

5.1 – DNA REPLICATION

- D1.1.1** DNA replication as production of exact copies of DNA with identical base sequences
- D1.1.2** Semi-conservative nature of DNA replication and role of complementary base pairing
- D1.1.3** Role of helicase and DNA polymerase in DNA replication
- D1.1.4** Polymerase chain reaction and gel electrophoresis as tools for amplifying and separating DNA
- D1.1.5** Applications of polymerase chain reaction and gel electrophoresis

DNA SYNTHESIS

Describe what is meant by DNA replication being semi-conservative

Outline the role of helicase and DNA polymerase in the replication of DNA

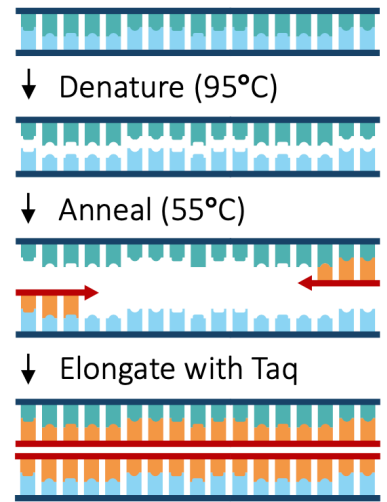
Helicase	DNA Polymerase

State the stage within the cell cycle when DNA is replicated

Contrast the organisation of DNA within chromosomes prior to and following DNA replication

POLYMERASE CHAIN REACTION

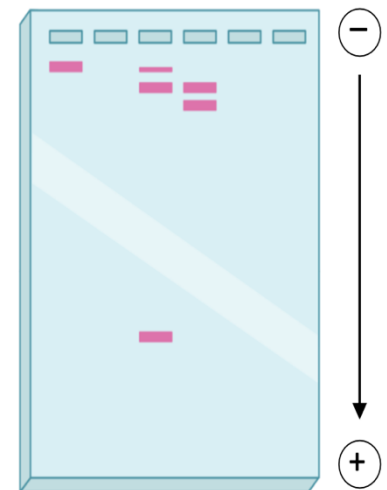
Describe the purpose and process of the polymerase chain reaction (PCR)



Identify the components that must be included in a PCR test tube before it is placed in a thermal cycler

GEL ELECTROPHORESIS

Describe the purpose and process of gel electrophoresis (DNA / proteins)



Outline the role of short tandem repeats (STRs) in DNA profiling and state two potential applications

5.2 – CELL DIVISION

- D2.1.1** Generation of new cells in living organisms by cell division
- D2.1.2** Cytokinesis as splitting of cytoplasm in a parent cell between daughter cells
- D2.1.3** Equal and unequal cytokinesis
- D2.1.4** Roles of mitosis and meiosis in eukaryotes
- D2.1.5** DNA replication as a prerequisite for both mitosis and meiosis
- D2.1.6** Condensation and movement of chromosomes as shared features of mitosis and meiosis
- D2.1.7** Phases of mitosis
- D2.1.8** Identification of phases of mitosis
- D2.1.9** Meiosis as a reduction division
- D2.1.10** Down syndrome and non-disjunction
- D2.1.11** Meiosis as a source of variation

MITOSIS VS MEIOSIS

Differentiate between the purpose of cell division via mitosis and meiosis

Contrast the properties of the daughter cells produced by mitosis and meiosis

	MITOSIS	MEIOSIS
Type of cell produced		
Number of divisions		
Number of cells made		
Ploidy of daughter cells		
Genetic variability		

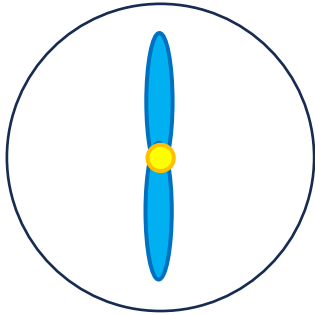
INTERPHASE

Outline the events that must occur in the nucleus and cytoplasm to prepare for division (i.e. interphase)

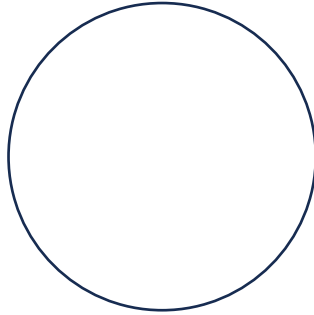
CHROMOSOMES

Draw a diagram of a supercoiled chromosome after interphase and after cell division

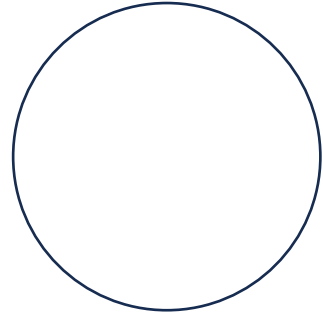
Before Interphase



After Interphase



After Division



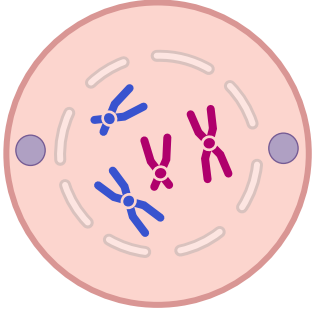
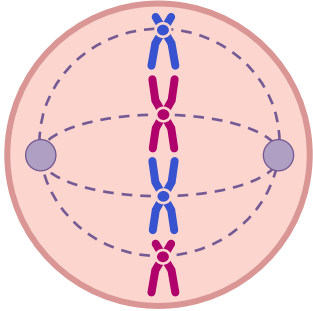
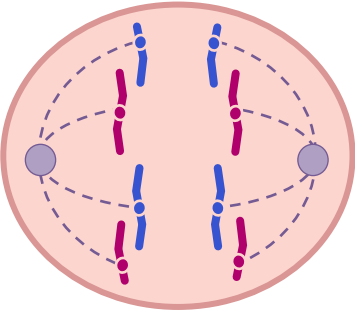
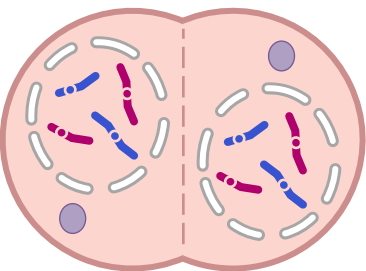
Identify the role of histone proteins in the condensation of DNA

Outline the use of microtubules and motor proteins to move chromosomes within the cell

Distinguish between sister chromatids and homologous chromosomes

MITOSIS

Describe the process of mitotic division within eukaryotic cells

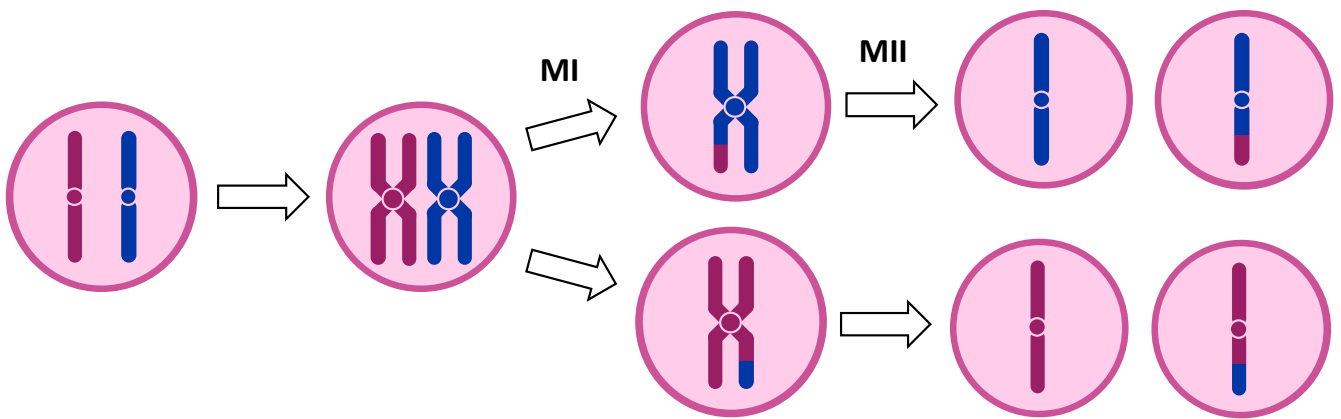
STAGE	DESCRIPTION
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<p data-bbox="258 768 427 797">METAPHASE</p> 	
<p data-bbox="264 1223 421 1252">ANAPHASE</p> 	
<p data-bbox="261 1677 424 1706">TELOPHASE</p> 	

MEIOSIS

Distinguish between the first and second meiotic divisions

Meiosis I:

Meiosis II:



GENETIC VARIATION

Describe how meiosis promotes genetic variation via crossing over and random assortment

Crossing Over:

Random Assortment:

NON-DISJUNCTION

Define non-disjunction and describe how it contributes to aneuploidy

Provide a specific example of an aneuploidy in humans

CYTOKINESIS

Contrast cytokinesis in animal and plant cells

ANIMAL CYTOKINESIS	PLANT CYTOKINESIS

Outline two specific examples of unequal cytokinesis (uneven division of the cytoplasm)

1.

2.

5.3 – INHERITANCE

- D3.2.1 Production of haploid gametes in parents and their fusion to form a diploid zygote as a means of inheritance
- D3.2.2 Methods for conducting genetic crosses in flowering plants
- D3.2.3 Genotype as the combination of alleles inherited by an organism
- D3.2.4 Phenotype as the observable traits of an organism resulting from genotype and environment
- D3.2.5 Effects of dominant and recessive alleles on phenotype
- D3.2.6 Phenotypic plasticity as the capacity to develop traits suited to the environment experienced by an organism, by varying patterns of gene expression
- D3.2.7 Phenylketonuria as an example of a human disease due to a recessive allele
- D3.2.8 Single-nucleotide polymorphisms and multiple alleles in gene pools
- D3.2.9 ABO blood groups as an example of multiple alleles
- D3.2.10 Incomplete dominance and codominance
- D3.2.11 Sex determination in humans and inheritance of genes on sex chromosomes
- D3.2.12 Haemophilia as an example of a sex-linked genetic disorder
- D3.2.13 Pedigree charts to deduce patterns of inheritance of genetic disorders
- D3.2.14 Continuous variation due to polygenic inheritance and/or environmental factors
- D2.1.15 Box-and-whisker plots to represent data for a continuous variable such as student height

MENDELIAN INHERITANCE

Use modern genetic terms to contextualise the findings of Mendel's pea plant experiments

Mendel's Conclusions	Modern Understanding
Organisms have inheritable factors	
There are versions of each factor	
Parents pass on only one version	
Parents contribute equally to inheritance	
Only one version of a factor is expressed	

Describe the advantages of using flowering plants to investigate genetic crosses

GENETICS TERMINOLOGY

Distinguish between genotype and phenotype

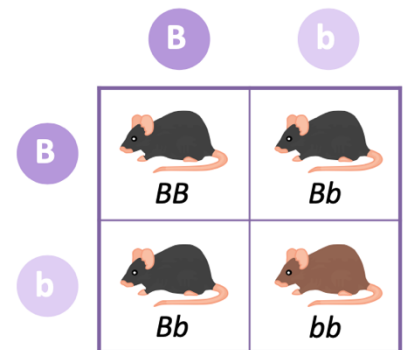
Differentiate between homozygous and heterozygous

Define phenotypic plasticity

COMPLETE DOMINANCE

Outline the steps that are involved in the generation of a Punnett grid

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____



Distinguish between a dominant and recessive allele

Describe the causes and consequences of phenylketonuria (autosomal recessive genetic disorder)

MULTIPLE ALLELES

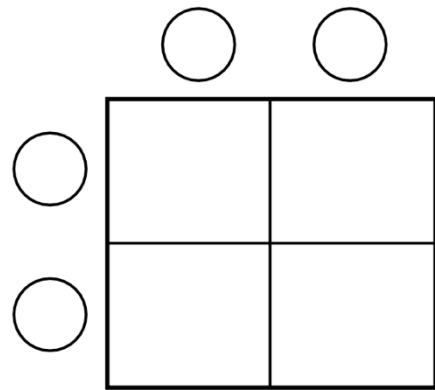
Define codominance

Identify the genotypes for ABO blood groups

Hint: Use superscripts for codominant alleles

Blood Group	Potential Genotypes
A	
B	
AB	
O	

Outline how two parents could have a child with any of the different ABO blood groups



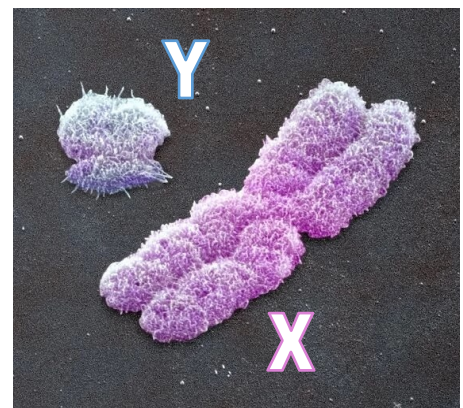
Parents: _____

Offspring: _____

Define incomplete dominance with reference to a specific example (i.e. marvel of Peru)

SEX DETERMINATION

Describe sex determination in humans



Identify the term used to describe the chromosomes that do **not** determine the sex of an organism

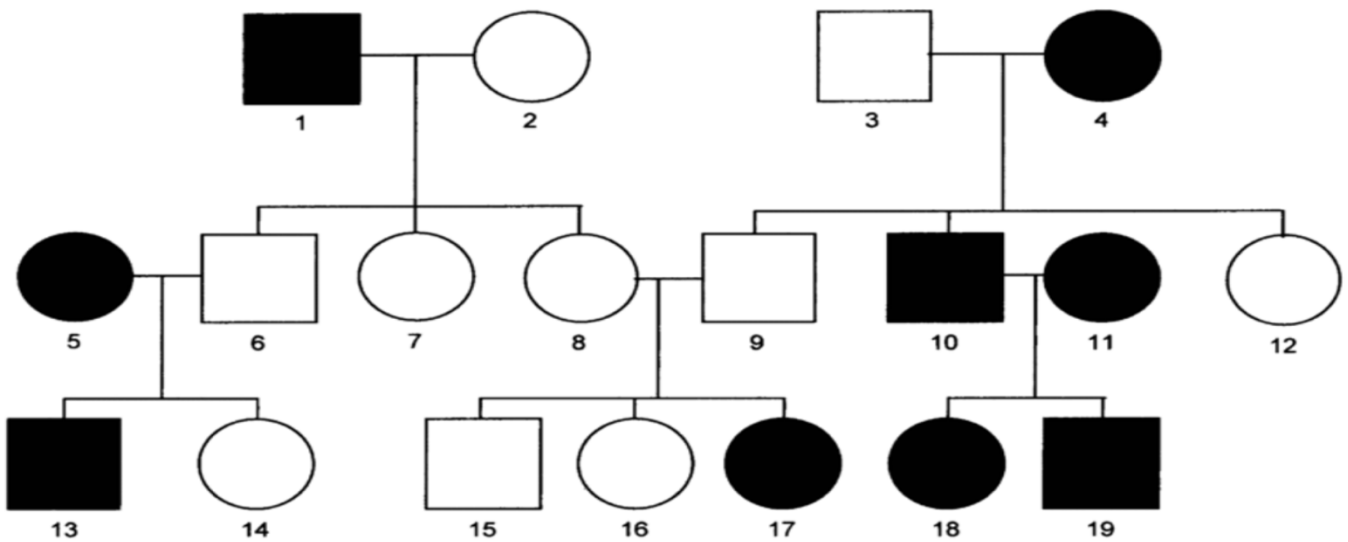
SEX LINKAGE

Define sex linkage with reference to a specific example

Explain why X-linked recessive traits are more common in males

PEDIGREE CHARTS

Identify the genotype of all individuals included within the pedigree chart



Circle the mode of inheritance, providing an appropriate justification for the selection

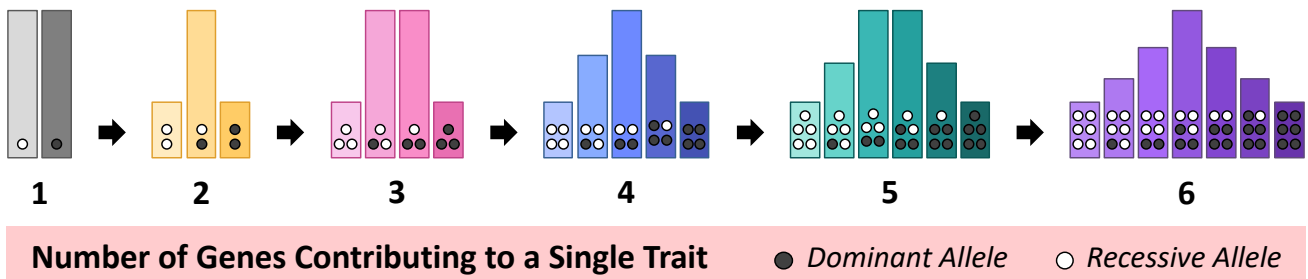
Dominant / Recessive: _____

Autosomal / X-linked: _____

Explain the genetic basis for the prohibition of marriage between close relatives in many societies

POLYGENIC INHERITANCE

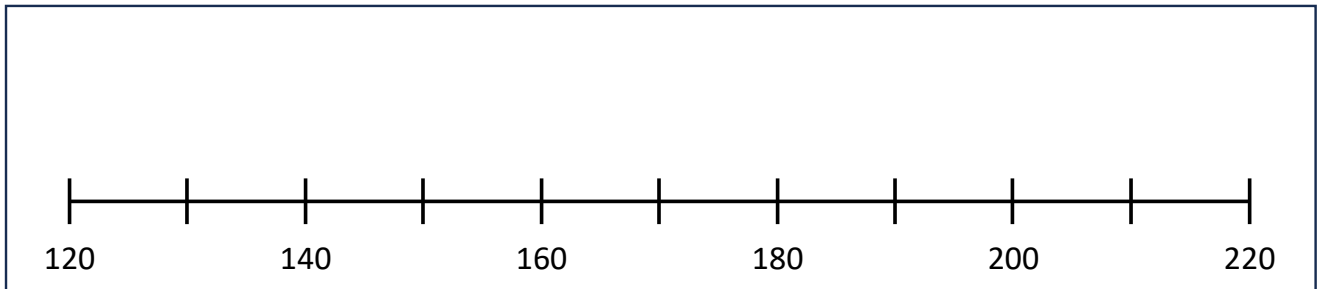
Explain how polygenic inheritance and environmental factors lead to continuous variation (with example)



BOX-AND-WHISKER PLOTS

Construct a box-and-whisker plot based on the following data

Human Height (cm): 120 , 134 , 156 , 160 , 164 , 168 , 172 , 174 , 175 , 177 , 180 , 184 , 200 , 208



Calculate the following values: mean, median, first quartile, third quartile, interquartile range (IQR)

Mean	Median	First Quartile	Third Quartile	IQR

Identify, with a reason, if there are any outliers in the data provided

5.4 – DNA REPLICATION (AHL)

- A1.2.11** Directionality of RNA and DNA
- A1.2.12** Purine-to-pyrimidine bonding as a component of DNA helix stability
- A1.2.13** Structure of a nucleosome
- A1.2.14** Evidence from the Hershey-Chase experiment for DNA as the genetic material
- A1.2.15** Chargaff's data on relative amounts of pyrimidine and purine bases across diverse life forms
- D1.1.6** Directionality of DNA polymerases
- D1.1.7** Differences between replication on the leading strand and the lagging strand
- D1.1.8** Functions of DNA primase, DNA polymerase I, DNA polymerase III and DNA ligase in replication
- D1.1.9** DNA proofreading

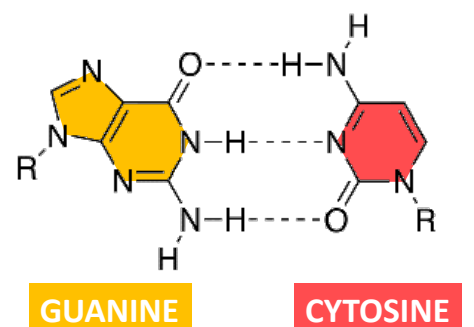
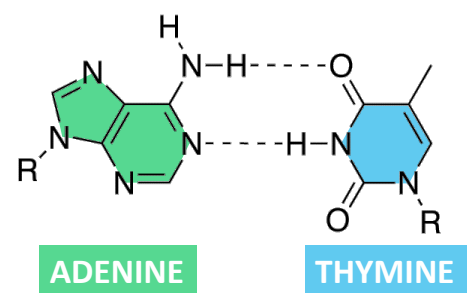
GENETIC MATERIAL

Outline how the Hershey-Chase experiment demonstrated that DNA was the genetic material of a cell

BASE PAIRING

Explain how purine-to-pyrimidine bonding promotes DNA stability

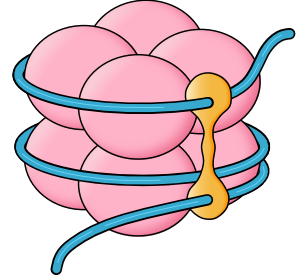
Describe the findings of Chargaff's data on the frequency of bases



DNA ORGANISATION

Outline how new nucleotides are attached to an existing sugar-phosphate backbone

Describe histone protein organisation within the structure of a nucleosome



DNA REPLICATION

Describe the role of the different enzymes in DNA replication (following strand separation by helicase)

DNA Primase: _____

DNA Polymerase III: _____

DNA Polymerase I: _____

DNA Ligase: _____

Distinguish between DNA synthesis on the leading strand and the lagging strand

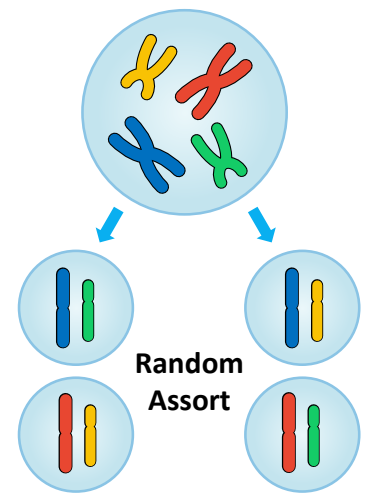
Outline the role of DNA polymerase III in the proofreading of DNA

5.5 – GENE LINKAGE (AHL)

- D3.2.16** Segregation and independent assortment of unlinked genes in meiosis
- D3.2.17** Punnett grids for predicting genotypic and phenotypic ratios in dihybrid crosses involving pairs of unlinked autosomal genes
- D3.2.18** Loci of human genes and their polypeptide products
- D3.2.19** Autosomal gene linkage
- D3.2.20** Recombinants in crosses involving two linked or unlinked genes
- D3.2.21** Use of a chi-squared test on data from dihybrid crosses

UNLINKED GENES

Describe how homologous chromosomes randomly assort during meiosis



*Deduce the phenotypic ratios of a dihybrid cross between two unlinked genes: **HhBb** × **HhBb***



Let: H = horned h = hornless
 B = brown b = white



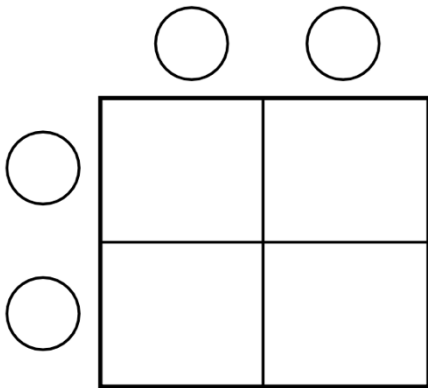
Phenotypic Ratios:

Define locus

LINKED GENES

Define linkage groups and explain why linked genes may fail to assort independently

Deduce the phenotypic ratios of a dihybrid cross between two linked genes: $\frac{AG}{ag} \times \frac{ag}{ag}$



Let: A = spotted a = smooth
G = green g = yellow



Phenotypic Ratios:

Outline how crossing over can lead to recombinant phenotypes

Identify the factor that determines the likelihood of recombination occurring between chromosomes

Describe the use of the chi-squared test to determine whether two characteristics are linked or unlinked

CHI-SQUARED TEST

Complete the chi-squared test to determine whether two genes are linked or unlinked

Two heterozygous long green pea plants are crossed (LlGg × LlGg), yielding the following frequencies:

296 = long green

19 = long yellow

27 = short green

85 = short yellow

1. Identify Hypotheses

Null Hypothesis: _____

Alternative Hypothesis: _____

2. Calculate Frequencies

Dihybrid Ratios:

	LG	Lg	IG	lg
LG				
Lg				
IG				
lg				

Frequencies:

Phenotype	Observed	Expected (Total × Ratio)
Long green		
Long yellow		
Short green		
Short yellow		

3. Calculate Chi-Squared Value

	Long green	Long yellow	Short green	Short yellow
$\frac{(O - E)^2}{E}$				

4. Determine Statistical Significance

Degree of Freedom	Probability of Exceeding Critical Value						
	0.90	0.75	0.50	0.25	0.10	0.05	0.01
1	0.016	0.102	0.455	1.32	2.71	3.84	6.63
2	0.211	0.575	1.386	2.77	4.61	5.99	9.21
3	0.584	1.212	2.366	4.11	6.25	7.81	11.34

Conclusion: _____

5.6 – BIOTECHNOLOGY (AHL)

D1.3.8 Gene knockout as a technique for investigating the function of a gene by making it inoperative

D1.3.9 Use of the CRISPR sequences and the enzyme Cas9 in gene editing

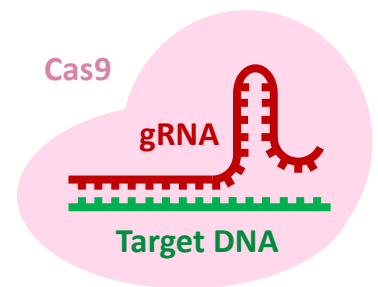
D1.3.10 Hypotheses to account for conserved or highly conserved sequences in genes

GENE KNOCKOUTS

Outline the use of gene knockout technology in determining the function of a gene

CRISPR-CAS9

Describe the use of CRISPR-Cas9 in gene editing (using specific examples)



gRNA-Cas9 complex
gRNA targets the virus
Cas9 excises viral DNA
DNA is 'knocked out'

CONSERVED GENES

Distinguish between conserved sequences and highly conserved sequences in genes

Identify two hypotheses to account for the presence of conserved sequences within genes

1. _____
2. _____