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Part 1: Foundational Knowledge

What is the primary difference between diffusion and osmosis?

Hint: Consider the substances involved in each process.

- ◯ A) Diffusion involves water, while osmosis involves gases.
- ◯ B) Diffusion requires energy, while osmosis does not.
- ◯ C) Diffusion involves solutes, while osmosis involves water.
- ◯ D) Diffusion occurs only in liquids, while osmosis occurs in solids.

Which of the following are characteristics of diffusion? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Think about the nature of diffusion and its requirements.

- ☐ A) Passive process
- ☐ B) Requires energy
- ☐ C) Moves down the concentration gradient
- ☐ D) Involves a semi-permeable membrane

Explain in your own words how osmosis differs from simple diffusion.

Hint: Focus on the types of molecules involved and the conditions required.

List two factors that affect the rate of diffusion and briefly describe their impact.

Hint: Consider environmental conditions and properties of the substances involved.

1. Factor 1: Temperature

2. Factor 2: Concentration Gradient

Part 2: Understanding Concepts

Which scenario best illustrates osmosis?

Hint: Think about the movement of water in relation to solute concentration.

- ◯ A) Sugar dissolving in water
- ◯ B) Oxygen moving from the lungs into the bloodstream
- ◯ C) Water moving into a plant cell placed in a hypotonic solution
- ◯ D) Salt spreading evenly in a pot of soup

Which of the following statements about osmosis are true? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider the requirements and effects of osmosis in cells.

- ☐ A) It requires a semi-permeable membrane.
- ☐ B) It moves solutes from high to low concentration.
- ☐ C) It is essential for maintaining cell turgor pressure.
- ☐ D) It can occur in the absence of a concentration gradient.

Describe how temperature can affect the rate of diffusion in a biological system.

Hint: Think about molecular movement and energy levels.

Part 3: Applying Knowledge

If a red blood cell is placed in a hypertonic solution, what is the most likely outcome?

Hint: Consider the effects of solute concentration on cell volume.

- ◯ A) The cell will swell and burst.
- ◯ B) The cell will shrink and shrivel.
- ◯ C) The cell will remain unchanged.
- ◯ D) The cell will double in size.

In which of the following scenarios would you expect diffusion to occur more rapidly? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Think about environmental conditions and concentration gradients.

- ☐ A) A warm room compared to a cold room
- ☐ B) A solution with a steep concentration gradient
- ☐ C) Across a thick membrane
- ☐ D) In a large open space

Imagine you are a scientist studying plant cells. How would you design an experiment to demonstrate osmosis using potato slices?

Hint: Consider the materials and methods you would use.

Part 4: Analyzing Relationships

Which of the following best explains why plant cells do not burst when placed in a hypotonic solution?

Hint: Think about the structural components of plant cells.

- ◯ A) They lack a cell membrane.

- ◯ B) They have a rigid cell wall.
- ◯ C) They actively pump out excess water.
- ◯ D) They are impermeable to water.

Analyze the following statements and identify which are true regarding the role of osmosis in cells. (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider the functions of osmosis in maintaining cellular homeostasis.

- ☐ A) Osmosis helps maintain cell volume.
- ☐ B) Osmosis is irrelevant to nutrient uptake.
- ☐ C) Osmosis can cause cells to become turgid.
- ☐ D) Osmosis only occurs in animal cells.

Analyze the impact of osmosis on freshwater and saltwater fish when they are placed in environments with different salinity levels.

Hint: Consider the adaptations of these fish to their environments.

Part 5: Synthesis and Reflection

Which of the following interventions would best prevent dehydration in a patient receiving intravenous fluids?

Hint: Think about the osmotic balance of the fluids used.

- ◯ A) Administer a hypertonic saline solution
- ◯ B) Administer an isotonic saline solution
- ◯ C) Administer a hypotonic saline solution
- ◯ D) Administer pure water

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

Hint: Consider the effects of osmotic pressure on different cell types.

- [ ] A) A plant cell in a hypertonic solution
- [ ] B) An animal cell in a hypotonic solution
- [ ] C) A plant cell in an isotonic solution
- [ ] D) An animal cell in a hypertonic solution

Propose a method to desalinate seawater using the principles of osmosis and diffusion. Describe the steps and mechanisms involved.

Hint: Think about the processes that can separate salt from water.