

Chapter 21 Digestion

Section Review 21-3

Problems of the Digestive System

Part A: Complete Table 1. In the space provided, fill in the missing problem, cause, or effect.

Table 1 Digestive System Problems

| Problem | Cause | Effect |
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| 1. Tooth Decay | 2. Bacteria in Plaque | cavity |
| indigestion | 3. Poor eating habits | pain or discomfort after eating |
| heartburn | acidic juices from the stomach go up the esophagus | 4. Burning Sensation |
| 5. Ulcer | not completely understood; stress is a contributing factor | hole in the lining of the stomach or small intestine |
| 6. Diarrhea | stress; viruses and bacteria | watery wastes |

Part B: Answer the questions in complete sentences.

- Which problem of the digestive system is the most common? Tooth decay
- What is plaque? Plaque is a film made up of saliva, food and bacteria that forms on the teeth.
- What digestive problem develops when stomach acids eat away the lining of stomach or small intestine? Ulcers occur when stomach acids eat away the lining of the stomach or small intestines
- What is one kind of treatment for ulcers? Ulcers are often treated with medication