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**Abstract**

This study aimed at investigating the effectiveness of an instructional program based on constructivism in curing the alternative concepts in science learning and developing students divergent thinking, through answering the following questions:

- 1- What are the components of the instructional program that is based on constructivism?
- 2- How effective is the instructional program that is based on constructivism in curing alternative concepts among students in learning the science?
- 3- How effective is the instructional program that is based on constructivism in developing divergent thinking among students?

The study sample consisted of (60) students selected purposefully from tenth-grade sections at Aziz Shaheen Secondary School. Students were assigned randomly into two groups: experimental and control.

The instructional program included educational objectives and a teacher's guide, that consist of an introduction to philosophy of constructivism, and information on the constructivist learning model, which was used to teach the educational content. To study the effectiveness of the program, a test of the earlier requirements about genetics was constructed. The test consisted of (33) items. Testing the concepts of alternative genetic was set in final form and included (55) items. The test to assess the divergent thinking component included (12) items. These tests were verified for their validity and reliability.

To answer the first question about the components of the instructional program, the following components were reviewed : the justification for the program, the general specific objectives for 25 classes , the expected outcomes from the knowledge, skills and attitudes, its contents and teaching strategies used ,and the activities and the assessment .

To answer questions concerning the effectiveness of the program Analysis of Covariance (ANCOVA) was used. The study showed the following results:

- 1- There was a statistically significant difference at ( $\alpha = 0.05$ ) between the mean scores of the experimental and control groups in curing of alternative concepts in science learning among students, in favor of experimental group.
- 2- There was a statistically significant difference at ( $\alpha = 0.05$ ) between the mean score between the experimental and control groups in divergent thinking, due to the type of instructional program in favor of the experimental group.

In light of the findings, the researcher recommends applying the instructional program proposed in the preparation and qualification of teachers of science in rehabilitation programs at Palestinian universities, as well as for in-service teachers training courses. Moreover the researcher recommends the adoption of constructivist strategies in science curriculum and science education, and focusing on the development of divergent thinking skills in the Palestinian curriculum and carrying out similar studies to identify the impact of constructivist strategies in curing of alternative concepts and in the development of divergent thinking skills in other subjects and grades.

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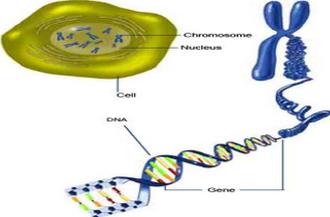
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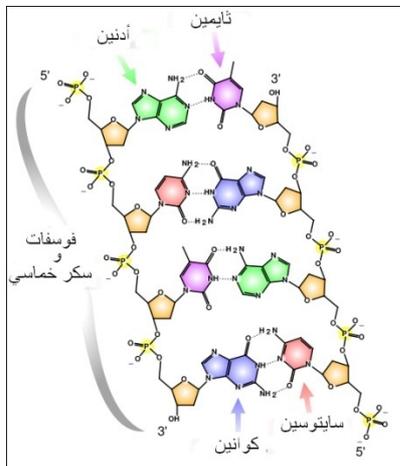
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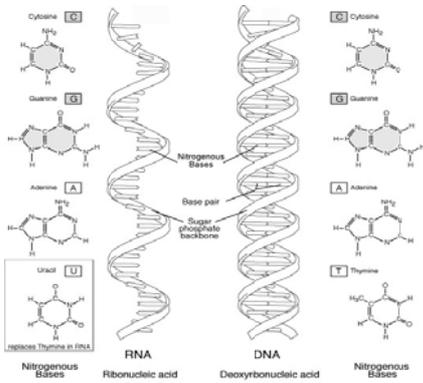
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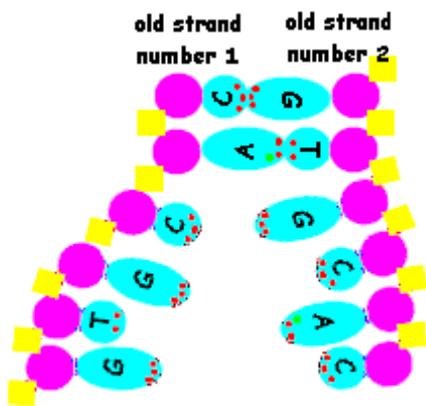
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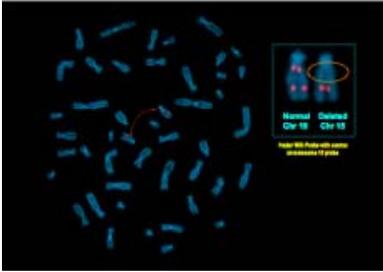
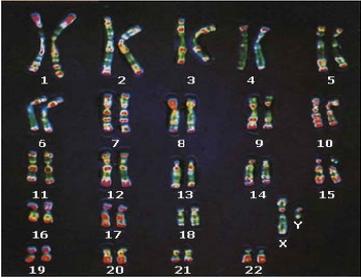
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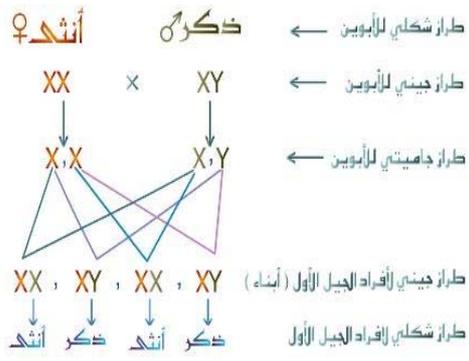
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