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**69. It is clearly stated in the passage that ----.**

- A) it is not a must to have a sample cell from a living animal to produce meat
- B) studying cells is a relatively new concept in the current decade
- C) producing meat from a muscle cell in a lab is quite a complicated process
- D) the first step in creating meat is to double the number of muscle cells
- E) growing meat without animals is a process similar to other cell culture methods

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**70. According to the passage, stem cells ----.**

- A) are cells that do not have the ability to multiply
- B) are composed of various cells that have different functions
- C) have the ability to transform into different cells in a muscle
- D) need to be attached to other cells to form living tissues
- E) decrease in number at the end of the production process

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**71. The passage is mainly about ----.**

- A) the advances in human cell production under scientific intervention
- B) the reasons why cell production may not be practical for common use
- C) different types of cell culture methods used by biologists since the early 1900s
- D) an alternative way of growing meat through unconventional means
- E) some steps followed by scientists to cure animal diseases by producing cells

