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# SUBJECT:- BIOLOGY

## CLASS IX CHAPTER:- THE FUNDAMENTAL UNIT OF LIFE

#### Guidelines:

#### **Dear Students**

- Refer to the content shared below.
- These notes will help you to understand the concept of the lesson.
- Do the assignment questions in the Biology notebook.
- Link for Textbook:-<u>http://ncertbooks.prashanthellina.com/class</u> 9.Science.Science/CHAP%205.p <u>df</u>

## **TOPIC:- STRUCTURAL ORGANISATION OF A CELL**

All living **organisms**, including plants, animals, bacteria and fungi, are made up of **cells**. Cells are the smallest parts of all living organisms.

Cell: The basic stru	uctural and fu	unctional unit of a	all living organisms.
Cell number	Cell	Size	Cell Shape
Unicellular organisms: are made up of single cell, e.g. amoeba, bacteria , chlamydomonas Multicellular organisms: are made up of millions of cells e.g. plants, animals	Cells are e therefore th only observ microscope Cells are m micrometer	xtremely small, hey can be ved under e. measured in rs or microns. Mycoplasma - smallest cell Nerve cell – longest cell Ostrich egg- largest cell	The shape of the cell varies in different organisms. The shape of plant cell is different from that of an animal cell. They may be spherical, oval, elliptical, spindle- shaped, cuboidal, polygonal, columnar, or flat plate-like.

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### A typical cell has the following major components:-

- Cell/Plasma membrane
- Nucleus
- Cytoplasm
- Cell organelles

## **Cell Structure**



Cell wall - The protective wall outside the cell membrane. It is found only in plant cell. It is made up of cellulose.

Kindly refer to the link shared for better understanding of a typical cell. It will enable you to experience and visually interpret the cell structure.

https://youtu.be/1Z9pqST72is

### PLASMA/CELL MEMBRANE

All cells have a cell membrane around them. The cell membrane is a thin layer that encloses the cell contents and separates the cell from its environment.

Many different substances have to pass in and out of a cell in order to function. The cell membrane controls the entry and exit of the substances. We can say the cell membrane is **selectively permeable**. The organelles are also surrounded by membranes.

There are two main processes that control the movement of molecules in and out of the cell:-

I. DIFFUSION



DIFFUSION	OSMOSIS
It is the spontaneous movement of a substance from a region of high concentration to a region where its concentration is low.	It is the movement of water molecules through such a selectively permeable membrane from a region of high water concentration to a region of low water concentration.
It occurs in all the three states of matter:- Solid, liquid and gas.	It occurs only in the liquid state- water molecules.
Eg- Plants exchange gases through stomata ; Cellular wastes like carbon dioxide are eliminated; a perfume sprayed in one corner of a room can eventually be smelt all over,etc	Eg – Raisins that are added to sweet dishes like halwa or kheer absorb water and swell up; the skin on our fingers gets shrivelled when we dip our hands in water for long.

A plant or animal cell placed in a salt or sugar solution could undergo one of the three given possibilities:-

#### **ISOTONIC SOLUTION**

If the concentration of solution of the surrounding medium is the same as that of the cell then there is no **net** movement of water molecules, even though water still crosses the cell membrane in both the directions.

#### HYPOTONIC SOLUTION

If the concentration of the medium surrounding the cell has a higher water concentration and low solute concentration, i.e the outside solution is very **dilute**, the cell will **gain water** by osmosis (**Endosmosis**). Such a solution is known as a hypotonic solution. The cell is likely to gain water and **swell up**.

#### HYPERTONIC SOLUTION

If the concentration of the medium surrounding the cell has a lower water concentration and high solute concentration, meaning that the outside solution is very concentrated, the cell will lose water by osmosis (Exosmosis). Such a solution is known as a hypertonic solution. The cell is likely to lose water and shrink

NOTE- Osmosis is a special case of diffusion through a selectively permeable membrane.

Kindly refer to the link shared below to study the selectively permeable nature of Plasma membrane in an elaborate way:-

1. Osmosis with an Egg

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SrON0nEEWmo

2. Osmosis with Raisins

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZRdCRNYz-Cw

**Amoeba** possesses a flexible cell membrane that enables the cell to engulf food by the process of **Endocytosis**, which occurs with the help of **Pseudopodia**.

## **ASSIGNMENT:-**

- 1. Plasma membrane is a selectively permeable membrane. Justify.
- 2. Explain how substances like water ; oxygen and carbon dioxide move in and out of a cell.
- 3. Imagine that the cell membrane of a cell is ruptured. Describe all that can happen because of it.
- 4. What will happen to a plant cell if it is kept in a:
  - (i) hypotonic solution
  - (ii) hypertonic solution.
- 5. Select the correct option:-
  - (i) Plasmolysis occurs due to

A .Diffusion b. Endosmosis

c. Exosmosis d. Absorption

- (ii) The solution that has higher water concentration than the cell is known as
  - a. Hypertonic b. Hypotonic c. Isotonic d. None of these
- (iii) Raisins soaked in high concentrated solution of sugar \_\_\_\_i \_\_\_. The process involved is known as \_\_\_ii \_\_\_.
  a. i- shrink, ii- endosmosis b. i- swell, ii- exosmosis c. i- shrink, ii- exosmosis d. i- swell, ii- endosmosis

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