GATE XL (Zoology)

Sex Determination and Sex-Linked Characteristics

1. Multiple Choice Question (MCQ)

Which of the following statements about sex determination is correct?

A) In birds, males have the heterogametic sex chromosome composition.

B) In humans, the presence of the SRY gene determines maleness.

C) Drosophila sex determination depends solely on the presence of the Y chromosome.

D) In reptiles, sex determination is exclusively chromosomal.

Answer: B) In humans, the presence of the SRY gene determines maleness.

2. Multiple Select Question (MSQ)

Which of the following conditions are examples of X-linked recessive disorders?

- A) Hemophilia A
- B) Duchenne muscular dystrophy
- C) Turner syndrome
- D) Color blindness

Answer: A) Hemophilia A, B) Duchenne muscular dystrophy, D) Color blindness

3. Numerical Answer Type (NAT)

In Drosophila melanogaster, the sex of an individual is determined by the X:A ratio (X chromosomes to autosome sets). If a fly has 2 X chromosomes and 3 sets of autosomes, what is its X:A ratio? (Provide the numerical answer rounded to two decimal places.)

Answer: 0.67

Explanation: X:A ratio = Number of X chromosomes / Number of autosomal sets = 2/3 = 0.67

4. Multiple Choice Question (MCQ)

A male human inherits an X-linked gene from:A) His fatherB) His motherC) Both parentsD) None of the above

Answer: B) His mother

5. True or False

In mammals, the Barr body represents an inactivated X chromosome in somatic cells of females.

Answer: True

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