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BIOLOGY

THE CONTROL OF GENE EXPRESSION

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Gene Mutation - 2

1.

(a)

1280-560=720

720/4

=180 cells killed per unit volume of blood per day

(b)

Similarities

Same/similar pattern/both decreases, stay the same then increase

Number of cells stays the same for same length of time

Differences

Greater/faster decrease in number of healthy cells/more healthy cells killed/healthy cells killed faster

Greater/faster increase in number of healthy cells/more healthy cells replaced/divide/healthy cells replaced/divide faster

(c)

More/too many healthy cells killed

So will take time to place/increase in number

Person may die/have side effects

2.

(a) 250 000

3.

(a) Missense mutations cause a single amino acid change in the protein. Nonsense mutations make a premature "stop" codon. Any codons after that are not translated, and the resulting protein is missing amino acids.

OR

Loss of 3 bases / triplet

Loss of base(s)

(b) In Ellis-van Creveld syndrome, the faulty allele leads to a mutation in the EVC gene, resulting in the production of a protein with one amino acid missing. This missing amino acid disrupts the normal folding of the protein, altering its structure and potentially impairing its function.

OR

Change in tertiary structure / active site

So faulty / non-functional protein / enzyme

4.

(a)

Cell wall not formed

Lower water potential in bacterium;

Water enters via osmosis and causes osmotic lysis

- (b) Human cells lack enzyme B
- **(c)** The base sequence changes so the amino acid sequence changes therefore leading to a change in the types and location of bond formation thus a change in the tertiary structure occurs.

OR

Mutation causes a change in base sequence of gene which leads to a change in amino acid sequence

This changes the hydrogen and ionic bonds which changes the tertiary structure

Substrate is no longer complementary to enzyme active site so no enzymesubstrate complexes are formed

5.

- (a) 4
- **(b)** Mutations in PAH lead to impaired function of the hepatic enzyme PAH (EC 1.14. 16.1), which catalyzes the conversion of the essential amino acid l-phenylalanine (I-Phe) to l-tyrosine (I-Tyr), a precursor of the neurotransmitter's dopamine, noradrenaline and adrenaline.

OR

Change in amino acid / (sequence of) amino acids / primary structure

Change in hydrogen / ionic / disulphide bonds alters tertiary structure / active site of enzyme

Substrate not complementary / cannot bind (to enzyme / active site) / no enzyme- substrate complexes form

6.

(a)

Lack of skin pigment so pale skin

Lack of muscle coordination

(b) Migration and interbreeding



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