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Part 1: Foundational Knowledge

What is the primary purpose of the cell cycle?

Hint: Think about the main function of the cell cycle.

- To produce energy
- To divide and duplicate cells
- To transport nutrients
- To eliminate waste

Which of the following are phases of Interphase? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider the stages that occur before mitosis.

- G1 Phase
- S Phase
- G2 Phase
- M Phase

Describe the main events that occur during the S phase of the cell cycle.

Hint: Focus on what happens to the DNA during this phase.

List the stages of mitosis in order.

Hint: Think about the sequence of events during cell division.

1. What is the first stage of mitosis?

2. What is the second stage of mitosis?

3. What is the third stage of mitosis?

4. What is the fourth stage of mitosis?

Part 2: Comprehension

During which phase of the cell cycle does DNA replication occur?

Hint: Identify the phase specifically associated with DNA synthesis.

- G1 Phase
- S Phase
- G2 Phase
- M Phase

Which of the following checkpoints are involved in the regulation of the cell cycle? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider the checkpoints that monitor the cell cycle's progression.

- G1 Checkpoint
- S Checkpoint
- G2 Checkpoint
- M Checkpoint

Explain the role of cyclins and cyclin-dependent kinases (CDKs) in the cell cycle.

Hint: Think about how these proteins regulate the cell cycle.

Part 3: Application and Analysis

If a cell fails to pass the G1 checkpoint, what is the most likely outcome?

Hint: Consider the consequences of failing a critical checkpoint.

- The cell will proceed to mitosis
- The cell will enter the S phase
- The cell will undergo apoptosis
- The cell will skip to cytokinesis

In a laboratory setting, a researcher observes a cell with damaged DNA. Which mechanisms might the cell employ to address this issue? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Think about the cellular responses to DNA damage.

- DNA repair mechanisms
- Immediate cell division
- Activation of tumor suppressor genes
- Ignoring the damage and continuing the cycle

Describe how understanding the cell cycle can contribute to cancer research and treatment.

Hint: Consider the implications of cell cycle knowledge in medical science.

Part 4: Evaluation and Creation

Which of the following best describes the relationship between oncogenes and tumor suppressor genes?

Hint: Think about how these genes influence cell division.

- Both promote cell division
- Oncogenes inhibit cell division, while tumor suppressors promote it
- Oncogenes promote cell division, while tumor suppressors inhibit it
- Both inhibit cell division

Which scenario is most likely to lead to cancer development?

Hint: Consider the factors that contribute to uncontrolled cell growth.

- Proper functioning of all cell cycle checkpoints
- Overactive tumor suppressor genes
- Mutations in oncogenes leading to uncontrolled cell division
- Effective DNA repair mechanisms

Evaluate the effectiveness of potential cancer treatments that target the cell cycle. Which strategies might be effective? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Think about treatments that can influence cell cycle regulation.

- Inhibiting cyclin-dependent kinases
- Enhancing DNA repair mechanisms
- Promoting oncogene activity
- Strengthening tumor suppressor functions

Propose a research study that investigates a new drug targeting a specific phase of the cell cycle. Outline the study's objectives, methods, and expected outcomes.

Hint: Consider the design of a study and its potential impact.