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Part 1: Foundational Knowledge

What is the primary purpose of mitosis in multicellular organisms?

Hint: Think about the main functions of cell division.

- ◯ A) Sexual reproduction
- ◯ B) Growth and repair
- ◯ C) Genetic diversity
- ◯ D) Energy production

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

Hint: Consider the stages of cell division.

- ☐ A) Prophase
- ☐ B) Metaphase
- ☐ C) Interphase
- ☐ D) Telophase

Describe the role of chromosomes during cell division.

Hint: Think about how chromosomes ensure genetic information is passed on.

List the main phases of meiosis I and meiosis II.

Hint: Consider the stages involved in each meiotic division.

1. What are the phases of meiosis I?

2. What are the phases of meiosis II?

Part 2: comprehension

How does meiosis contribute to genetic diversity?

Hint: Consider the processes that occur during meiosis.

- ◯ A) By producing identical cells
- ◯ B) Through crossing over and independent assortment
- ◯ C) By maintaining chromosome number
- ◯ D) By replicating DNA

Which of the following statements about mitosis and meiosis are true? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Think about the outcomes of each process.

- ☐ A) Mitosis results in two identical daughter cells.
- ☐ B) Meiosis results in four genetically diverse cells.
- ☐ C) Mitosis reduces the chromosome number by half.
- ☐ D) Meiosis is involved in asexual reproduction.

Explain why mitosis is important for tissue repair.

Hint: Consider the role of cell division in healing.

Part 3: Application

If a diploid cell with 8 chromosomes undergoes meiosis, how many chromosomes will each resulting gamete have?

Hint: Think about the reduction in chromosome number during meiosis.

- ◯ A) 4
- ◯ B) 8
- ◯ C) 16
- ◯ D) 32

In which scenarios would mitosis be more beneficial than meiosis? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider the functions of each process.

- ☐ A) Healing a cut on the skin
- ☐ B) Producing sperm cells
- ☐ C) Growing taller during adolescence
- ☐ D) Creating genetic variation in offspring

Describe a real-world example where meiosis plays a crucial role in an organism's life cycle.

Hint: Think about reproduction and genetic variation.

Part 4: Analysis

Which phase of meiosis is most responsible for increasing genetic variation?

Hint: Consider the processes that occur during meiosis.

- ◯ A) Prophase I
- ◯ B) Metaphase II

- ◯ C) Anaphase I
- ◯ D) Telophase II

Analyze the differences between mitosis and meiosis in terms of their outcomes. Which statements are correct? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Think about the results of each process.

- ☐ A) Mitosis produces cells with the same chromosome number as the parent.
- ☐ B) Meiosis produces cells with half the chromosome number of the parent.
- ☐ C) Mitosis results in four daughter cells.
- ☐ D) Meiosis results in genetically identical cells.

Compare and contrast the roles of mitosis and meiosis in an organism's life cycle.

Hint: Consider the functions of each process.

Part 5: Evaluation and Creation

Which of the following best explains why meiosis is essential for evolution?

Hint: Think about the role of genetic variation in populations.

- ◯ A) It produces identical cells.
- ◯ B) It increases genetic variation.
- ◯ C) It maintains chromosome number.
- ◯ D) It occurs in somatic cells.

Evaluate the following scenarios and determine which would be negatively impacted by a malfunction in meiosis. (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider the importance of meiosis in reproduction.

- ☐ A) A population's ability to adapt to environmental changes
- ☐ B) The growth of a plant's roots

- [ ] C) The formation of new skin cells
- [ ] D) The production of viable gametes

Propose a hypothetical experiment to study the effects of a specific mutation on meiosis and predict the potential outcomes.

Hint: Consider how mutations can affect genetic processes.