**Cells Practice Questions**

**Malfunctioning Organelles:** *Read the statements below for question #s 1-5 and figure out which organelle is malfunctioning.*

1. **Reduced growth was seen in plants due to low levels of glucose.**
	1. Which organelle is malfunctioning?
	2. Explain why.
2. **Abnormal menstrual cycle due to lowered production of estrogen and progesterone (lipids).**
	1. Which organelle is malfunctioning?
	2. Explain why.
3. **There are low levels of cellular ATP.**
	1. Which organelle is malfunctioning?
	2. Explain why.
4. **Cell division is impaired which causes the cell to have an abnormal shape.**
	1. Which organelle is malfunctioning?
	2. Explain why.
5. **There is a reduction in reaction rate due to reduced production of enzymes.**
	1. Which organelle is malfunctioning?
	2. Explain why.

**Short Response Questions:** *Read the paragraphs and compose short responses to each writing prompt.*

1. **Alzheimer’s disease and Lysosomes**

The function of a lysosome is to break down damaged proteins. The buildup of waste products in the brain’s cells contributes to the development of plaques and tangles that are associated with Alzheimer’s disease. Alzheimer’s disease usually develops slowly and gradually worsens over time. Alzheimer’s disease typically begins with mild forgetfulness and leads to widespread brain impairment.

**Writing Prompt:** How does the lysosome (organelle) in the cell impact the tissues in the brain, the brain and the overall organism?

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1. **Achondrogenesis and Golgi apparatus**

Achondrogenesis is a disorder that is caused by a defect in the microtubules of the Golgi apparatus. This disorder causes a malformation of the cartilage, bones, a small body, short limbs, and other skeletal abnormalities. As a result of this condition, infants with achondrogenesis are usually born prematurely, are stillborn, or die shortly after birth from respiratory failure. Proteins stay in the endoplasmic reticulum, which causes it to swell up.

**Writing Prompt:** How does the defect in the microtubules of the Golgi apparatus cause other organelles in the cell to fail? Why is this organelle dysfunction incompatible with life?

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1. **Diamond Blackfan Anemia and Ribosomes**

Ribosomes are the site for protein synthesis in the cell and are found on the endoplasmic reticulum or in the cytoplasm. Diamond Blackfan Anemia is caused by gene mutations that code for specific proteins. Children with this disorder have anemia. This disorder also causes wide-set eyes, low-set ears, a webbed neck and short stature. Some children also have heart and skeletal abnormalities as well.

**Writing Prompt:** How do the gene mutations, which occur in the cell, create a big impact on the organism?

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1. **Autism and mitochondria**

Autism is a developmental disorder that appears in the first years of life and affects the brain’s normal development of social and communication skills. All Autism Spectrum Disorders are not mitochondrial disease. However, mitochondrial dysfunction has been found repeatedly to be prevalent in this group of children and adults.

**Writing Prompt:** How does the mitochondria impact the cells, tissues, and organ (brain) in people with Autism?

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1. Plant cells have cells that contain chloroplasts. Why must their cells contain mitochondria as well?
2. Examine the picture below and answer the accompanying questions.



* 1. According to the picture, where does the process of dehydration synthesis of amino acids occur? Explain.
	2. Prokaryotes lack a nucleus, yet are capable of producing proteins. Explain why.
1. Examine the 5 pictures below of a prokaryote, a eukaryote fungi cell, a eukaryote plant cell, a eukaryote animal cell, and a eukaryote protist below. Then answer the following questions.





Prokaryote cell Eukaryote Fungi cell Eukaryote Protist cell





 Eukaryote Animal cell Eukaryote Plant cell

1. Is a fungi cell capable of engaging in photosynthesis? Explain.
2. What 4 structures do bacteria and fungi share with plant cells?
3. What structure do bacteria and fungi possess that is absent in animal cells?
4. Examine the picture below and answer the following questions.



* 1. Which number depicts the development of the first eukaryotic plant cell? Explain.
	2. According to the diagram, did plant cells precede the appearance of animal cells? Explain.