

REVIEW UNIT 4 & 5: HEREDITY & MOLECULAR GENETICS — “TOP TEN”**A. Top “10” — If you learned anything from this unit, you should have learned:**

1. Meiosis produces haploid gametes
 - a. Meiosis 1 separates homologous pairs: reduction division
 - crossing over in Prophase 1
 - b. Meiosis 2 separates sister chromatids: produces 4 sex cells
2. Different versions of same gene are called alleles
 - a. dominant vs. recessive
 - b. homozygous vs. heterozygous
 - c. phenotype vs. genotype
3. Mendelian inheritance
 - a. monohybrid crosses
 - $Aa \times Aa = 3:1$ ratio
 - Law of Segregation
 - b. dihybrid crosses
 - $AaBb \times AaBb = 9:3:3:1$ ratio
 - Law of Independent Assortment
 - c. test cross
 - determine genotype of individual showing dominant phenotype
 - unknown ($A_$) \times aa (homozygous recessive)
4. Non-Mendelian inheritance
 - a. incomplete dominance (pink flower color), co-dominance (blood type), sex linked (mainly X-linked: color blindness, hemophilia), epistasis (coat color), pleiotropy (dwarfism, giantism), polygenic (skin color)
5. Chi-square analysis
 - a. determining if observed results are significantly different from expected results
 - b. know how to use formula when given & how to interpret results
 - degrees freedom (1 less than number of classes of results)
 - less than $p=.05$, then difference can be due to random chance alone & null hypothesis is accepted
6. DNA & RNA
 - a. DNA: ACTG nitrogen bases, double helix
 - $A : T, C : G$
 - b. RNA: ACUG nitrogen bases, single helix

7. Central Dogma

- a. DNA → RNA → protein → trait
- b. transcription (DNA → mRNA)
 - in nucleus
 - RNA polymerase copies coding strand & produces mRNA
- c. translation (mRNA → protein)
 - in cytoplasm
 - codons on mRNA read by ribosome
 - matched to anticodons of tRNA
 - tRNA carries amino acids to mRNA & ribosome assembles polypeptide chain
 - start codon (Met) & stop codons, redundancy in code
 - universal code (single common ancestor)

8. Regulation of genes

- a. operons
 - prokaryotes
 - cluster of genes for enzymes in a pathway
 - controlled by repressor protein
 - repressible operon (synthesis pathway = tryp operon) vs. inducible operon (digestive pathway = lac operon)
- b. transcription factors
 - eukaryotes
 - proteins which enable bonding of RNA polymerase to gene

9. Mutations

- a. fuel for evolution = variation, genetic change
- b. gene duplication, point mutation, insertions, deletion

10. Biotechnology

- a. Scientists can modify an organism's genome by inserting foreign DNA
 - bacterial transformation (human insulin gene in *E. coli*)
 - possible because of universal genetic code
- b. Techniques
 - restriction digest: restriction enzymes, sticky ends
 - transformation: restriction enzymes, sticky ends, ligase, amp selection, lacZ screening
 - gel electrophoresis: DNA moves in an electrical field (negative → positive), small pieces move further

- PCR: DNA amplification
- RFLP: DNA fingerprinting
- Sanger sequencing: Human Genome Project

B. Labs

1. Genetics of Organisms (Fly Lab)

Be sure to review the procedures and the conclusions, and understand:

- a. How to determine genotype of individuals through crosses
- b. How to calculate Chi square values

2. Bacterial Transformation & Restriction Analysis

Be sure to review the procedures and the conclusions, and understand:

- a. How to set up a similar experiment
- b. How to interpret transformation results on LB vs. LB+amp plates
- c. How to interpret gel electrophoresis results in restriction analysis
- d. Controls vs. Experimental