

Question 20 (4 marks)

The diagram below shows four types of processes which can affect the development of cells. You may be asked to write about three of the processes and explain how the process affects the rest of the organism.

Differentiation, cells, growth regulation and cell division, including the control of these processes, will be required with respect to cell division. Cell division is usually done with division which does not lead to growth in the cell, simply in that cells are removed or have still proliferated from division causing some regrowth.

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Outline how mitosis and cell differentiation assist in the maintenance of health. 4

Mitosis occurs in germinal skin cells, in the bone marrow and in the lining of the stomach producing new cells to replace old ones which have been damaged by old age or that have died. This provides a repair system so that body systems remain working and coordinated in the maintenance of health of an individual. Cell differentiation causes stem cells to change into a fixed type of cell. It assists in the maintenance of health by producing body cells each of different functions such as nerve cells or muscle cells which each play a specific role in the maintenance of a coordinated body system. Also, once nerve cells differentiate they no longer undergo mitosis reducing the risk of mutations harmful mutations occurring.