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The plasma membrane is effective in isolating the cytoplasm from the extracellular fluid primarily because

- ☐ **A)** peripheral proteins are attached to the inner or outer membrane surface
- ☐ **B)** integral proteins form channels that let water pass in and out of the cell
- ☐ **C)** the lipid "tails" in the phospholipid bilayer form a sheet that repels water
- ☐ **D)** the rigid composition of the plasma membrane forms a waterproof barrier

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Of all the passive processes, the only one that does *not* require a concentration gradient is

- ☐ **A)** diffusion
- ☐ **B)** osmosis
- ☐ **C)** bulk filtration
- ☐ **D)** facilitated diffusion

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A transport or carrier protein

- ☐ **A)** spans the plasma membrane completely and is thus a transmembrane protein
- ☐ **B)** has an internal hydrophobic region and hydrophilic regions at both ends
- ☐ **C)** may use energy from ATP to help a particular substance cross the plasmalemma

☐ **D)** all of the above

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What *must* happen when a concentration gradient is eliminated?

- ☐ **A)** molecular motion ceases
- ☐ **B)** active transport begins
- ☐ **C)** diffusion and osmosis stop
- ☐ **D)** all of the above

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Which one of the following processes can only occur in a living cell?

- ☐ **A)** diffusion
- ☐ **B)** osmosis
- ☐ **C)** bulk filtration
- ☐ **D)** endocytosis

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All of the following are directly associated, at least in part, with the lipid components of the plasma membrane *except*

- ☐ **A)** molecular bilayer framework
- ☐ **B)** cholesterol molecules
- ☐ **C)** catalytic enzymes
- ☐ **D)** glycocalyx

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A higher concentration of sodium ions in extracellular fluid versus cytosol is most likely maintained by

- ☐ **A)** blocking any passage of sodium through the plasma membrane
- ☐ **B)** actively transporting sodium ions out of the cell
- ☐ **C)** overcrowding the cytosol with potassium ions
- ☐ **D)** none of the above

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Which of the following lists *only* non-membrane-bound organelles?

- ☐ **A)** microvilli, ribosomes, centrioles, mitochondria, cytoskeleton
- ☐ **B)** cytoskeleton, microvilli, centrioles, cilia, flagellum, ribosomes
- ☐ **C)** microvilli, cytoskeleton, cilia, lysosomes, nucleus, ribosomes
- ☐ **D)** cytoskeleton, endoplasmic reticulum, centrioles, nucleus, cilia, ribosomes

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Which of the following lists *only* membrane-bound organelles?

- ☐ **A)** microtubules, nucleus, lysosomes, ribosomes, mitochondria, cilia
- ☐ **B)** lysosomes, ribosomes, peroxisomes, endoplasmic reticulum, Golgi apparatus
- ☐ **C)** endoplasmic reticulum, Golgi apparatus, mitochondria, lysosomes, peroxisomes
- ☐ **D)** mitochondria, cilia, centrioles, Golgi apparatus, endoplasmic reticulum, nucleus

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Which one of the following organelles occurs in the *fewest* types of human cells?

- ☐ **A)** nucleus
- ☐ **B)** microtubule
- ☐ **C)** flagellum
- ☐ **D)** rough ER

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Which of the following organelles are found in *all* living cells of the human body?

- ☐ **A)** nuclei
- ☐ **B)** nucleoli
- ☐ **C)** microvilli
- ☐ **D)** microtubule

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The nucleus (and more specifically, the genes it contains) most directly controls all of

the cell's activities by

- ☐ **A)** controlling cell division
- ☐ **B)** regulating protein synthesis
- ☐ **C)** synthesizing DNA and RNA
- ☐ **D)** coordinating intracellular communication

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Of the following, which organelle participates most directly in mitosis?

- ☐ **A)** smooth endoplasmic reticulum
- ☐ **B)** ribosome
- ☐ **C)** centriole
- ☐ **D)** nucleolus

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Which series progresses from the thinnest to the thickest in diameter?

- ☐ **A)** DNA > histone > chromosome > nucleosome
- ☐ **B)** histone > chromosome > DNA > nucleosome
- ☐ **C)** nucleosome > histone > DNA > chromosome
- ☐ **D)** DNA > histone > nucleosome > chromosome

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Although often described as somatic cell division, _____ is actually division of the nucleus.

- ☐ **A)** meiosis
- ☐ **B)** mitosis
- ☐ **C)** cytokinesis
- ☐ **D)** interphase

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Mitosis plays a role in all of the following processes *except*

- ☐ **A)** tissue growth and repair
- ☐ **B)** replacement of old or dying cells
- ☐ **C)** sex cell production
- ☐ **D)** embryo formation

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In an adult, which of the following usually have the longest G_0 phase?

- ☐ **A)** blood cells
- ☐ **B)** nerve cells
- ☐ **C)** epithelial skin cells
- ☐ **D)** the G_0 phase is the same length in all of these

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The longest part of a mature muscle cell's life cycle is

- ☐ **A)** the G_2 phase
- ☐ **B)** the S phase
- ☐ **C)** interphase
- ☐ **D)** mitosis

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During which stages of mitosis does a typical cell contain twice its normal number of chromosomes? (1) prophase (2) metaphase (3) anaphase (4) telophase

- ☐ **A)** 1 and 2
- ☐ **B)** 2 and 3
- ☐ **C)** 3 and 4
- ☐ **D)** all of the above

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Which of the following organelles might function during or even after apoptosis of the cell that contains them?

- ☐ **A)** centrioles

- ☐ **B)** Golgi apparatus
- ☐ **C)** rough endoplasmic reticulum
- ☐ **D)** lysosomes

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Which property of cancer cells most directly contributes to metastasis?

- ☐ **A)** invasiveness
- ☐ **B)** dedifferentiation
- ☐ **C)** production of angiogenesis factors
- ☐ **D)** loss of contact inhibition

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_____ is caused by a genetic defect in mitochondrial rather than nuclear DNA.

- ☐ **A)** cystic fibrosis
- ☐ **B)** MELAS syndrome
- ☐ **C)** adrenoleukodystrophy
- ☐ **D)** Tay-Sachs disease

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If organelles can proliferate in response to increased demand, then one could expect to find far more _____ in the liver cells of an alcoholic than in a nondrinker.

- ☐ **A)** rough ER
- ☐ **B)** smooth ER
- ☐ **C)** mitochondria
- ☐ **D)** lysosomes

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Which of the following cellular changes would generally be indicative of cancer?

- ☐ **A)** anaplasia
- ☐ **B)** hyperplasia

- ☐ **C)** hypertrophy
- ☐ **D)** all of the above

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To destroy bacteria in the interstitial fluid, leukocytes would most likely employ the process of

- ☐ **A)** receptor-mediated endocytosis
- ☐ **B)** pinocytosis
- ☐ **C)** bulk filtration
- ☐ **D)** phagocytosis

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