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Part 1: Building a Foundation

What is the primary function of the cell wall in plant cells?

Hint: Think about the structural role of the cell wall.

- ◯ To conduct photosynthesis
- ◯ To store nutrients
- ◯ To provide structure and support
- ◯ To transport proteins

Which of the following are components of a plant cell? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider the organelles found in plant cells.

- ☐ Nucleus
- ☐ Chloroplasts
- ☐ mitochondria
- ☐ Lysosomes

Describe the role of chloroplasts in plant cells.

Hint: Think about photosynthesis and energy production.

List two differences between plant and animal cells.

Hint: Consider the structures that are unique to each type of cell.

1. Difference 1

2. Difference 2

Part 2: Understanding and Interpretation

Which organelle is primarily responsible for protein synthesis in plant cells?

Hint: Think about where proteins are made in the cell.

- ◯ Golgi Apparatus
- ◯ Ribosomes
- ◯ Vacuole
- ◯ Smooth ER

How do plant cells maintain their shape? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider the structures that provide support.

- ☐ Cell Wall
- ☐ Central Vacuole
- ☐ Cytoplasm
- ☐ Plasmodesmata

Explain how the central vacuole contributes to the plant cell's function.

Hint: Think about storage and pressure.

Part 3: Application and Analysis

If a plant cell is placed in a hypertonic solution, what is likely to happen to the central vacuole?

Hint: Consider the effects of osmosis.

- ◯ It will expand
- ◯ It will shrink
- ◯ It will remain unchanged
- ◯ It will burst

In which scenarios would a plant cell's chloroplasts be most active? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Think about light conditions.

- ☐ During the night
- ☐ In bright sunlight
- ☐ Under a green light
- ☐ In a dark room

Describe how a plant cell would respond to a decrease in water availability.

Hint: Consider the effects on turgor pressure and cell function.

Which part of the plant cell is most directly involved in communication with adjacent cells?

Hint: Think about structures that connect cells.

- ◯ Nucleus
- ◯ Plasmodesmata
- ◯ Ribosomes
- ◯ Golgi Apparatus

Analyze the relationship between the nucleus and the endoplasmic reticulum. Which statements are true? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider the functions of these organelles.

- [ ] The nucleus directs the ER to synthesize proteins
- [ ] The ER modifies genetic material from the nucleus
- [ ] The nucleus is involved in lipid synthesis
- [ ] The ER is connected to the nuclear envelope

Explain how the structure of the cell wall contributes to its function in plant cells.

Hint: Think about the materials and design of the cell wall.

Part 4: Evaluation and Creation

Which adaptation would most improve a plant cell's ability to survive in a desert environment?

Hint: Consider adaptations that help with water retention.

- ◯ Larger chloroplasts
- ◯ Thicker cell wall
- ◯ Larger central vacuole
- ◯ More mitochondria

Evaluate the importance of the cell membrane in plant cells. Which statements are accurate? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Think about the functions of the cell membrane.

- [ ] It regulates the movement of substances in and out of the cell
- [ ] It provides structural support
- [ ] It is involved in energy production

- [ ] It helps maintain homeostasis

Design an experiment to test the effect of light intensity on the rate of photosynthesis in plant cells. Include your hypothesis, method, and expected results.

Hint: Consider how you would set up the experiment and what you would measure.