STUDY GUIDE: DNA Technology

Key Terms

recombinant DNA technology biotechnology restriction enzymes "sticky" ends ligase gel electrophoresis transformation artificial transformation DNA fingerprinting gene cloning gene library copy DNA(=cDNA) genetic probe DNA sequencing DNA hybridization PCR RLFPs

Questions

1. Describe the process involved in inserting the genes from one kind of organism into cells of another kind of organism.

- 2. Describe how a gene from humans can be inserted into a bacteria.
- 3. Which electrode do DNA fragments migrate toward(anode(-) or cathode(+))? Why?
- 4. How do restriction enzymes recognize a restriction site?
- 5. What is a palindrome? Why is this term used in relation to restriction enzymes?
- 6. Why is copy DNA missing the introns?
- 7. What do the letters PCR stand for?
- 8. What are the steps in using PCR to make copies of a gene?
- 9. What kind of DNA polymerases are used in PCR?

10. Describe how RLFPs and gel electrophoresis can be used to develop a "DNA fingerprint".

11. Summarize the ethical and other objections that have been raised against recombinant DNA studies, and give practical and research applications of recombinant DNA.