Biology 113 Closed Book Take-Home Exam #1 – Information

There is no time limit on this test, though I have tried to design one that you should be able to complete within 3 hours. There are 6 pages in this test plus 2 PPT files, including this cover sheet and the data gallery. You are <u>not allowed to look at someone else's test</u>, use your notes, old tests, the internet, any books, nor are you allowed to discuss the test with anyone until all exams are turned in no later than 2:20 pm on Monday 21 Sept. If you email your exam late, you will lose a letter grade for each day you are late. The answers to the questions must be typed in this Word file unless you are asked to draw on a separate page, or you want to use scratch paper. If you do not write your answers in the appropriate location, I may not find them. Tell me where to look if you put your answer at the back of your test.

I have provided you with a "Data Gallery" in the form of figures and tables. To choose a figure in support of your answer, simply state Figure #x. Do not assume how many of the data images you will use, or not use. Simply choosing the data is not sufficient support for your answer. You must explain the significance of the data and how they support your answer. *I have given you word limits so be concise*.

-3 pts if you do not follow this direction.

Please do not write or type your name on any page other than this cover page. Merge all your pages (INCLUDING extra pages) together when finished with the exam.

Name (please type):

Read the pledge and sign if you can do so with honor:

On my honor I have neither given nor received unauthorized information regarding this work, I have followed and will continue to observe all regulations regarding it, and I am unaware of any violation of the Honor Code by others.

How long did this exam take you to complete?

lab blended with textbook questions:

10 pts.

1) Open the PPT file named "Exam 1 Q1.pptx". You will see a fictitious plasmid that has already been cut by a type IIs restriction enzyme. I want you to move the insert out of the plasmid by dragging it to the bottom of the slide. Then I want you to type a promoter that will lead to transcription of GFP. Replace the teal letters inside the plasmid so that your letters will be the right size and font. Then drag your new promoter into the right location. Label the -10 and -35 regions using the dashed boxes provided for you. If there are DNA bases whose sequence you are unsure of, you may type N to indicate "any DNA base". Take a screenshot of your final drawing and **insert image here.**

insert drawing here

Textbook questions

23 pts.

2)

a) A guy I went to high school with does not "believe" how DNA is replicated. He thinks Meselson and Stahl were fake scientists. Use the data in figure #8 to disprove the competing hypotheses about how DNA is replicated. To get full credit, you must take a screen shot of **only 1 row** from the figure for each hypothesis you disprove. Your answer should consist of 1. the name of the hypothesis, 2. the screenshot, and 3. how the data disprove the hypothesis. For number 3, you are limited to 35 words for each one.

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b) Draw two RNA nucleotides properly connected to each other. You do not have to draw the atoms of the bases – you may write a single letter to represent the bases. The 5' base must be the base only found in RNA and the 3' base must be capable of 3 hydrogen bonds.

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16 pts. 3) a) Draw a dot plot as best you can that aligns a gene and an mRNA that meets the criteria below. Label the axes and include numbers on both axes.

- gene is 4000 base pairs long
- mRNA is 1000 bases long
- gene contains 4 introns
- the protein is secreted

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b) Translate this ORF:

5' UUUAAACAGAUGGCCAGUAAGUAAGAUAUUUAU 3'

type answer on this line using 1 letter code

15 pts.

4)

Draw one picture of one promoter that meets all these criteria. Then support each element of your drawing with data and text that is limited to 35 words each.

- 1. transcription is regulated by a hormone (data number and supporting text here)
- 2. transcription is repressed by a protein (data number and supporting text here)
- 3. a sugar eliminates repression (data number and supporting text here)
- 4. the -10 sequence matches a consensus sequence for *E*. *coli* (data number and supporting text here)
- 5. the gene can be epigenetically silenced (data number and supporting text here)

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18 pts.

5)

a) Sexual reproduction generates the diversity we see around us and the diversity that makes the world a better place. Provide a numbered list of causes that we have studied in Chapters 1 - 3 which generate variation through sexual reproduction. For each cause, provide a one sentence explanation of no more than 25 words.

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b) Use the associated PPT file (Exam 1 Q5b.pptx) to generate a graph showing how individual *E*. *coli* cells grow. Take a screenshot of your graph and insert it here for grading.

insert graph here

18 pts.

6) Please provide the answers to these genetics questions. For partial credit, you must show your work either here or on a separate page in this Word file.

As you know, I liked to breed and sell animals to raise money when I was in high school. This time, I happened upon a rare breed of dog that had a unicorn! This recessive allele (*) was on the X chromosome. I mated a unicorn male with a wildtype female. All 4 male puppies had unicorns and half of the 8 females also had unicorns.

a) What were the parents' genotypes?

b) If you knew the mother was going to give birth to 12 puppies, what numbers would you have predicted for each of the possible phenotypes?

c) I used to breed racing turtles that were known throughout Arkansas as the fastest turtles. Little did I know, this racing capacity was encoded in two genes on separate chromosomes. The fast allele for one gene encoded for thin shells (t) and the other fast allele encoded long legs (L). If I mated two turtles that were heterozygous for both genes, how many racing fast turtles would I expect from 100 offspring (round to the nearest whole number)?



