# GENETICS

## Your genetics load the gun. Your lifestyle pulls the trigger. - Mehmet Oz



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## introduction

1. What is the basic unit of inheritance that is a segment within a long strand of DNA with specific instructions for the production of one specific protein?

- a. Chromosome
- b. Genome
- c. Allele
- d. Gene
- 2. Which branch of biology deals with heredity and variation of organisms?
- a. Biochemistry
- **b.** Genetics
- c. Microbiology
- d. Botany

3. Who discovered the basic principles of genetics and inferred laws that allowed predictions about trait inheritance?

- a. Charles Darwin
- b. Gregor Mendel
- c. Louis Pasteur
- d. Rosalind Franklin
- 4. How are alleles defined in genetics?
- a. Individual copies of a particular gene
- b. Physical manifestation of a trait
- c. Genetic constitution of an individual
- d. Singular units of chromosomes
- 5. What does Mendel's law of segregation state in genetics?
- a. Genes assort independently of each other
- b. Alleles for each trait separate during gamete formation
- c. Dominant alleles always mask recessive alleles
- d. Traits are transmitted as autosomal or sex-linked
- 6. Which structure in cells manages the storage, duplication, and expression of DNA?
- a. Ribosome
- **b.** Nucleus
- c. Mitochondria
- d. Endoplasmic reticulum
- 7. What encodes all of the proteins a cell or organism can make?
- a. Genome
- b. Ribosome
- c. Chloroplast
- d. Lysosome

8. What is the branch of genetics concerned with human biological variation as it relates to health and disease?

- a. Molecular genetics
- **b.** Cytogenetics
- c. Population genetics
- d. Medical genetics

9. What is the use of molecular biology techniques to increase scientific knowledge of the natural history of diseases and identify individuals at risk for developing specific diseases?

- a. Molecular diagnosis
- b. Genetic counseling
- c. Gene therapy
- d. Immunotherapy

10. What is the study of the structure and function of chromosomes known as?

- a. Genomics
- **b.** Proteomics
- c. Cytogenetics
- d. Transcriptomics

**11.** Which law of genetics states that alleles of different genes assort independently of each other?

- a. Mendel's law of segregation
- b. Mendel's law of independent assortment

c. Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium d. Gene linkage theory

12. What process involves gene transcription to produce mRNA and translation to produce a polypeptide?

- a. Replication
- **b.** Transduction
- c. Transformation
- d. Gene expression

13. In genetics, what masks or hides the expression of its alternative allele?

- a. Dominant allele
- b. Recessive allele
- c. Homologous chromosome
- d. Genotype

14. How is the genetic composition of an individual with respect to a particular trait defined?

- a. Phenotype
- b. Genotype
- c. Allele
- d. Homozygous

15. Which law of genetics states that the two alleles for each trait separate during gamete formation?

- a. Mendel's law of segregation
- b. Mendel's law of independent assortment
- c. Law of dominance
- d. Law of co-dominance
- 16. What is the study of the genetics of populations known as?
- a. Molecular genetics
- **b.** Cytogenetics
- c. Population genetics
- d. Medical genetics
- 17. Which type of genes are located on a sex chromosome?
- a. Autosomal genes
- **b.** Recessive genes
- c. Dominant genes
- d. Sex-linked genes

18. What does molecular diagnosis of human disorders involve? a. Detection of disease-causing variants in DNA

- b. Structural analysis of proteins
- c. Cell division rate measurement
- d. Gene splicing

20. What encodes the entire collection of chromosomes in each cell of an organism?

- a. Genome
- b. Ribosome
- c. Nucleus
- d. Endoplasmic reticulum

## DNA Packaging, Chromosomes, and Cell division

- 1. Which proteins are involved in folding and packaging eukaryotic chromosomes?
- a. Actins
- b. Tubulins
- c. Histones
- d. Ribosomes
- 2. What is the primary role of histone proteins in chromosome packaging?
- a. Replication
- b. Transcription
- c. DNA compaction
- d. RNA splicing
- 3. How many histones are present in each nucleosome core particle?
- a. 4
- b. 6
- c. 8
- d. 10
- 4. Which of the following is responsible for condensing chromosomes at mitosis?
- a. Condensin
- b. Cohesin
- c. Polymerase

d. Helicase

5. What is the role of cohesins during cell division?

- a. Promote binding of sister chromatids
- b. Degrade chromosomes
- c. Inhibit spindle formation
- d. Prevent histone acetylation

6. Which protein is important in stabilizing chromatin higher-order structures?

- a. Polymerase
- b. Tubulin
- c. Histone H1
- d. Actin
- 7. What is the role of telomeres in chromosomes?
- a. DNA replication
- b. Chromosome segregation
- c. Prevent chromosome shortening
- d. Transcription regulation

8. Which type of chromatin is transcriptionally inactive and tightly compacted?

- a. Euchromatin
- b. Heterochromatin
- c. Telomeric chromatin
- d. Centromeric chromatin
- 9. During which phase of the cell cycle does DNA replication occur?
- a. G1 phase
- b. G2 phase
- c. S phase
- d. M phase
- 10. What is the primary purpose of mitosis?
- a. Reduce chromosome number
- b. Generate genetic diversity
- c. Distribute replicated chromosomes
- d. Create haploid cells

11. In which stage of mitosis do sister chromatids separate and move to opposite poles?

- a. Prophase
- b. Metaphase
- c. Anaphase
- d. Telophase

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12. What type of microtubules attach to the kinetochore at the centromere of each chromosome? a. Aster microtubules

- b. Polar microtubules
- c. Kinetochore microtubules
- d. Centromeric microtubules

13. Which stage of mitosis involves the alignment of chromosomes at the cell's equator?

- a. Prophase
- b. Prometaphase
- c. Metaphase
- d. Anaphase

14. What occurs during anaphase of mitosis?

- a. Chromosomes align at the equator
- b. Nuclear envelope forms
- c. Sister chromatids separate
- d. Chromosomes decondense

15. When do the nuclear membranes reform to form two separate nuclei during cell division?

- a. Prophase
- **b.** Metaphase
- c. Telophase
- d. Anaphase

16. Which phase of the cell cycle involves the duplication of DNA and chromosomes?

- a. G1 phase
- b. S phase
- c. G2 phase
- d. M phase

17. What is the role of the spindle apparatus in cell division?

- a. DNA replication
- **b.** Energy production
- c. Chromosome separation
- d. Protein synthesis

18. Which structure assists in positioning the spindle during cell division?

- a. Aster microtubules
- **b.** Polar microtubules
- c. Kinetochore proteins
- d. Centromeres
- **19.** What balances the forces pushing and pulling chromosomes during metaphase of mitosis?
- a. Aster microtubules
- **b.** Kinetochore proteins
- c. Polar microtubules
- d. Centromeres

20. At the end of which phase does cytokinesis occur to complete the cell division process?

- a. Telophase
- b. G2 phase
- c. Anaphase
- d. Prophase

## **Cell division - Meiosis**

- 1. What is the most common way for eukaryotic organisms to produce offspring?
- a. Asexual reproduction
- b. Mutation
- c. Regeneration
- d. Sexual reproduction
- 2. Which type of cell division produces gametes (eggs and sperm)?
- a. Mitosis
- b. Interphase
- c. Meiosis
- d. Cytokinesis
- 3. How many rounds of cell division does meiosis involve?
- a. One
- b. Two
- c. Three
- d. Four
- 4. What is the result of Meiosis I?
- a. Two haploid daughter cells with replicated chromosomes
- b. Four haploid daughter cells with unreplicated chromosomes
- c. Diploid cells with duplicated chromosomes
- d. Tetraploid daughter cells

5. The first three substages of prophase I are known as:

- a. Alpha, Beta, Gamma
- b. Delta, Epsilon, Zeta
- c. Leptotene, Zygotene, Pachytene
- d. Diplotene, Diakinesis, Telophase
- 6. What happens during pachytene of prophase I?
- a. Synaptonemal complex dissolves
- **b.** Recombination nodules disappear
- c. Crossing-over occurs between sister chromatids
- d. Chromosome pairs become tetrads
- 7. What is visible during diplotene?
- a. Synaptonemal complex formation
- **b. A tetrad of four chromatids**
- c. Nonsister chromatids pulling apart completely
- d. Microtubules penetrating the nucleus
- 8. What occurs during diakinesis?
- a. Condensation of chromatids
- b. Nonsister chromatids remain connected at chiasmata
- c. Homologous chromosomes separate
- d. Meiotic arrest begins

9. During which phase of meiosis I do homologous chromosomes move to opposite poles?

- a. Prophase I
- b. Metaphase I
- c. Anaphase I
- d. Telophase I
- **10. What happens during telophase I?**
- a. The nuclear envelope re-forms
- b. Sister chromatids move to opposite poles
- c. DNA replication occurs
- d. Cytokinesis precedes nuclear division

11. How many haploid cells are formed at the end of meiosis II?

- a. Two
- **b.** Three
- c. Four
- d. Five

12. What defines meiosis II as an equational division?

- a. Reduction of chromosome number
- b. Random assortment of chromosomes

c. Sister chromatids separate

d. Association of chromatids at chiasmata

13. What increases the possible chromosomal combinations during meiosis?

- a. Independent assortment of genes
- b. Sister chromatid attachment
- c. Centromere division

d. Recombination between chromosome pairs

14. The law of segregation states that:

- a. Chromosomes assort independently
- **b.** Chromosome number reduces during meiosis
- c. Alleles segregate during gamete formation
- d. Chromosomes duplicate once

15. What is a consequence of crossing-over in meiosis?

- a. Random assortment of chromosomes
- b. Diploid to haploid transition
- c. Association of chromatids at chiasmata
- d. Production of new gene combinations

- **16.** Chromosome combinations during meiosis illustrate:
- a. Random assortment of maternal and paternal chromosomes
- b. Diploid to diploid transition
- c. Homologous chromosomes pairing
- d. Chromosome duplication

**17. What does independent assortment mean?** 

- a. Fate of a gene on one chromosome is influenced by others
- b. Genes on different chromosomes segregate independently
- c. Chromatids separate during meiosis II
- d. Alleles couple during synapsis

18. Which phase involves the sorting events similar to those in mitosis?

- a. Prophase II
- b. Metaphase II
- c. Anaphase II
- d. Telophase II

19. What occurs during telophase II?

- a. Chromosomes begin to condense
- b. Nucleoli re-form
- c. Nuclear envelope breaks down
- d. Half the number of chromosomes is present

20. How many new haploid cells are formed during cytokinesis in meiosis II?

- a. Two
- **b.** Three
- c. Four
- d. Five

## Karyotyping, Chromosome structure

1. Why is the knowledge of chromosomes important in many areas of clinical medicine and research?

a. Approximately 10-15% of live born infants have a chromosomal abnormality.

b. Chromosomal aberrations are noted in 50% to 67% of spontaneous miscarriages.

c. It plays a role in the majority of cells from leukemia samples or solid tumors.

d. Only 1% of individuals having sex reversal or pubertal anomalies show chromosomal aberrations.

2. What is the approximate percentage of recognized embryonic and fetal deaths with cytogenetic abnormalities?

a. 10%

b. 30%

**c. 45%** 

d. 60%

3. Which of the following is NOT a tissue commonly used for chromosome studies?

a. Bone marrow

b. Saliva

c. Amniotic fluid cells

d. Tumor biopsies

4. What is the main referral reason for cytogenetic analyses related to postnatal, childhood growth, and development?

- a. Cognitive development
- b. Growth failure
- c. Behavioral concerns
- d. Hearing loss
- 5. Which banding technique involves treating metaphase spreads with trypsin?
- a. G-banding
- b. R-banding
- c. Q-banding
- d. C-banding

6. Which chromosome banding technique treats metaphase spreads with the chemical quinacrine mustard?

- a. G-banding
- b. R-banding
- c. Q-banding
- d. C-banding

7. What does R-banding stand for in chromosome analysis?

- a. Reverse banding
- b. Red banding
- c. Rapid banding
- d. Random banding

8. What banding technique stains regions that contain rRNA genes within the NOR?

- a. G-banding
- b. R-banding
- c. C-banding
- d. silver-nitrate
- 9. What is a band defined as in a chromosome?
- a. A part of the chromosome with no staining properties
- **b.** A segment without genes
- c. A distinguishable part of the chromosome based on staining properties
- d. A structure only visible in males
- 10. What divides the chromosomes into the short "p" and long "q" arms?
- a. Nucleolus
- **b.** Telomeres
- c. Centromere
- d. Chromatids
- 11. What is depicted in a human chromosome ideogram?
- a. Actual chromosomes
- **b. Stained chromosomes**
- c. Diagrammatic representation of a karyotype
- d. Electron microscope images

12. High-resolution banding involves staining chromosomes during which phase?

- a. Metaphase
- **b.** Anaphase
- c. Prophase or prometaphase
- d. Telophase

13. How many bands are observable for all chromosomes in high-resolution banding?

- a. About 50
- **b. About 200**
- c. About 450
- d. About 700

14. What does G-banding pattern for human chromosome 4 show at increasing levels of resolution?

- a. Increasing darkness
- b. Increasing lightness
- c. Subdivision into sub-bands and sub-subbands
- d. No changes in banding patterns

15. In a high-resolution banding, what increases the number of observable bands per haploid set?

- a. Staining chromosomes during metaphase
- b. Staining chromosomes during prophase
- c. Staining chromosomes during prometaphase
- d. Staining chromosomes during telophase

16. What is essential for cells to undergo chromosome analysis for clinical purposes?

- a. Cell differentiation
- b. Cell migration
- c. Cell proliferation in culture
- d. Cell apoptosis

17. What must be added to blood specimens for culture establishment and harvest?

- a. Antibiotics
- **b. Immunoglobulins**
- c. Mitogens
- d. Hemoglobin

18. How are chromosomes arranged in a karyogram?

- a. By size
- **b. By color**
- c. By gene sequence
- d. By region

19. What is the main role of cytogenetics?

a. Study of cellular metabolism

- b. Study of genomic structure only
- c. Study of chromosomes and genomic structure in relation to human disease and heredity
- d. Study of protein folding

### Autosomal chromosomes and numerical chromosomal aberrations

- 1. What is the main purpose of Fluorescent In-Situ Hybridization (FISH)?
- a. Identify different banding patterns
- b. Study genetic aberrations too small for standard DNA sequencing
- c. Analyze metaphase cells for mutation detection
- d. Detect chromosomal polymorphisms
- 2. How does FISH work in detecting genetic segments?
- a. Patient DNA segment binds to probe, visible fluorescent signal is present
- b. Patient DNA segment doesn't bind to probe, no fluorescent signal seen
- c. Probe binds to any DNA in the cell
- d. Probe remains inactive in the presence of genetic mutations
- 3. Which of the following is NOT a type of FISH probe?
- a. Centromeric probes (CEP)
- **b.** Spectral karyotype probes
- c. Locus specific probes
- d. Whole chromosome probes

4. What is the method typically used to observe chromosomes or hybridized regions in FISH?

- a. Electron microscopy
- b. Light microscopy
- c. Fluorescent microscope
- d. Confocal microscope

5. What does Trisomy 21 refer to?

- a. Extra chromosome 21 in males
- b. Monosomy in chromosome 21
- c. Normal female chromosome composition
- d. Down syndrome (extra chromosome 21)

6. Which chromosome abnormality results in Turner syndrome?

- a. 47,XXY
- b. 45,X

c. 47,XXX

d. 47,XYY

7. What is the prevalence of Trisomy 18 (Edward syndrome) among live births? a. 1 per 6,000 births b. 1 per 2,000 births c. 1 per 10,000 births d. 1 per 4,000 births 8. What is the main feature of Klinefelter syndrome (47,XXY)?

- a. Hypogonadism with large testes
- b. Short stature with lymphedema
- c. high testosterone with gynecomastia
- d. Tall stature with hypogonadism

9. How many chromosomes are present in a Trisomy 13 individual?

- a. 46 chromosomes
- b. 47 chromosomes
- c. 48 chromosomes
- d. 45 chromosomes

10. Which type of aneuploidy involves individuals lacking one chromosome? a. Trisomic

- b. Monosomic
- c. Tetrasomic
- d. Polyploidy

**11.** What is the characteristic feature of Turner syndrome?

- a. Tall stature with gynecomastia
- b. Hypogonadism with small testes
- c. Webbing of the neck
- d. High testosterone levels

12. How does FISH contribute to genetic studies?

- a. Detects large chromosomal changes accurately
- **b.** Determines the exact gene mutations in a patient
- c. Allows visualization of small DNA segments
- d. Identifies chromosomal translocations

13. What is the main difference between Q banding and R banding?

- a. Use of different fluorescent dyes
- b. Visibility under different microscopes
- c. Pattern of light and dark bands
- d. Specific identification of centromeres

14. In which scenario would FISH be particularly useful? a. Detecting large chromosomal deletions b. Analyzing whole chromosomal mutations c. Studying polymorphisms in interphase cells d. Identifying small DNA segments

15. Which chromosomal abnormality involves three copies of chromosome 21? a. Monosomy 21 b. Ditrisomy 21 c. Trisomy 21 d. Tetrasomy 21

16. What contributes to the incidence of autosomal aneuploidy in newborns?

- a. Maternal age effect
- b. Paternal genetic inheritance
- c. Gender of the offspring
- d. Environmental factors

17. Why are the trisomies 13, 18, and 21 relatively mild compared to other aneuploidies?

- a. Low gene content on involved chromosomes
- **b. Presence of multiple chromosomal deletions**
- c. High occurrence of genetic mutations
- d. Structural abnormalities in the chromosomes

18. Which chromosomal condition results in an extra X chromosome in males?

- a. Trisomy 18
- b. Klinefelter syndrome
- c. Turner syndrome
- d. Trisomy 13

19. What is the estimated survival rate for infants with Trisomy 13?

- a. 90% survive to 12 months
- b. 50% survive within the first weeks of life
- c. 95% die in the first year of life
- d. 75% survive but with developmental disabilities

20. What is the main negative impact of additional X or Y chromosomes?

- a. Decrease in physical health
- b. Increase in intelligence quotient
- c. Higher risk of leukemia
- d. Reduction in average IQ

### Sex chromosomes and structural chromosomal aberration

- 1. What is the principal cause of human triploidy?
- a. Dispermy
- b. Fertilization of a diploid ovum
- c. Fertilization by a diploid sperm
- d. Meiosis faults
- 2. How does tetraploidy typically arise?
- a. Dispermy
- b. Endomitosis
- c. Trisomy
- d. Aneuploidy

3. Which chromosomal abnormality is typically associated with Klinefelter syndrome?
a. 46,XY, del(5p)
b. 47,XXY
c. 46,XX

d. 45,X

4. What type of break leads to a terminal deletion on a chromosome?

- a. Single break
- **b. Double break**
- c. Inverted break

d. Centromere break

5. What is the main phenotypic effect of deletions?
a. Increased height
b. Intellectual disability
c. Enhanced vision
d. Improved memory

6. A translocation results from an exchange of genetic material between \_\_\_\_\_ chromosomes.

- a. Nonhomologous
- b. Identical
- c. Tetraploid
- d. Aneuploid

7. What is the term used for an inversion involving the centromere of a chromosome? E

- a. Pericentric
- b. Paracentric
- c. Reciprocal
- d. Translocation

8. Which type of duplication involves the reorientation of a chromosomal segment?

- a. Direct
- **b.** Inverted
- c. Reciprocal
- d. Triplification
- 9. What defines an isochromosome?
- a. Two identical arms
- b. Two different arms
- c. Lost arm
- d. No arms

10. In which syndrome is a 22q11.2 deletion typically observed?

- a. Down syndrome
- b. Turner syndrome
- c. Wolf-Hirschhorn syndrome
- d. DiGeorge Syndrome

11. What can chromosomal microarray testing detect?

- a. Point mutations
- **b.** Balanced translocations
- c. Tiny deletions

d. Gene expression levels

- 12. What is the primary advantage of SNP-based microarrays?
- a. Can detect deletions only
- b. Do not Directly compare patient to control
- c. Require high DNA amounts
- d. Detect only point mutations

13. Mosaicism describes a situation where different cells in the same individual have different \_\_\_\_\_ of chromosomes.

- a. Sizes
- **b.** Shapes
- c. Numbers
- d. Colors

14. Chimerism involves different cell lines that are derived from \_\_ conceptions. a. Identical **b.** Different c. Similar d. Nonexistent

15. How does an insertion differ from a deletion?

- a. Movement of segments between chromosomes
- b. They are the same
- c. Inversions involved
- d. Loss of DNA material

16. Which syndrome is characterized by a distinctive "greek helmet" facies?

- a. Down syndrome
- b. Wolf-Hirschhorn syndrome
- c. Turner syndrome
- d. Cri-du-chat syndrome

17. What is the main issue associated with duplication 22q11.2?

- a. Intellectual disability
- b. Cardiovascular defects
- c. Skin pigmentation anomalies
- d. Growth deficiency

18. Smith-Magenis syndrome is typically due to a deletion on chromosome \_\_.

a. 7 b. 17 c. 5

**d.4** 

19. Neurofibromatosis is usually associated with a deletion on chromosome \_\_.

a. 7 b. 17

**c.** 5

**d.** Y

20. What do deletions in Williams syndrome primarily affect?
a. 600-800kb segments
b. 200-400kb segments
c. 1600kb segments

d. 1400kb segments

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