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# **BIOLOGY**

### **GENETICS, BIODIVERSITY & CLASSIFICATION**

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# **DNA, Genes and Chromosomes - 1**

1.

(a) Locus/loci

(b)

- mRNA binds to ribosome
- Allows tRNA with anticodons to bind
- Catalyzes formation of polypeptide bond between amino acids

2.

- (a) An exon is a region of the genome that ends up within an mRNA molecule. Some exons are coding, in that they contain information for making a protein, whereas others are non-coding. Genes in the genome consist of exons and introns.
- (b) Serine, Alanine, Glycine, Proline

3.

(a) A phosphodiester bond occurs between nucleotides, monomers that build nucleic acid, to form the sugar-phosphate backbone. Phosphodiester bond formation occurs by the removal of a water molecule when 2 hydroxyl groups from 2 different sugars bond with a phosphate group, thus it is known as a condensation reaction.

(b)

$$G = 4(A + T) - C$$

guanine bases between gene = 168

$$168 = 4 (A+T) - 168$$

2x

336 = 8

X = 42

$$A+T = 42x2 = 84$$

(336 + 184)/3 = 140

142/2=70

(c) Histone

4.

(a)

DNA	A in the nucleus of a plant cell	DNA in a prokaryotic cell
1	Linear	Circular
2	Introns	No Introns
3	No Plasmid	Plasmids

**(b)** Non-coding base sequences are DNA that do not code for proteins and they are positioned between genes.

#### **OR**

- · It's DNA that doesn't code for any proteins
- They are positioned between the genes

5.

(a)

- The nucleus and a chloroplast of a plant cell both contain DNA.
- Some DNA nucleotides have the organic base thymine, but RNA nucleotides do not have thymine.
- RNA nucleotides have uracil instead of thymine.

#### **OR**

## In chloroplasts:

- DNA shorter
- DNA circular not linear
- Not associated with histone proteins unlike nuclear DNA

- (b) DNA has deoxyribose pentose sugar, RNA has ribose pentose sugar.
- (c)
- W = amino acid binding site
- X = anticodon
- (d)
  - Triplets code for same amino acid
  - Occurs in introns /non-coding sequence
- (6)
  - DNA in Eukaryotic cells are linear, DNA in prokaryotic cells are circular
  - DNA is associated with histone proteins in Eukaryotic cells, DNA not associated with histone proteins in prokaryotic cells
  - The DNA nucleotides in both are the same, and have phosphodiester bonds
  - Eukaryotic DNA contain introns, prokaryotic DNA does not.