

(p.317)47. What is always the first amino acid in the new polypeptide? Methionine

(p.319)48. What are polyribosome and what advantage do they serve? [Figure 17.20]

**Polyribosomes are a string of ribosomes translating the same mRNA. Polyribosomes help to speed up protein synthesis.**

(p.320)49. How are proteins targeted for the ER.

**Proteins targeted for the ER are marked with a *signal peptide*.**

(p.322)50. Define a mutation in terms of molecular genetics.

**Mutations are changes in the genetic material of a cell.**

(p.322)51. Define point mutations.

**Point mutations are chemical changes in just one base pair of a gene.**

(p.323)52. What are frameshift mutations?

**Frameshift mutation occur whenever the number of nucleotides inserted or deleted is not a multiple of three resulting in all nucleotides *downstream* will be improperly into codons usually resulting in premature termination.**

(p.323)53. Identify two mechanisms by which frameshifts may occur.

**Two mechanisms by which frameshifts may occur are insertions and deletions.**

(p.322)54. What is the difference between a nonsense and missense mutation?

**Nonsense mutations are substitution mutations that changes a codon for an amino acid to a STOP codon prematurely termination translation and resulting in a much shorter polypeptide (protein). Missense mutations are substitution mutations that still code for an amino acid and thus make sense.**

(p.322)55. How can a base-pair substitution result in a silent mutation?

**A base-pair substitution results in a silent mutation when they have no effect on the encoded protein due to the redundancy of the genetic code.**

(p.323) 56. What are mutagens?

**Mutagens are physical and chemical agents that cause mutations.**

(p.325) 57. What are carcinogens?

**Carcinogens are cancer-causing chemicals.**

(p.325) 58. Explain the statement, “Most carcinogens are mutagens and most mutagens are carcinogens.”

Finally, use this summary figure to put together all that you have learned in this chapter.

