

Give these questions to someone to quiz you on each topic.

Here are the **questions and answers** together for each topic:

## 1. Division and Differentiation in Human Cells

1. **What process do somatic cells undergo to divide?**  
Mitosis
2. **What is the process by which germline stem cells produce more germline cells?**  
Mitosis and meiosis
3. **What process produces haploid gametes?**  
Meiosis
4. **What is a somatic cell?**  
Any cell in the body except reproductive cells
5. **What is a germline cell?**  
Gametes (sperm and ova) and the cells that divide to form gametes
6. **How many chromosomes do diploid cells contain?**  
46 chromosomes (23 pairs)
7. **How many chromosomes are present in a haploid cell?**  
23 chromosomes
8. **What are pluripotent stem cells?**  
Stem cells that can differentiate into any type of cell
9. **What are multipotent stem cells?**  
Stem cells that can differentiate into all cell types in a specific tissue
10. **What role do tissue stem cells play in the body?**  
Growth, repair, and renewal of cells in the tissue
11. **What is a tumor?**  
A mass of abnormal cells caused by excessive cell division
12. **How do cancer cells differ from normal cells in their growth?**  
Cancer cells do not respond to regulatory signals and divide uncontrollably

## 2. Structure and Replication of DNA

1. **What are the three main components of a DNA nucleotide?**  
Deoxyribose sugar, phosphate group, nitrogenous base
2. **Which base pairs with adenine in DNA?**  
Thymine
3. **Which base pairs with cytosine in DNA?**  
Guanine
4. **What is the shape of a DNA molecule?**  
Double helix
5. **What type of bond holds the nitrogenous bases together in DNA?**  
Hydrogen bonds
6. **How many strands are in a DNA molecule?**  
Two strands
7. **What enzyme adds nucleotides during DNA replication?**  
DNA polymerase
8. **What role do primers play in DNA replication?**  
They provide a starting point for DNA synthesis by binding to the template strand
9. **What is the process of PCR used for?**  
Amplifying DNA in the laboratory
10. **At what temperature are DNA strands separated during PCR?**  
92–98°C
11. **What is the role of DNA ligase in replication?**  
Joins fragments of DNA together
12. **What happens to the sugar-phosphate backbone during replication?**  
It is maintained by covalent bonds between the sugar and phosphate groups

### 3. Gene Expression

#### 1. What is gene expression?

The process by which a gene is transcribed into RNA and then translated into a protein

#### 2. What is mRNA, and where is it made?

Messenger RNA, made in the nucleus

#### 3. What is the function of tRNA in protein synthesis?

Transfer RNA carries specific amino acids to the ribosome during protein synthesis

#### 4. What is the role of rRNA in the cell?

It helps form the ribosome, which is the site of protein synthesis

#### 5. What is a codon?

A triplet of bases on mRNA that codes for a specific amino acid

#### 6. What is an anticodon?

A triplet of bases on tRNA that pairs with a complementary codon on mRNA

#### 7. What are introns?

Non-coding regions of the primary mRNA transcript

#### 8. What are exons?

Coding regions of the primary mRNA transcript

#### 9. What is the process of transcription?

The process of copying a DNA sequence into mRNA

#### 10. What is the process of translation?

The process of assembling a protein using the information in mRNA

#### 11. How is the primary mRNA transcript formed?

By RNA polymerase synthesizing mRNA from RNA nucleotides

#### 12. What is alternative RNA splicing?

The process by which different mRNA molecules are produced from the same primary transcript by including or excluding specific exons

### 4. Mutations

#### 1. What is a mutation?

A change in the DNA sequence

#### 2. What is a missense mutation?

A single nucleotide change that results in the substitution of one amino acid for another

#### 3. What is a nonsense mutation?

A mutation that introduces a premature stop codon

#### 4. What is a splice-site mutation?

A mutation at a site where splicing of introns and exons occurs

#### 5. What is a frame-shift mutation?

A mutation that shifts the reading frame of the genetic code

#### 6. What is a chromosome mutation?

A change in the structure of a chromosome

#### 7. What is a duplication mutation?

A section of a chromosome is duplicated

#### 8. What happens in a deletion mutation?

A section of a chromosome is removed

#### 9. What happens in an inversion mutation?

A section of a chromosome is reversed

#### 10. What is a translocation mutation?

A section of a chromosome is moved to another chromosome

#### 11. How can mutations affect protein synthesis?

Mutations can result in the production of a non-functional or altered protein

#### 12. What are the three main types of nucleotide substitutions?

Missense, nonsense, and splice-site mutations

### 5. Human Genomics

1. **What is a genome?**  
The entire hereditary information encoded in an organism's DNA
2. **What is genomic sequencing?**  
Determining the sequence of nucleotide bases in DNA
3. **What is the role of bioinformatics in genomic research?**  
To analyze and interpret large sets of genetic data
4. **What is pharmacogenetics?**  
The study of how genetic variation influences an individual's response to drugs
5. **What is personalized medicine?**  
Tailoring medical treatment to the individual based on their genome
6. **How can genomic sequencing predict disease risk?**  
By identifying gene variants associated with disease risk
7. **What is the importance of non-coding sequences in the genome?**  
Sequences of DNA that do not code for proteins but may regulate gene expression
8. **How can computer programs help in identifying base sequences?**  
To find sequences similar to known genes
9. **What can the analysis of a person's genome help to determine?**  
Whether they are likely to develop certain genetic diseases
10. **What is the use of sequence data in medical research?**  
Understanding the genetic basis of diseases and improving drug development

## 6. Metabolic Pathways

1. **What are metabolic pathways?**  
A series of enzyme-controlled reactions in cells
2. **What is an anabolic reaction?**  
A reaction that builds larger molecules from smaller ones and requires energy
3. **What is a catabolic reaction?**  
A reaction that breaks down large molecules into smaller ones and releases energy
4. **What is the function of enzymes in metabolic pathways?**  
To catalyze reactions by lowering the activation energy required
5. **What is induced fit in enzyme activity?**  
When an enzyme's active site changes shape to fit the substrate more tightly
6. **What is competitive inhibition?**  
When an inhibitor binds to the enzyme's active site, preventing the substrate from binding
7. **What is non-competitive inhibition?**  
When an inhibitor binds away from the active site but changes the enzyme's shape, preventing the substrate from binding
8. **What is the purpose of feedback inhibition?**  
To regulate the production of a product by inhibiting an earlier step in the pathway
9. **How do reversible reactions occur in metabolic pathways?**  
Reactions that can proceed in both directions depending on the concentrations of reactants and products
10. **What is the role of substrates in enzyme reactions?**  
They are the molecules that enzymes act on to form products
11. **What is the effect of product concentration on enzyme reactions?**  
An increase in product concentration can slow down or reverse the reaction
12. **What is the significance of the active site in enzyme function?**  
It binds to the substrate and lowers the activation energy needed for the reaction to occur

## 7. Cellular Respiration

1. **What is the first stage of cellular respiration?**  
Glycolysis
2. **What is glycolysis?**  
The breakdown of glucose into pyruvate

3. **What happens during the energy investment phase of glycolysis?**  
Glucose is phosphorylated using ATP
4. **What happens during the energy pay-off phase of glycolysis?**  
ATP is generated, and there is a net gain of ATP
5. **What is the role of acetyl coenzyme A in respiration?**  
It combines with oxaloacetate to form citrate in the citric acid cycle
6. **What is the citric acid cycle?**  
A series of reactions that generate ATP and release carbon dioxide
7. **Where does the citric acid cycle take place?**  
In the matrix of the mitochondria
8. **What do dehydrogenase enzymes do?**  
They remove hydrogen ions and electrons and pass them to NAD to form NADH
9. **What happens in the electron transport chain?**  
Electrons are passed along a series of carrier proteins, releasing energy
10. **How is ATP synthesized in cellular respiration?**  
Energy is used to pump hydrogen ions across the mitochondrial membrane, which drives ATP production
11. **What is the final electron acceptor in the electron transport chain?**  
Oxygen
12. **What is the role of oxygen in cellular respiration?**  
It combines with hydrogen ions and electrons to form water

8. Energy Systems in Muscle Cells

1. **What happens to pyruvate in the absence of oxygen?**  
It is converted into lactate
2. **What is lactate metabolism?**  
The conversion of pyruvate to lactate during anaerobic respiration
3. **What causes muscle fatigue?**  
Accumulation of lactate in the muscles
4. **What is an oxygen debt?**  
The amount of oxygen required after exercise to convert lactate back to pyruvate
5. **How is lactate converted back to pyruvate?**  
Through the process of respiration, when oxygen is available
6. **What are slow-twitch muscle fibers?**  
Muscle fibers that contract slowly and sustain contractions for a long time
7. **What are fast-twitch muscle fibers?**  
Muscle fibers that contract quickly but tire easily
8. **Which type of muscle fibers are used for endurance activities?**  
Slow-twitch muscle fibers
9. **Which type of muscle fibers are used for short bursts of energy?**  
Fast-twitch muscle fibers
10. **How do slow-twitch fibers generate ATP?**  
Through aerobic respiration, using oxygen
11. **How do fast-twitch fibers generate ATP?**  
Through glycolysis, without using oxygen
12. **What is the main fuel source for slow-twitch and fast-twitch muscle fibers?**  
Slow-twitch: fats; fast-twitch: glycogen