

UNIT II : STRUCTURAL ORGANISATION IN PLANTS - MORPHOLOGY

3. MORPHOLOGY OF FLOWERING PLANTS

2VSAQ + 1SAQ [2 + 2 + 4=8 Marks]

ROOT POINTS

- Morphology of Plants** deals with the study of form, size, colour and structure of plants.
- The main contents of the chapter are**
 - The root
 - The stem
 - The leaf
 - The inflorescence
 - The flower
 - The fruit
 - The seed
 - technical description of flowering plants
 - Solanaceae
- Root:** The under ground part of the flowering plant is called root and upper part is shoot.
- Main functions of roots are **absorption** and **conduction** of water, Minerals.
- Fibrous roots originate from the base of stem and Adventitious roots arise from non-radical parts.
- The four regions of a root:** 1) Root cap 2) Region of meristematic activity [SAQ]
3) Region of elongation 4) Region of maturity
- Stem** is the ascending part of the axis bearing branches, leaves, flowers and fruits. Stem bears nodes and internodes.
- Leaf is a lateral out growth of stem, developed exogenously at the node.
- Leaves are green in colour and perform photosynthesis.
- The leaf exhibits several variations in their shape, size, margin, apex and lamina.
- The swollen leaf base is called pulvinous leaf base. It is seen in 'Leguminaceae' family. [IPE]
- The mode of arrangement of veins and veinlets in the lamina of a leaf is called **Venation**. [IPE]
- The swollen leaf base is called pulvinous leaf base. It is seen in 'Leguminosae' family. [VSAQ]
- In dicots, reticulate venation is seen, in monocots parallel venation is seen. [VSAQ]
- Phyllotaxy** is the mode of arrangement of leaves on the stem. It is of three types. [SAQ]
1) Alternate Phyllotaxy 2) Opposite Phyllotaxy 3) Whorled Phyllotaxy
- In Racemose, main axis shows continuous growth, in Cymose, main axis shows limited growth. [VSAQ]
- The arrangement of flowers on the floral axis is called inflorescence.
- The attachment of stamens to the petals is called **epipetalous condition**. [VSAQ]
Ex: Datura Brinjal.
- Carpels of gynoecium are i) free from each other in apocarpous ovary, [VSAQ]
ii) fused with each other in syncarpous ovary,
- Based on the position of calyx, corolla and insertion of floral members on thalamus, flowers are three types. 1) Hypogynous 2) Perigynous 3) Epigynous. [SAQ]
- The flower is a modified shoot, meant for sexual reproduction.

22. **Actinomorphic flower** can be divided into two equal halves in **any** vertical plane. [VSAQ]
23. **Zygomorphic flower** can be divided into two similar halves in **one** vertical plane. [VSAQ]
24. **Aestivation** is the mode of arrangement of sepals or petals in a floral bud [SAQ]
25. **Main types of aestivation:** 1)Valvate aestivation 2)Twisted aestivation [SAQ]
3)Imbricate aestivation 4)Papilionaceous (or) Vexillary aestivation:
26. **Fruit** is the modification of ovary
27. A fruit formed without fertilization of ovary is called **parthenocarpic fruit**. Ex: Banana.[VSAQ]
28. **Placentation** is the arrangement of ovules within the ovary It is of 5 types. [SAQ]
1) Marginal Placentation 2)Axile Placentation
3) Parietal placentation 4) Free central placentation 5)Basal placentation
29. **Seed** is the modification of ovule.
30. A floral diagram provides information about the number of parts of a flower, their arrangement and their relation. [SAQ]
31. **Solanaceae** is commonly called as potato family. It includes potato, tomato, brinjal, chilli, tobacco..etc.,
32. In **Solanum nigrum ovary** is bicarpellary, syncarpous, bilocular, superior ovary with many ovules on swollen axile, placentation. [VSAQ]
33. **Floral formula of Solanum plant:** Br or Ebr , $Ebrl$, \oplus , ♀ , $K_{(5)}$, $C_{(5)}$, $A_{(5)}$, $\underline{G}_{(2)}$ [VSAQ]
34. Roots play insignificant role in absorption of water in **Pistia**. [NEET-2015]
35. Axile placentation is present in **lemon**. [NEET-2015]
36. A major characteristic of monocot root is the presence of **vasculature without cambium**. [NEET-2015]
37. Leaves become modified into spines in **Opuntia**. [NEET-2015]
38. Keel is the characteristic feature of flower of **Indigofera**. [NEET-2015]
39. Perigynous flowers are found in **rose**. [NEET-2015]
40. Cortex is the region found between **epidermis and stele**. [NEET-2016]
41. Free-central placentation is found in **Dianthus**. [NEET-2016]
42. Radial symmetry is found in the flowers of **Brassica**. [NEET-2016]
43. The term 'polyadelphous' is related to **androecium**. [NEET-2016]
44. The standard petal of a papilionaceous corolla is also called **vexillum**. [NEET-2016]
45. Specialised epidermal cells surrounding the guard cells are called **subsidiary cells**. [NEET-2016]
46. Tricarpellary, syncarpous gynoecium is found in flowers of **Liliaceae**. [NEET-2016]
47. Cotyledon of maize grain is called **scutellum** [NEET-2016]
48. Stems modified into flat green organs performing the functions of leaves are known as **phylloclades**. [NEET-2016]
49. The morphological nature of the edible part of coconut is **endosperm**. [NEET-2017]
50. In Bougainvillea, thorns are the modifications of **stem**. [NEET-2017]
51. The roots that originate from the base of stem are **fibrous roots**. [NEET-2020]