

# REPRODUCTION IN PLANTS

→ formation of young ones of ones own kind is an essential character of all living things

specie: a group of similar organisms which can reproduce freely in nature and produce fertile off springs.

1. Asexual Reproduction
2. Sexual Reproduction

→ stem + leaves + roots → vegetative parts (asexual)

↳ presence of nodes at root tips, one at shoot tip, one at intervals and one at stems in the form of rings

↳ retain capability of cell division

nodes } have groups of undifferentiated cells called meristems  
root tip } (generally known as stem cells)  
shoot tip } ↳ which retain division capability throughout their lives

→ when plants use these 3, they must involve mitosis in cell division  
↳ means new generation will be identical

## ASEXUAL REPRODUCTION

→ this process does not involve gamete formation and their fusion

→ a fast process

→ the offsprings are genetically identical

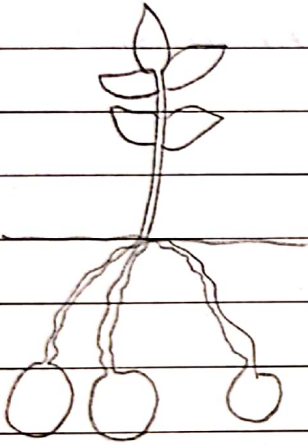
- Types:
- i. Vegetative Propagation
  - ii. Micro Propagation
  - ii. Spore formation

## Vegetative Propagation

- reproduction of flowering plants using vegetative parts, involving mitosis
- 2 types : 1. Natural Vegetative Propagation  
2. Artificial Vegetative Propagation

### 1. Natural Vegetative Propagation

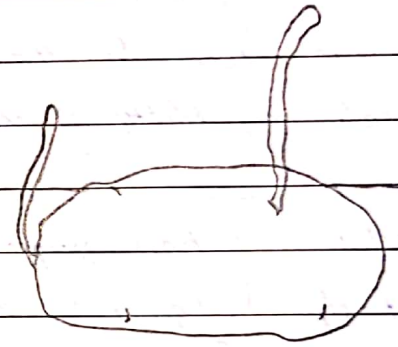
- during favorable conditions, plants photosynthesize and produce carbohydrates which are stored in storage organs in same plants
- plants pass the unfavorable conditions on the storage organs which support to produce new plants on the arrival of favorable conditions



Favorable



Unfavorable



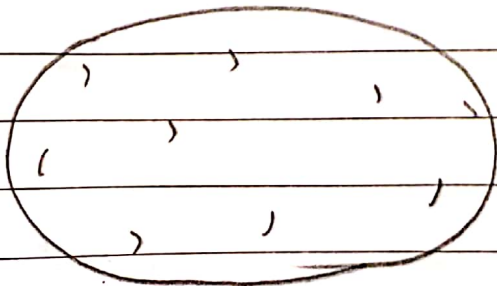
Favourable

- few other examples of this :

#### 1). Tuber

- underground modified stem of a plant for storage (extra food material)

e.g/ potatoes



• markings are actually nodes

availability of favorable conditions, the storage organ can activate  
- the cells would divide & make an identical plant to the parent plant

### 2). Rhizome

→ underground modified storage cells  
e.g/ ginger

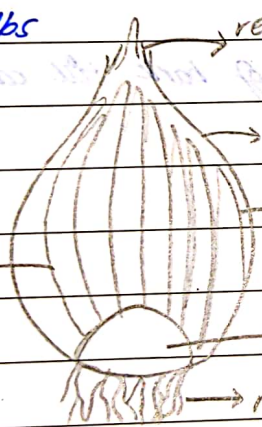


→ scaling on ginger (scaly leaves) - along these we have presence of nodes

→ on activation of nodes, we can get a new plant

### 3). Bulb

→ underground modified leaves  
e.g/ onion bulbs



remains of previous aerial growth

scale leaves

fleshy leaves

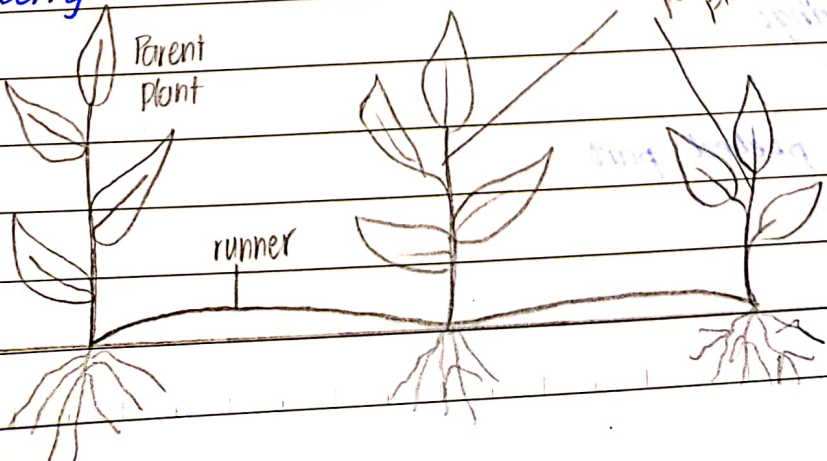
lateral bud

stern (bulb) - new plant can be made by mitosis here

roots

### 4). Runner

e.g/ Strawberry



Parent plant

runner

clones of parent plant

→ underground modified storage stem

## 2. Artificial Vegetative Propagation

→ involves human intervention

→ most common methods are cutting, layering, tissue culturing, grafting and marcotting

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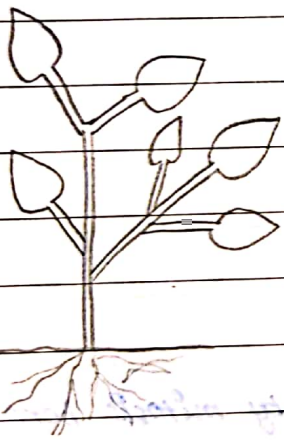
→ cut a mature shoot of a plant which has buds on it

→ then bury it in soil, upon arrival of favorable conditions it produces roots and shoots

→ the food stored in ~~the~~ the stem is used until plant develops its own leaves

→ examples:

roses, sugar cane



\* removal of bark till cambium

### 2). Layering

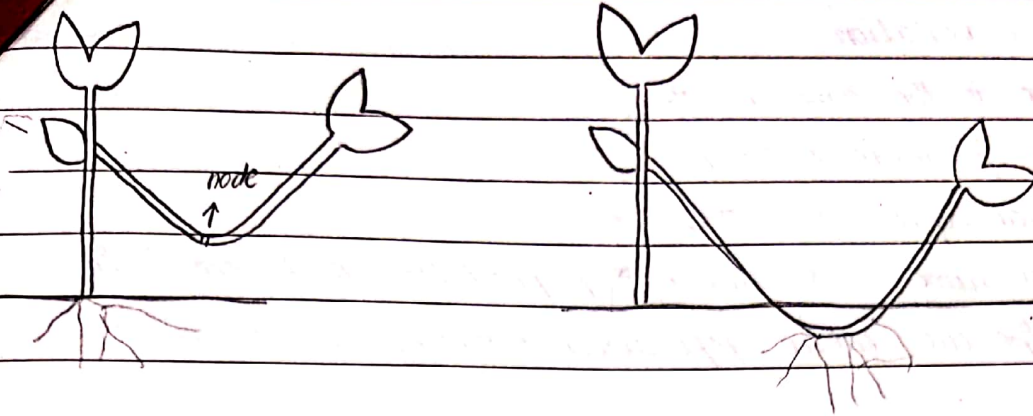
→ cut a few mm thick rings slightly away from the tip of the shoot, few cm away from each other

→ peel the bark b/w these rings

→ bury this part in the soil

→ new root emerges from the peeled part

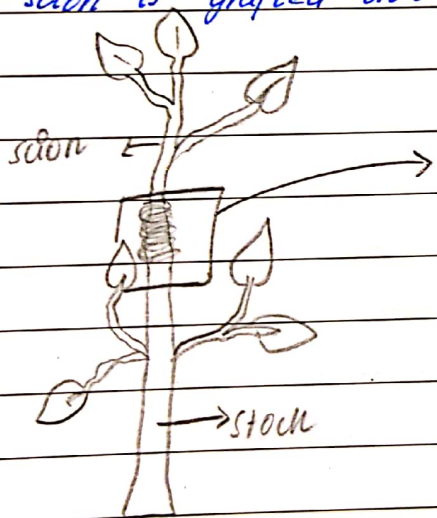
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→ e.g. citrus plants

### 3). Grafting

- cut a shoot from a plant which has desired fruit quality, it is called scion
- the stem of the plant with the root system is cut and called stock
- scion is grafted onto the stock



Q. Why do farmers use asexual means of reproduction?

Ans. → quick as compared to sexual

- requires one plant only
- no external agents required
- little waste
- ensures that desirable characteristics of the parent plant will persist

Q. What are the disadvantages of asexual reproduction?

Ans. → minimum genetic variation

→ all are vulnerable to the same disease

→ occurs only under favorable conditions

→ nature favors sexual reproduction over asexual

→ same traits means same weaknesses → if predator attacks one & is successful it will wipe out entire population resulting in extinction

Q. Write down some features of vegetative propagation?

A. → identical to parent plant

→ miniature plant can be nourished by parent plant until it is established enough to live independently

→ the plant doesn't need to produce flowers

## SEXUAL REPRODUCTION

- for the formation of gametes, the reproductive structure present in plants are flowers
- flowers may be present singularly or in clusters called inflorescence and may differ from each other

### Parts of flowers & their functions

#### 1. Calyx

- a collection of sepal makes the first whorl of flowers called calyx
- encloses and protects the other parts of a flower when it is a bud

#### 2. Corolla / petals

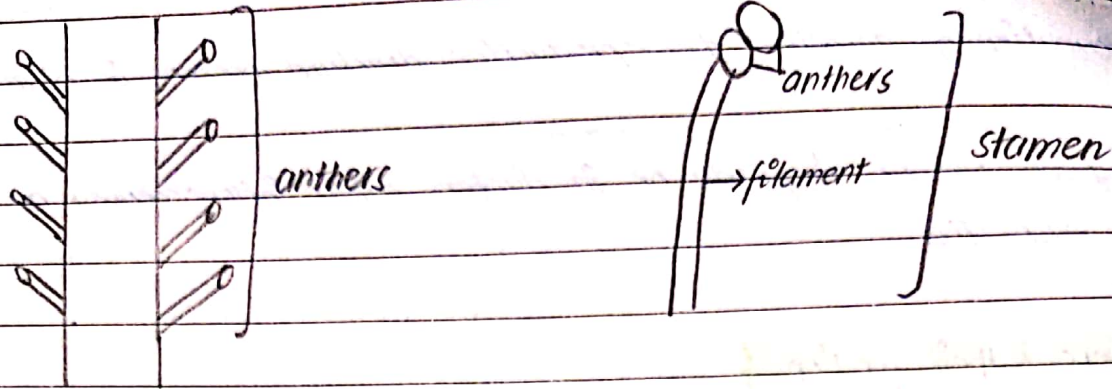
- petals of different shapes & colors may be present
- second whorl of the flower
- they are large and scented to attract insects for pollination

nectaries : sac-like and contain nectar  
microscopic

nectar guides : to guide insects to nectaries  
no. in accordance with the other whorls  
sometimes separated & sometimes alternative (overlapping)

#### 3. Androceium / stamens

- male reproductive part of a flower
- each stamen is made up of a filament & anther  
↓  
tube-like & long
- not specific to specie
- each anther is a lobed structure which contains pollen sacs  
Inside these pollen sacs, meiosis occurs & produces numerous, thick-walled  
bi° nucleated haploid cells called pollen grains



filament tube

10 stamens (9 + 1)

Papilionaceae

4. Gynoecium / Carpel / Pistil

→ female reproductive part of the flower

→ each carpel consists of:

\* stigma — stage for landing of pollen grains

\* style — tube-like

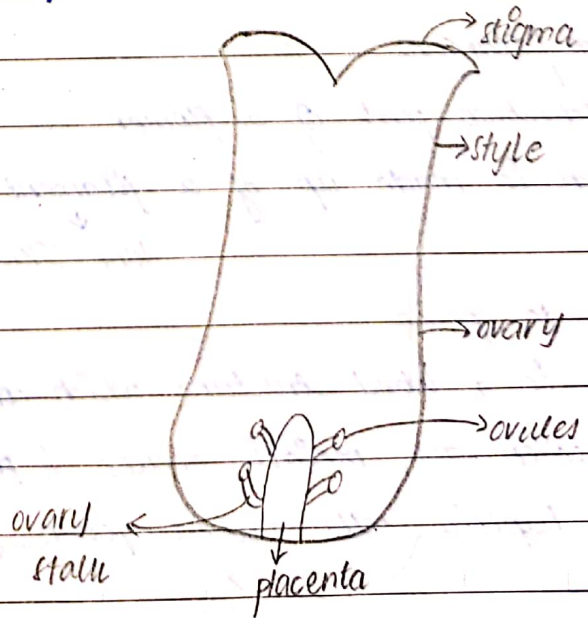
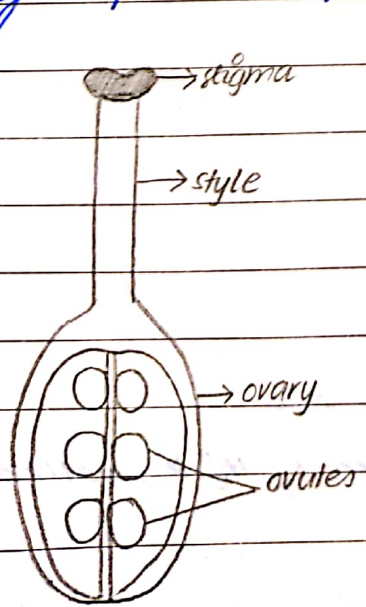
\* ovary — part containing ovules

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 haploid, female gametes mature here

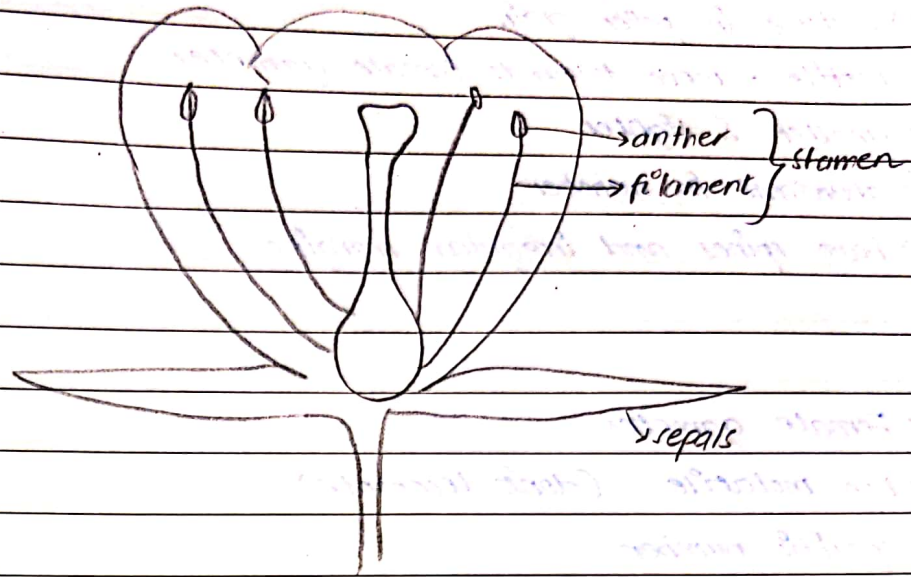
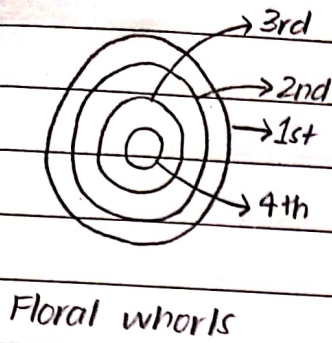
→ ovary contains one or more ovules inside it

→ leathery and bifurcated

→ no. of carpels is equal specific to species in accordance with the other whorls







⇒ complete flower: all 4 whorls are present

incomplete flower: any of the whorls is missing

⇒ perianth: calyx or corolla is absent

⇒ pistillate flower: androceium absent (female)

⇒ staminate flower: gynoecium absent (male)

bisexual flower: both sexes in one flower — Hermaphrodite e.g. Lily/Hibiscus

unisexual flower: pistillate or staminate flower e.g. Papaya

big fruits/vegetables: unisexual flowers usually famous flowers: bisexual (+ mango)

radial symmetrical: can be cut into 2 halves at more than one plane

bilateral symmetrical: can be divided into 2 halves at only one plane

superior ovary: all whorls arranged lower than ovary on thalamus

inferior ovary: all whorls arranged above ovary on thalamus

monoecious: bisexual flower

dioecious: unisexual flower

### \* Male gametes

- ↳ mature in pollen grain
- ↳ motile : move towards female gametes
- ↳ smaller & lighter
- ↳ abundant in number
- ↳ have spines and irregular margins

### \* Female gametes

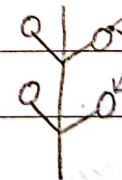
- ↳ non-motile (don't locomote)
  - ↳ specific number
  - ↳ larger in size
  - ↳ heavier
- } more cytoplasmic content (none of the male's involved)

## POLLINATION

- transfer of pollen grains from anthers to stigma by wind or insects
- 2 types :
  1. Self-Pollination
  2. Cross-Pollination

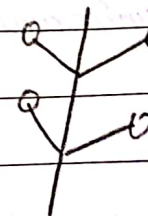
### 1. Self-Pollination

- transfer of pollen grains from one flower to another flower of the same plant



### 2. Cross-Pollination

- transfer of pollen grains from one flower to another flower of ~~the same~~ a different plant
- favored by nature over self-pollination



- the position of anthers and stigma are different in the flower
- maturing time of both reproductive parts is different in same flower - male part matures earlier
- plants have only one sex flower
- position of pistillate flower is higher than staminate flower on the same plant to avoid self-pollination

advantages:

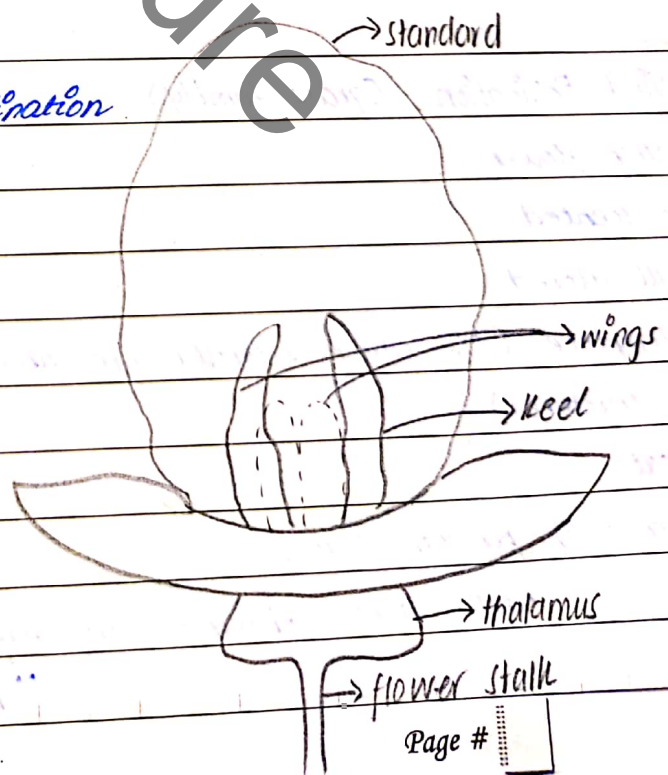
- increased probability of genetic variation
- ↑ genetic variation in next generation leads to ↑ gene pool of a population
- ↓ chances of genetic disorders
- ↓ competition b/w parents & next generation

∴ MODES OF POLLINATION

- (1) Insect Pollination
- (2) Wind Pollination

1. Insect Pollination

- large flower
- ↳ large petals act as a landing site
- must be colored
- scented
- presence of nectaries
- nectar guides
- compact reproductive parts



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e.g/ *clitoria*

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→ complete, hermaphrodite, bilateral

i. calyx

- 5
- green
- bell-shaped with free margins

ii. corolla

- 5 : 1 + 2 + 2 arrangement
- standard - largest, purple in color
  - wings - purplish white & smaller than standard
  - keel - white & smaller than wings



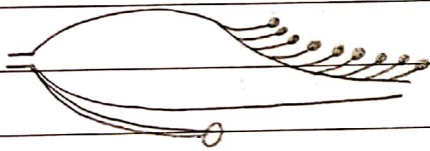
\* standard provides landing stage, turns backward when insect lands on it, opens the flower & guides the insect to nectaries

iii. androecium

- papilionaceous : 10 (9+1)
- free anthers

iv. gynoecium

- 5
- stigma is hairy & style is short
- syncarpous condition + fused



## 2. Wind Pollination (grass family)

- smaller flower
- not scented
- dull colored
- incomplete (b/c calyx & corolla are absent & there is instead presence of scale like structures)

e.g/ oats

↳ presence of perianth leaves

- dull leaves
- having scaly leaf like structures  
"Bracts"

flowers : \* each has 2 flowering bracts

\* lower axis — staminate flowers → 3 stamens

\* higher axis — hermaphrodite — bisexual → 3 stamens

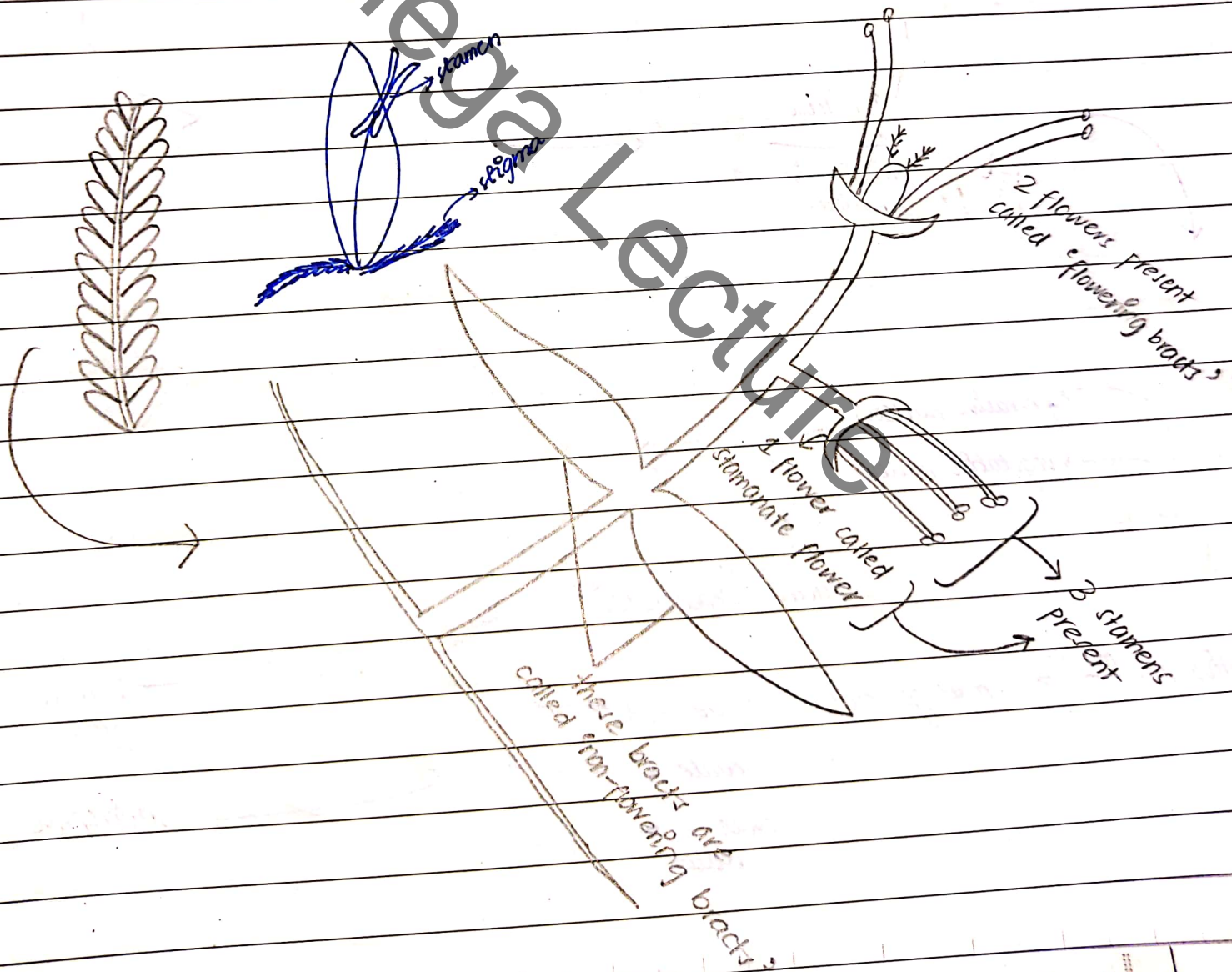
→ 3 carpels → syncarpous

- short style
- bifurcated
- feathering stigma (A.S.A)

→ reproductive parts are not protected or hidden & are instead protecting —

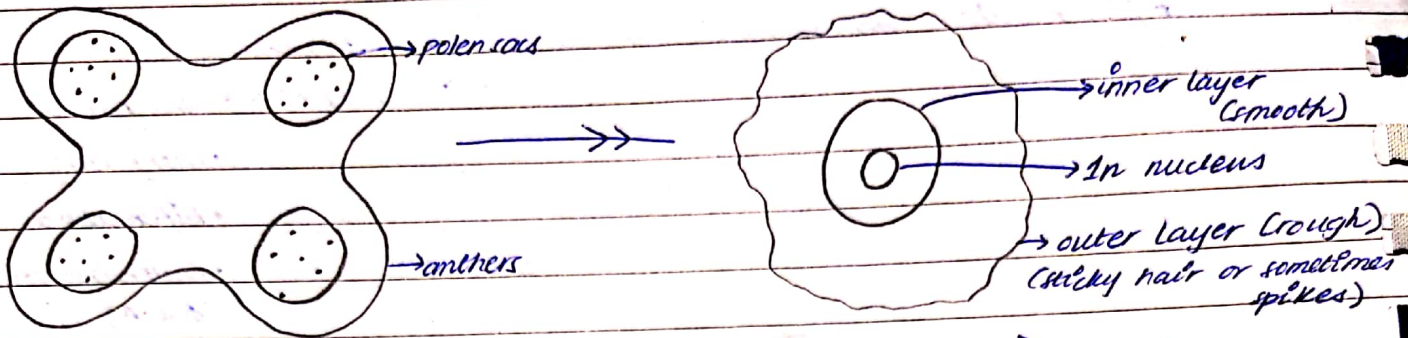
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→ all 6 stamens have long filaments which are pendulous  
↓  
protruding

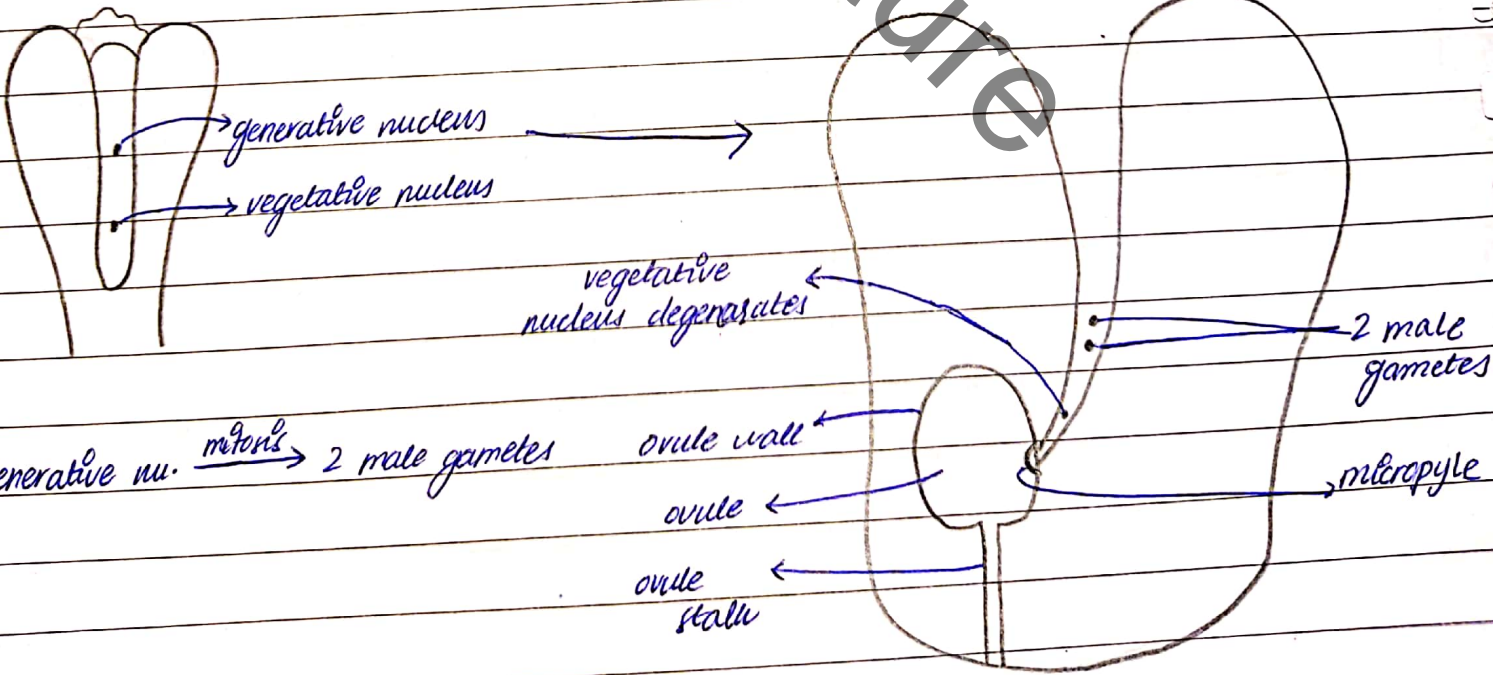
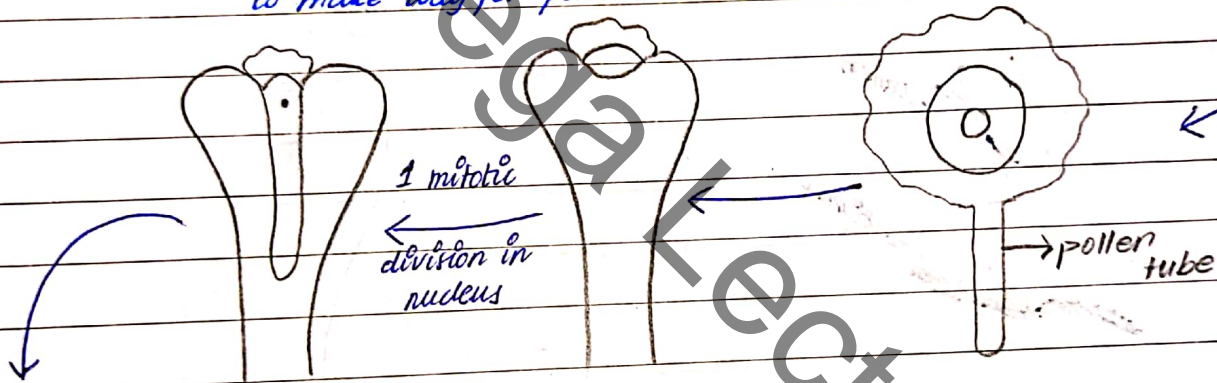


**MATURATION OF POLLEN GRAINS TO MALE GAMETES**

→ before maturation they pass a specie specific recognition test



→ stigma produces an enzyme to start maturation process  
 dissolves walls of stigma  
 to make way for pollen tube and direct it to the ovary



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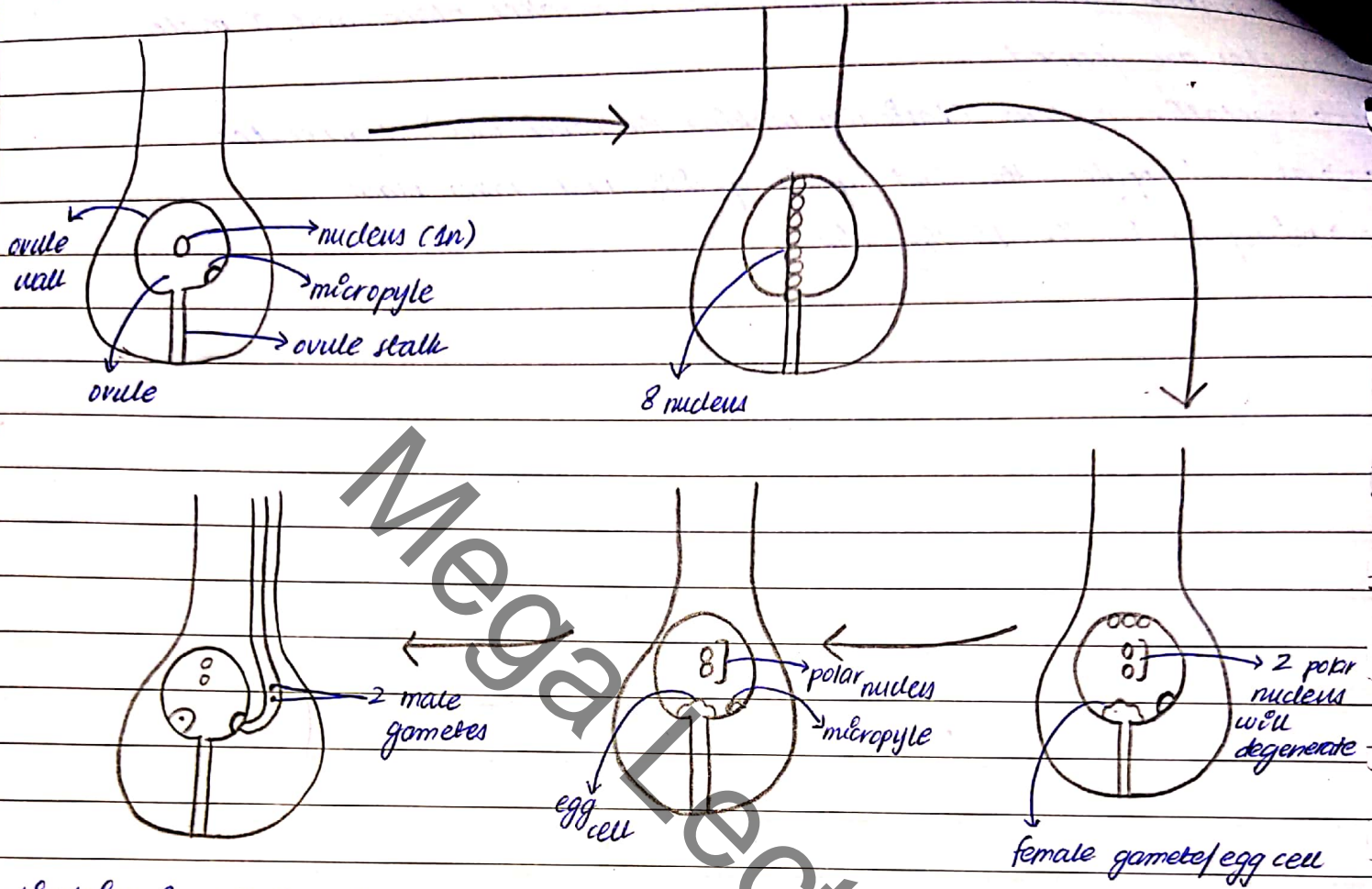
pollen tube starts penetrating

- pollen tube can't attach anywhere but micropyle
- generative nucleus — 1 mitotic division takes place and 2 male gametes are formed
- vegetative nucleus (basically making the pollen tube) degenerates
- at micropyle, the 2nd specie specific test takes place
- micropyle is the binding site

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## MATURATION OF FEMALE GAMETE

→ the nucleus is inside the ovule



dissolving of wall of ovule  
at micropyle — both male gametes into ovule

(3 from opp. pole & 2 from  
micropyle will degenerate)



### Germination of the pollen grain

- after pollination the pollens soak substances released by stigma which stimulate the pollen grain bursts
- the inner one protrudes as the pollen tube
- both of the nuclei enter into the pollen tube
- the one at the top is called the tube nucleus which controls the elongation of the pollen tube
- the pollen tube continues to grow down through the style to the ovary
- as it enters the embryo sac through micropyle, the tip of the pollen tube and tube nucleus degenerate
- meanwhile the nuclei following behind called generative, divides to make two sperms
- these sperms are mobile and released into the embryo sac
- one fuses with the egg to make zygote while the other fuses with definitive nucleus to make endosperm nucleus
- this process is called double fertilization because two fertilizations are taking place at the same time

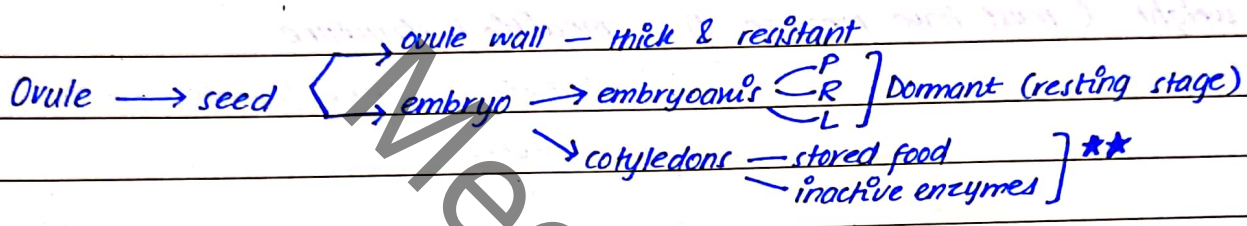
**POST FERTILIZATION**

- \* ovary turns into fruit
- \* ovule wall → seed coat / testa
- \* ovule stalk → seed stalk
- \* micropyle remains the same
- \* style, stigma, stamen, petals wither off
- \* calyx sometimes ~~will~~ dries off or sometimes is retained with the fruit e.g. apples
- ↳ sometimes it transforms/modifies into dry, wing like structure

\* ovary wall → fruit wall → pericarp

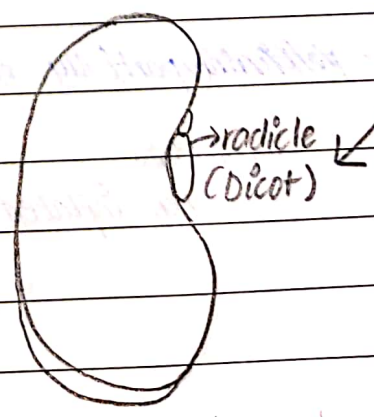
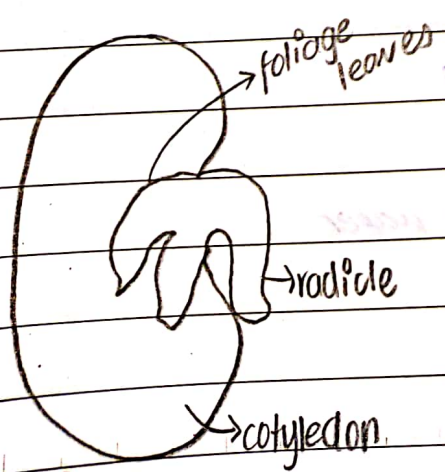
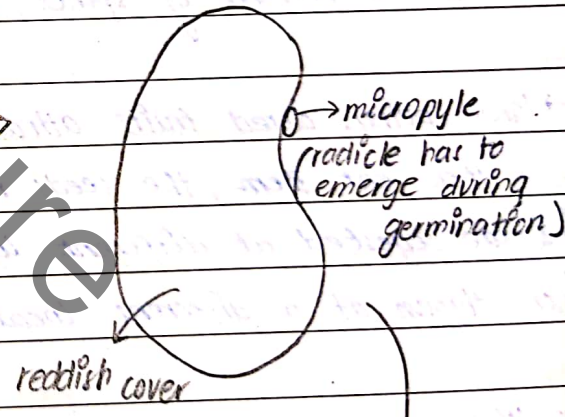
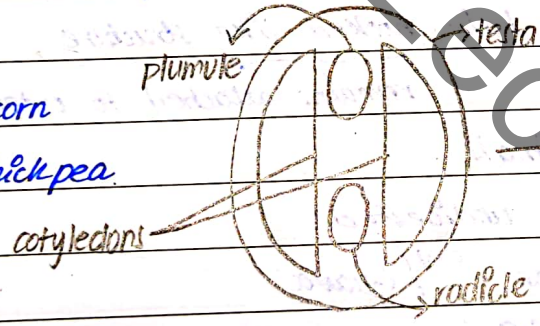
cotyledons, plumule, radicle are formed when the zygote from fertilization multiply

} hard & resistant



\*\* carbohydrates stored in form of starch - amylase  
 proteins - protease  
 fats - lipase } a combination can be present & only one as well

monocotyledon - corn  
 dicotyledon - chickpea



## Seed Dispersal/Fruit Dispersal

↳ can't be separated from fruit dispersal

↳ Modes : 1. Wind 2. Animal 3. Water

↳ always favored by nature to avoid competition b/w parent & young plant

↳ advantages : \* avoid competition

\*  $\uparrow$  gene pool =  $\downarrow$  probability of genetic disorders =  $\uparrow$  genetic variation

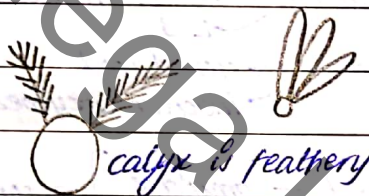
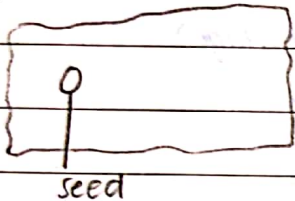
\* to adapt to a new habitat

### 1. Wind

→ seed must be smaller in size

→ lighter in weight & must have presence of a modified structure

e.g/



⇒ makes it easier to move with currents

### 2. Animals

→ testa has presence of spines, sticky hair, hooked like structure

remains attached to outer structure

→ large, pulpy, colored fruits attract animals

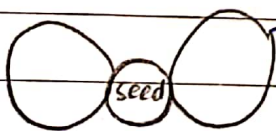
↳ as they eat them, the seeds remain undigested

↳ & are egested at different locations e.g/ Guava

↳ or thrown at a different location e.g/ mango

### 3. Water

e.g/ water lily — ~~partially~~ partially submerged aquatic plants



→ attracts  
when inflated they float the seed on water

→ sacks deflate & germinate on arrival of suitable conditions, sinking the seed into the base of the waterbody

e.g/ coconut

seed + thick fruit wall,  
contains husks (hair like)

\*→ hair like structure contains numerous holes, when water moves in, it floats on water & when it comes out the seeds come to the top

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## SEED GERMINATION

- breaking of dormancy, controlled by enzymes
- development of a seed to a new young plant is called germination
- ~~the~~ seed germinates in presence of certain conditions:

### i. Moisture / Water

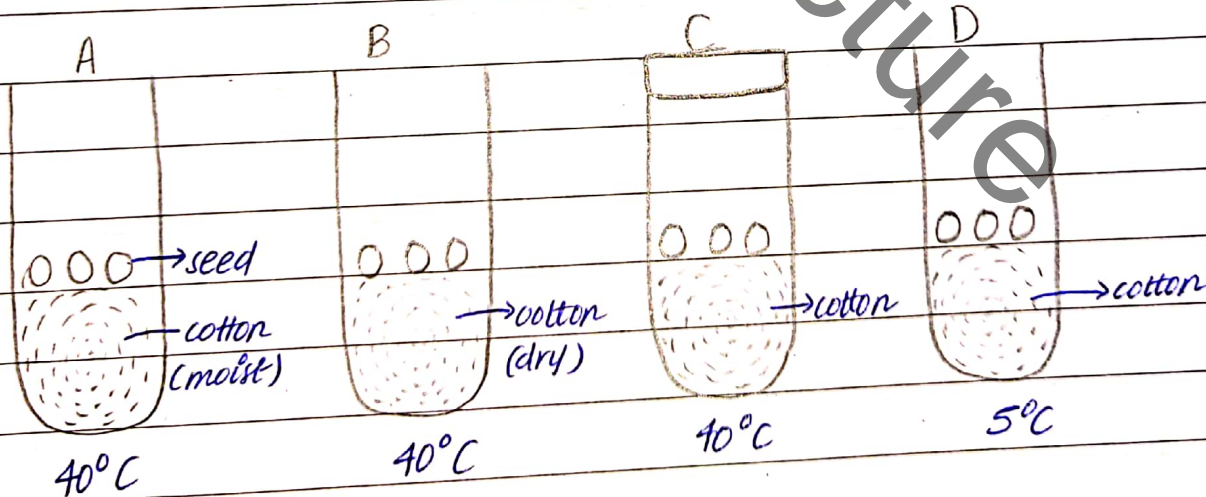
- makes testa soft and permeable to  $O_2$  gas
- activates enzymes (in cotyledon) → hydrolysis of stored food in cotyledon to start providing nutrients for respiration

### ii. Oxygen

- start of respiration (metabolic process)
- release of energy for active cell division (growth)

### iii. High temperatures / Temperatures suitable for the enzymes involved

- ↑ metabolic rate
- a few degrees above optimum



- ⇒ initial decrease of mass (mass) → using up of cotyledon
- ⇒ after few days: ↑ mass — growth

→ dormant seed — embryo and food stores are surrounded by an impermeable seed coat

↳ the micropyle is the only gap in the seed coat

→ water enters through the micropyle

↳ activates enzymes to convert insoluble stores to soluble foods (e.g. amylase for starch to glucose, protease for proteins to amino acids)

↳ makes tissues swell so that the testa is split open

→ water & oxygen enter through gaps in the testa

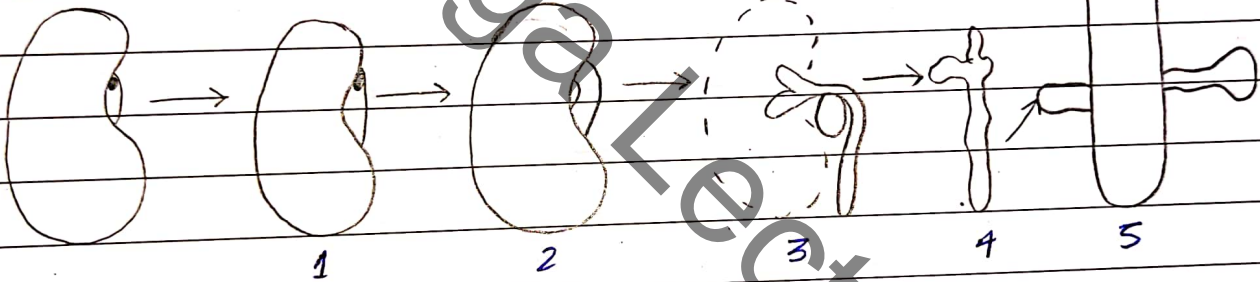
↳ oxygen & glucose enable aerobic respiration, which releases energy

→ the embryo is able to grow as it receives raw materials and energy

(refer to book for a better understanding)

radicle → root

plumule → shoot



1. The radicle (young root) emerges first — it anchors the seedling in the soil and starts to absorb water and mineral ions

2. The plumule (young shoot) emerges as the testa is split away from cotyledons — the hooked shoot protects the young leaves from damage by soil particles

3. The plumule grows upwards retaining its hooked shape.

Cotyledon visible through split testa.

4. Foliage leaves show / Plumule emerges above ground and starts to straighten out to lift foliage leaves above soil.

lateral roots increase in size: important for anchorage and absorption of water and mineral ions.



5. ~~Fully~~ Foliage leaves open / Plumule straight — holds leaves upwards

Testa begins to shrivel

Food stores in cotyledons provide nutrients for growth and energy

Seedling has now been established

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