

1. The statements below relate to the epigenetic regulation of gene expression.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- 1 Methylation of DNA prevents gene transcription.
  - 2 The most common base to undergo methylation is guanine.
  - 3 Acetylation of histone proteins causes DNA to become less accessible to transcription factors.
- A 1, 2 and 3 are correct
- B Only 1 and 2 are correct
- C Only 2 and 3 are correct
- D Only 1 is correct

Your answer

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2. Which of the statements, A to D, is true of epigenetics?

- A Guanine is the most commonly methylated DNA base.
- B Identical twins show identical epigenetics.
- C Proteins cannot undergo epigenetic modification.
- D Some epigenetic changes can be reversed.

Your answer

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### Mark Scheme

Question		Answer/Indicative content	Marks	Guidance
1		D ✓	1	<p><b>Examiner's Comments</b>            This question was more demanding as candidates had to identify which of three statements were correct. Encouragingly more than 50% of candidates chose the correct option on this challenging area of biology.</p>
		Total	1	
2		D	1	<p><b>Examiner's Comments</b>            Only the more able candidates were able to select D as the correct response.</p>
		Total	1	