

## Cell Cycle and Cell Division

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### I. Select the correct answer from the following Questions:

Question 1.

Life starts from a single cell in plants and animals called

- (a) Cell
- (b) Zygote
- (c) Tissue
- (d) Growth

▼ Answer

Answer: (b) zygote

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Question 2.

A typical eukaryotic cell cycle is illustrated by human cells in culture, which divide approximately every:

- (a) 12 hours
- (b) 10 hours
- (c) 24 hours
- (d) 6 hours

▼ Answer

Answer: (c) 24 hours

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Question 3.

Yeast cell can progress through all the four stages of the cell cycle in only about:

- (a) 60 minutes
- (b) 90 minutes
- (c) 30 minutes
- (d) 45 minutes.

▼ Answer

Answer: (b) 90 minutes.

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Question 4.

The interphase is divided into.

- (a) G<sub>1</sub> phase (Gap1)
- (b) S phase (Synthesis)
- (c) G<sub>2</sub> phase (Gap2)
- (d) all of these stages.

▼ Answer

Answer: (d) All of these stages.

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Question 5.

The S phase marks the period during which replication of DNA takes place. It is during this time that the content of DNA doubles, from

- (a) 2C to 4C
- (b) 4C to 2C
- (c) (1n or 2n)
- (d) (2n or 1n)

▼ Answer

Answer: (a) 2C to 4C.

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Question 6.

The centrioles, in animal cells, initiate their replication in the cytoplasm during.

- (a) G<sub>1</sub> phase
- (b) G<sub>2</sub> phase
- (c) S phase
- (d) None of these phases.

▼ Answer

Answer: (b) G<sub>2</sub> phase.

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Question 7.

In plants apical cells and the cambium tissue continue to divide all their life, they are called.

- (a) Meristemic tissue

- (b) cambium tissue
- (c) equational division
- (d) syneytium

▼ Answer

Answer: (a) Meristemic tissue.

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Question 8.

Mitosis is divided into

- (a) Prophase
- (b) Metaphase
- (c) Anaphase
- (d) Telophase
- (e) All of these phases.

▼ Answer

Answer: (e) All of these phases.

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Question 9.

The small disc shaped structure at the surface of centromeres is called.

- (a) Kinetochores
- (b) sister chromatids
- (c) microtubule
- (d) Golgi complex

▼ Answer

Answer: (a) Kinetochores.

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Question 10.

Mitosis accomplishes the segregation of duplicated chromosomes into daughter nuclei (karyokinesis), but the cell itself is divided into two daughter cells by a separate process called.

- (a) Cytokinesis
- (b) Karyokinesis
- (c) Nucleolous
- (d) Chromosome clusters.

▼ Answer

Answer: (a) Cytokinesis

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Question 11.

In some organisms karyokinesis is not followed by cytokinesis as a result of which multinucleate condition arises which is called:

- (a) Syncytium
- (b) Meiosis I
- (c) Cell-plate
- (d) Meiosis II

▼ Answer

Answer: (a) Syncytium.

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Question 12.

The cells having more than two complete sets of chromosomes are called

- (a) Diploid
- (b) Haploid
- (c) Polyhybrid
- (d) Polyploid.

▼ Answer

Answer: (d) Polyploid.

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Question 13.

In Meiosis, the chromatids separate during

- (a) Metaphase I
- (b) Anaphase I
- (c) Anaphase II
- (d) Metaphase II

▼ Answer

Answer: (c) Anaphase II.

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Question 14.

In the meiotic cell division four daughter cells are produced by two successive divisions in which

- (a) First division is reductional and second is equational.
- (b) First division is equational, second is reductional.
- (c) Both divisions are equational.
- (d) Both divisions are reductional.

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) First division is reductional and second is equational.

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Question 15.

Meiosis is

- (a) Reductional division
- (b) Equational division
- (c) Multiplicational division
- (d) Disjunctional division.

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) Reductional division.

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Question 16.

The term meiosis was coined by

- (a) Blackman
- (b) Flemming
- (c) Robertson
- (d) Farmer and Moore.

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (d) Farmer and Moore.

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Question 17.

Chromosome counting is best done during

- (a) Metaphase
- (b) Telophase
- (c) Late prophase
- (d) Late anaphase.

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) Metaphase.

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Question 18.

Meiosis II brings about

- (a) Separation of chromatids
- (b) Separation of homologous chromosomes.
- (c) Synthesis of DNA and centromere
- (d) Separation of sex chromosomes.

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) Separation of chromatids

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Question 19.

In which stage do the chromosomes appear as thin long threads?

- (a) Leptotene
- (b) Zygotene
- (c) Prophase
- (d) Pachytene.

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) Leptotene.

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Question 20.

Astral mitosis is found in

- (a) All living organisms
- (b) Lower animals.
- (c) Higher plants
- (d) Higher animals.

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) Higher plants.

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## II. Fill in the blanks:

Question 1.

Meiosis ends with telophase II, in which the ..... are once again enclosed by a nuclear envelope, cytokinesis follows, resulting in the formation of tetrad of cells i.e., four haploid .....

▼ Answer

Answer: chromosomes, daughter cells

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Question 2.

Anaphase begins with the simultaneous splitting of the ..... which hold the sister chromatids together, allowing them to move toward .....

▼ Answer

Answer: centromeres, opposite poles of the cell

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Question 3.

Metaphase II the chromosomes align on the equator with micro-tubules from opposite poles of the spindle get attached to the ..... of sister chromatids.

▼ Answer

Answer: kinetochores

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Question 4.

Prophase II meiosis II initiates immediately after ..... usually before the ..... have fully elongated.

▼ Answer

Answer: cytokinesis, chromosomes

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Question 5.

The stage between the two meiotic divisions is called ..... and is generally short lived.

▼ Answer

Answer: interkinesis

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Question 6.

Diplotene X-shaped structures are called .....

▼ Answer

Answer: chiasmata

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Question 7.

The complex formed by a pair of synapsed homologous chromosomes is called a ..... or a tetrad.

▼ Answer

Answer: bivalent

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Question 8.

Zygotene is the second stage of prophase I during which certain chromosomes start pairing together and this process of association is called .....

▼ Answer

Answer: synapsis

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Question 9.

Meiosis involves two sequential cycles of nuclear and cell division, called ..... and ..... but only a single cycle of DNA replication.

▼ Answer

Answer: meiosis I, Meiosis II

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Question 10.

M phase is the most dramatic period of the cell cycle, involving a major reorganization of virtually all cell components. Since the chromosome number (ploidy) of parent and progeny cell is the same it is also called as .....

▼ Answer

Answer: equational division

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### III. Mark the statement true (T) or false (F)

Question 1.

All organisms, even the largest, start their life from a single cell.

▼ Answer

Answer: True.

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Question 2.

Growth and reproduction are characteristic of cells, indeed of all living organisms.

▼ Answer

Answer: True.

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Question 3.

Cell division is a very important process in all organisms.

▼ Answer

Answer: True.

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Question 4.

The sequence of events by which a cell duplicates its genome, synthesises the other constituent of the cell and eventually divides into two daughter cells is termed cell cycle.

▼ Answer

Answer: True.

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Question 5.

Yeast for example, can progress through the cell cycle in only about 24 hours.

▼ Answer

Answer: False.

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Question 6.

The cell cycle is divided into two basic phases:

- (1) M phase (mitosis phase)
- (2) Interphase.

▼ Answer

Answer: True.

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Question 7.

The 24 hour average duration of cell cycle of a human cell, cell division proper lasts only about an hour. Hence, 95% of the progression of cell cycle is spent in interphase the period between two successive mitosis or cell division.

▼ Answer

Answer: True.

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Question 8.

Interphase though called resting phase, is the time during which the cell is preparing for division by undergoing both cell growth and DNA replication in an orderly manner.

▼ Answer

Answer: True.

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Question 9.

Prophase which is the second stage of mitosis follows the S and G<sub>2</sub> phases of interphase.

▼ Answer

Answer: False.

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Question 10.

In an animal cell this is achieved by the appearance of a furrow in the plasma membrane. The furrow gradually deepens and ultimately joins in

the centre dividing the cell cytoplasm into two.

▼ Answer

Answer: True.

#### IV. Match the item of column I with the items of column II

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