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## **Question:**

- Highlight the steps of DNA replication
- i. Replication fork formation
- ii. Primer binding
- iii. Enlongation
- iv. Termination
- Outline the functions of DNA replication enzymes.
- i. DNA helicase: separates double stranded DNA as it moves along the DNA.
- ii. DNA primase: they act as templates for the starting point of DNA replication
- iii. DNA polymerases: they synthesise new DNA molecules by adding nucleotides to leading and lagging DNA strands.
- iv. Topoisomerase or DNA Gyrase: they unwind and rewind DNA strands to prevent the DNA from becoming tangled or supercoiled.
- v. Exonucleases: group of enzymes that remove nucleotide bases from the end of a DNA chain.
- vi. DNA ligase: joins DNA fragments together by forming phosphodiester bonds between nucleotides.