

## Very Short Answer Type Questions

**Q.1. Where are the photosynthetic pigments located in the chloroplast ?**

**Ans.** Photosynthetic pigments are located in the thylakoid membrane

**Q. 2. Where are the pigment located in photosynthetic bacteria ?**

**Ans.** The pigments in photosynthetic bacteria are located in the folds of cell membrane.

**Q. 3. What will happen if a plant is given only green light ?**

**Ans.** If a plant is given only green light, no photosynthesis will occur. Green light is not absorbed by the photosynthetic pigments as it is reflected back as such.

**Q. 4. Name the central element present in chlorophyll.**

**Ans.** Magnesium is the central element in chlorophyll.

**Q. 5. Which chlorophyll is termed as universal photosynthetic pigment ?**

**Ans.** Chlorophyll 'a'

**Q.6. Name the photosynthetic pigment which can be converted to vitamin A.**

**Ans.**  $\beta$ -carotene can be converted to vitamin A.

**Q. 7. Mention the difference between the structure chlorophyll 'a' and chlorophyll 'b'.**

**Ans.** Chlorophyll 'a' has methyl ( $\text{CH}_3$ ) group and Chlorophyll 'b', has an aldehyde ( $\text{CHO}$ ) group.

**Q. 8. What is the main function of Chlorophyll pigment ?**

**Ans.** To absorb light of specific wavelength in the visible regions.

**Q.9. A potted plant otherwise kept in sunlight, is shifted to monochromatic red light. Will the rate of photosynthesis increase, decrease or remain the same?**

**Ans.** Decrease.

**Q.10.What are chromatophores?**

**Ans.** Chromatophores are pigment containing and light-reflecting cells or group of cells found in bacteria and wide range of animals.

**Q.11.Name the two classes of pigments in bacteria.**

**Ans.** The two classes of pigments in bacteria are:

(i) Bacteriochlorophyll (reddish purple pigment)

(ii) Bacteriovirdin (green pigment).

**Q.12.Name the organism used by Engelmann to study first action spectrum of photosynthesis**

**Ans.** *Cladophora*.

**Q. 13. Name the most abundant enzyme in the world ?**

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**Ans.** RuBisCO

**Q. 14. How many molecules of ATP and how many molecules of NADPH + H<sup>+</sup> are spent to fix three molecules of CO<sub>2</sub>?**

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**Ans.** Fixation of three molecules of CO<sub>2</sub> uses 9 ATP and 6 NADPH molecules in C<sub>3</sub> plants. In C<sub>4</sub> plants for fixation of 3 CO<sub>2</sub> molecules 15 ATP and 6 NADPH and 6 NADPH energy is required.

**Q. 15. What is the site of formation of glyoxylate from glycolate?**

**Ans.** The site of formation of glyoxylate from glycolate is peroxisomes of mesophyll cells.

**Q. 16. Why are the C<sub>4</sub> plants more efficient in picking up CO<sub>2</sub> when it is found in low concentration.**

**Ans.** The C<sub>4</sub> plants are more efficient in picking up CO<sub>2</sub> even when it is found in low concentration because of the high affinity of PEP.

**Q. 17. Give two examples of C<sub>4</sub> plants.**

**Ans.** (i) *Euphorbia*, (ii) *Bougainvillea*.

**Q. 18. What is assimilatory power ?**

**Ans.** Chemical energy of ATP and reducing power of NADPH<sub>2</sub>, are assimilatory powers.

**Q. 19. In what form carbohydrates are translocated in plants ?**

**Ans.** Carbohydrates are translocated in plants in the form of sucrose.

**Q. 20. What is photon ? What is the term given to the energy contained in photon ?**

**Ans.** Discrete particles believed to be present in light are called photons. The energy contained in a photon is termed as quantum.

**Q. 21. Why are the C<sub>3</sub> plants more affected by high temperatures ?**

**Ans.** At high temperature C<sub>3</sub> plants are more affected because of increased affinity of RuBisCo to oxygen.

**Q. 22. Name three cell organelles involved photorespiration.**

**Ans.** Chloroplast, Mitochondria and Peroxisomes.

**Q. 23. Name the CO<sub>2</sub> acceptor in C<sub>4</sub> cycle.**

**Ans.** PEP (Phosphoenol Pyruvic acid).

**Q.24. What are quantasomes ?**

**Ans.** It is a distinct morphological structural unit in the thylakoid which embodies a photosynthetic unit.

**Q. 25. A potted plant otherwise kept in sunlight, is shifted to monochromatic red light. Will the rate of photosynthesis increase, decrease or remain the same ?**

**Ans.** Decrease.

**Q. 26. Where is NADP reductase enzyme located ?**

**Ans.** NADP reductase enzyme is located on the stroma side of the membrane.

**Q. 27. How does the light beyond the saturation point affect photosynthesis?**

**Ans.** Beyond the saturation point, an increase in incident light causes the breakdown of chlorophyll and a decreased process of photosynthesis.

**Q. 28. What is Kranz anatomy ?**

**Ans.** Kranz anatomy is the special structure of leaves in  $C_4$  PLANTS (eg. maize) where the tissue equivalent to the spongy mesophyll cells is clustered in a ring around the leaf veins, outside the bundle-sheath cells.

**Q. 29. Which compound acts as  $CO_2$  acceptor in Calvin cycle ?**

**Ans.** Ribulose-1-5-bisphosphate, a 5-carbon compound is the acceptor of  $CO_2$  in Calvin cycle.

**Q. 30. Name the primary acceptor of carbon dioxide in  $C_3$  and  $C_4$  plants.**

**Ans.**  $C_3$  plants : 5 Carbon Ketose Sugar, Ribulose-1,5- bisphosphate (RuBP)  $C_4$  plants: 3-Carbon molecule phosphoenolpyruvate (PEP).

**Q. 31. Name the hormones which increase and decrease the rate of photosynthesis.**

**Ans.** Cytokinins and gibberellins increase and ABA decrease the rate of photosynthesis.

**Q. 32. Why are transitional curves produced during low of limiting factor?**

**Ans.** The transitional curves are produced because of the presence of a large number of green cells and numerous chloroplasts in the cell.

**Q. 33. Define light compensation point ?**

**Ans.** The point in light intensity where no gaseous exchange occurs during photosynthesis is called as light compensation point.

**Q. 34. What is  $CO_2$  compensation point ?**

**Ans.** When  $CO_2$  conc. is reduced, there comes a point at which illuminated plant stops absorbing  $CO_2$  from the environment, it is known as  $CO_2$  compensation point.

**Q. 35. Name the first  $CO_2$  fixation product in  $C_4$  plants.**

**Ans.** Oxaloacetic acid (OAA)

**Q. 36. What is Warburg effect?**

**Ans.** At very high oxygen content, the rate of photosynthesis begins to decline in all plants, this phenomenon is called Warburg effect.

**Q. 37. What is red drop ?**

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**Ans. Red drop** is the occasional fall in photosynthetic yield beyond red region of spectrum (Emerson 1943). This is also called Emerson effect.

**Q. 38. What are antennae in photosystem ?**

**Ans.** Antennae refers to all the pigments of the photosystem except the pigment molecule (Chl'a') that forms the reaction centre.

**Q. 39. Where does calvin cycle takes place in (i) a  $C_3$  plant and (ii) a  $C_4$  plant respectively.**

**Ans. (i)** In a  $C_3$  plant, it takes place in the mesophyll cells.

**(ii)** In a  $C_4$  plant, calvin cycle takes place in the bundle sheath cells.