

1. When chromosomes are heated and stained with Giemsa stain, the resulting bands are called:

- A. G bands
- B. Q bands
- C. R bands
- D. C bands

Ans: C

2. The purpose of a staining technique of chromosomes such as Giemsa is to:

- A. allow the mitotic process to be followed and monitored for variations.
- B. allow the numbering of chromosomes and identification of variations.
- C. identify new somatic cells formed through mitosis and cytokinesis.
- D. distinguish the point mutations in chromosomes

Ans: B

3. What would happen if a mutation created a new allele with decreased fitness?

- A. The new allele would spread through the population and decrease the fitness of that population.
- B. The new allele would decrease the fitness of the individual that possessed it, and that individual would have few or no offspring.
- C. The new allele would have to change back to an allele of higher fitness so the possessor of that allele could maintain its fitness.
- D. The individual with the new allele would wait for an environmental change so that its fitness would increase again.

Ans: B

4. What are histone variants?

- A. histone proteins that have slightly different amino acid sequences and have specialized functions
- B. histone proteins that have slightly different amino acid sequences but are found in nucleosomes throughout the chromosomes
- C. histone proteins that have been modified by acetylation
- D. histone proteins that have been modified by acetylation and phosphorylation

Ans: A

5. The promoter of gene A has histones that are acetylated on lysine 27 of histone H3, and the promoter of gene B has histones that are methylated on lysine 9 of histone H3. Which gene is being actively transcribed?

- A. gene A, because histone acetylation is associated with gene expression
- B. gene A, because histone acetylation is associated with gene silencing
- C. gene B, because histone methylation is associated with gene expression.
- D. gene B, because histone acetylation is associated with gene silencing
- E. Both genes are actively transcribed because both of those marks are associated with gene expression.

Ans: A

6. What type of RNA is Xist?

- A. LncRNA
- B. mRNA
- C. rRNA
- D. siRNA
- E. tRNA

Ans: A

7. The parents of a child with a karyotype of 47,XY, +21 ask the nurse what this means. Which is an accurate response by the nurse?

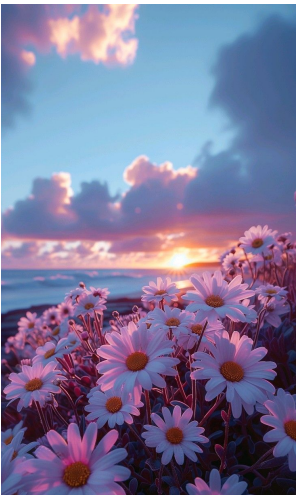
- A. This karyotype is for a normal male.
- B. This karyotype is for a normal female.
- C. This karyotype is for a male with Down syndrome.
- D. This karyotype is for a female with Turner's syndrome.

Ans: C

8. If, while examining a human karyotype, it is observed that there are 22 paired chromosomes and two chromosomes that are not the same size, this would most likely be due to:

- A. The karyotype belonging to a female
- B. Nondisjunction
- C. The karyotype belonging to a male or nondisjunction
- D. The karyotype belonging to a male
- E. The karyotype belonging to a female or nondisjunction

Ans: D



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