



Lecture 5

Molecular Biology (2)

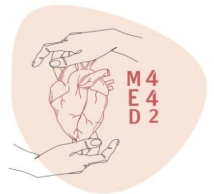
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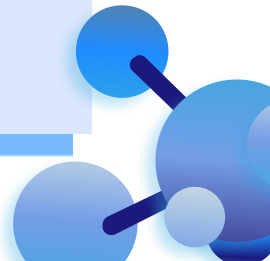


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Objectives

- Understand DNA replication.
 - Know the transcription of genetic material into mRNA.
 - Get an idea about the translation of mRNA into functional protein.
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DNA is the genetic material, therefore it must:

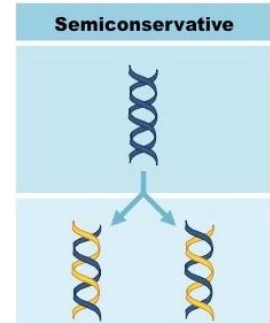
- **Replicate** faithfully (من غير أخطاء)
- Have the coding ability to **produce proteins** for all cellular functions.

Features of Eukaryotic DNA Replication

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Semiconservative with respect to parental strand:

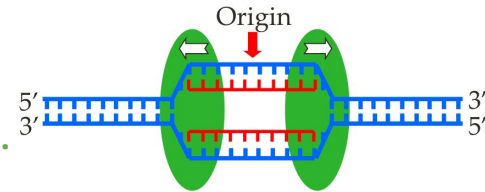
Daughter DNA molecules contain one parental strand (old) and one newly-replicated strand.



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Bidirectional with **multiple origins of replication**.

Bidirectional: it goes both ways.
Origins of replication: specific sequence where the parent DNA strands separate.



Features of Eukaryotic DNA Replication

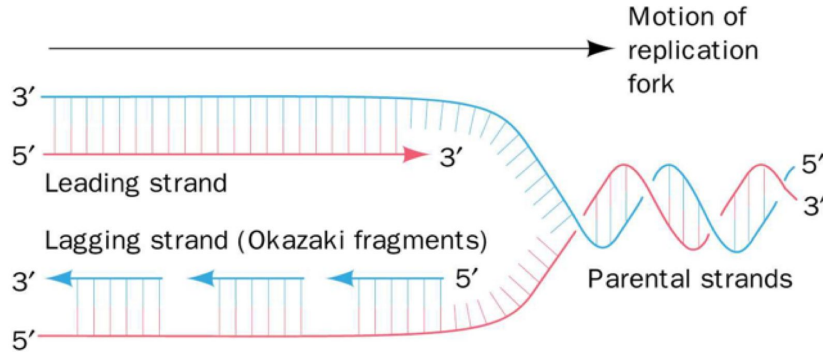
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Primed by short stretches of **RNA**.

It's a primer (initial fragment) that helps DNA polymerase know where to add the DNA nucleotide. The primer ≈ 10 nucleotides.

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Semi-discontinuous



Leading strand:

يكون مستمر

Lagging strand:

يكون متقطع

In DNA replication, both daughter strands (leading strand red, lagging strand blue) are synthesized in their **5' → 3' directions**

Leading strand: a new strand that is synthesized **continuously**

Lagging strand: a new strand that is synthesized **in fragments (Okazaki-fragments)**

Proteins Involved in DNA Replication

Protein name	Function	باختصار
DNA Helicase	Unwinds (melts) the DNA at the site of origin by breaking the hydrogen bond between the bases	يفصل ال DNA
Single-Stranded DNA Binding Proteins	Prevent rewinding of the single DNA strands (prevent hydrogen bond formation)	يمنع انه يرجع دبل ستراندز
(DNA) Primase	Make short segments of RNA primer complementary to DNA	يسوي RNA البادئة
DNA Polymerases (5 types: α ; β ; γ ; δ ; ϵ)	(each with different job but we are not going that deep) Add nucleotides to RNA primer. Proofreads bases added and replaces incorrect nucleotides. (Removes RNA primers/fill the gaps/spell check)	يبني ويتأكد من بنائه
DNA Ligase	Join the segments that DNA polymerase made instead of RNA nucleotides by form bonds between sugar-phosphate backbone	انزيم يربط بين ال Lagging strands
Topoisomerases: Topoisomerase I Topoisomerase II	prevent supercoiling of the chromosome	يمنع الالتفاف الفائق
Telomerases	prevent the shorting of the chromosome (maintain the chromosome length).	يمنع تقصير الكروموسومات

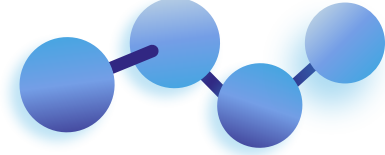
NOTE:

it's important to memorize the protein name and function specially the first 5

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Steps in DNA Replication



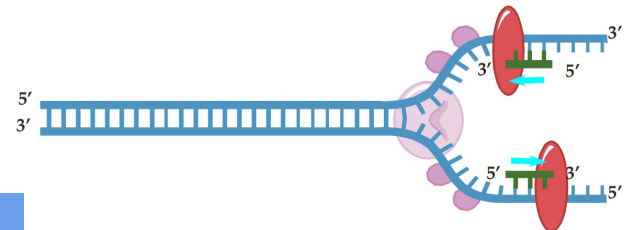
1 Helicase protein (pink) binds to DNA sequences called origins and **unwinds DNA strands.**

- opens the DNA strands and forms replication fork

2 Single-stranded DNA binding proteins (purple balls) prevent single strands from rewinding.

3 DNA Primase protein (red) makes a short segment of RNA primer complementary to the DNA

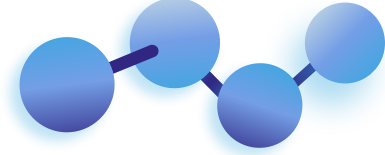
- always the synthesis direction 5'→3'
- made by DNA polymerase.



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Steps in DNA Replication

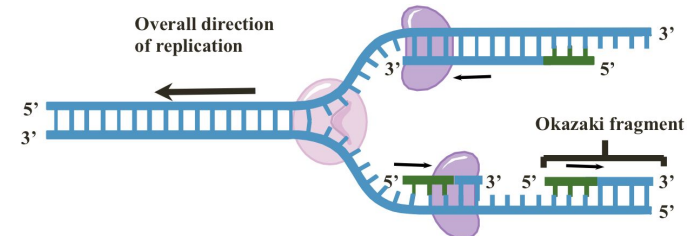
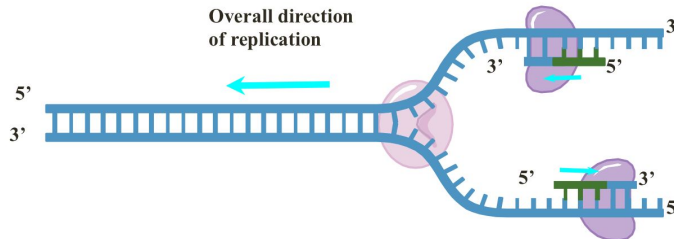


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DNA polymerases (purple):

- **Adds** (complimentary) **DNA nucleotides** to the RNA primer. **Leading strand** is (5'→3') toward the fork, while the **lagging strand** is (5'→3') in the opposite direction of the fork.
- **Proofreads** bases added and replaces incorrect nucleotides. If a wrong nucleotide is added that is not complementary to the parent strand, DNA polymerase will **recognize it** and **replace it**.
- Leading strand synthesis **continues** in a 5' to 3' direction.
- **Discontinuous** synthesis (of the lagging strand) produces 5' to 3' DNA segments (Okazaki fragments).

Reading is always in the 3'→5' direction, while synthesis is always in the 5'→3' direction.





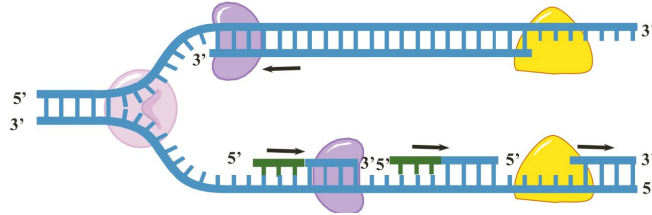
Steps in DNA Replication

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Exonuclease activity of **DNA polymerase (Yellow)** removes **RNA primers**. **Exonucleases** are enzymes that remove nucleotides.

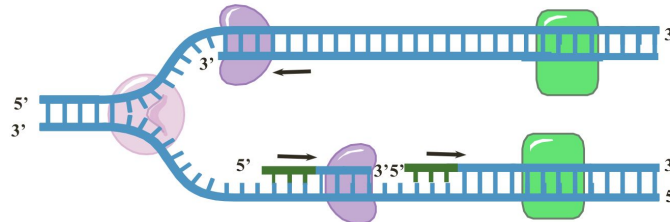
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DNA polymerases fill the gaps.



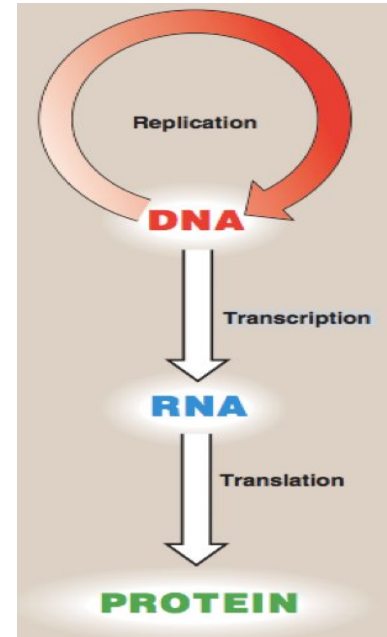
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Ligase (Green) forms bonds between the sugar-phosphate backbone (phosphodiester bond). The DNA consists of sugar-phosphate chains on the sides and nitrogenous bases in the center.



The Central Dogma of Molecular Biology

- A portion of DNA, called a **gene**, is transcribed into RNA.
- RNA is translated into proteins.
- Only 5% of DNA will be transcribed into mRNA.
- DNA comes from DNA





Transcription “mRNA Synthesis”

- A **portion of DNA** (a **gene**) is **transcribed** into messenger RNA (**mRNA**).
- Only one of the DNA strands is transcribed (**antisense strand**).
- The **RNA polymerase II** is responsible for this process.
- The direction of transcription is **5'--->3'**.

The **antisense strand** contains the **opposite codon** of the required **mRNA** to be transcribed.

mRNA is the **sense strand**



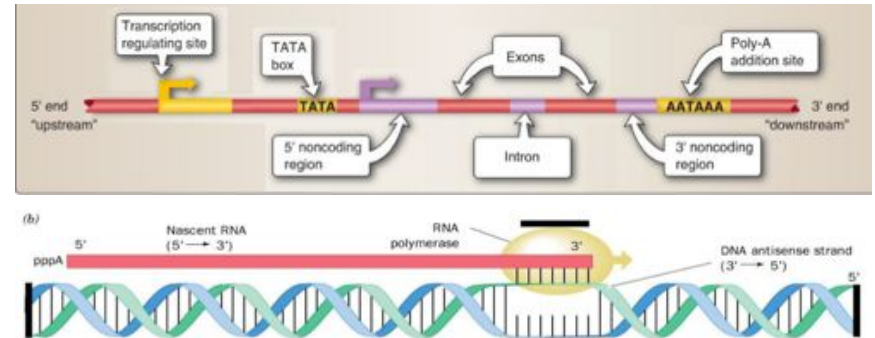
Transcription “mRNA Synthesis”

Steps of mRNA synthesis

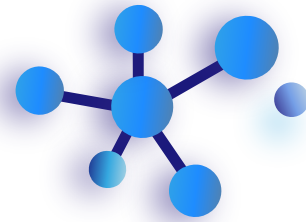
Chain initiation: RNA polymerase II binds to promoter region of DNA to start transcription.

Chain elongation: a portion of DNA template unwinds (DNA melting) at the point of RNA synthesis. This forms a short length of RNA-DNA hybrid.

Chain termination: DNA contains specific sites which stop transcription (at the sequence of 4-10 AT base pairs).



Post-Transcriptional Modification



Capping: addition of a methylated guanine nucleotide **at 5' end of mRNA**

Polyadenylation: Addition of a poly(A) tail (a highly conserved AAUAA sequence) **at 3' end of mRNA.**

Intron removal: for releasing **mature mRNA from nucleus.**

Functions:

- To **prevent** mRNA degradation by **exonucleases**
- It helps the transcript **bind to the ribosome** during protein synthesis

Functions:

- For rRNA **recognition**
- To **protect** the mRNA from **degradation**

- **Introns** are **non-coding areas**
- **Exons** are **coding areas**

5' CAPPING



INTRON SPLICING "in between"



POLY-A TAIL



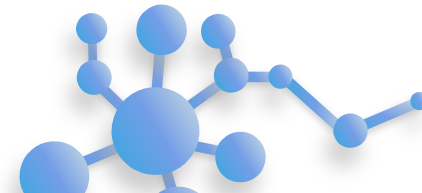
The pre-mRNA has to go through some modifications to become a mature mRNA, the modifications occur in the cell nucleus before the RNA is translated.

Translation “Protein Synthesis”

A process of **protein synthesis from mRNA**

- mRNA has genetic codes for **amino acids** present in **proteins**.
- The **genetic code** is a dictionary that **identifies the correspondence** between a sequence of **nucleotide bases** and a sequence of **amino acids**. It is a code that connects the nucleotide bases in mRNA and the amino acids “**team441**”.
- Each individual word in the code is composed of **three** nucleotide bases (**codons**). Each codon specifies a particular amino acid “**team441**”.
- **64 possible codons:**
 - **61** codons specify **20** amino acids (one amino acid can have many codons that represent it)
 - **1** start codon (**AUG**) (Also code for methionine)
 - **3** stop codons **UAA, UAG and UGA**

	U	C	A	G	
U	UUU } Phe UUC } UUA } Leu UUG }	UCU } UCC } Ser UCA } UCG }	UAU } Tyr UAC } UAA Stop UAG Stop	UGU } Cys UGC } UGA Stop UGG Trp	U C A G
C	CUU } CUC } Leu CUA } CUG }	CCU } CCC } Pro CCA } CCG }	CAU } His CAC } CAA } Gln CAG }	CGU } CGC } Arg CGA } CGG }	U C A G
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G	GUU } GUC } Val GUA } GUG }	GCU } GCC } Ala GCA } GCG }	GAU } Asp GAC } GAA } Glu GAG }	GGU } GGC } Gly GGA } GGG }	U C A G





Components Required for Translation

01. Amino acids.

02. Transfer RNA (tRNA).

reads the code and bring the amino acids

03. Aminoacyl-tRNA synthetases.

enzyme that makes Aminoacyl-tRNA (connect tRNA to the specific amino acid)

Aminoacyl-tRNA: (tRNA + amino acid)

04. mRNA.

05. Functionally competent ribosomes.

Functional Ribosomes consist of 2 subunits:

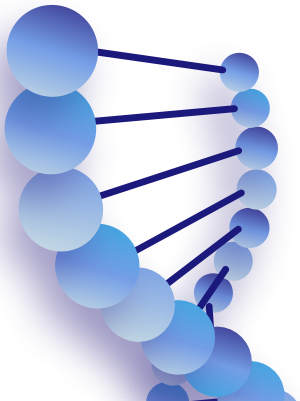
- Small ribosomal subunit (has mRNA binding site)

- Large ribosomal subunit

06. Protein factors.

Catalytic or stabilizer for the synthetic machinery.

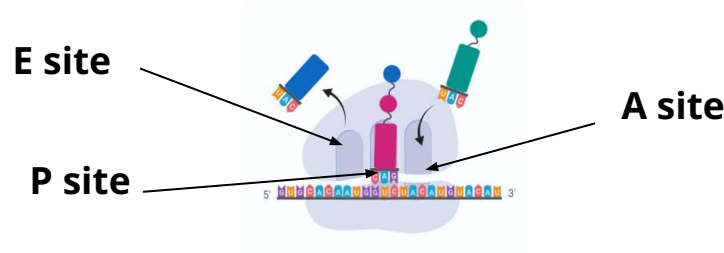
07. ATP and GTP. (Energy)



Protein Translation

Important to know that (441):

- **tRNA has 2 important sites:**
 1. The **anticodon** that forms base pairs with its complementary sequence on mRNA
 2. A region for **attaching a specific amino acid**
- **Ribosomes have 2 subunits that join to form functional ribosome:**
 1. **Small subunit:** where the mRNA comes and binds
 2. **Large subunit:** has 3 sites for tRNA:
 - ★ **A site:** **Acceptor** site that binds to tRNA, which holds the new amino acid to be added to the polypeptide chain
 - ★ **P site:** **Peptidyl** site that holds the tRNA carrying the growing polypeptide chain
 - ★ **E site:** **Exit** site that discharges the tRNA to leave the ribosome



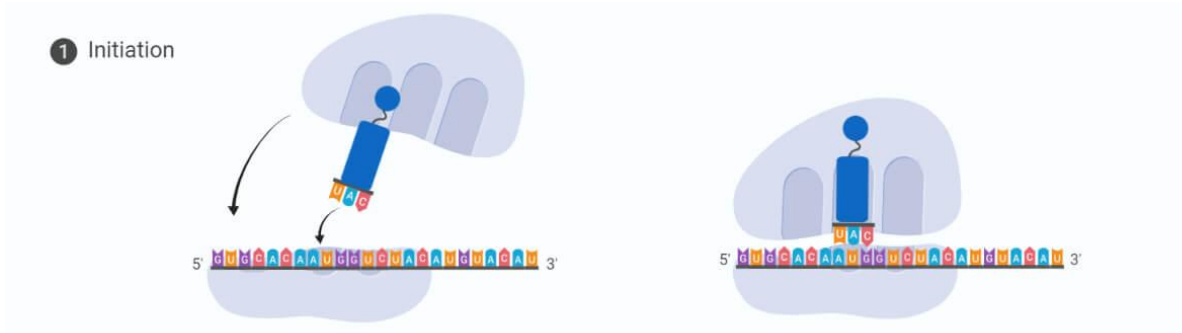
Steps of Protein Translation

Initiation:

It requires ribosomal subunits, mRNA, aminoacyl-tRNA for methionine, initiation factors and energy. These all form the **initiation complex**.

1. Small ribosomal subunit bind to the aminoacyl-tRNA and mRNA which carries the **start codon**.
2. The large ribosomal subunit binds to the small ribosomal subunit to complete the **initiation complex**.

The first stage is about binding the start codon to form the initiation complex

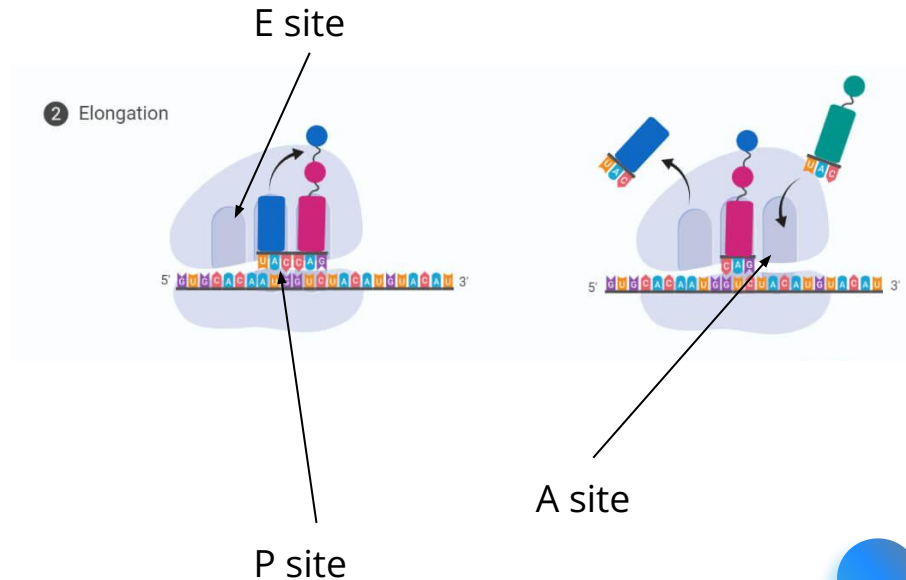


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Steps of Protein Synthesis

Elongation:

1. An aminoacyl-tRNA will attach to **A site**. the attachment will be facilitated by elongation factors.
2. **Peptidyl transferase** is an enzyme that **separates** the **growing chain** from tRNA in the **P site**, and **transfers** the growing polypeptide chain to tRNA at **A site**
3. The empty tRNA at **P site** moves to **E site** and **discharge**, and the tRNA with the **growing chain** moves to the **P site**.
4. The **A site** will be **ready to receive** another aminoacyl-tRNA and repeat the steps.

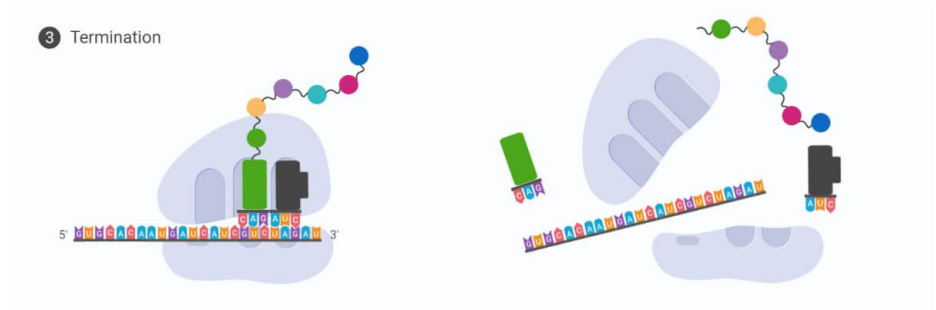


Steps of Protein Synthesis

Termination :

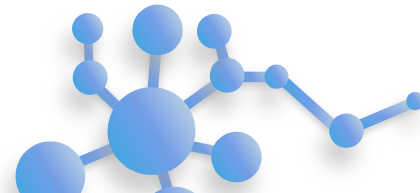
Occurs when one of the three **stop codons** (**UAA,UAG,UGA**) reaches the **A site**.

1. **Release factor** binds to the **stop codon** and cut the bond between the polypeptide and its tRNA in the **P site**.
2. This frees the polypeptide and the **translation complex disassembles**.



Summary:

1. **Initiation:** making initiation complex and attaching the start codon
2. **Elongation:** adding amino acids and forming protein chain.
3. **Termination:** free the polypeptide and disassemble translation complex.



Summary (441)

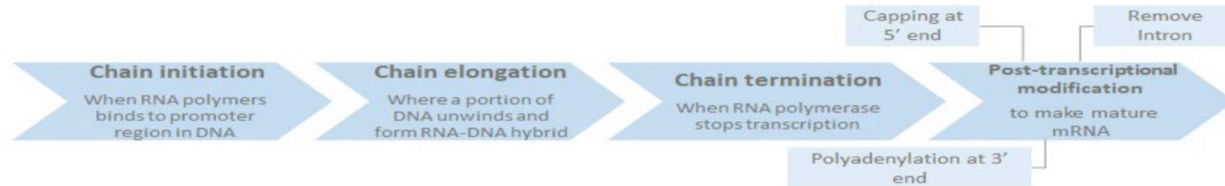
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1- Semiconservative 2-Bidirectional with multiple origins of replication 3-Primed RNA. 4-Semi-discontinuous

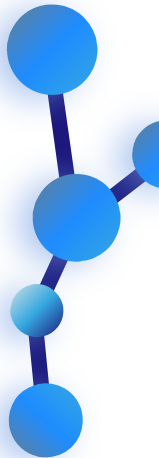
DNA Replication



transcription : mRNA synthesis



Protein Translation



Take Home Messages

- DNA is the genetic material, so it must replicate faithfully and have the coding ability to produce proteins for all cellular functions.
- Only one strand of DNA (antisense strand) is transcribed into mRNA.
- The synthesized mRNA is protected from the destruction and prepared for translation through post-transcriptional modification.
- mRNA transcription and protein synthesis processes are the same in both prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells with some differences.

Quiz

1- Which of the following is components required for translation

a) amino acid

b) tRNA

c) DNA ligase

d) A&B

2- Which one of the following is responsible for transcription

a) RNA polymerase I

b) RNA polymerase II

c) DNA polymerase II

d) DNA polymerase I

3- A portion of _____ called _____, is _____ into RNA

a) gene, DNA ,
translations

b) DNA, gene ,
transcribed

c) DNA , gene ,
translations

d) gene , DNA ,
transcribed

4- In which step of mRNA synthesis there's a chain that forms a short length of RNA-DNA hybrid ?

a) elongation

b) initiation

c) termination

d) capping

5- Which one of the following is start codon

a) AUG

b) UAG

c) UGA

d) UAA

1. D
2. B
3. B
4. A
5. A

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