

# How do Organism Reproduce

## Notes:

### Introduction

- Reproduction is the process by which living organisms produce new individuals similar to themselves. ~~themselves~~
- Nucleus of the cell contains DNA (Deoxyribose Nucleic Acid) which is the hereditary material.
- Variations are useful for the survival of the individual and species over time as well as basis for evolution.

### Types of Reproduction

#### 1) Asexual Reproduction.

- A single individual give rise to new individual
- Gametes are not formed.
- New individual is identical to parent.
- Adopted by lower organisms.

## 2) Sexual Reproduction

→ Two individuals i.e., one male and one female are needed to give rise to new individual.

→ Gametes are formed.

→ New individual is genetically similar but not identical to parents.

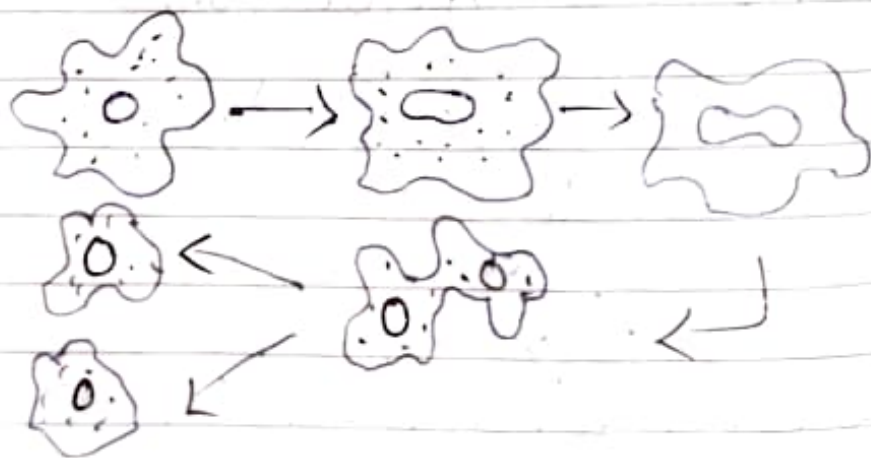
→ Adopted by higher organisms.

## Modes of Asexual Reproduction

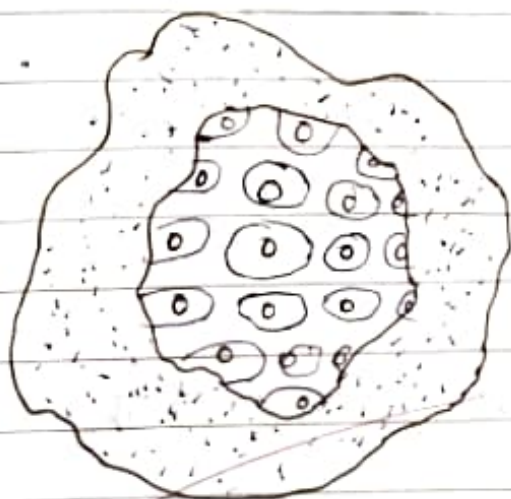
### \* Fission

→ The parent cell divides into daughter cells.

- Binary fission: 2 cells are formed. Ex. amoeba

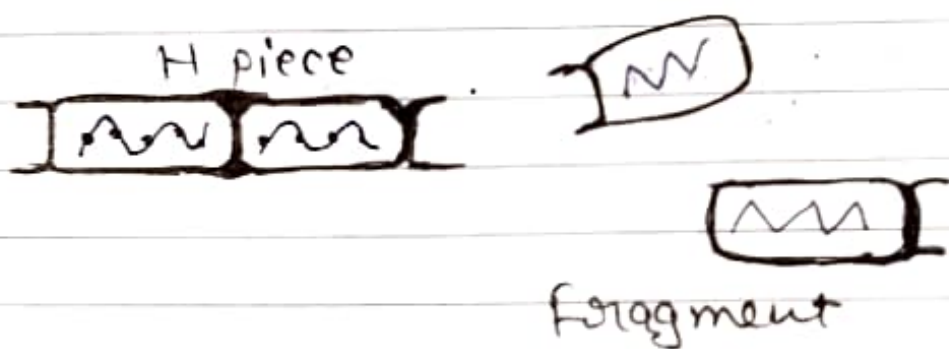


- Multiple Fission: Many cells are formed  
Ex - Plasmodium



### \* Fragmentation:

- The organism breaks up into smaller pieces upon maturation, each piece develops into a new individual. Ex - Spirogyra



### \* Regeneration:

- If organism is somehow cut or broken into many pieces, each piece grows into a complete organism. Ex - Planaria, Hydra

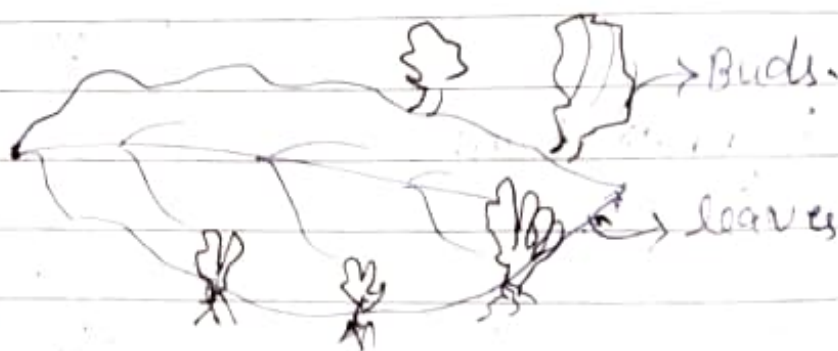
## \* Budding

- A bud is formed which develops into tiny individual. It detaches from parent body upon maturation and develops into new individual.  
Ex: Hydra

## Vegetative Propagation

- In many plants, new plant develops from vegetative parts such as:

- By root: Ex: Sweet potato, Sieddish
- By Stem: Ex: Potato, Ginger.
- By leaves: Ex: Bryophyllum



Bryophyllum leaves



## Artificial methods in vegetative propagation

- (i) Grafting: Ex. Mango
- (ii) Cutting: Ex. Rose
- (iii) Layering: Ex. Jasmine
- (iv) Tissue Culture: New plants are grown by using growing tip of plant.

→ These growing cells are kept in a culture medium leads to the formation of callus. Callus is then transferred to hormone medium which causes growth and differentiation.

### Benefits of Tissue Culture

- We can grow plants like banana, rose, Jasmine etc. that have lost the capacity to produce seeds.
- New plants are genetically similar to parents.
- Helps in growing seedless fruits.

(v) Spore formation: Spores are small bulb like structures which are covered by thick walls. Under favourable conditions, they germinate and produce new organism. Ex. Rhizopus.

## Sexual Reproduction

→ When reproduction takes place as a result of the fusion of male and female gametes is called sexual reproduction.

→ Fusion of gametes is called fertilization which results in variation.

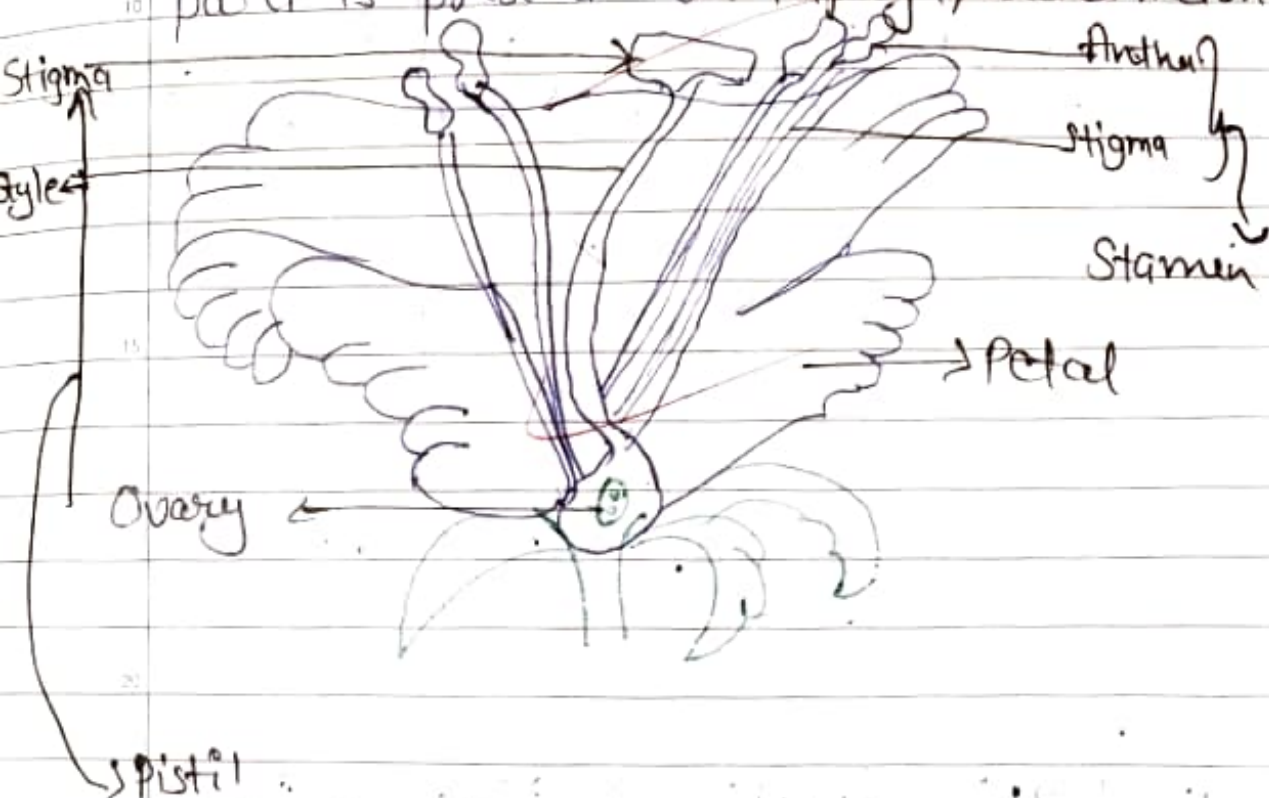
### \* Sexual Reproduction in Plants:

→ Flowers are the reproductive organ of plants.

→ A typical flower consists of four main whorls namely Sepals, petals, Stamen and pistil.

## Types of flower

- Bisexual flower: Both male and female reproductive parts are present. Ex: Hibiscus, mustard.
- Unisexual flower: Either male or female reproductive part is present. Ex: Papaya, watermelon.



## Structure of Flower

### \* Process of Seed formation

→ Pollen grains, produced in the anther are transferred to the stigma of same flower (self pollination) or stigma of another flower (cross pollination).



through agents like air, water or animals.

→ Pollen grains germinate and form pollen tubes which pass through style to reach upto the ovules present in ovary.

→ The fusion of male and female gametes is called fertilization. Zygote is produced inside the ovary.

→ Zygote divides to form embryo. Ovule develops thick coat and change into seed gradually.

→ Ovary change into fruit and other parts of flower fall off.

## \* Reproduction in Human Being

→ Human use sexual mode of reproduction.

→ Sexual maturation: The period of life when production of germ cells i.e. ova (female) and sperm (male) start in the body. This period of sexual maturation is called



• puberty.

## \* Changes at Puberty

• Common in male and female

→ Thick hair growth in armpits and genital area.

→ Skin becomes oily, may result in pimples.

• In girls

→ Breast size begin to increase

→ Girls begin to menstruate.

• In boys

→ Thick hair growth on face

→ Voice begin to crack

## \* Male Reproductive System

(i) Testes

→ A pair of testes are located inside scrotum which is present outside the

abdominal cavity.

→ Scrotum has a relatively lower temperature needed for the production of sperm.

→ Male germ cell i.e. sperm are formed here

→ Testes release male sex hormone (testosterone)

### Function of testes

→ Regulate production of sperm

→ Bring changes at puberty.

#### (ii) Vas deferens

→ It passes sperm from testes upto urethra

#### (iii) Urethra

→ It is common passage for both sperm and urine. Its outer covering called penis

#### (iv) Associated glands.

- seminal vesicles and prostate gland and their secretion to the sperm. This fluid provide nourishment to sperm and make their transport easy.
- sperm along with secretion of glands form semen.

## \* Female Reproductive System

### (i) Ovary

- A pair of ovary is located in both sides of abdomen.
- Female germ cell i.e. eggs are produced here.
- At the time of birth of a girl, thousands of immature egg are present in the ovary.
- At the onset of puberty, some of these eggs start maturing.
- One egg is produced every month by one of the ovaries.



## (ii) Oviduct or fallopian tube

- Receives the egg produced by ovary and transport it to the uterus.
- Fertilisation i.e. fusion of gametes takes place here.

## (iii) Uterus

- It is a bag-like structure where development of the baby takes place.
- Uterus opens into vagina through cervix.

## \* Fertilisation of egg

### • When egg is fertilized

- The fertilized egg called zygote is planted in uterus and develops into an embryo.
- The embryo gets nutrition from the mother's blood with the help of a special tissue called placenta. It provides a large surface area for exchange of glucose, oxygen and waste material.

→ The time period from fertilization up to the birth of the baby is called gestation period. It is about 9 months.

### • When egg is not fertilized

→ The uterus prepares itself every month to receive fertilized egg.

→ The lining of the uterus becomes thick and spongy, required to support the embryo.

→ When fertilization had not taken place, this lining is not needed any longer.

→ This lining breaks and comes out through vagina as blood and mucus.

→ This cycle takes around 28 days every month and called menstruation.

### \* Reproductive health

→ Reproductive health means a total well-being in all aspects of reproductive i.e. physical, emotional, social and behavioural.

## • Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs).

→ Many diseases can be Sexually transmitted such as:

(i) Bacterial: Gonorrhoea and Syphilis

(ii) Viral: Warts and HIV-AIDS

→ Use condom prevents these infections to some extent.

→ Contraception: It is the avoidance of pregnancy, can be achieved by preventing the fertilization of ova

## • Methods of Contraception.

(i) Physical barriers

→ To prevent union of egg and sperm

→ Use condoms, cervical caps and diaphragm.

(ii) Chemical methods

→ Use of oral pills



- These change hormonal balance of body so that eggs are not released.
- May have side effects.

### (iii) Intrauterine contraceptive device (IUCD)

- Copper T or loop is placed in uterus to prevent pregnancy.

### (iv) Surgical methods

- In males the vas deferences is blocked to prevent sperm transfer called vasectomy.
- In females, the Fallopian tube is blocked to prevent egg transfer called tubectomy.