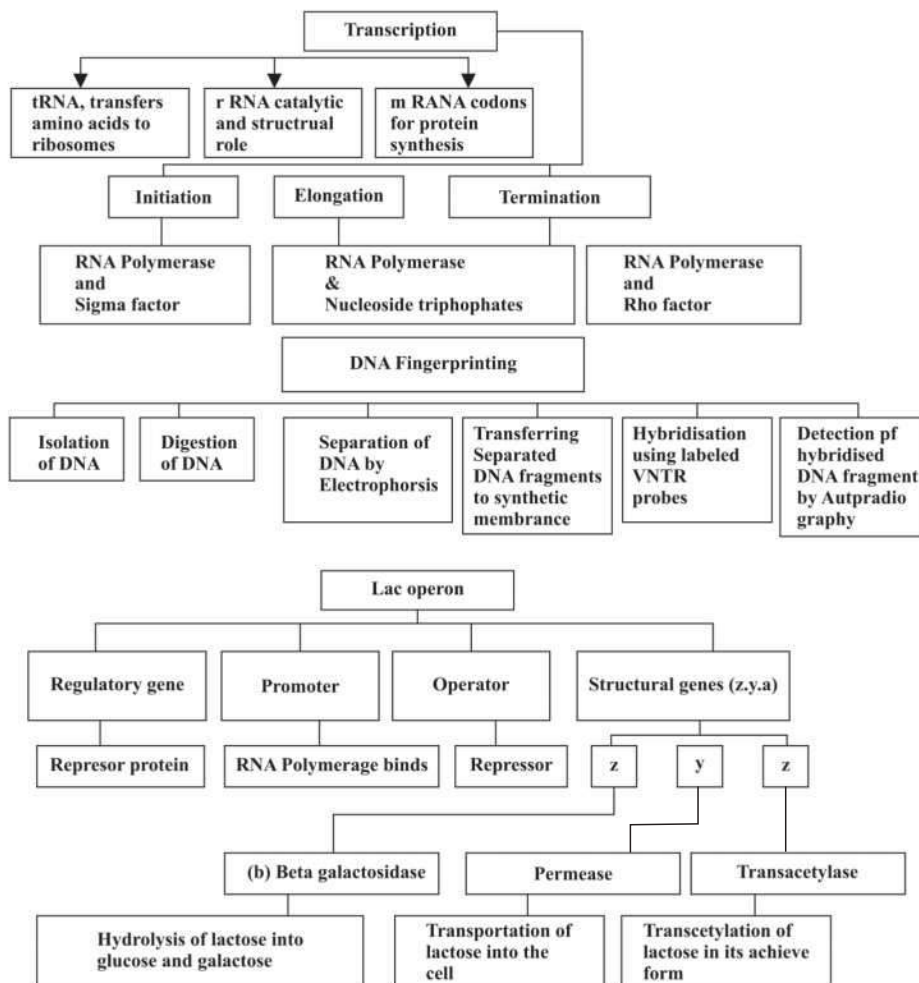
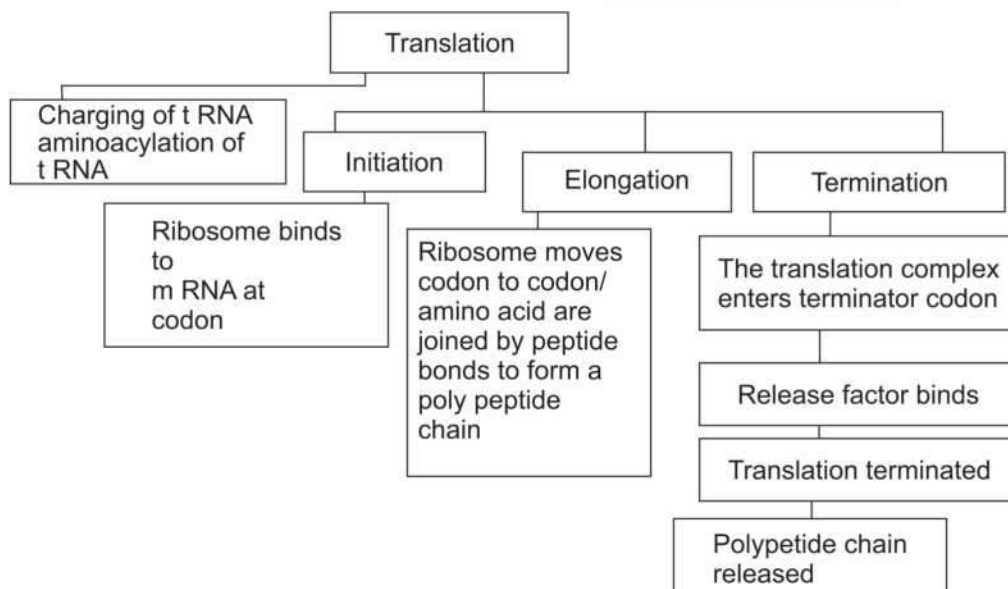
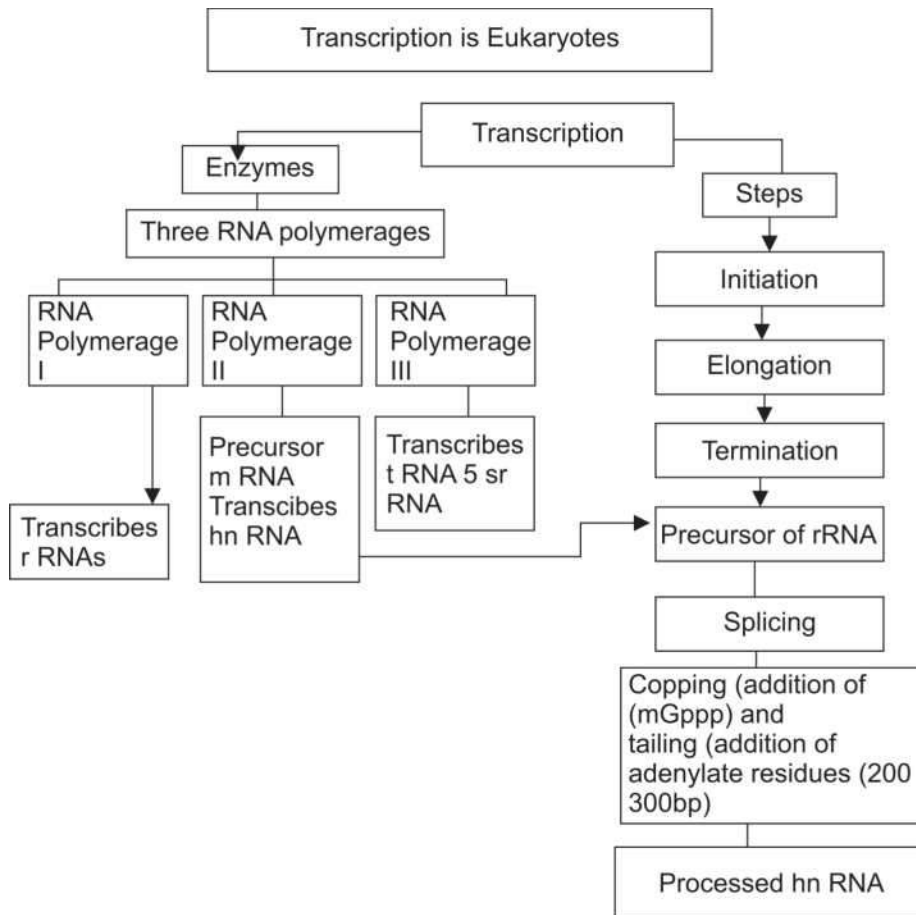
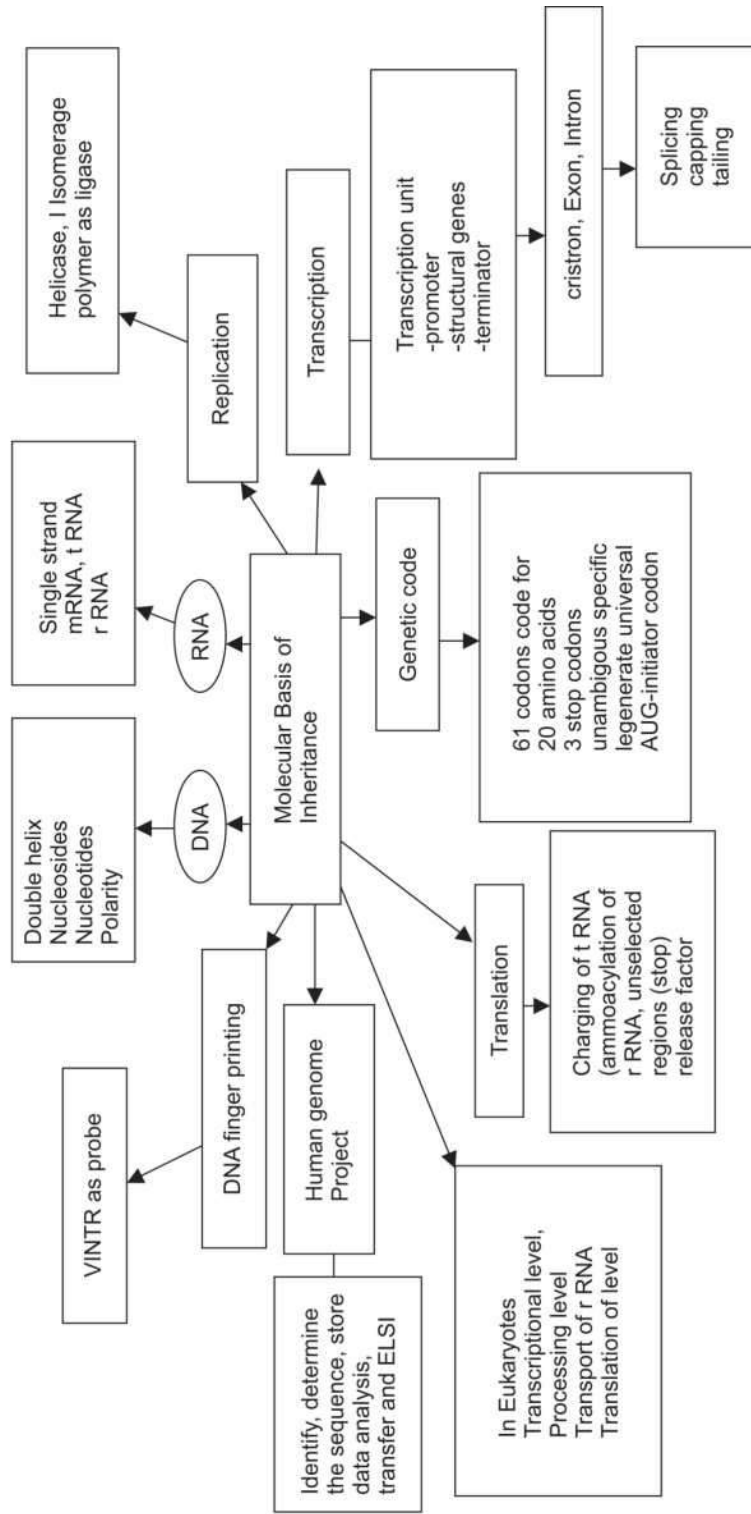


## Chapter - 5

## Molecular basis of Inheritance







**Anticodon :** A sequence of three nitrogenous bases on tRNA which is complementary to the codon on mRNA.

**Genome :** Sum total of genes in haploid set of chromosomes.

**DNA Polymorphism :** The variations at genetic level, where an inheritable mutation is observed, in a population at high frequency.

**Satellite DNA :** The repetitive DNA sequences which form a large portion of genome and have high degree of polymorphism but do not code for any proteins.

**Operon :** A group of genes which control a metabolic pathway.

**Exons :** The regions of a gene which become part of mRNA and code for different regions of proteins.

**Introns :** The regions of a gene which are removed during the processing of mRNA.

**Euchromatin :** The region of chromatin which is loosely packed and transcriptionally active, it stains lighter.

**Heterochromatin :** The chromatin that is more densely packed, stains dark and is transcriptionally inactive.

**Splicing :** The process in eukaryotic genes in which introns are removed and the exons are joined together to form mRNA.

**Bioinformatics :** Science of use of techniques including statistics, storing as data bases, analysing, modelling and providing access to various aspects of biological information usually on the molecular level.

**Central Dogma :**

replication DNA  $\xrightarrow{\text{Transcription}}$  mRNA  $\xrightarrow{\text{Translation}}$  Protein

**Replication fork :** The Y shaped structure formed when double stranded DNA is unwound upto a point during its replication.

**VNTR :** Variable Number of Tandem Repeats

Glycosidic bond (N-glycosidic linkage)-A linkage between a nitrogenous base and a pentose sugar to form a nucleoside.

Phosphodiester bond - The bond between two adjacent nucleotides to two adjacent sugar molecules at 3' and 5' positions with phosphate group.

Tandem Repeat-(One behind the other)-A DNA segment in which a nucleotide sequence is repeated one after another two or more times eg ATTCCGATTCCG  
ATTCCG is a tandem repeat in which the sequence ATTCCG is repeated threetimes.

KB-Kilobase-A unit for length for nucleic acids consisting of 1000 nucleotides abbreviated kb or kbp (kilobase pairs) DNA.

Oncogene-A gene that induces uncontrolled cell proliferation.

**YAC** : Yeast Artificial Chromosome

**BAC** : Bacterial Artificial Chromosome

**SNPs** : Single Nucleotide polymorphism

**HGP** : Human Genome Project

**hnRNA** : Heterogenous nuclear RNA. It is precursor of mRNA.

|                            |      |  |
|----------------------------|------|--|
| Friedrich Meischer         | 1869 | First identified and isolated a acidic substance from pus cell and named it 'Nuclein'.   |
| Altman                     | 1889 | Separated protein from nuclear substance and named it nucleic acid   |
| Kossel                     | 1893 | Discover nitrogen bases (Adenine, Guanine, Cytosine, Thymine, Uracil)  |
| T.H. Morgan                | 1910 | Father of experimental genetics (experimental verification of chromosomal theory of inheritance)   |
| Frederick Griffith         | 1928 | Provide first clear-cut evidence that DNA is the hereditary material while working on <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> . Biochemical nature of genetic material was not defined                               |
| Avery, Macleod and McCarty | 1944 | Discover that transforming principle is DNA, not a protein or RNA. First identification that DNA is the hereditary material  |
| Erwin Chargaff             | 1950 | Purine and pyrimidine components occur in equal amount in a DNA molecule.<br>$A + G = T + C$   |
| Harshey and Chase          | 1952 | Performed experiment with <i>Escherichia coli</i> and bacteriophage and showed that it is the viral DNA and not protein that passed from virus to bacteria and therefore DNA serves as the genetic material. |
| Wilkins and Franklin       | 1952 | Produce X-ray diffraction data of DNA.   |
| Watson and Crick           | 1953 | Double helical structure of DNA.   |
| Messelson and Stahl        | 1958 | Experimentally proved the semiconservative nature of DNA replication.  |
| Jacob and Monod            | 1961 | Proposed operon model - genetic material has a number of functional unit is called operon.   |
| Alec Jaffery               | 1985 | Discovered the technique of DNA finger printing.   |

**Chemical Structure of Polynucleotide Chain (DNA/RNA) :** A nucleotide has three components.

1. **Nitrogen base**

- (i) **Purines :** Adenine and Guanine
- (ii) **Pyrimidines :** Cytosine, Thymine and Uracil (Thymine in DNA and Uracil in RNA.)

2. **Pentose Sugar :** Ribose (in RNA) or Deoxyribose (in DNA).

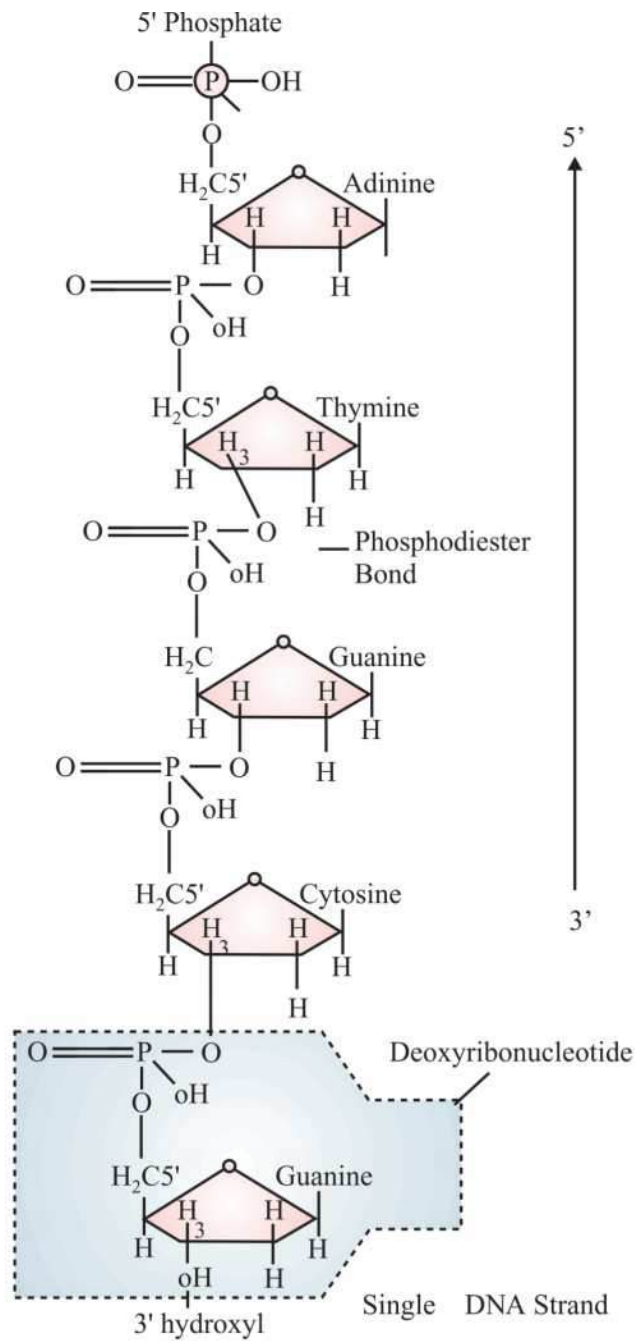
3. **Phosphate Group**

- Nitrogen base is linked to pentose sugar through N-Glycosidic linkage.
- Nitrogen base + Sugar = Nucleoside
- Phosphate group is linked to 5'-OH of a nucleoside through phosphoester linkage.
- Nucleoside + Phosphate group = Nucleotide
- Two nucleotides are linked through 3'-5 phosphodiester linkage to form a dinucleotide
- A polynucleotide chain has free phosphate group at 5' end of ribose sugar and a free 3'-OH group at other end.

**RNA is highly reactive than DNA :** In RNA nucleotide has an additional OH group at 2' positions in the ribose; RNA is also catalytic.

**Double-helix Structure of DNA :** Proposed by Watson and Crick in 1953.

- (i) DNA is made up of two polynucleotide chains.
- (ii) The backbone is made up of sugar and phosphate and the bases project inside.
- (iii) Both polynucleotide chains are antiparallel i.e. one chain has polarity 5'-3' and other chain has 3'-5'.
- (iv) These two strands of chains are held together by hydrogen bonds i.e. A = T, C ≡ G.
- (v) Both chains are coiled in right handed fashion. The pitch of helix is 3.4 nm with 10 base pairs in each turn.

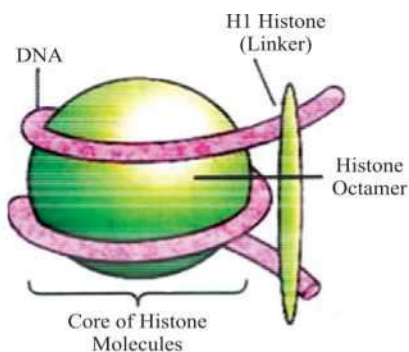


## Packaging of DNA Helix

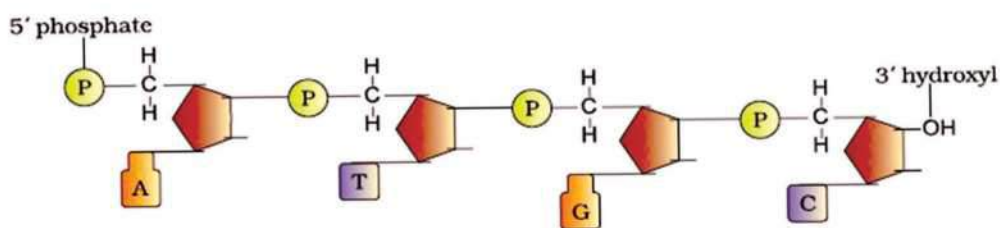
- The average distance between the two adjacent base pairs is 0.34 nm ( $0.34 \times 10^{-9}\text{m}$  or 3.4 Å)

- The number of base pairs in *Escherichia coli* is  $4.6 \times 10^6$ .
- **DNA Packaging in Prokaryotes :** DNA is not scattered throughout the cell. DNA (negatively Charged) is held by some proteins (has positive charges) in a region termed as nucleoid. The DNA in nucleoid is organised in large loops held by proteins.
- **DNA packaging in Eukaryotes :** There is a set of positively charged basic proteins called histones. Eight histone molecules combine together to form histone octamer.
- The negatively charged DNA is wrapped around positively charged histone octamer to form a structure called nucleosome.
- Histone H1 is situated outside of nucleosomal DNA in linker region.
- Nucleosomes constitute the repeating unit of a structure in nucleus called chromatin.
- The beads-on-string structure in chromatin is packaged to form chromatin fibres that are further coiled and condensed at metaphase stage of cell division to form chromosomes.
- The packaging of chromatin at higher level requires additional set of protein that collectively are referred to as Non-histone chromosomal (NHC) proteins. At some places chromatin is densely packed to form darkly staining heterochromatin. At other places chromatin is loosely packed to form euchromatin.
- Euchromatin is said to be transcriptionally active chromatin, whereas heterochromatin is inactive.





Structure of Nucleosome



A Polynucleotide Chain of DNA

### Transforming Principle :

Frederick Griffith (1928) performed experiments with *Streptococcus pneumoniae* and mice. This bacterium has two strains.

1. S-strain (Virulent)-which possess a mucilage coat and has ability to cause pneumonia.
  2. R-strain (Nonvirulent) which do not possess mucilage coat and is unable to cause pneumonia.
- Griffith injected R-strain bacteria into mice.  
→ No disease noticed and mice remain live.
  - On injecting S-strain bacteria into mice.  
→ Mice died due to pneumonia.
  - When heat-killed S-strain bacteria were injected into mice → No pneumonia symptoms noticed and mice remain alive.
  - He then injected a mixture of R-strain bacteria (Non virulent) and heat killed S-strain bacteria (virulent) into mice → mice died due to pneumonia.
  - Moreover Griffith recovered living S-strain (virulent) bacteria from the dead mice.

**Conclusion :** He concluded that presence of heat-killed S-strain bacteria caused transformation of some R-strain bacteria into virulent by a chemical substance, called ‘transforming principle’. But biochemical nature of the genetic material was not defined by him.

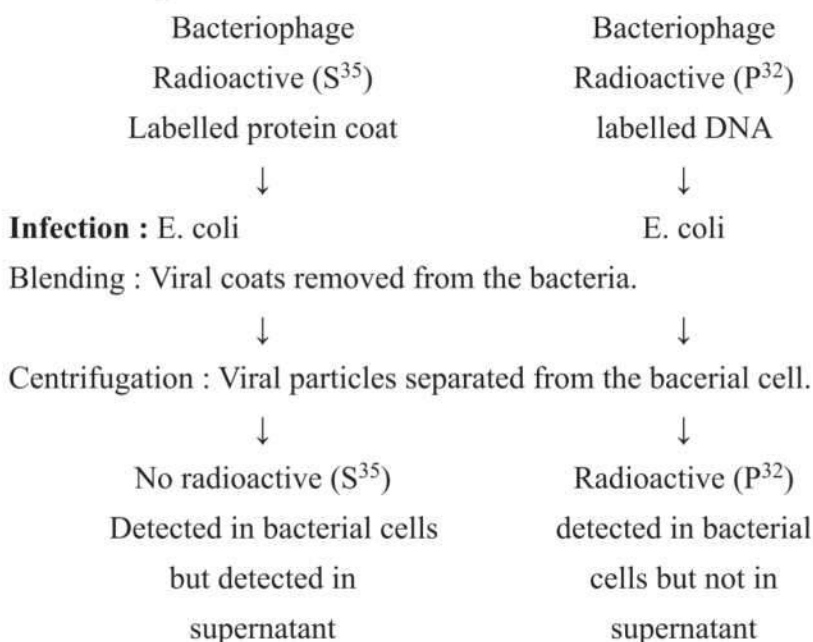
### Chemical Nature of Transforming Principle

In 1944, Avery, MacLeod and McCarty worked to determine the chemical nature of ‘transforming principle’.

They purified biochemicals from heat killed S-cells :

- Proteins  $\xrightarrow{\text{Proteases}}$  Transformation takes place. So, protein is not a ‘transforming principle’.
- RNA  $\xrightarrow{\text{RNases}}$  Transformation takes place. So, RNA is not a ‘transforming Principle’.
- DNA  $\xrightarrow{\text{DNases}}$  Transformation inhibited. Therefore, DNA is the ‘Transforming Principle’.

**Hershey and Chase Experiment :** In 1952, Hershey and Chase performed an experiment on bacteriophages (Viruses that infect bacteria) and proved that DNA is the genetic material.



**Conclusion :** DNA is the genetic material.

## Messelson and Stahl's Experiment :

- Messelson and Stahl performed the experiment in 1958 on *E. coli* to prove that DNA replication is semiconservative.
- *E. coli* was grown in  $^{15}\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  for many generations.
- $\text{N}^{15}$  was incorporated into newly synthesised DNA.
- This heavy DNA could be differentiated from normal DNA by centrifugation in cesium chloride (CsCl) density gradient.
- Then they transferred these *E. coli* into medium with normal  $^{14}\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ .
- After 20 minutes, it was found that all the DNA molecules of daughter cells were hybrid-**First generation**.
- After 40 minutes, it was found that 50% DNA molecules were hybrid and 50% were normal-**second generation**.

## DNA replication

DNA strands start separating from ori (origin of replication). This unwinding is catalysed by many enzymes. Y-shaped structure is formed at ori called replication fork



DNA polymerase attaches to the replication fork and add nucleotides complementary to the parental DNA strand. The direction of polymerisation is 5'-3'.



DNA polymerase cannot initiate the polymerisation itself, so a small segment of RNA called primer is attached at replication start point



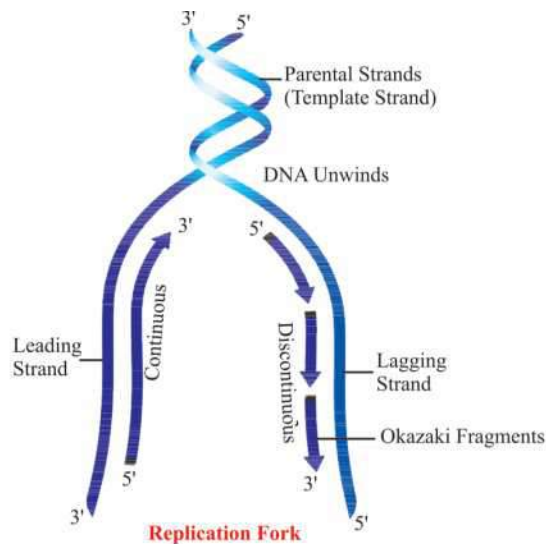
DNA polymerase adds nucleotides on one of the template strand, called as leading strand (the template with polarity 3'-5'). In this strand nucleotides are added continuously therefore called as continuous replication



On the other strand the replication is discontinuous, small fragment of DNA are formed called okazaki fragments which are later joined by DNA ligase. This strand is called as lagging strand.

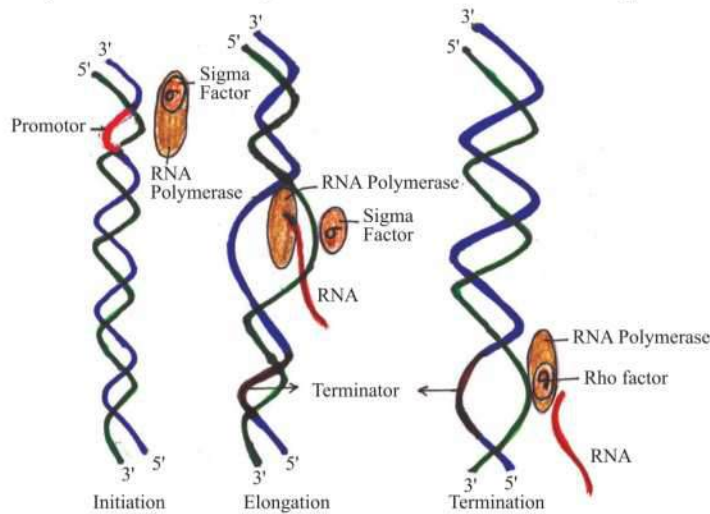


Accuracy of polymerisation is maintained by Proof reading and any wrong base added is removed



**Transcription in Prokaryotes :** In prokaryotes the process of transcription is completed in three steps :

1. **Initiation :** RNA polymerase binds with initiation factor (sigma factor) and then binds to promotor site.
2. **Elongation :** RNA polymerase separates from sigma factor and adds nucleoside triphosphate as substrate. RNA is formed during the process following the rule of complementary and remains bound to enzyme RNA polymerase.
3. **Termination :** On reaching terminator region, RNA polymerase binds with rho factor (terminator factor) as a result nascent RNA separates.



**Transcription in Prokaryotes**

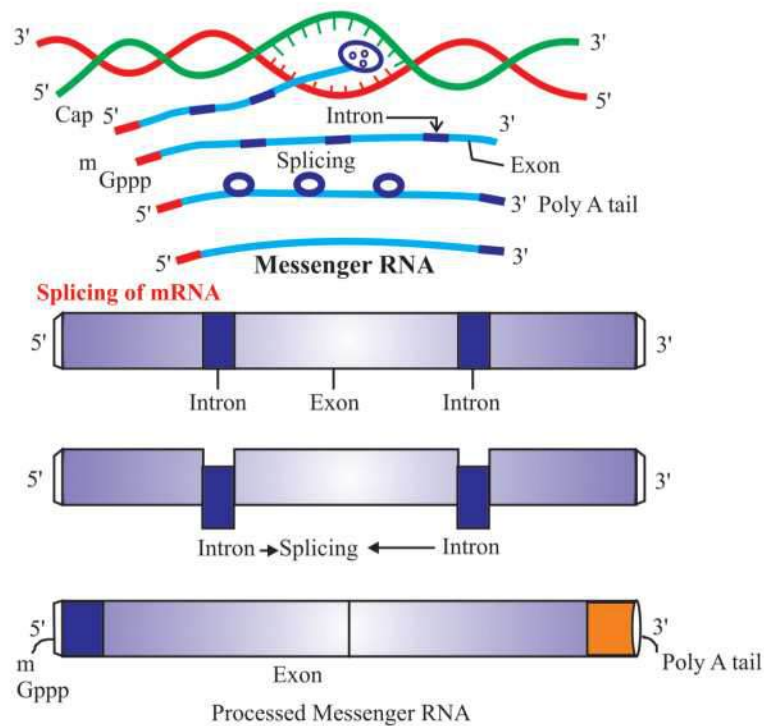
## Transcription in Eukaryotes :

- In eukaryotes three types of RNA polymerases are found in the nucleus. (In addition to the RNA polymerase found in the organelles) are involved in transcription.

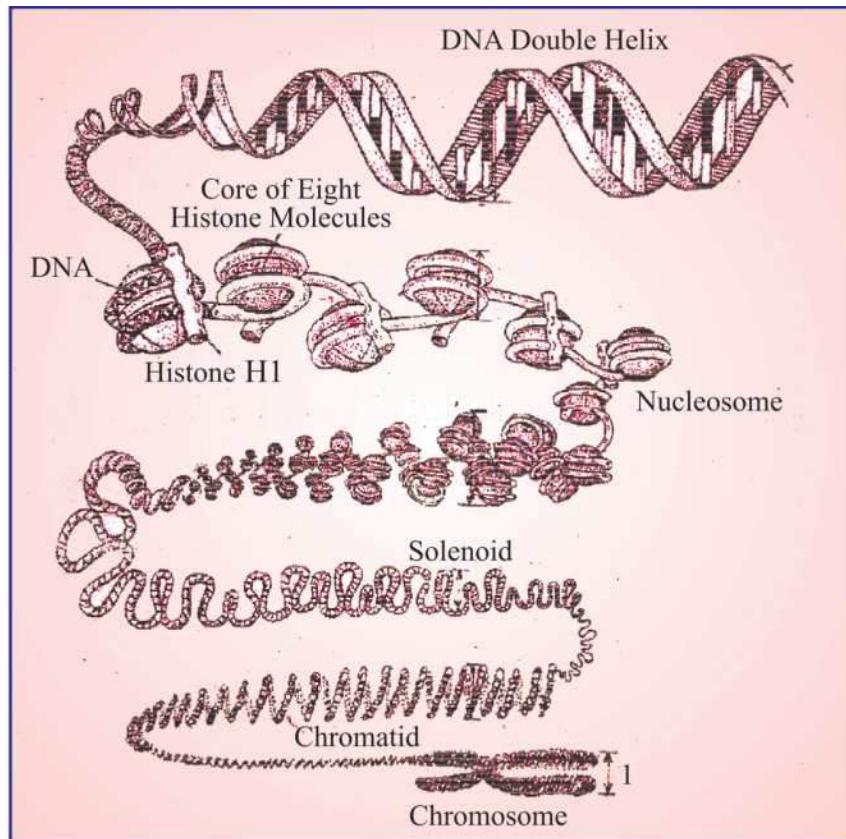
**RNA Polymerase I : Transcribes rRNAs.**

**RNA Polymerase II : Transcribes hnRNA (which is precursor of mRNA).**

- **RNA Polymerase III : Transcribes tRNA, 5 srRNA and sn RNA.**
- The primary transcription has both exon and intron regions.
- Introns which are non-coding regions removed by a process called splicing.
- hnRNA undergoes two additional process :
  - (a) **Capping** : An unusual nucleotide (methylguanosine triphosphate) is added to 5'-end of hnRNA.
  - (b) **Tailing** : Adenylate residues (200-300) are added at 3'-end. It is fully processed hnRNA. (now called mRNA) is transported out of the nucleus.



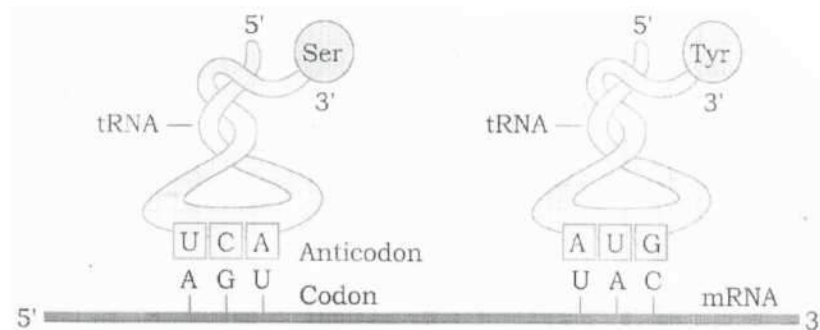
### Transcription in Eukaryotes



## Genetic Code

- (i) The codon is triplet 61 codons code for amino acids and 3 codons function as stop codons (UAG, UGA, UAA)
- (ii) One codon codes for only one amino acid, hence the codon is unambiguous
- (iii) Some amino acids are coded by more than one codon, hence called as degenerate.
- (iv) The codon is read in mRNA in a contiguous fashion. There are no punctuations.
- (v) The code is nearly universal.
- (vi) AUG has dual functions. It codes for Methionine (met) and it also acts as initiator codon.

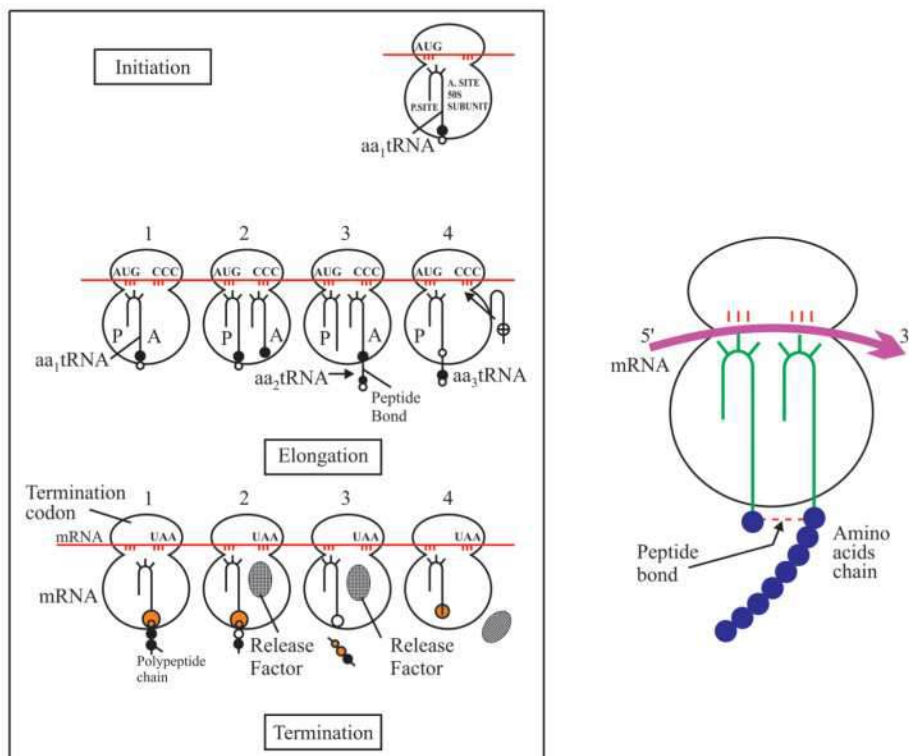
## tRNA, the Adapter Molecule



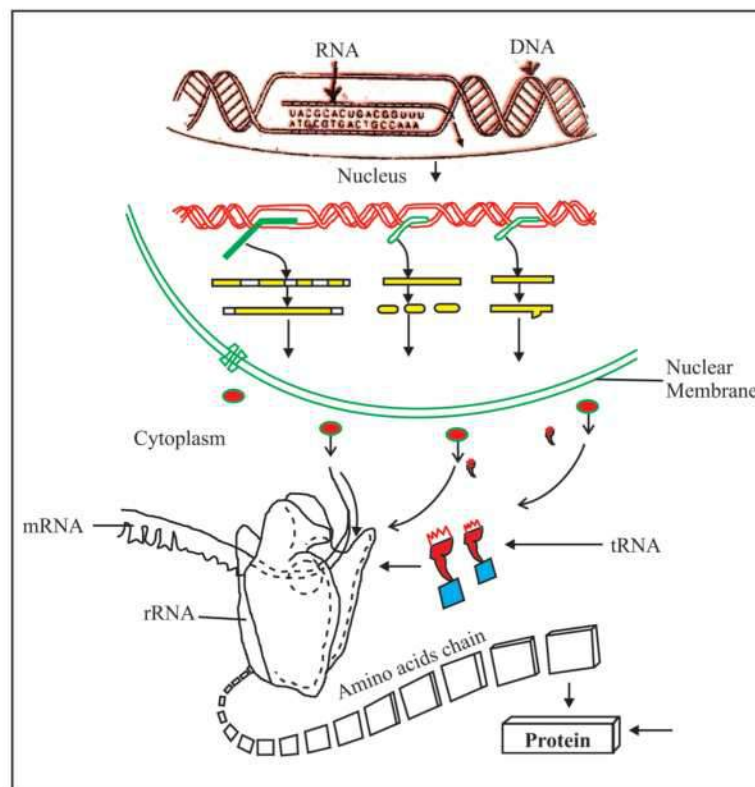
- tRNA has an anticodon loop that has bases complementary to the code, and also has an amino acid acceptor and through which it binds to amino acids.

## Translation

- Translation refers to the process of polymerization of amino acids to form a polypeptide. The order and sequence of amino acids are defined by the sequence of bases in the mRNA. 20 amino acids participate in naturally occurring protein synthesis.



- First step is—charging of t-RNA or aminoacylation of t-RNA—here amino acids are activated in the presence of ATP and linked to specific t-RNA.
- **Initiation** : Ribosome binds to mRNA at the start codon (AUG) that is recognized by the initiator t-RNA.
- **Elongation phase** : Here complexes composed of an amino acid linked to tRNA. Sequentially bind to the appropriate codon in mRNA by forming complementary base pairs on t-RNA as anticodon. The ribosomes move from codon to codon along with mRNA. Amino acids are added one by one, translated into polypeptide sequences.
- **Termination** : Release factors binds to the stop codon (UAA, UAG, UGA) translation and releasing the complete polypeptide from the ribosome.



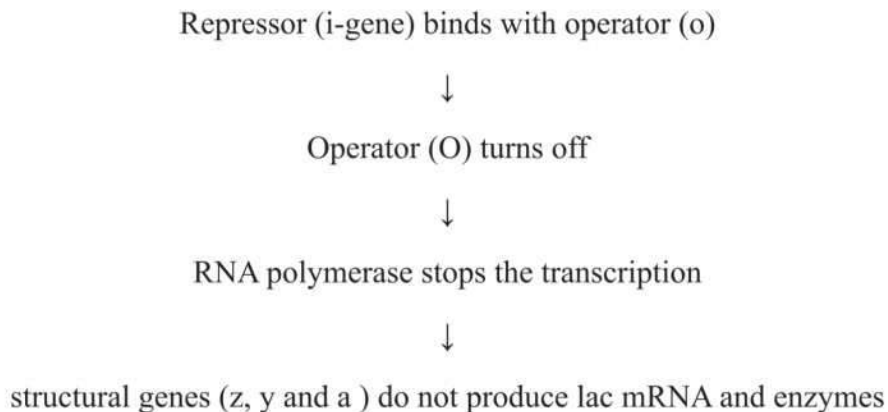
## Lac Operon

- The concept of operon was proposed by Jacob and Monod. Operon is a unit of prokaryotic gene expression.

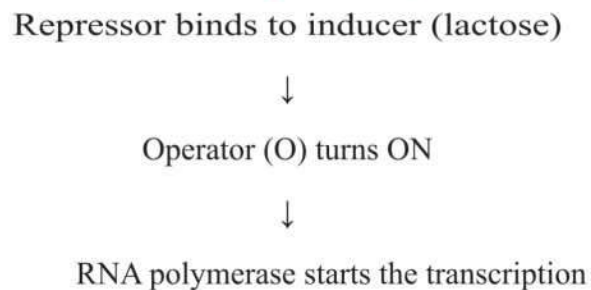


- The lac operon consists of one regulatory gene (the i-gene) and three structural genes (z, y and a).
- The i-gene codes for repressor of lac operon.
- Promoter - It is the site where RNA-polymerase binds for transcription.
- Operator—acts as switch for operon.
- Lactose is an inducer.
- Operator : Act as switch for operon.
- Gene z—Codes for b-galactosidase  
Gene y—Codes for permease  
Gene a—Codes for transacetylase.

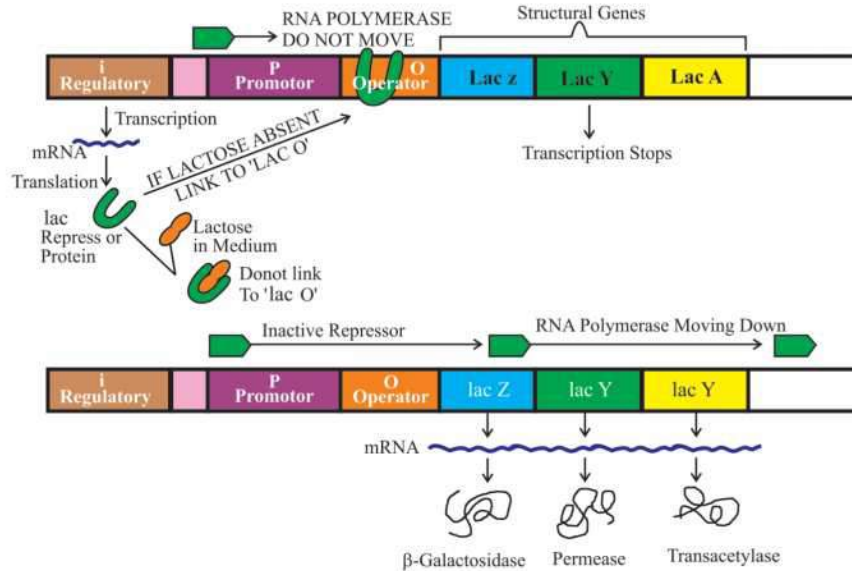
### **In the absence of Inducer (lactose)**



### **In the presence of inducer (lactose)**



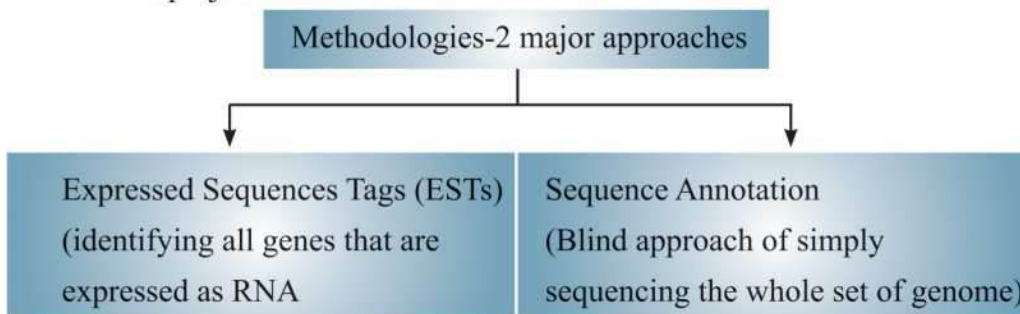
Structural genes (z, y and a) produce mRNA and enzymes  
 ( $\beta$ -galactosidase, permease and transacetylase respectively)



**Human Genome Project** was a 13 year project coordinated by the U.S. Department of Energy and National institute of Health, it was completed in 2003.

### Important goals of HGP

- (i) Identify all the approximately 20,000-25,000 genes in human DNA.
- (ii) Determinate the sequence of the 3 million chemical base pairs that make up human DNA.
- (iii) Store this information in database.
- (iv) Transfer the related technologies to other sectors, such as industries.
- (v) Address the ethical, legal and social issues (ELSI) that may arise from the project.



### Steps for Sequencing :

- DNA isolated from cell and converted into fragments.
- DNA is cloned for amplification in suitable host using specialised vectors.
- Commonly used hosts—Bacteria, Yeast
- Commonly used Vectors—BAC (Bacterial Artificial Chromosomes) YAC (Yeast Artificial Chromosomes)

### International Rice Genome Sequencing Project (IRGSP)

- Rice benefits from having the smallest genome of the major cereals, dense genetic maps.
- The IRGSP, formally established in 1998, pooled the resources of sequencing groups in 10 nations (Japan, Korea, UK, Taiwan, China, Thailand, India, United States, Canada and France)
- Estimated Cost— Rs. 200 million.
- India joined in June 2000 and chose to sequence a part of chromosome 11.
- Tools used in sequencing were :
  - BAC (Bacterial Artificial chromosomes)
  - PAC (P1-Phase derived artificial chromosomes)

- **How Sequenced**

Shotgun sequencing involved—generation of short DNA fragments that are then sequenced and linearly arranged.

It enables full coverage of the genome in a fraction of time required for the alternative BAC sequence approach.

- **Salient Features of Rice Genome**

Rice is monocarpic annual plant, wind pollinated. It is with only 389 base pairs.

The world's first genome of a crop plant that was completely sequenced.

2,859 genes seem to be unique to rice & other cereals.

Repetitive DNA is estimated to constitute at least 50% of rice genome. The transposon content of rice genome is at least 35%.

- **Applications**
- To improve efficiency of Rice breeding.
- To improve nutritional value of rice, enhance crop yield by improving seed quality, resistance to pests and diseases and plant hardiness.

### **DNA Fingerprinting :**

It is a technique to determine nucleotide sequence of certain areas of DNA which are unique to each individual.

**Principle of DNA Fingerprinting :** Short nucleotide repeats in the DNA are very specific in each individual and vary in number from person to person but are inherited, these are Variable Number Tandem Repeats (VNTRs.). Each individual inherits these repeats from his/her parents which is used as genetic markers. One half of VNTR alleles of the child resembles that of mother and other half of the father.

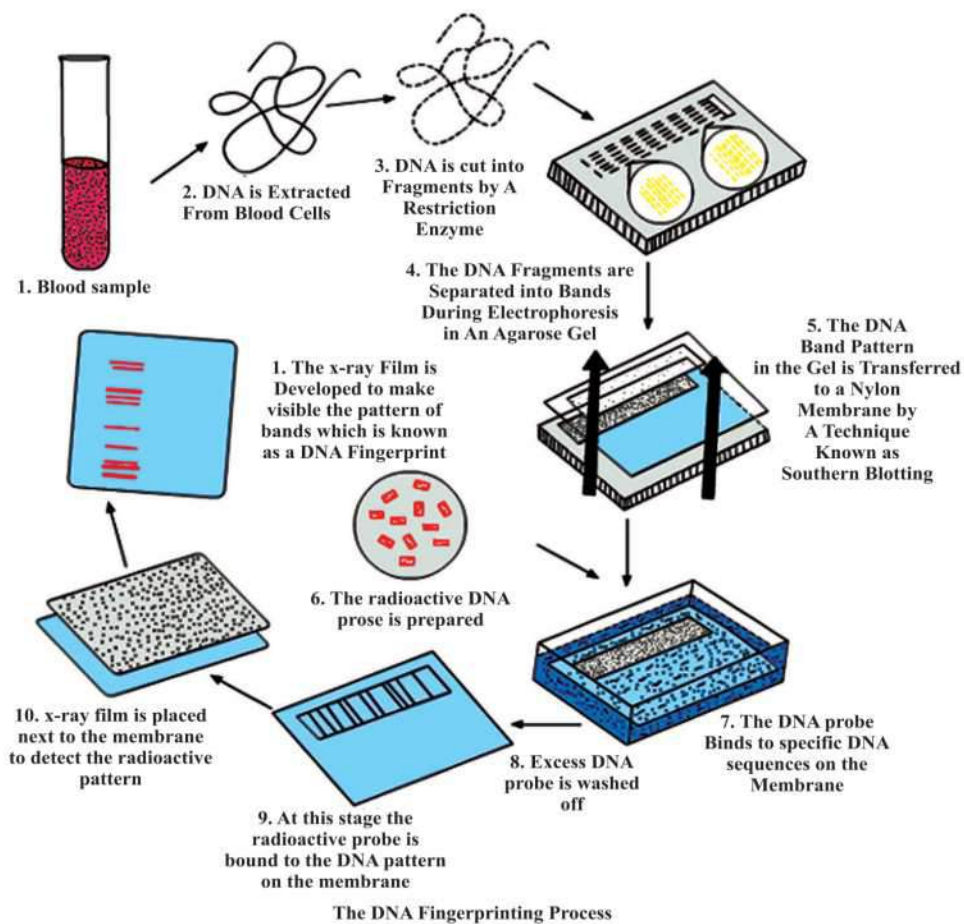
#### **Steps/Procedure in DNA Fingerprinting**

- Extraction of DNA—using high speed refrigerated centrifuge.
- Amplification—many copies are made using PCR
- Restriction Digestion—using restriction enzymes DNA is cut into fragments.
- Separation of DNA fragments—using electrophoresis agarose polymer gel
- **Southern Blotting :** Separated DNA sequences are transferred on to nitrocellulose or nylon membranes.

- **Hybridization** : The nylon membranes exposed to radio active probes.
- **Autoradiography** : The dark bands develop at the probe site.

## Applications of DNA Fingerprinting

- identify criminals if their DNA from blood, hair follicle, skin, bone, saliva, sperm etc is available in forensic labs.
- determine paternity
- verify whether a hopeful immigrant is really close relative of an already established resident.
- identify racial groups to rewrite biological evolution.

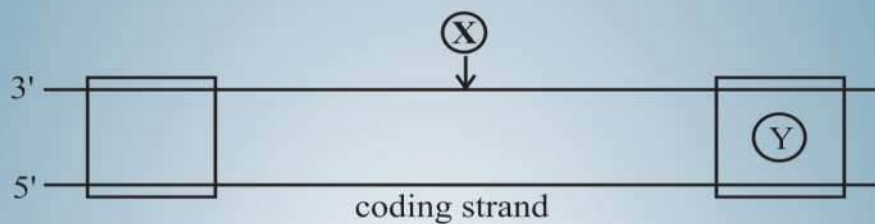


## Questions

VSA

(1 Mark)

1. Name the factors for RNA polymerase enzymes which recognises the start and termination signals on DNA for transcription process in Bacteria.
2. RNA viruses mutate and evolve faster than other viruses. Why ?
3. Name the parts 'X' and 'Y' of the transcription unit given below.



4. Name the two initiating codons
5. Write the segment of RNA transcribed from the given DNA

### Multiple - Choice Question :

6. Purines of DNA are represented by:
  - a) Uracil and Thymine.
  - b) Guanine & Adenine.
  - c) Uracil & Cytosine.
  - d) Thymine & Cytosine.
7. Which is the DNA unwinding protein?
  - a) DNA polymerase.
  - b) Ligase.
  - c) Endonuclease.
  - d) Helicase.
8. Sigma factor ( $\sigma$ ) is a component of
  - a) RNA polymerase
  - b) DNA ligase
  - c) DNA polymerase
  - d) Endonuclease.

9. The diagram shows an important concept in the genetic implication of DNA. Fill the 'A', 'B' & 'C'.

- a) A—Transcription, B—Translation, C—James Watson
- b) A—Translation, B—Transcription, C—Erwin Chargaff.
- c) A—Transcription, B—Translation, C—Francis Crick.
- d) A—Translation, B—Extension, C—Rosalind Franklin.

In Questions 10 to 13 a statement of Assertion is followed by a statement of Reason. Mark the correct choices as:

- a) Both Assertion and Reason are true, and the Reason is the correct explanation of the Assertion.
- b) Both Assertion and Reason are true, and the Reason is not the correct explanation of the Assertion.
- c) Assertion is true statement but Reason is false.
- d) If both Assertion & Reason are false statements.

10. **Assertion** : In prokaryotes, they do not have a defined nucleus, the DNA is scattered throughout the cell. **Reason** : DNA is held with some protein in a region termed as 'nucleolus'.

11. **Assertion** : The chromatin that is more densely packed and stains dark are called as heterochromatin.

**Reason** : Heterochromatin is said to be transcriptionally active chromatin.

12. **Assertion** : Eukaryotic mRNA requires post-transcription processing for formation of functional mRNA.

**Reason** : Eukaryotic transcripts possess extra non-functional segments called introns.

13. **Assertion** : Cistron is defined as a segment of DNA coding for a polypeptide.

**Reason** : Mostly in eukaryotes transcription unit could be said as monocistronic.

14. Read the following and answer the questions (1) to 1 (V) given below:

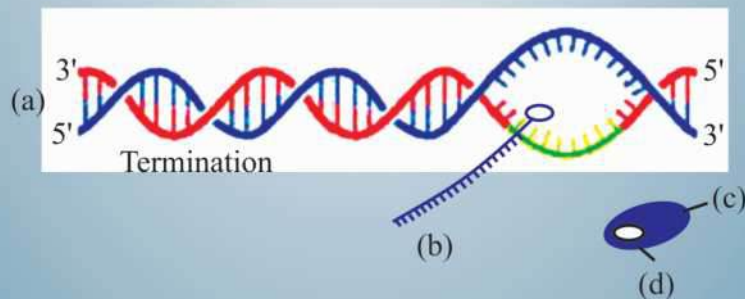
During the 1950s and 1960s, it became apparent that DNA is essential in the synthesis of proteins. The key to a protein molecule is how the amino acids are linked. The sequence of amino acids in a protein is a type of code that specifies the protein. A genetic code in DNA determines this amino acid code. The genetic code consists of the sequence of nitrogenous bases in DNA. Now the nitrogenous base code is translated to an amino acid sequence in a protein is the basis for protein synthesis.

- I. The process by which protein synthesis from genetic code occurs is best described by
- Transcription
  - Replication
  - Translation
  - Reproduction
- ii. In protein synthesis, translation is initiated with the movement of
- t-RNA from P - site to the A - site.
  - Dipeptidyl t RNA from A - site to P - site.
  - t-RNA from A - site to P - site.
  - t-RNA from P - site to E - site.
- iii. This is incorrect about the nature of genetic code.
- Comma less
  - Triplets
  - Universal
  - Overlapping
- iv. In translation, this is not an essential component.
- Amino acid
  - Ligase
  - mRNA
  - Anticodon.
- V. The initiation t-RNA has an anticodon 'A' and carries amino acid 'B'. Identify 'A' & 'B'
- AUG, methionine.
  - GUG, Valine
  - UAC, methionine
  - CAC, Valine

SA-I

(2 Marks)

15. The process of termination during transcription in a prokaryotic cell is being represented here. Name the label a, b, c and d.



16. Give two reasons why both the strand of DNA are not copied during transcription.
17. State the 4 criteria which a molecule must fulfill to act as a genetic material.



**SA-II****(3 Marks)**

18. Give six points of difference between DNA and RNA in their structure chemistry and function.
19. Explain how does the hnRNA becomes the mRNA.

OR

Explain the process of splicing, capping and tailing which occur during transcription in Eukaryotes.

20. Name the three major types of RNAs, specifying the function of each in the synthesis of Polypeptide.
21. A tRNA is charged with the aminoacids methionine.
- Give the anti-codon of this tRNA.
  - Write the codon for methionine.
  - Name the enzyme responsible for binding of aminoacid to tRNA.

**LA****(5 Marks)**

22. State salient features of genetic code.
23. Describe the process of transcription of mRNA in an eukaryotic cell.
24. Describe the various steps involved in the technique of DNA fingerprinting Molecular both
25. Conchiporns of a key type  $2n + 1$ ,  $2n - 1$ , and  $2n + 2$ ,  $2n - 2$  are called:  
(a) Aneuploidy (b) polyploid (c) allopolyploicty (d) Monosomy
26. Occasionally, a single gene may express more than one effect. The phenedon is called.  
(a) Multiple allelism (b) Monogamy  
(c) Pleiotropy (d) polygon

**Case Based Questions**

27. A relevant portion of b-chain of haemoglobin's of a normal human is given below:



The codon for the six the amino acid as GAG. The sixth codon GAG mutates to GAA as a result of mutation 'A' and into GUG as a result of mutation 'B'. Haemoglobin's structure did not charge as a result of mutation

mutation 'B'. Haemoglobin's structure did not change as a result of mutation 'A' whereas haemoglobin's structure changed because of mutation of leading to sickle shaped RBC's.

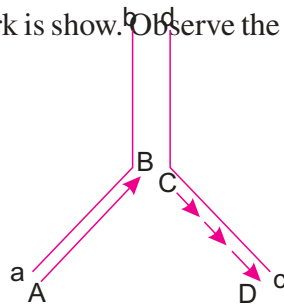
- What will be the genotype of an individual who is a carrier of sickle cell anemia gene but apparently unaffected?
- What is the cause of this disease.

28. What are the symptoms of the disease sickle cell anemia?

**No. 29 and 30 are case based questions. Each question has subparts with internal choice in one subpart.**

Just as they proposed the double helical structure of DNA, Watson and Crick had immediately proposed a scheme for replication of DNA. The scheme suggested that the two strands would separate and each of them acts as a template for the synthesis of a complementary strand. After completion of replication, each of the new DNA molecules would possess one parental strand and one newly synthesized strand. This scheme has been termed as semiconservative replication.

A DNA replication fork is shown. Observe the sketch and answer the question that follow:



- When and where does replication of DNA occur in eukaryotic cells?
- Identify the polarity of the strands a-b and c-d.
- Why does DNA replication occur in such small forks? Name the major enzyme that catalyzes this process.

or

Why is DNA synthesis continuous and discontinuous on the two strands? What name is given to (i) the continuously synthesised strand (A – B) (ii) the small segments of strand (C – D)?

## Answers

VSA

(1 Marks)

1. Sigma ( $\sigma$ ) factor and Rho( $\rho$ ) factor
2. OH group is present on RNA, which is a reactive group so it is unstable and mutate faster.
3. X Template strand, Y – Terminator.
4. AUG and GUG
5. 5' – U A C G U C A U G C A G C A U – 3' (In RNA 'T' is replaced by 'U')
6. (b) 7. (d) 8. (a) 9. (c) 10. (d)
- 11.(c) 11. (a) 13. (b) 14. (i)-c (ii)-b (iii)-d (iv)-b (v)-c
15. (a) DNA molecule  
(b) mRNA transcript  
(c) RNA polymers  
(d) Rho factor
16. (a) If both the strands of DNA are copied, two different RNAs (complementary to each other) and hence two different polypeptides; if a segment of DNA produces two polypeptides, the genetic information machinery becomes complicated.  
(b) The two complementary RNA molecules (produced simultaneously) would form a double-stranded RNA rather than getting translated into polypeptides.  
(c) RNA polymerase carries out polymerisation in 5' – 3' direction and hence the DNA strand with 3' – 5' polarity acts as the template strand. (Any two)
17. (i) It should be able to generate its replica.  
(ii) It Should be chemically and structurally stable.  
(iii) It Should be able to express itself in the form of Mendelian characters.  
(iv) It Should provide the scope for slow changes (mutations) that are necessary for evolution.

| 18. | DNA  | RNA  |
|-----|--|--|
|     | (i) Double stranded molecules              | Single stranded molecules                    |
|     | (ii) Thymine as pyrimidine base            | Uracil as pyrimidine base                    |
|     | (iii) Pentose sugar is deoxyribose         | Sugar is ribose (iv)                         |
|     | Quite stable and not very reactive         | 2'-OH makes it very reactive and unstable.   |
|     | (v) Dictates the synthesis of Polypeptides | Perform other function in protein synthesis. |
|     | (vi) Found in the nucleus.                 | They are transported into the cytoplasm.     |

19. hnRNA is precursor of mRNA. It undergoes

- (i) **Splicing** : Introns are removed and exons are joined together.
- (ii) **Capping** : an unusual nucleotide (methyl guanosine triphosphate) is added to the 5' end of hnRNA.
- (iii) Adenylate residues (200-300) are added at 3' end of hnRNA.

**Or**

Refer fig. 6.11, page 110, NCERT book. Biology-XII

20. (i) mRNA-(Messenger RNA) : decides the sequence of amino acids.  
(ii) tRNA-(Transfer RNA) : (a) Recognises the codon on mRNA (b) transport the amino acid to the site of protein synthesis.  
(iii) rRNA (Ribosomal RNA) : Plays the structural and catalytic role during translation.

21. (a) UAC (b) AUG  
(c) Amino-acyl-tRNA synthetase.

LA

(5 Marks)

22. Refer page 6.9.1., Page No. 120 NCERT Biology XII.

23. Refer notes 35 and figure 6.11, page 110, NCERT Biology XII.

24. Refer points to remember. Steps involved in DNA fingerprinting.

25. (i) (a)  
(ii) (c)

26. (a) HbA HbS  
(b) People who have sickle cell Anaemia inherit two faulty hemoglobin genes called HbSHbS are from each parent. It occurs due to mutation in Hb chain as glutamic acid is replaced by valine.  
(c) Symptoms are Anaemia, i.e., oxygen carrying capacity of Hb decreases. So pain in joints, palpitation, swelling in hands and feet. Sickle cell anemia is quantitative and Thalassemia is qualitative disorder.

27. (a) DNA replication in S-phase, of interphase in the cell cycle.  
(b) Strand a – b – 3' 5'  
(c) Replication of DNA occurs in small replication forks because DNA is such a long molecule that the separation of two strands along its entire length requires a very high amount of energy. DNA – Dependent DNA polymerase is the enzyme.

or

Since DNA dependent polymerase can catalyse the polymerisation in the 5'–3' direction only on the template strand with 3' — 5' polarity, synthesis is continuous and on the template strand with 5' — 3' polarity synthesis is discontinuous.

- (i) Strand A – B is called leading strand.  
(ii) Okazaki Fragments.