many steps where mistakes can happen. Using a specific DNA template sequence, **EXPLAIN HOW ONE DNA MUTATION CAN CHANGE THE NORMAL TRANSCRIPTION/TRANSLATION/PACKAGING PROCESS AND CAN RESULT IN A NON-FUNCTIONAL PROTEIN.**

Criteria:

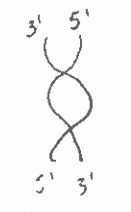
- It is easier to get full marks if you use all the terms but not necessary. You may discuss other terms as well.
- You must use diagrams in your answer to receive full marks.
- Explain normal protein synthesis and then how one mutation would change the process(es).
- Create a specific DNA template sequence to illustrate your concepts. A codon chart will be provided.
- It is vital that you connect your ideas together.
- Your answer must fit on one sheet of ledger paper, but you may use both sides.

Terms List:

5'cap	mRNA	RNA polymerase
Anticodon	Missense mutation	RNA splicing
A-site	Non-coding strand	ribosomal subunits
ATP	Nonsense mutation	Silent mutation
Codon	P-site	Spliceosome
coding strand	Peptide linkage	Start codon
E-site	Point mutation	Stop codon
Exon	Poly A tail	Template
Genetic code	Primary mRNA transcript	Terminator
Intron	Promotor	tRNA

Genetic Code - a set of rules that determine how genetic information is made up through nucleotide sequences converted into amino acid sequence & then a protein in living cells

DNA - a double helix made up of complementary nucleotide base pairs bonded by hydrogen bonds
 A=T C≡G



↳ in order to create proteins, protein synthesis must occur!

Transcription

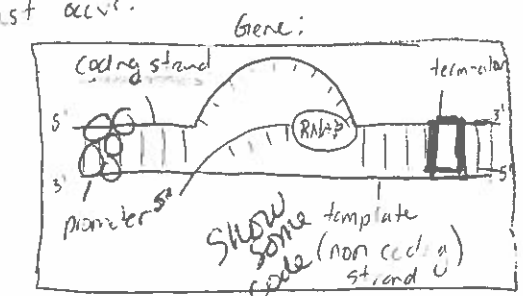
Initiation
 RNA polymerase binds to the promoter region known as TATA box 25 nucleotides upstream

↳ made of a TA sequence that is easy to break due to 2 hydrogen bonds (G≡C has 3 H-bonds)
 - double helix unwinds to be transcribed

Elongation
 - RNAP builds in the 5' to 3' direction reading from the 3' to 5' template (non coding) strand

RNAP unwinds template to be transcribed ahead & behind DNA rebinds
 mRNA is complementary to template strand, however uracil pairs with adenine instead of thymine pairing with adenine

Termination
 RNAP reaches the terminator which causes RNAP & mRNA that's been built to dissociate from template strand



Modifications
 ↳ cells contain nucleases that chop on DNA & RNA
 ↳ when the primary mRNA transcript leaves the nucleus & enters cytoplasm, it must be protected!

5' Cap - methyl group added to 5' end to protect from digestion & initiate translation

Poly A Tail - 40-250 adenine sequence added to 3' end for protection from degradation

Conversion to Mature mRNA

Introns = non coding (junk) regions that are not expressed
 Exons = coding regions that are expressed

In order to remove these introns from the mRNA, a technique called RNA splicing occurs

↳ spliceosome - cuts out the introns from sequence & pins the remaining exons together

Translation

↳ mature mRNA is transported to ribosome

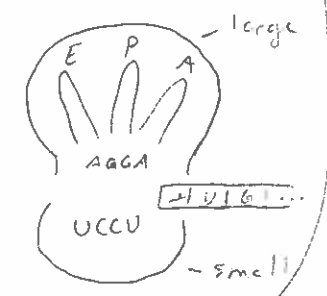
↳ mRNA is read in multiples of 3 nucleotides which is a codon

25 10 15 10 Total 60

tRNA
 ↳ recognizes the mRNA codon



Ribosome Structure
 made up of proteins & rRNA



↳ made up of 2 subunits (large & small)
 - subunits wrap around mRNA

Initiation

↳ Shine-Dalgarno sequence in large subunit is aligned & anti-factor in small subunit is UCCU, this is what holds the ribosomal subunits together

- The start codon (AUG) is the initiation codon for all proteins
 - Anticodon carrying UAC with MET amino acid aligns at the P-site

A-site - tRNA carrying its corresponding amino acid binds and awaits for it to bond with growing chain
 P-site - where the polypeptide chain is held, tRNA from A-site moves into this site

E-site - where tRNA dissociates & leaves & mRNA disperse

Elongation

- New tRNA binds to A-site with corresponding amino acid
 - peptide linkage occurs between new amino acid in A-site with P-site

- once the polypeptide chain attaches to amino acid, the tRNA moves from A-site to P-site & the previous tRNA with polypeptide goes to E-site & dissociates
 - process keep occurring

Termination

- In order for the chain to stop growing, the introduction of a stop codon such as UGA, UAG, etc must occur
 - this will cause the ribosome, mRNA, & polypeptide to disperse

Post Translation

- undergoes folding, phosphorylation, glycosylation, etc

Mutations

Substitution

Silent mutation - occurs when one nucleotide is wrong but still codes for same amino acid
 ex: UAU → UGU → UGU = Tyr = Tyr

Missense mutation - occurs when one nucleotide is substituted & changes the amino acid
 ex: GAU → GAA = Asp = G

Nonsense mutation - occurs when one nucleotide is substituted & causes the sequence to stop
 ex: UGC → UGA = Cys = ST

Point Mutation = a process of the codon sequence which can cause severe effects

- through addition of a nucleotide which shifts nucleotides 1 to the right
 - through deletion of a nucleotide which shifts nucleotides 1 to the left

DNA sequence = TAG CAC GGG TGA TTA GGC
 mRNA sequence = AUG GUG CCC ACU AAU CGA
 amino acid sequence = Met / VAL / PRO / thr / ASN / Arg

(original sequence) (18 nucleotides)
 (18 nucleotides)
 to codons

* Now if there was an addition of nucleotide + would cause a frame shift

DNA sequence = TAC CAC ⁺GG GTG ATT AGC T
 mRNA sequence = AUG GUG ACC CAC UAA UCG
 amino acid sequence = Met / Val / thr / Gin / STOP

Point mutation by insertion of nucleotide
 requires 18 nucleotides

↳ Not only did the frame shift cause the 2nd, 3rd & 4th amino acids to change; but also caused a nonsense mutation

↳ Proteins are packaged in certain ways depending on their amino acids & even the angles they are attached at causing the protein no longer to function ^{as intended} ~~with~~ ^{as intended} ~~can be~~ fatal depending on what the protein does within the body

↳ this new sequence will undergo all the normal processes for protein synthesis but in the end the shape of the protein is incorrect

Mutations within DNA are permanent & can lead to health effects that will need medication, etc to help the person live a normal life

K $\frac{11}{25}$

T $\frac{6}{10}$

C $\frac{7}{10}$

A $\frac{9}{15}$ $\frac{33}{60}$

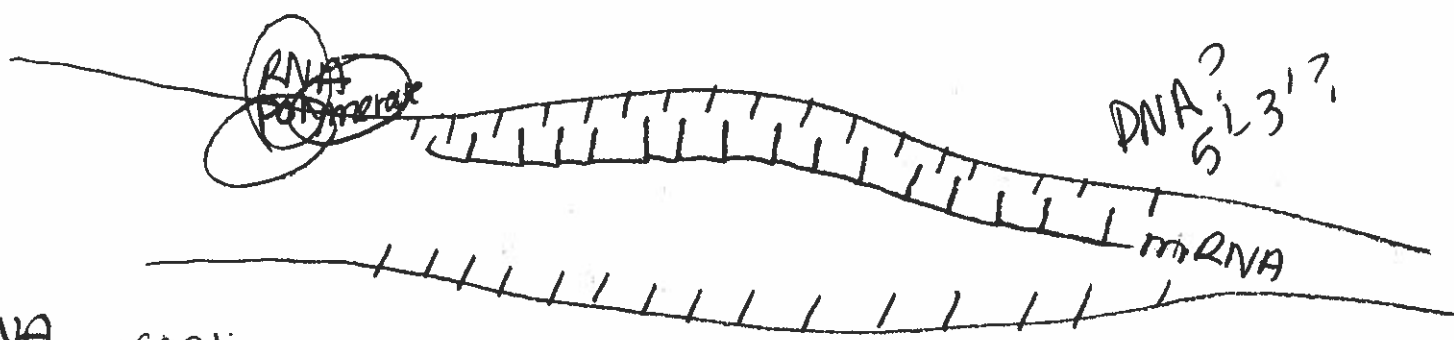
part C: The Big Question

In order to become a functional protein it must go through the processes of transcription and translation.

At the start of transcription RNA polymerase binds to the promoter of the template strand where the process of constructing mRNA will begin. The mRNA is what will be used to form the protein once it is translated.

DNA unzipped
coding strand vs non coding

which is?



which is?

The mRNA continues to elongate until it reaches a stop codon, which causes the RNA polymerase and mRNA to dissociate from the template strand. In eukaryotes the mRNA is then modified by the addition of a 5' cap to protect it from digestion and a poly A tail that protects the 3' end from degradation.

The precursor mRNA is then made mature mRNA non coding DNA. This is done by removing the introns (genes not expressed) by cutting them out using spliceosomes and attaching the exons (expressed genes) to form the mature mRNA.

how? snRPs, splice

no! you are confused!

The mRNA is then referred to as tRNA (transfer RNA) once it has entered the ribosomes for translation. The ribosomal subunits consist of the P-site, A-site, and E-site where protein chains are built.

The P-site forms polypeptide bonds, the A-site forms AA bonds on the chain, and the E-site is where the protein chain exits to the cytoplasm.

no!

The tRNA is translated by its codons (3 letter nucleotide) which forms an amino acid.

Eg. AUG
MET

Unclear how tRNA elongates the protein in the sites

10 = 31-40

During translation mutations can occur if a nucleotide is substituted, or deleted.

Esuti?

The strand: AUG UGG GCA CAG ACC
MET Trp Ala Arg Thr

which we'll say codes for hemoglobin can be altered if a mutation occurs. *where are all the peptide linkages?*

If the letter A in the 3rd codon changed to a C the protein will not change (silent mutation)

GCA = GCC
Ala Ala

you were asked for a mutation that makes a nonfunctional protein

However, if the letter U in the 2nd codon changed to a C the protein will change (missense mutation)

UGG ≠ CGG
Trp Arg

This would change the overall protein change and would end up coding for something other than hemoglobin.

Lastly, if a letter changed that ended up telling the protein to "stop" the protein would no longer be functional (nonsense mutation)

AUG UGG GCA CAA
Met Trp Ala STOP

Unclear what then happens to the sequence to make a protein
Unclear how these amino acids will change the protein

20
30 turns