

# Molecular Genetics (9%)

## I. DNA

- a. Genetic material
- b. Double Stranded
- c. Bases
  - i. 4 types
    1. Adenine
    2. Thymine
    3. Guanine
    4. Cytosine
  - ii. Connected by Hydrogen Bonds
    1. Adenine – Thymine: 2 Hydrogen Bonds
    2. Guanine – Cytosine: 3 Hydrogen Bonds
    3. To Unzip DNA: Break Hydrogen Bonds between bases
- d. Experiments (Pg. 167)
  - i. Griffith's Experiment
    1. Gave mouse 2 kinds of bacteria
      - a. Bad + Mouse → Dead
      - b. Good + Mouse → Alive
      - c. Bad + Heat + Mouse → Alive
      - d. Bad + Heat + Good + Mouse → Dead
    2. Result/Conclusion: DNA of bad bacteria causes good bacteria to produce bad bacteria
  - ii. Hershey-Chase Experiment
    1. Infected bacteria with a bacteriophage
      - a. All the bacteria were radioactive
      - b. Bacteriophage: Virus that specifically kills bacteria
      - c. Blended bacteria and bacteriophages
        - i. Separated infected bacteria and bacteriophages
      - d. Virus began replicating in bacteria
      - e. New bacteriophages had radioactive DNA but not radioactive proteins
    2. Result/Conclusion: DNA was the genetic material – not the proteins

## II. DNA Replication

- a. S Phase
  - i. DNA Helicase (enzyme)
    - 1. Unzips strands
    - 2. Breaks Hydrogen Bonds
  - ii. RNA Primase (enzyme)
    - 1. Creates RNA Primer
  - iii. DNA Polymerase III (enzyme)
    - 1. Builds new strand of DNA in a 5' – 3' direction
      - a. Leading Strand
        - i. Single stretch
      - b. Lagging Strand
        - i. Okazaki fragments
  - iv. DNA Ligase (enzyme)
    - 1. Links Okazaki fragments together

## III. Protein Synthesis

- a. Creation of Proteins using DNA Code
- b. Transcription
  - i. RNA Polymerase (enzyme)
    - 1. Transcribes a gene to make single stranded mRNA
- c. Translation
  - i. mRNA
    - 1. Translated into a protein
    - 2. Carry codons
    - 3. Eukaryotic Cells
      - a. RNA Processing
        - i. Before mRNA leaves the nucleus
          - 1. Introns and Exons
            - a. Introns are spliced out
            - b. Exons are expressed
  - 4. Ribosome
    - a. P-Site
      - i. Start codon: AUG: MET
    - b. A-Site
      - i. 2<sup>nd</sup> codon “waits”
    - c. Peptide bonds connect codons between sites
    - d. Ribosome moves
    - e. tRNA leaves
    - f. A-site codon + tRNA moves to P-site

- g. A-site open again
  - ii. tRNA
    - 1. Transfer RNA
    - 2. Carry amino acids (anti-codons)
    - 3. Match Codons to Anti-codons
  - iii. Chain of amino acids form to create a protein
- d. Operons
  - i. Regulate Protein Synthesis
  - ii. Can be turned On and Off
    - 1. Promoter
      - a. Where RNA Polymerase Binds
    - 2. Operator
      - a. Turns on the Operon
    - 3. Regulatory Gene
      - a. Produces a Regulatory Protein
        - i. Binds to the Operator

#### IV. Genetic Engineering

- a. DNA can be cut using **Restriction Enzymes**
- b. Plasmids can be cut using **Restriction Enzymes**
- c. New genes can be inserted into the **Plasmid**
- d. New **Plasmid** can be inserted into the **Bacteria**
- e. **Bacteria** will produce new genes

#### V. Viruses

- a. Bacteriophages
  - i. Viruses that infect Bacteria
    - 1. Litic Cycle
      - a. Viral DNA is transcribed into Bacteria
      - b. Bacteria create mini Viruses
      - c. Viruses break open the Bacteria and go on to infect more Bacteria
      - d. Bacteria die
    - 2. Lysogenic Cycle
      - a. Viral DNA is transcribed into Bacteria
      - b. Viral DNA is in the chromosome of Bacteria
      - c. Bacteria remain dormant
      - d. No harm – yet