The Molecular Basis of Inheritance Chapter 16

- 1. Describe the model of DNA proposed by Watson and Crick, including a description of the monomers and how they are connected together, and the antiparallel nature of the two strands.
- 2. Given the polynucleotide sequence GAATTC, explain what further information you would need in order to determine which is the 5' end?
- 3. If a species has 35% adenine in its DNA, determine the percent of the other three bases.
- 4. What is the importance of complimentary base pairing in DNA replication?
- 5. Outline the process of DNA replication. Be sure to include all of the relevant enzymes.
- 6. DNA replication proceeds along both strands in both directions from the origin. What is the solution to the problem of the antiparallel strands?
- 7. Why are primers required in DNA replication?
- 8. Explain why the ends of DNA molecules cannot be replicated and how this problem is solved.
- 9. Explain how errors are corrected during and after DNA replication. Explain the importance of DNA proofreading and repair.
- 10. What makes complimentary base pairing so useful for DNA replication and detecting errors?
- 11. What is the problem associated with replicating the ends of chromosomes? How is the problem solved?