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### Part 1: Building a Foundation

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#### What are the building blocks of DNA?

*Hint: Think about the components that make up the structure of DNA.*

- A) Amino acids
- B) Nucleotides
- C) Fatty acids
- D) Monosaccharides

#### Which of the following are nitrogenous bases found in DNA?

*Hint: Consider the bases that pair with each other in the DNA structure.*

- A) Adenine
- B) Thymine
- C) Uracil
- D) Guanine

#### Explain the base pairing rule in DNA and its significance in maintaining the structure of the double helix.

*Hint: Consider how the bases pair and why this is important.*

**List the enzymes involved in DNA replication and briefly describe their primary function.**

*Hint: Think about the key enzymes that play a role in the replication process.*

1. Helicase:

2. DNA Polymerase:

3. Primase:

4. Ligase:

**During which phase of the cell cycle does DNA replication occur?**

*Hint: Consider the phases of the cell cycle and when DNA is duplicated.*

- A) G1 phase
- B) S phase
- C) G2 phase
- D) M phase

## Part 2: Understanding and Interpretation

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**Why is DNA replication described as semi-conservative?**

*Hint: Think about how new DNA strands are formed from the original strands.*

- A) Each new DNA molecule has two new strands.
- B) Each new DNA molecule has one old and one new strand.
- C) Each new DNA molecule is identical to the original.
- D) Each new DNA molecule has two old strands.

**Describe the role of single-strand binding proteins (SSBs) during DNA replication.**

*Hint: Consider how SSBs interact with the DNA strands.*

**Which strand is synthesized continuously during DNA replication?**

*Hint: Think about the direction of synthesis and the structure of the DNA strands.*

- A) Leading strand
- B) Lagging strand
- C) Both strands
- D) Neither strand

### Part 3: Application and Analysis

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**Predict what might happen if the enzyme ligase is non-functional during DNA replication. How would this affect the lagging strand?**

*Hint: Consider the role of ligase in joining DNA fragments.*

**In a laboratory setting, which technique relies on the principles of DNA replication to amplify DNA sequences?**

*Hint: Think about common laboratory techniques used in genetics.*

- A) Gel electrophoresis
- B) PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction)
- C) Western blotting
- D) Southern blotting

**Which of the following scenarios would most likely result in a mutation during DNA replication?**

*Hint: Consider the processes that ensure accuracy during replication.*

- A) Accurate base pairing
- B) Proofreading by DNA polymerase
- C) Failure of mismatch repair mechanisms
- D) Proper function of helicase

**Analyze the differences in DNA replication between prokaryotes and eukaryotes. Highlight at least two key differences.**

*Hint: Consider the structural and functional differences in replication processes.*

**Which of the following statements about the replication fork is true?**

*Hint: Think about the structure and function of the replication fork during DNA synthesis.*

- A) It is where DNA synthesis is initiated.
- B) It is a region where the DNA double helix is unwound.
- C) It is where RNA is synthesized.
- D) It is where DNA is degraded.

## Part 4: Evaluation and Creation

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**Evaluate the potential consequences of errors in DNA replication on an organism's health. Provide examples of diseases that may result from such errors.**

*Hint: Consider the impact of mutations and replication errors on health.*

**Imagine you are designing a new drug to enhance DNA replication accuracy. Which enzyme would be the most logical target for increasing proofreading activity?**

*Hint: Think about the enzymes involved in DNA synthesis and their functions.*

- A) Helicase
- B) DNA Polymerase
- C) Primase
- D) Ligase

**Propose a hypothetical experiment to test the efficiency of a new DNA polymerase variant in reducing replication errors. Outline the key steps and controls you would use.**

*Hint: Consider how you would design an experiment to measure replication accuracy.*