

## 10. Dissect and display floral whorls. Dissect anther and take T.S. or V.S. of ovary to show pollen grains and locules of ovary, respectively.

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**Aim :-** To dissect given flower to study and display different whorl . Dissect anther and ovary to show number of locules (chamber. ).

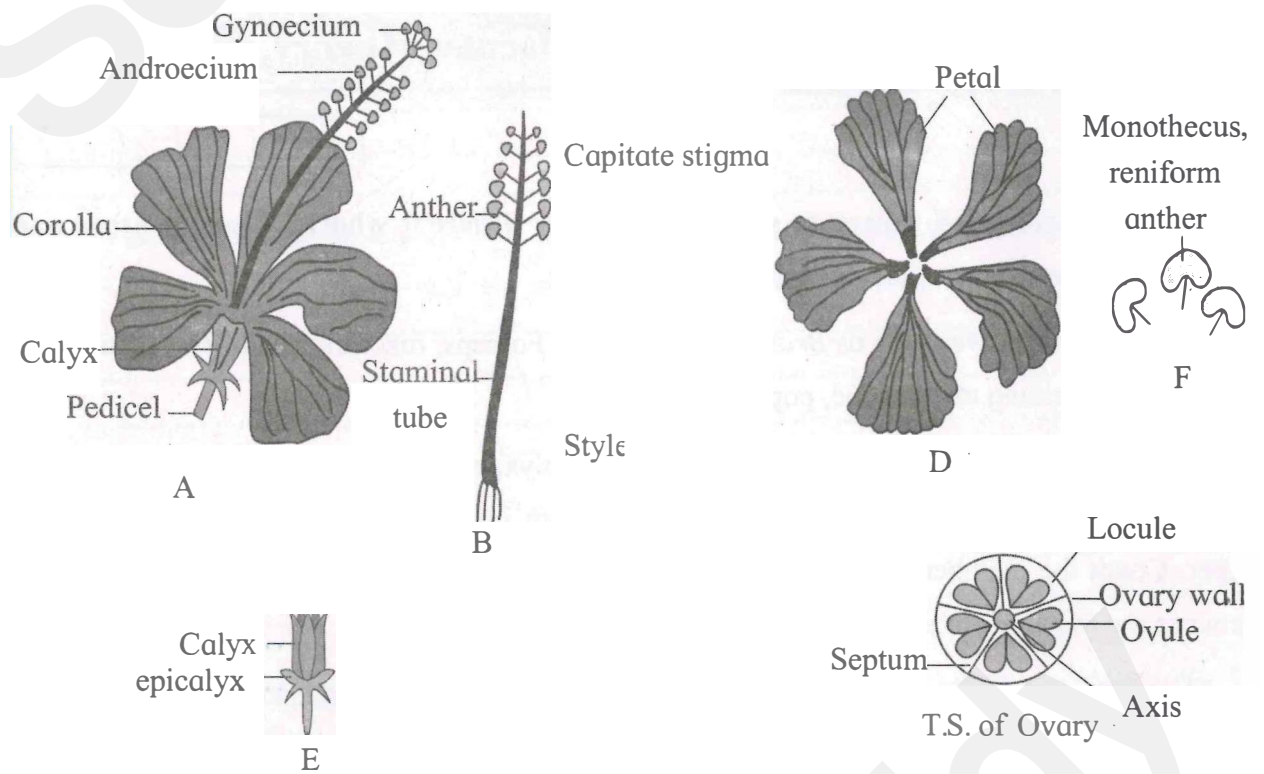
**Requirements :-** Flower such as *Brassica* or *Hibiscus*. Forceps, razor blade, slides, two needles, coverslips, dissecting microscope, paper, etc.

**Procedure :-** Observe different floral whorls such as calyx, corolla, androecium and gynoecium. Take out each floral whorl carefully and arrange them in proper ascending order on a white paper. Count the members of each whorl and also note down, if there is cohesion or adhesion between the members of same whorl or different whorls.

- Mount the anthers on slide and observe them under lens or dissecting microscope.
- Take a transverse section of each of anther and T. S. / V. S. of ovary with the help of sharp blade and mount them on a slide in a drop of water, separately.
- Observe under dissecting microscope and count the number of chambers in anther and ovary.
- Draw diagrams of the members of each whorl and sections of anther and ovary. Note down your observations as -

### **Hibiscus flower :-**

- Epicalyx - There are 5-7 free bracteoles.
- Calyx - 5 sepals, green, gamosepalous, valvate aestivation.
- Corolla - 5 petals, polypetalous, large, red coloured and showy, twisted aestivation.
- Androecium - Many stamens, showing monadelphous condition. (Filaments are fused to form hollow staminal tube but anthers free.) Anthers are monothecus and kidney shaped. Note colour, shape and ornamentation of pollen grains.
- Gynoecium - Pentacarpellary, syncarpous (5 carpels-fused), ovary-superior and pentalocular (five chambers) with axile placentation, style passes through hollow staminal tube, stigma-5 free capitate.



A : Entire flower, B : Monadelphous stamens, C : Polycarpellary syncarpous gynoecium, D : Corolla with free petals, E : Calyx with epicalyx, F : Anthers, G : T. S. of ovary

Fig. 10.1 Floral parts of *Hibiscus*

Activity : Write floral formula.

• **Brassica flower**

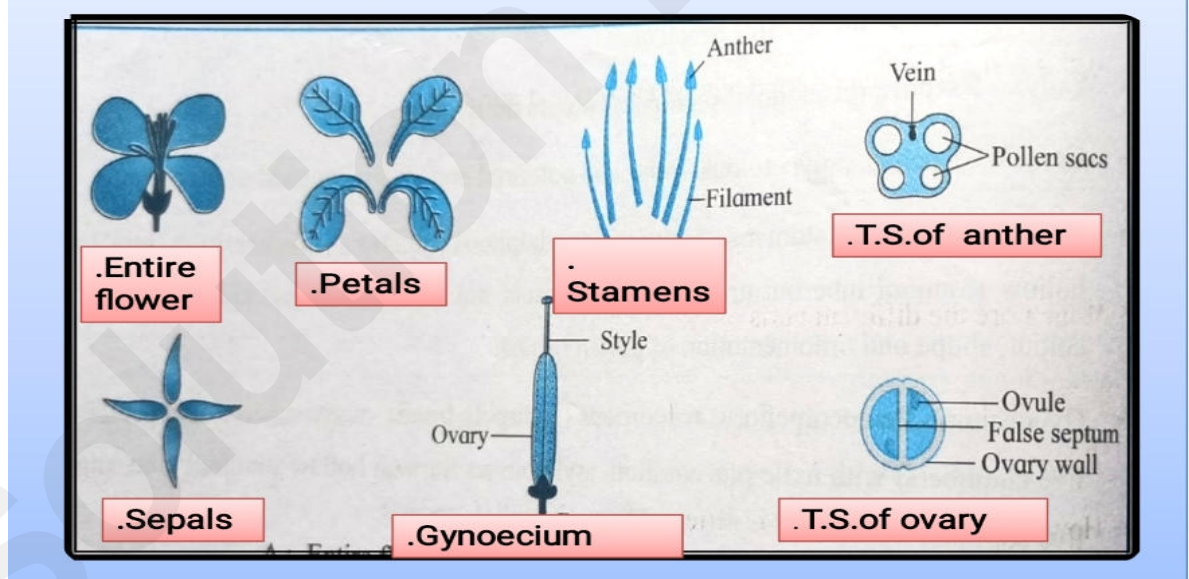


Fig. 10.2 Floral parts of *Brassica*

## Observe and describe the floral parts of *Brassica* flower :

Family - : Brassicaceae

Flower- Complete, pedicellate, ebracteate, hermaphrodite, actinomorphic, tetramerous, hypogynous, cyclic.

Calyx - Sepals - 4, polysepalous, petaloid, green.

Corolla - Petals-4, polypetalous, cruciform, valvate aestivation.

Androecium- Stamens-6 in two whorls (2 + 4), polyandrous, tetradynamous, 2 outer short and 4 inner long ditheous.

Gynoecium- Bicarpellar syncarpous, superior ovary with parietal placentation, bilocular ovary, style short, stigma bilobed.

### Activity : Write floral formula.

% K 2+2 C4 A2+4 G (2-4)

## Questions

### 1. What is flower?

Flower is a highly modified and condensed shoot part of plant which is meant for sexual reproduction, fruit formation and seed formation.

### 2. What is the function of flower?

- 1) Many flowers have to Attract pollinators with their bright colors.
- 2) Flowers provide nectar to certain birds and insects, which in turn help in the transfer of pollen from one flower to the other.
- 3) Give protection to reproductive organs like stamen and stigma.
- 4) The most important function of flowers is reproduction.
- 5) Flowers are promote selfing, or cross-fertilization.
- 6) The flowers can produce diaspores without fertilization.
- 7) After fertilization, the ovary of the flower develops into a fruit containing a seed.
- 8) Flowers provide food.
- 9) Flowers is the key point for new generation to come.
- 10) The main purpose of a flower in a plant is to reproduce, plant is monoecious or dioecious its purpose is to reproduce.

### 3. Which are the essential floral whorls? And why?

The androecium and gynoecium are called essential whorls of a flower. Because they are used for sexual reproduction.

### 4. What is the difference between polypetalous and gamopetalous corolla?

Polypetalous - corolla consists of petals that are free.

corolla composed of distinct, separable petals.

- Example is Hibiscus

Gamopetalous- corolla consists of petals are united. petals are fused are called Gamopetalous.

- Example is potato

### 5. Which are the different parts of stamen and carpel?

Stamen is a part of Androecium, the male reproductive part of a flower. The stamen consists of the anther, connective, and filament. Pollen grains are produced inside the anther. The carpel is a part of Gynoecium, Female reproductive whorl of a flower is called gynoecium. Typical carpel has three parts viz, stigma, style, and ovary. The ovary containing the ovules.

### 6. How does *Brassica* flower is different from that of *Hibiscus* ?

Hibiscus flower is different from that of Brassica are following point.

Hibiscus is a genus of flowering plants in the mallow family Malvaceae, Flower, Pentamerous,

Epicalyx - There are 5-7, Calyx - 5 sepals, Corolla - 5 petals, Androecium - Many stamens

Gynoecium Pentacarpellary and pentalocular.

Brassica is a mustard family (Brassicaceae). Flower- tetramerous,

Calyx - Sepals - 4,

Corolla - Petals-4,

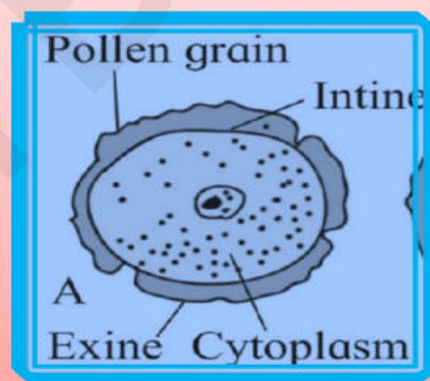
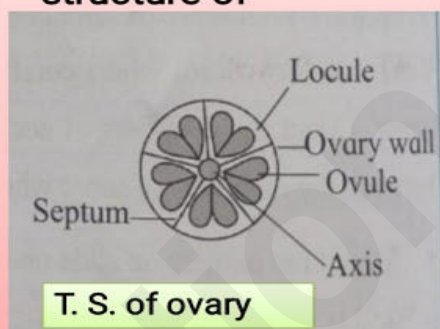
Androecium- Stamens-6,

Gynoecium- Bicarpellar, bilocular ovary.

## Multiple Choice Questions

- The type of placentation seen in *Hibiscus* ovary is \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. parietal                      b. marginal  
c. free central                d. axile
  - The anthers in *Hibiscus* are \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. monothecus                  b. monothecus basifixed  
c. bithecus basifixed          d. bithecus dorsifixed
  - Hibiscus* shows protandrous condition. It will favour \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. self pollination              b. cross pollination  
c. vegetative reproduction     d. autogamy
  - In *Hibiscus*, aestivation of calyx is \_\_\_\_\_ and of corolla is \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. contorted and valvate          b. twisted and valvate  
c. valvate and twisted            d. vexillary and valvate
  - Hibiscus* is a hypogynous flower because its ovary is \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. inferior                      b. semi-superior  
c. superior                      d. semi-inferior
- Observe the slide and draw the diagrams of T. S. of ovary and morphological structure of pollen grain.

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