3 (Sem-4/CBCS) BOT HC 1

2023 BOTANY

(Honours Core)

Paper: BOT-HC-4016

(Molecular Biology)

Full Marks: 60

Time: Three hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

- 1. Choose the correct answer of the following: 1×7=7
 - (a) Which of the following is common to both prokaryotic and eukaryotic chromosomes?
 - (i) DNA is circular
 - (ii) DNA is negatively supercoiled
 - (iii) DNA is found in the nucleus
 - (iv) DNA is packaged into nucleosomes

- (b) Which one of the following transcription factors binds to TATA box?
 - (i) TFIID
 - (ii) TFIIB
 - (iii) TFIIIA
 - (iv) TFIIE
- (c) The Wobble hypothesis refers to the less stringent base pairing specificity of the
 - (i) 5' end base of the codon
 - (ii) 3' end base of the anticodon
 - (iii) 5' end base of the anticodon
 - (iv) None of the above
- (d) Synthesis of peptide bond is catalysed by
 - (i) A site of the ribosome
 - (ii) P site of the ribosome
 - (iii) 23S rRNA
 - (iv) tRNA

- (e) How do the sugars of RNA and DNA differ?
 - (i) RNA has a six carbon sugar, DNA has a five carbon sugar
 - (ii) The sugar of RNA has a hydroxyl group that is not found in sugar of DNA
 - (iii) Sugar in DNA has a phosphorous atom attached, whereas sugar in RNA does not
 - (iv) All of the above
- (f) In its organization, chloroplast DNA is most similar to
 - (i) bacteria
 - (ii) archaea
 - (iii) nuclear DNA of plants
 - (iv) nuclear DNA of primitive eukaryotes

- (g) Eukaryotic mRNAs are transcribed by
 - (i) RNA polymerase I
 - (ii) RNA polymerase II
 - (iii) RNA polymerase III
 - (iv) All of the above
- 2. Answer the following questions briefly:

 $2 \times 4 = 8$

- (a) Why is DNA more stable than RNA?
- (b) When does the trp repressor become inactive in a cell?
- (c) What are the difference between euchromatin and heterochromatin?
- (d) Distinguish between denaturation and renaturation of DNA.

- 3. Answer **any three** of the following questions: 5×3=15
 - (a) DNA as the carrier of genetic information.
 - (b) Describe process of gene silencing with the help of appropriate diagram.
 - (c) Discuss the role of transcription factor in eukaryotic transcription.
 - (d) Briefly describe the salient features of genetic code.
 - (e) Write short note on Fidelity of translation.
- 4. Answer **any three** of the following: 10×3=30
 - (a) What are the different possible modes of DNA replication? Give experimental evidences to prove that replication is semi-conservative. 2+8=10

- (b) Write short notes on: 5+5=10
 - (i) Nucleosomes
 - (ii) Plasmids
- (c) Distinguish between promoters and enhancers. Describe the steps involved in post transcriptional processing in eukaryotes.
- (d) "Prokaryotes have an efficient mechanism for metabolizing lactose."Explain elaborately.
- (e) What are introns? Why are the introns removed? Describe the types of introns and its functions. 2+2+6=10

(f) Discuss in detail the various steps involved in the synthesis of proteins.
How does post translational modification affect gene expression?
8+2=10