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TD 2 (DNA Replication and Transmission of Characteristics)

Exercise 1

Write the daughter molecules obtained by duplicating the following portion of DNA:

AATGCTGGCAATCCTTGGAA3'

TTACGACCGTTAGGAACCTT5'

Exercise 2:

Here is a simplified diagram of DNA replication in prokaryotes. The numbers in the following questions correspond to the numbers in this figure.



A. Which end (5' or 3') of the molecule is indicated by arrow number 1?

B. Which end (5' or 3') of the molecule is indicated by arrow number 8?

C. What type of nucleic acid is indicated by arrow number 4? What enzyme synthesizes it?

D. What are the short fragments of DNA indicated by arrow number 5?

E. What enzymatic function to join the short fragments indicated by arrow number 6?

F. Which enzymes are indicated by arrows number 2, 3? What is their role?

G. What is the name of the strand indicated by arrow number 7?

E) Explain why the main strand (direct or leading strand) strand) is replicated much faster than the lagging strand strand).

Exercise 3

Answer true or false to the following statements:

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Mitosis

1- Interphase and mitosis together constitute the cell cycle

2- Mitosis allows the separation of homologous chromosomes.

3- During anaphase, there is a homogeneous distribution of genetic information

4- Only gametes are haploid cells in higher organisms. . . .

5- The somatic cells of a diploid organism all have 2n chromosomes

6- The nuclear membrane forms around the newly formed sets of daughter chromosomes during telophase

7- The duplication of chromatids occurs during prophase

Meiosis

1- Anaphase I begins with the division of the centromeres of each chromosome

2- At anaphase II, the two sister chromatids of each chromosome separate, resulting in two daughter chromosomes each attached to a daughter centromere

3- Meiosis separates the pairs of chromosomes, fertilization reunites them

4- Chromatid crossing over allows non-sister chromatids to exchange genes

5- In daughter cells resulting from division I of meiosis, the quantity of DNA is diploid

6- Centromeres do not divide during meiosis I.

7- A cell in prophase I of meiosis has half the number of chromosomes as a cell in prophase II

8- Crossing-over takes place during the diplotene stage of prophase I, meiosis I

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Exercise 4

In humans, the chromosome number is 2n=46.

- How many chromosomes will be found in the somatic cells of the male?
- How many chromosomes will be found in female gametes?
- How many chromatids are there at mitotic metaphase?
- How many chromosomes does a girl get from her father?
- How many autosomes are found in a gamete?
- How many sex chromosomes are found in an egg?
- How many autosomes are there in a somatic cell in a female?

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Exercise 5

Fill in the blanks: - Mitosis always occurs at the cell level - Meiosis always occurs at the cell level - Mitosis is a division - In mitosis we obtain from a diploid cell - Gametes are cells - The production of male gametes is called The nuclear membrane shatters into fragments at the beginning of the - The equatorial plate of the mitotic spindle is formed during the..... - The chromatids separate to form two sets of daughter chromosomes during - The period during which DNA is synthesized is called - The mitotic spindle is made up of microtubules which are polymers of a subunit protein of - Chromosome migration is made possible by the binding of spindle microtubules to a structure associated with the centromere of each chromosome: the - Cytokinesis is the division of - A meiotic event called produces a genetic exchange between homologous chromosomes complex is formed between homologous chromosomes - Prophase I of meiosis is subdivided into 5 stages: zygotene stage is completed, the pairs of homologous chromosomes are present in the form of - Each tetrad contains two pairs of - During diakinesis, the chromosomes separate further, but the non-sister chromatids still remain attached at the