

*Instructions*

- Complete this examination within the 75 minutes allotted for the exam
- Show as much work as possible for each question
- You may not use any electronic device other than one tablet computer while completing this exam
- You may not communicate with any other person about this exam during the exam period
- You may access digital and written notes, the course textbook, and other internet materials, as long as you do not access audio (even if you have headphones)

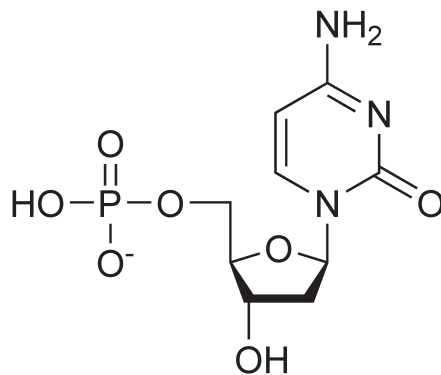
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1 (2 pt) Purine and pyrimidine nucleotides differ by:

- a) the number of aromatic carbon rings in their structures
- b) their distribution across isochores
- c) the number of hydrogen bonds that they form
- d) all of the above

2 (1 pt) On the image of a cytosine nucleotide below, circle the chemical group where DNA polymerase would attach the next nucleotide during DNA replication. Number the carbon atom that chemical group is attached to.



3 (1 pt) Which of the following four DNA strands will form the fewest hydrogen bonds with its complementary strand?

- a) AGCTAGCATCAGCTACGACTACGACGAC
- b) TCGACTACGATCTATCATCTATCAGCTA
- c) GCGCGATCAGCACTACTCGCGATAACGG
- d) GCATATCTATCTATATATACTCAAAAAA

4 (2 pt) On the photograph below, draw arrows pointing to all of the telomeres, circle the centromere, label the p and q arms, and very briefly explain what is most likely causing the black and gray bands apparent on the chromosome.



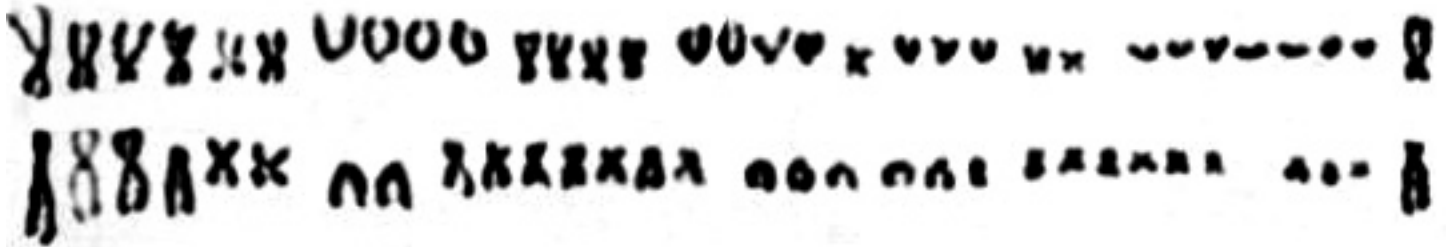
5 (3 pt) On the above image, add the following labels (if applicable): strand, chromosome, chromatid

6 (2 pt) Draw a cartoon representation of the above chromosome that most accurately reflects, after cell division occurs and the daughter cells are in the G1 phase of the cell cycle:  
i) what the chromosome will look like, and  
ii) where all of the DNA shown above will be located

7 (2 pt) Assuming that the image below is from a diploid organism, provide the following information:

a) Karyotype:

b) Stage of the cell cycle when this image was taken:



8 (1 pt) Look up the DNA sequence associated with NCBI Accession number AC144488.2 and report the first four nucleotides of this sequence:

9 (1 pt) With what frequency will this part of the AC14488.2 sequence likely occur in any random sequence of DNA?

10 (2 pt) Which sequence (a or b) is more likely a restriction endonuclease binding site? Briefly explain.

a) TAAT

b) ATAT

- 11** (1 pt) The following DNA molecule is exposed to UV light. Circle the nucleotide(s) of the molecule that will most likely be affected.

GCGACTACGACAGCATTGCGACGACACACC

- 12** (3 pt) On both DNA sequences (i and ii) below, circle (on both sequences) an example of an indel, and draw a double-headed arrow between two nucleotides that constitute a SNP

i 5'-AGCTACTACTACGGCATACTATATATATACGGGACTACTG-3'

ii 5'-AGTTACTACGGCATACTATATACGCGACTACTG-3'

What most likely caused the indel?

**Answer only one of the two following questions (either 13a or 13b)**

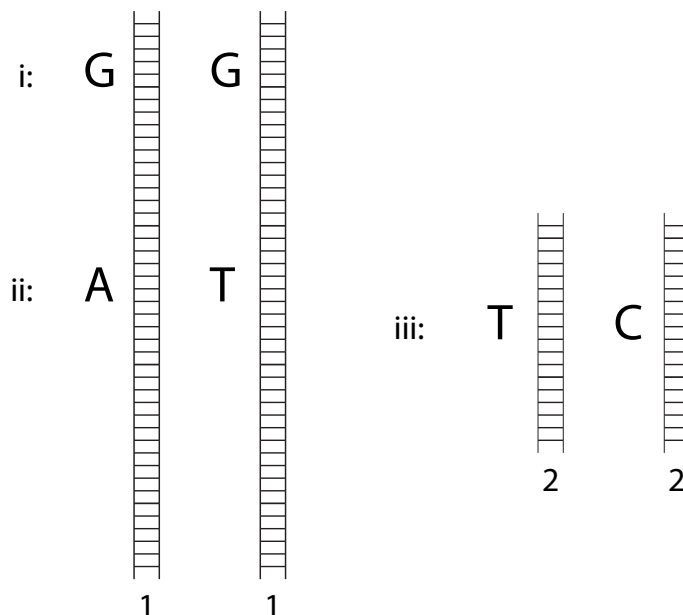
- 13a** (4 pt) Create two 3-nucleotide-long PCR primers that could be used to replicate the entire DNA sequence above (Question 12) from both chromosomes i and ii. Report the sequences, including polarities.

**13b** (4 pt) Create the most optimal multiple sequence alignment using the four nucleotide sequences provided below, and also write the consensus sequence.

5'-AGCTACGATC-3'  
 5'-CTACAATCGC-3'  
 3'-CATCGTTCGC-5'  
 5'-TACGATCGCA-3'

**14** (3 pt) The cartoon below shows a normal (diploid, G1) nucleus containing two pairs of chromosomes (1 and 2, numbered below). I have provided the nucleotides present at three loci (i, ii, and iii) on these chromosomes.

- a) using appropriate notation, write the genotype of this individual on chromosome 2
- b) using appropriate notation, write a chromosome 1 haplotype
- c) circle a heterozygous locus



15 (2 pt) Below are the STR allele frequency tables for two US populations. In which population (African American or Caucasian) is the combination of D5S818 allele 8 and TPOX allele 12 more common? Show your work.

TABLE 2—U.S. African American allele frequencies for 15 autosomal STR loci (N = 258).

Allele	<u>CSF1PO</u>	<u>FGA</u>	<u>TH01</u>	<u>TPOX</u>	<u>VWA</u>	<u>D3S1358</u>	<u>D5S818</u>	<u>D7S820</u>	<u>D8S1179</u>	<u>D13S317</u>	<u>D16S539</u>	<u>D18S51</u>
5	--	--	0.004	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
6	--	--	0.124	0.101	--	--	--	0.002	--	--	--	--
7	0.053	--	0.421	0.017	--	--	--	0.016	--	--	--	--
8	0.060	--	0.194	0.372	--	--	0.048	0.236	0.002	0.033	0.039	--
8.1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
9	0.037	--	0.151	0.178	--	--	0.039	0.109	0.006	0.033	0.196	0.004
9.3	--	--	0.105	--	--	--	--	0.002	--	--	--	--
10	0.257	--	0.002	0.089	--	--	0.070	0.331	0.029	0.023	0.116	0.006
10.3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
11	0.249	--	--	0.219	--	--	0.233	0.203	0.045	0.306	0.318	0.002
12	0.298	--	--	0.021	0.002	--	0.353	0.087	0.141	0.424	0.196	0.078

TABLE 1—U.S. Caucasian allele frequencies for 15 autosomal STR loci (N =302).

Allele	<u>CSF1PO</u>	<u>FGA</u>	<u>TH01</u>	<u>TPOX</u>	<u>VWA</u>	<u>D3S1358</u>	<u>D5S818</u>	<u>D7S820</u>	<u>D8S1179</u>	<u>D13S317</u>	<u>D16S539</u>	<u>D18S51</u>
5	--	--	0.002	0.002	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
6	--	--	0.232	0.002	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
7	--	--	0.190	--	--	--	0.002	0.018	--	--	--	--
8	0.005	--	0.084	0.535	--	--	0.003	0.151	0.012	0.113	0.018	--
8.1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.002	--	--	--	--
9	0.012	--	0.114	0.119	--	--	0.050	0.177	0.003	0.075	0.113	--
9.3	--	--	0.368	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
10	0.217	--	0.008	0.056	--	--	0.051	0.243	0.101	0.051	0.056	0.008
10.3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
11	0.301	--	0.002	0.243	--	0.002	0.361	0.207	0.083	0.339	0.321	0.017
12	0.361	--	--	0.041	--	--	0.384	0.166	0.185	0.248	0.326	0.127