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Part 1: Building a Foundation

What is the primary function of the cell membrane?

Hint: Think about what regulates the entry and exit of substances.

- To produce energy
- To control the movement of substances in and out of the cell
- To synthesize proteins
- To store genetic information

Which of the following are components of the cytoplasm? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider what is found within the cell but outside the nucleus.

- Nucleus
- Organelles
- Cytosol
- Cell wall

Explain the role of ribosomes in a cell.

Hint: Consider what ribosomes are responsible for synthesizing.

List the two types of Endoplasmic Reticulum and their primary functions.

Hint: Think about the smooth and rough types.

1. What is the first type of Endoplasmic Reticulum?

2. What is the primary function of Rough ER?

3. What is the second type of Endoplasmic Reticulum?

4. What is the primary function of Smooth ER?

Where is the nucleolus located?

Hint: Consider the structure that contains genetic material.

- In the cytoplasm
- Inside the nucleus
- On the cell membrane
- In the Golgi apparatus

Part 2: Understanding and Interpretation

Which organelle is primarily responsible for modifying, sorting, and packaging proteins?

Hint: Think about the organelle that acts like a post office.

- Ribosome
- Golgi Apparatus
- Lysosome
- mitochondria

Which processes occur in the Smooth Endoplasmic Reticulum? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider the functions associated with the Smooth ER.

- Protein synthesis
- Lipid synthesis
- Detoxification

- DNA replication

Describe how the structure of the cell membrane contributes to its function.

Hint: Think about the components that make up the membrane.

Part 3: Application and Analysis

If a cell is unable to produce ribosomes, which cellular process would be directly affected?

Hint: Consider the process that involves protein production.

- Lipid synthesis
 Protein synthesis
 DNA replication
 Cell division

A scientist discovers a new cell type that lacks lysosomes. What potential issues might this cell face? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Think about the functions of lysosomes in cellular maintenance.

- Accumulation of waste
 Inability to synthesize proteins
 Difficulty in digestifying cellular debris
 Problems with energy production

How might a malfunction in the Golgi apparatus affect a cell's function? Provide a specific example.

Hint: Consider the role of the Golgi apparatus in protein processing.

Which of the following best describes the relationship between the nucleus and ribosomes?

Hint: Think about the roles of both structures in protein synthesis.

- The nucleus stores proteins made by ribosomes.
- Ribosomes transport genetic material to the nucleus.
- The nucleus directs ribosomes to synthesize proteins.
- Ribosomes provide energy for the nucleus.

Analyze the impact of a damaged cytoskeleton on a cell. Which of the following might occur? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider the functions of the cytoskeleton in maintaining cell structure.

- Loss of cell shape
- Impaired cell movement
- Increased protein synthesis
- Disrupted organelle positioning

Compare and contrast the roles of lysosomes and peroxisomes in a cell.

Hint: Think about the functions of each organelle in cellular metabolism.

Part 4: Evaluation and Creation

Which scenario would most likely lead to a cell's inability to divide?

Hint: Consider the organelles involved in cell division.

- Dysfunctional mitochondria
- Non-functional centrioles
- Excessively lysosome activity
- Overactive ribosomes

Evaluate the following scenarios and determine which could lead to cell death. (Select all that apply)

Hint: Think about critical cellular functions that, if disrupted, could be fatal.

- Complete breakdown of the cell membrane
- Inhibition of protein synthesis
- Overproduction of lipids in the Smooth ER
- Malfunction of the Golgi apparatus

Design an experiment to test the effects of a new drug on the function of the endoplasmic reticulum. Outline your hypothesis, method, and expected results.

Hint: Consider how you would measure the drug's impact on ER function.