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Part 1: Building a Foundation		
What is the primary purpose of the cell cycle?		
Hint: Think about the main functions of the cell cycle.		
 ○ To produce energy ○ To replicate DNA and divide cells ○ To transport nutrients ○ To eliminate waste 		
Which of the following are stages of the cell cycle? (Select all that apply)		
Hint: Consider the main phases involved in the cell cycle.		
☐ Interphase		
Photosynthesis		
☐ Mitotic Phase☐ Cytokinesis		
Describe the main events that occur during the S phase of Interphase.		
Hint: Focus on DNA replication and any other key processes.		

List the sub-stages of the Mitotic Phase and briefly describe the main event of each.



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Hint: Consider the sequence of events in mitosis.
1. Prophase
2. Metaphase
3. Anaphase
4. Telophase
During which phase of the cell cycle does the cell grow and prepare for DNA replication?
Hint: Think about the phases that occur before DNA synthesis.
○ G1 Phase
○ S Phase
○ G2 Phase
○ Mitotic Phase
Part 2: Application and Analysis
If a cell fails to pass the G1 checkpoint, what is the most likely outcome?
Hint: Consider the consequences of checkpoint failures.
○ The cell will proceed to the S phase.
The cell will enter a resting state or undergo apoptosis.
The cell will immediately divide.
○ The cell will skip to the G2 phase.
How might a malfunction in the regulation of the cell cycle contribute to cancer? (Select all that apply)
Hint: Think about how cell cycle regulation affects cell behavior.
☐ Uncontrolled cell division
☐ Enhanced DNA repair mechanisms

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☐ Failure to undergo apoptosis ☐ Increased cell differentiation
Describe a real-world scenario where understanding the cell cycle is crucial for medical research or treatment.
Hint: Consider areas like cancer treatment or regenerative medicine.
Which phase of mitosis is characterized by the alignment of chromosomes at the cell equator?
Hint: Think about the specific events that occur during mitosis.
Prophase
MetaphaseAnaphase
○ Telophase
Analyze the differences between plant and animal cell cytokinesis. Which of the following are true? (Select all that apply)
Hint: Consider the structural differences in cytokinesis between these cell types.
☐ Plant cells form a cell plate.
Animal cells form a cleavage furrow.
Both involve the formation of a cell wall.
Both processes are identical.
Compare and contrast the roles of cyclins and cyclin-dependent kinases in the regulation of the cell

Hint: Focus on how these molecules interact and their functions.

cycle.



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Part 3: Evaluation and Creation	
Which of the following would be the most effective strategy to cycle?	prevent cancer by targeting the cell
Hint: Consider strategies that enhance cell cycle regulation.	
○ Enhancing DNA replication speed	
Strengthening cell cycle checkpoints	
○ Increasing cell division rates	
Reducin protein synthesis	
Evaluate the impact of a defective checkpoint in the cell cycle. possible? (Select all that apply)	Which of the following outcomes are
Hint: Think about the consequences of checkpoint failures.	
Accumulation of genetic mutations	
☐ Increased cell cycle duration	
Uncontrolled cell proliferation	
Enhanced cell repair mechanisms	
Propose a research study that investigates a new drug targeting Outline the hypothesis, method, and expected outcomes.	ng cell cycle regulation to treat cancer.
Hint: Consider the design of a study and its potential impact.	

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