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Parasitic Intruders: Unveiling the Reproductive Tactics

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Parasites reproduce by shedding or releasing their eggs or larvae into the environment through various methods such as feces or direct laying on the host's body or in their surroundings.
2. Seeking medical attention for a suspected parasitic infection is crucial because proper diagnosis and treatment are necessary to alleviate symptoms, prevent complications, and ensure the infection does not spread to others.
3. Parasites can spread their eggs to infect new hosts through contamination of soil, water, or food, or by laying eggs directly on the host's body or in their environment.
4. The symptoms of a parasitic infection can vary depending on factors such as the type of parasite, the organs or tissues affected, and the host's immune response. Symptoms may include stomach pain, diarrhea, nausea, fatigue, skin rashes, fever, or weight loss.

