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Total Credit: 3

Unit	Description in detail	Weightage (%)
Ι	Basic Concept of Molecular Biology	
	Chromosomal Elements:	
	Definition and concept of gene	
	The structure of chromosomes	
	Chromatin consist of DNA and proteins	
	Histones are small basic proteins	25%
	Nucleosome is the organization unit of Chromatin	
	DNA molecules are much longer than the cellular or viral packages that	
	contain them(viruses, bacteria, eukaryotes and mitochondria	
	Definition of genome and silent features of viral, Prokaryotic and Eukaryotic	
	Genome	
II	DNA Replication	
	Central Dogma of molecular genetics, Experiment evidence for semi	
	conservative Replication Meselson-Stahl experiment, Replication begins at	
	an origin and usually proceeds Bidirectional	
	DNA synthesis proceeds in 5' -3' Direction and semi-discontinuous, DNA	
	polymerase I,II and III.	
	Activities of DNA polymerase; 5' -3' polymerization, 5' -3' Exonuclease,	
	3'-5', Exonuclease activities	25%
	Other Enzymes involved in Replication (in Brief)	20 /0
	• Helicases	
	• Topoisomerase	
	• DNA ligases	
	Mechanism of Replication:	
	 Initiation, Elongation and Termination of Replication 	
	D Loop mode of Replication	
	Difference in prokaryotic and Eukaryotic Replication	
III	Transcription	
	RNA polymerase in prokaryotic and Eukaryotic organism, Promoters in	
	prokaryotic and Eukaryotic organism.	
	Mechanism of Transcription :	
	Initiation, Elongation and Termination	25%
	Post Transcriptional Processing of RNA	2570
	• Splicing Mechanism of Group 1,2,3, and 4	
	• Generation of 5' cap in m-RNA	
	• 3' poly (A) tail formation	
	Reverse transcriptase and reverse transcription.	
IV	Translation.	
	Genetic code: definition and properties of genetic code, wobble hypothesis	25%
	Ribosome: structure and function	<i>43</i> /0
	Role of m-RNA and structure of t-RNA in translation	



Mechanism of Translation in prokaryotes and eukaryotes cells.	
• Formation of f met t-RNA ^{f-met}	
Activation of amino acids	
Initiation	
Elongation	
• Termination	
Post translation modification	
Inhibition of Protein Synthesis by antibiotics and Toxins	
Protein targeting.	

Basic Text & Reference Books:

- Principle of Biochemistry-LehningerGene-Levin-8
- Molecular Biology of the Gene-Watson etal
 Gene Cloning by T.A. Brown
 Elements of Biotechnology by R. K. Gupta.

