

Molecular Basis of Inheritance

- Assertion (A):** Antiparallel polarity helps in stability of DNA.
Reason (R): It allows complementary pairing between base pairs.

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- Assertion (A):** Positively charged histone proteins are essential for packaging negatively charged DNA.
Reason (R): Without histone protein DNA can not fold due to negative charge.

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- Assertion (A):** Unequivocal proof that DNA is the genetic material came from Griffith's transformation experiment.
Reason (R): The biochemical nature of genetic material was defined from transformation experiment.

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- Assertion (A):** RNA is not a predominant genetic material.
Reason (R): RNA being unstable, mutates at faster rate.

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- Assertion (A):** In the same generation for transmission of genetic information's RNA is better than DNA.
Reason (R): The protein synthesizing machinery has evolved around RNA.

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- Assertion (A):** Essential life processes evolved around RNA.
Reason (R): Beside genetic material RNA also act as catalyst.

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- Assertion (A):** DNA replication is energetically a very expensive process.
Reason (R): Unwinding of DNA strands is an active process, while pairing of bases is a passive process.

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- Assertion (A):** On template 5'→3' DNA replicates in discontinuous manner.
Reason (R): DNA polymerase catalyses polymerization only in one direction that is 5' → 3'

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9. **Assertion (A):** The replication of DNA and cell division cycle should be highly coordinated.

Reason (R): A failure in cell division after DNA replication results into chromosomal anomaly.

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10. **Assertion (A):** The presence of introns is reminiscent of antiquity & the process of splicing represents the dominance of RNA world.

Reason (R): The split gene arrangement represents an advanced feature of the genome.

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11. **Assertion (A):** Genetic codes are unambiguous & specific.

Reason (R): Some amino acids are coded by more than one codon.

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12. **Assertion (A):** An mRNA also have some additional sequences that are not translated & are referred as UTR.

Reason (R): The UTRs are present at both 5' end & at 3' end and they have no specific function.

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13. **Assertion (A):** It is the metabolic, physiological or environmental conditions that regulate the expression of genes.

Reason (R): The genes in a cell are expressed to perform a particular function or a set of functions.

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14. **Assertion (A):** Lac operator is present only in lac operon & it interact specifically with lac repressor only.

Reason (R): Each operon has its specific operator & specific repressor.

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15. **Assertion (A):** Gene regulation in prokaryotes is comparatively simple than eukaryotes.

Reason (R): In most of prokaryotic operons the genes present in the operon are needed together to function in the same or related metabolic pathway.

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16. **Assertion (A):** In lac operon, a polycistronic structural gene is regulated by a common promoter & regulatory genes.

Reason (R): Such arrangement is very common in bacteria & is referred as operon.

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17. **Assertion (A):** The gene I codes for the repressor of the lac operon.

Reason (R): The γ -gene codes for permease, which increases permeability of the cell to β -galactosidase.

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18. **Assertion (A):** Lactose is the substrate for the enzyme β -galactosidase & it regulates switching on & off the operon.

Reason (R): A very low level of expression of lac operon is always present in cell the time.

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19. **Assertion (A):** HGP was closely associated with the rapid development of a new area in biology called as Bioinformatics.

Reason (R): The enormous amount of data generated in HGP necessitated the use of high speed computational devices for data storage & analysis.

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20. **Assertion (A):** Many non-human model organisms have also been sequenced

Reason (R): Their sequences can be applied towards solving challenges in health care, agriculture, energy production etc.

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21. **Assertion (A):** BAC & YAC are the common vectors used in HGP.

Reason (R): IN HGP, sequencing was done by automated DNA sequencers that worked on methods of F. Sanger.

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22. **Assertion (A):** The sequencing of chromosome-1 was completed at last in May-2006.

Reason (R): Chromosome-1 in the longest chromosome with maximum number of genes.

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23. **Assertion (A):** DNA fingerprinting involves identifying differences in some specific regions in DNA called as repetitive DNA sequences.

Reason (R): These sequences show high degree of polymorphism & form the basis of DNA fingerprinting.

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24. **Assertion (A):** DNA polymorphism arises due to mutations.

Reason (R): An inheritable mutation which is observed in a population at high frequency, is referred to as DNA polymorphism.

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25. Assertion (A): The VNTR belongs to a class of satellite DNA referred to as mini-satellite.

Reason (R): The mini-satellite numbers remains same from chromosome to chromosome in an individual.

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26. Assertion (A): In DNA fingerprinting, after hybridization with VNTR probe, the autoradiogram gives many bands of different sizes.

Reason (R): It differs from individual to individual in a population except fraternal twins.

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27. Assertion (A): The sensitivity of fingerprinting technique has been increased by the use of PCR.

Reason (R): DNA from a single cell is not enough to perform DNA fingerprinting analysis.

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28. Assertion (A): Operon concept is applicable only in prokaryotes.

Reason (R): Gene expression in prokaryotes is influenced by environmental conditions.

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29. Assertion (A): DNA serves as hereditary material.

Reason (R): DNA functions as blue-print for building and running cellular machinery.

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30. Assertion (A): DNA is chemically less reactive as compare to RNA.

Reason (R): Few RNA have the ability of catalysis.

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31. Assertion (A): Enzyme helicase acts over the ori site and unwinds the two strands of DNA with the help of topoisomerase.

Reason (R): Unwinding creates tension in the uncoiled part by forming more super coils so tension is released by enzyme topoisomerase.

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32. Assertion (A): DNA polymerase II fills the gap that is left after the removal of RNA primers during DNA replication.

Reason (R): In eukaryotes RNA polymerase I transcribes rRNA, hnRNA and t-RNA.

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33. Assertion (A): Both the strands of DNA are not copied during transcription.

Reason (R): The two RNA molecules if produced simultaneously would be complementary to each other, hence would form a double stranded RNA which would prevent RNA from being translated into protein.

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Directions: In the following questions, a statement of assertion is followed by a statement of reason. Mark the correct choice as:

- (a) If both Assertion and Reason are true and Reason is the correct explanation of Assertion.
- (b) If both Assertion and Reason are true but Reason is not the correct explanation of Assertion.
- (c) If Assertion is true but Reason is false.
- (d) If both Assertion and Reason are false.

38. **Assertion:** Mendel used true-breeding pea lines for artificial pollination experiments for his genetic studies.

Reason: For several generations, a true-breeding line shows the stable trait inheritance and expression.

39. **Assertion :** In a monohybrid cross, F_1 generation indicate dominant characters.

Reason: Dominance occurs only in heterozygous state.

40. **Assertion:** A good example of multiple alleles is ABO blood group system.

Reason: When I^A and I^B alleles are present together in ABO blood group system, they both express their own types.

41. **Assertion:** The F_1 -generation resembles both the parents in codominance.

Reason: An example is different type of red blood cells that determine ABO blood grouping in humans.

42. **Assertion :** The genetic complement of an organism is called genotype.

Reason : Genotype is the type of hereditary properties of an organism.

43. **Assertion:** In case of incomplete linkage, linked genes show new combination along with parental combination.

Reason : In case of incomplete linkage, linked genes are separated by crossing over.

44. **Assertion:** In humans, the gamete contributed by the male determines whether the child produced will be male or female.

Reason : Sex in humans is a polygenic trait depending upon a cumulative effect of some genes on X-chromosome and some on Y-chromosome.

45. **Assertion:** Aneuploidy may be of hypoploidy or hyperploidy type.

Reason: Monosomy lacks one pair of chromosomes.

46. **Assertion :** Haemophilia is a recessive sex linked disease.

Reason : Haemophilia occurs due to mutation of a structural gene on chromosome 15.

47. **Assertion:** Persons suffering from haemophilia fail to produce blood clotting factor VIII.

Reason : Prothrombin producing platelets in such persons are found in very low concentration.

48. **Assertion:** Sickle-cell anaemia is a genetically determined disorder affecting many new born babies.

Reason : It is caused by heterozygosity for allele Hb^S producing a single amino acid substitution in the α -chain of the normal haemoglobin molecule determined by allele Hb^A .

49. **Assertion :** Phenylketonuria is a recessive hereditary disease caused by body's failure to oxidize an amino acid phenylalanine to tyrosine, because of a defective enzyme.

Reason : It results in the presence of phenylalanine acid in urine.

50. **Assertion:** Due to absence of any one of the X and Y sex chromosome Turner's syndrome is caused.

Reason: Such individuals show masculine as well as feminine development.



ANSWER KEY

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Que.	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37			
Ans.	2	1	1	2	3	3	3	1	1	2	2	4	1	2	1	2	1			

38.	39.	40.	41.	42.	43.	44.	45.	46.	47.	48.	49.	50.				
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