



# ULTIMATE KCET

## CRASH COURSE 2026

Botany

Lecture - 01

Photosynthesis in higher plants  
Respiration in plants

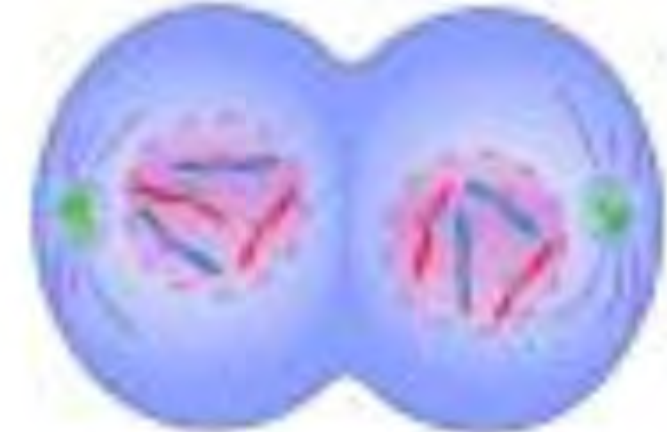
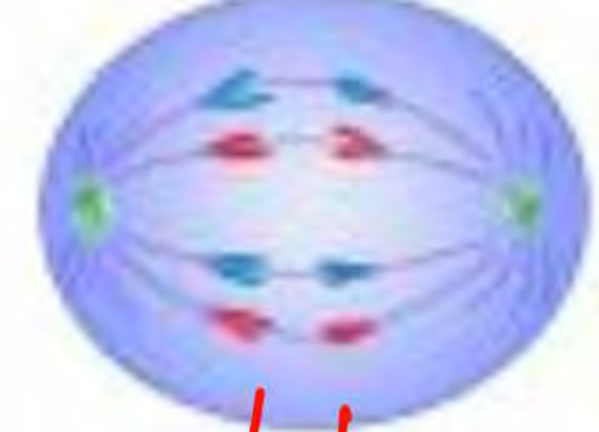
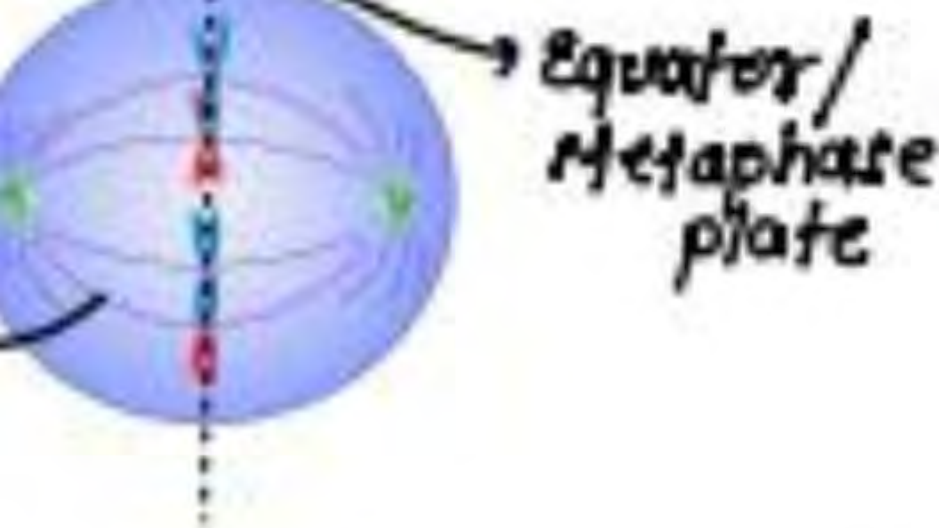
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# Topics to be covered

- 1 Cell cycle
- 2 Photosynthesis
- 3
- 4





matin cond<sup>n</sup>  
complete  
become clearly  
visible

plete dis-integration  
nucleus membrane  
beginning of metaphase

Stage to study  
Morphology

have chromosome  
up of 2-sister  
frs which is held by  
centomere

- Shortening of spindle fibres
- ↓
- Chromosome splitting
- ↓
- Sister chromatid separate & move to opp. pole
- Chromosome move towards poles, with arms trailing behind
- Chromosome no. doubled.

- Phase of 2 Nucleus
- Decondensation of Chromosome
- Chromosome lost their identity.
- Reappearance of cell organelle
- Spindle fibre breakdown

initiate after parental chromosome replicate to form sister chromatid at S-phase

similar to Mitosis

	G <sub>1</sub>	S	G <sub>2</sub>	M <sub>I</sub>	M <sub>II</sub>
CN:	46	46	46	23	23
DNA:	90	180	180	90	45

• Meiosis Have 2 cycle, but single cycle for DNA Replication.

## ⑨ MEIOSIS - I

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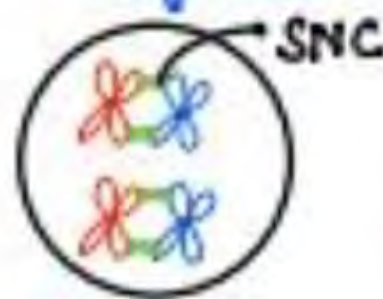
### \* Prophase-I

#### Leptotene



- Chromosome gradually visible under light microscope
- Early prophase

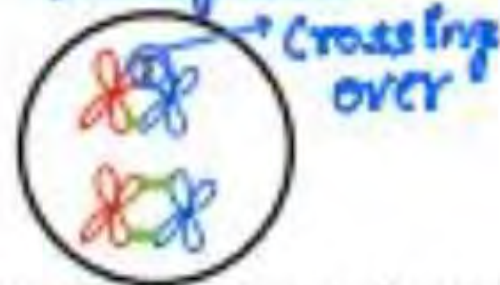
#### Zygotene



- Synapsis of Homologous chr. ↓ Synaptonemal complex

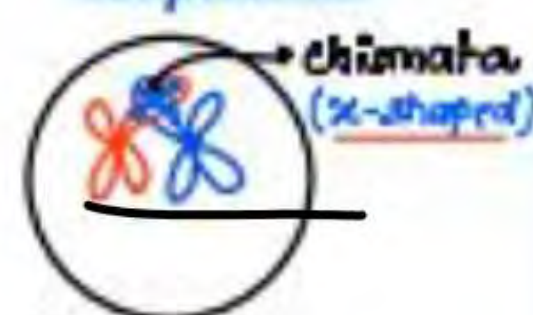
• Bivalent/tetrad  
 2-chromosome  
 4-chromatid

#### Pachytene



- Bivalent/tetrad clearly visible
- Recombination nodules at crossing over
- Crossing over  
 → site of Recombination nod.  
 → b/w non-sister chromatid of Homologous chromosome  
 → Enzyme mediated process → Recombinase  
 → complete at end of pachytene

#### Diplotene



- Dissolution of SNC
- Homologous chr. separate except site of crossing over
- X-shaped chiasmata form<sup>n</sup> at crossing over
- In oocytes of some vertebrates  
 ↓  
 diplotene last four month/years

#### Diakinesis



- Terminalisation of chiasmata
- Chromosome fully condensed and spindle fibre formed
- at end of Diakinesis  
 → nucleolus Disappear  
 → nuclear envelope break
- Diakinesis represent transition to metaphase-I.



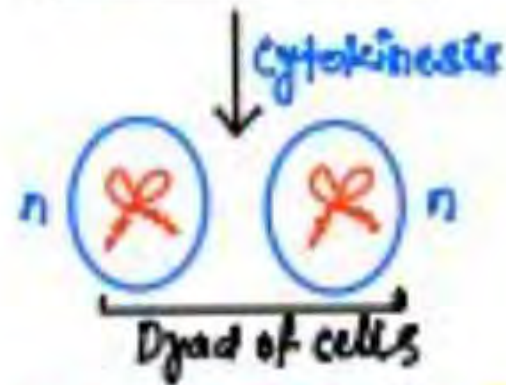
Synaptonemal Complex

Synapsis

Bivalent/Tetrad



recombinase

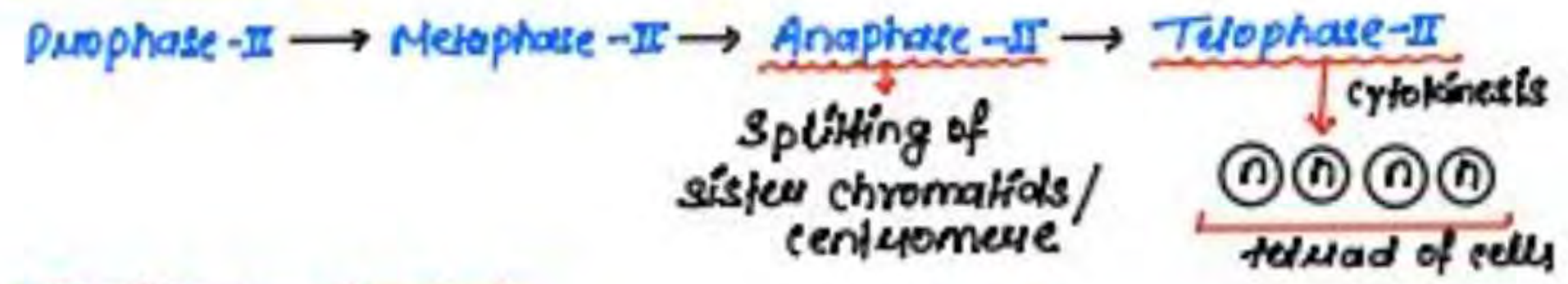


- Chromosome decondense
- In many cases chromosome undergo some dispersion
- Chromosome do not reach the extreme extended state.

(more complex) **Interkinesis** (less complex)

- stage b/w 2 meiotic division
- short lived
- **NO replication of DNA.**

⑩ **Meiosis - II** (similar to mitosis)



\* **Significance of meiosis**

- Conservation of specific chromosome number ✓
- Increase genetic variability (important for evolution) ✓
- prokaryotic cells lack both mitosis & meiosis

mitosis  
4 Mo cell →

$$\begin{array}{r} 1-2 \\ 4=? \end{array} \quad \underline{\underline{4 \times 2 = 8 (2n)}}$$

meiosis  
1 Mo → 4 da. cells

4 Mo → ?

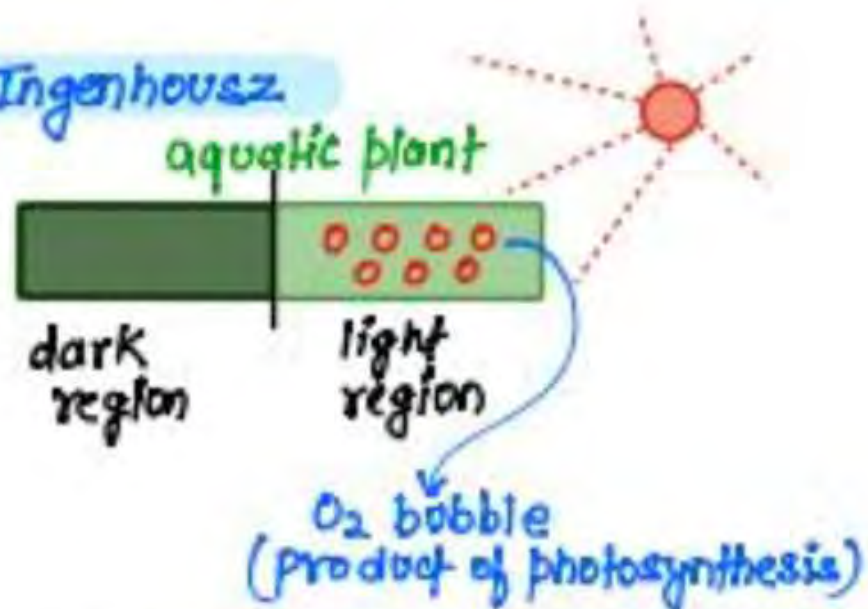
$$\underline{\underline{4 \times 4 = 16 (n)}}$$



- when plant grow, there is more production of glucose.
- Amount of glucose  $\propto$  growth

(Glucose  $\rightarrow$  made in green part of plant)  
(Glucose  $\rightarrow$  stored as starch)

© Ingenhousz



$\therefore$  sunlight is essential for photosynthesis

$\rightarrow$  expt: bell jar, candle, mouse, leaf

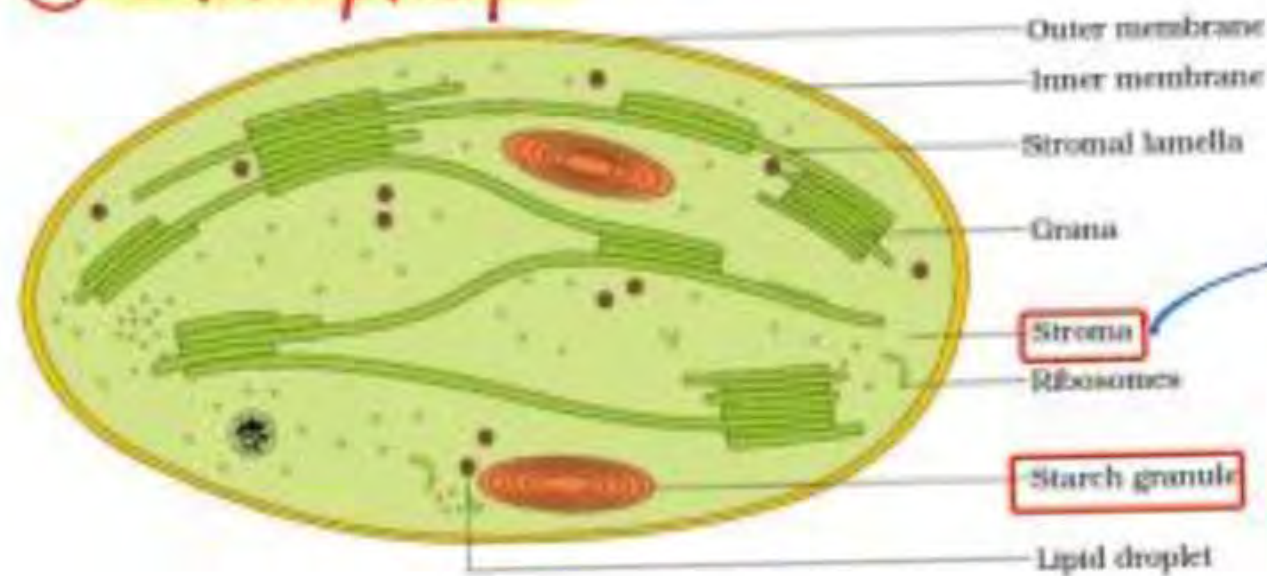
- conclude that plant restores that air, which was removed by breathing animal & burning candle

$\therefore$   $O_2$  is essential in growth of green plant

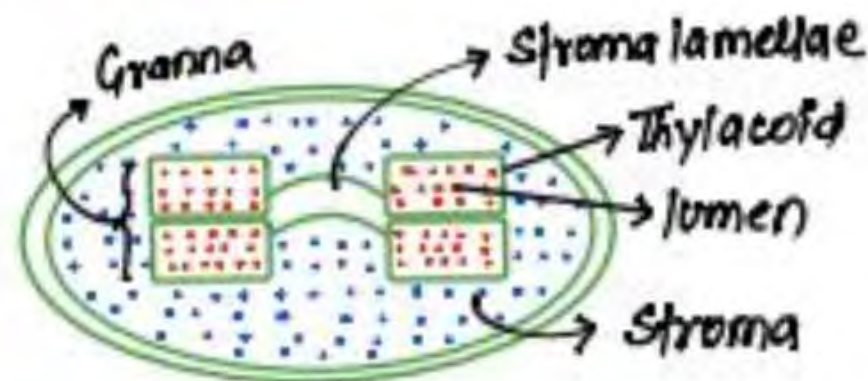


- Ingenhousz: sunlight
- von Sac: Glucose

## ② Chloroplast



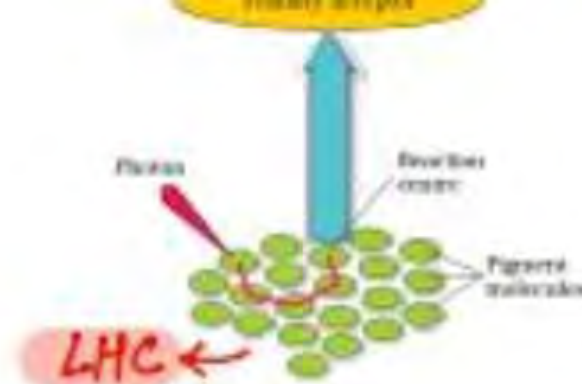
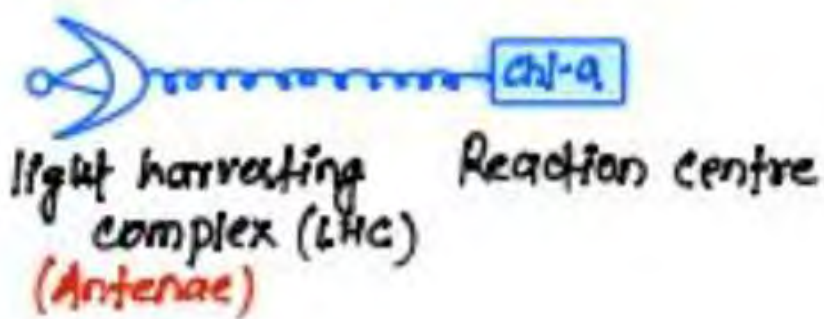
• synthesis of sugar → which forms starch  
(by calvin cycle)



- Membranous system: Grana, stroma lamellae, matrix stroma
- clear division of labour
- **light reaction**: directly depend on light → trap light energy & synthesise ATP, NADPH &  $O_2$ .  
(photochemical reaction)
- **Dark reaction**: not directly depend on light, but depend on product of light reaction  
(carbon reaction)  
→ synthesise sugar in stroma by calvin cycle

- \* Chloroplast align themselves along wall of mesophyll cells such that they get optimum quantity of light.
  - **low light**: chloroplast align parallel
  - **High light**: chloroplast align perpendicular

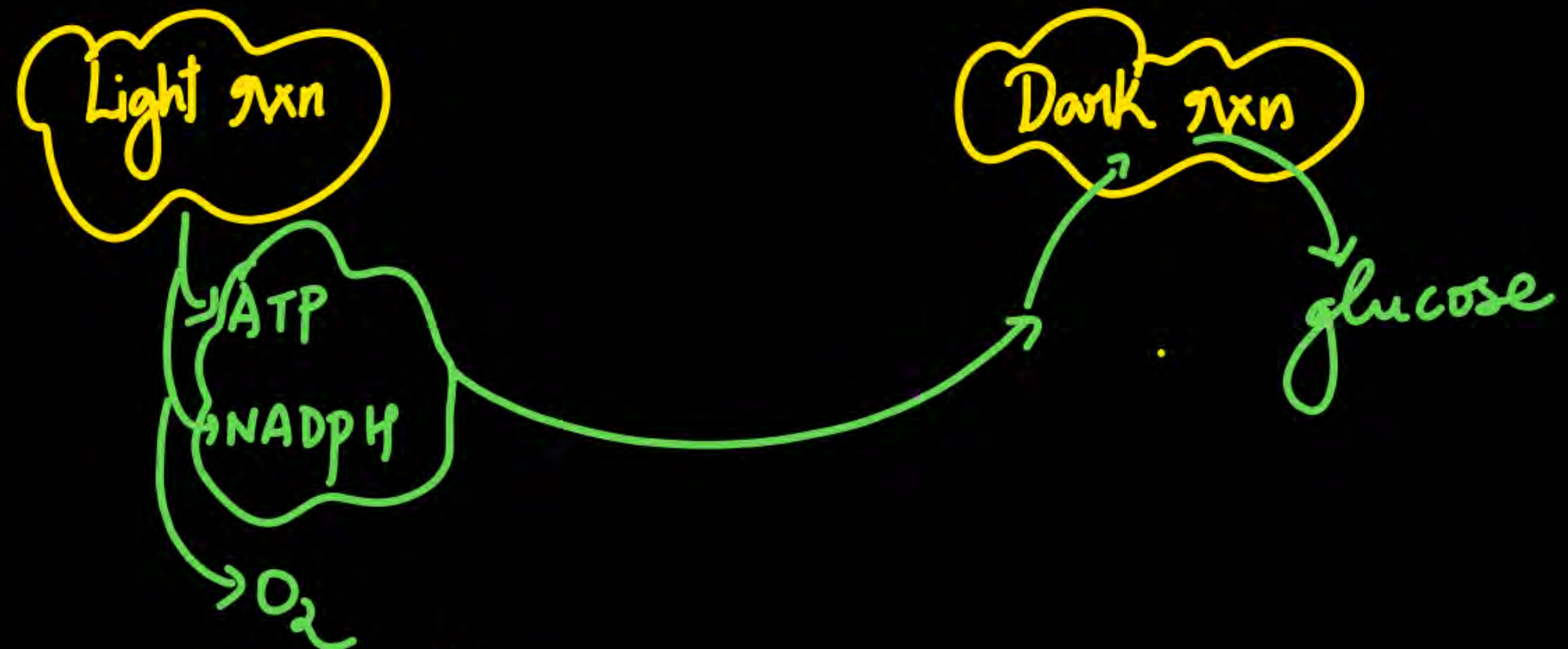
## ④ Photosystem



- LHC: made of hundreds of pigment bound to protein → Accessory pigment, proteins, ~~chl-a~~  
↳ Help to make photosynthesis more efficient by absorbing diff<sup>t</sup> wavelength.
- Photosystem: **PS-I**: absorb 700 nm: P700 (far Red)  
↳ pri. e<sup>-</sup> acceptor → Fe-S centre (Fe-S)
- PS-II**: absorb 680 nm: P680 (Red)  
↳ pri. e<sup>-</sup> acceptor → pheophytin (PEA)

\* PS-I & PS-II name based on their discovery, not on their function.



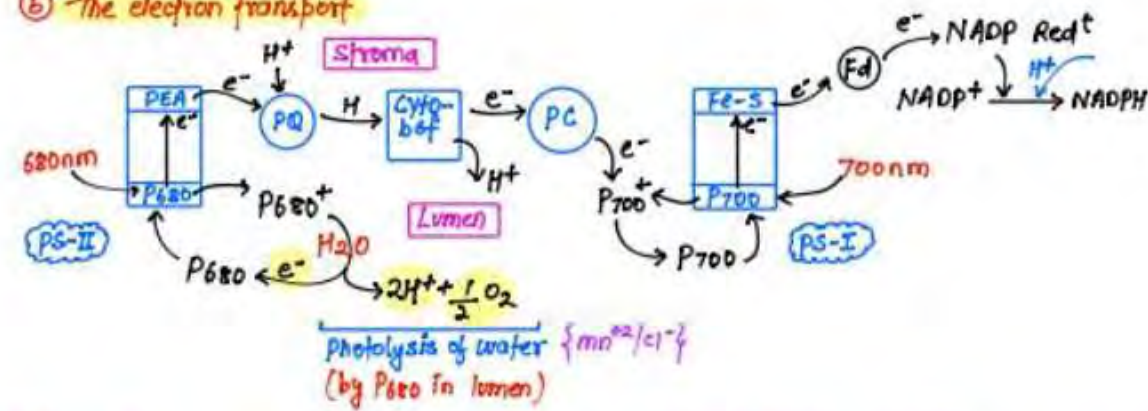


PS I - Stromal lamellae

Grana

PS II - Grana

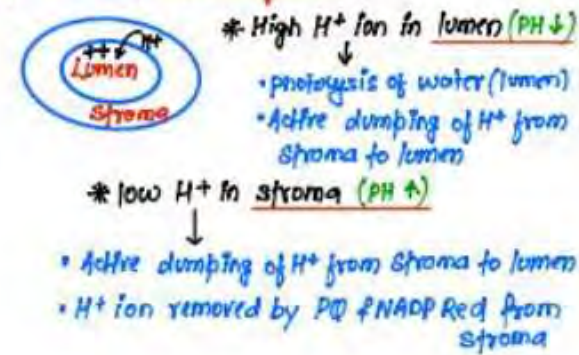
### ⑤ The electron transport



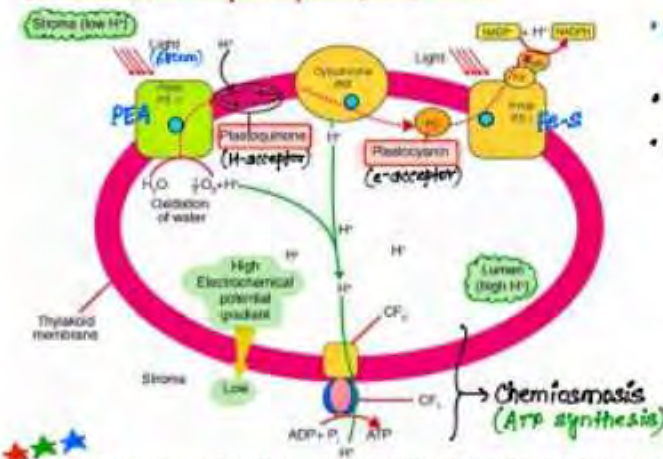
#### ★ Imp points:

- PQ: plastoquinone: H-acceptor  
(∴ Remove H<sup>+</sup> from stroma)
- PC: plastocyanin: only e<sup>-</sup> acceptor  
(∴ Cyt b6/f: H<sup>+</sup> → Lumen)

#### ★ concentration of H<sup>+</sup>



### ⑥ Non-cyclic photophosphorylation



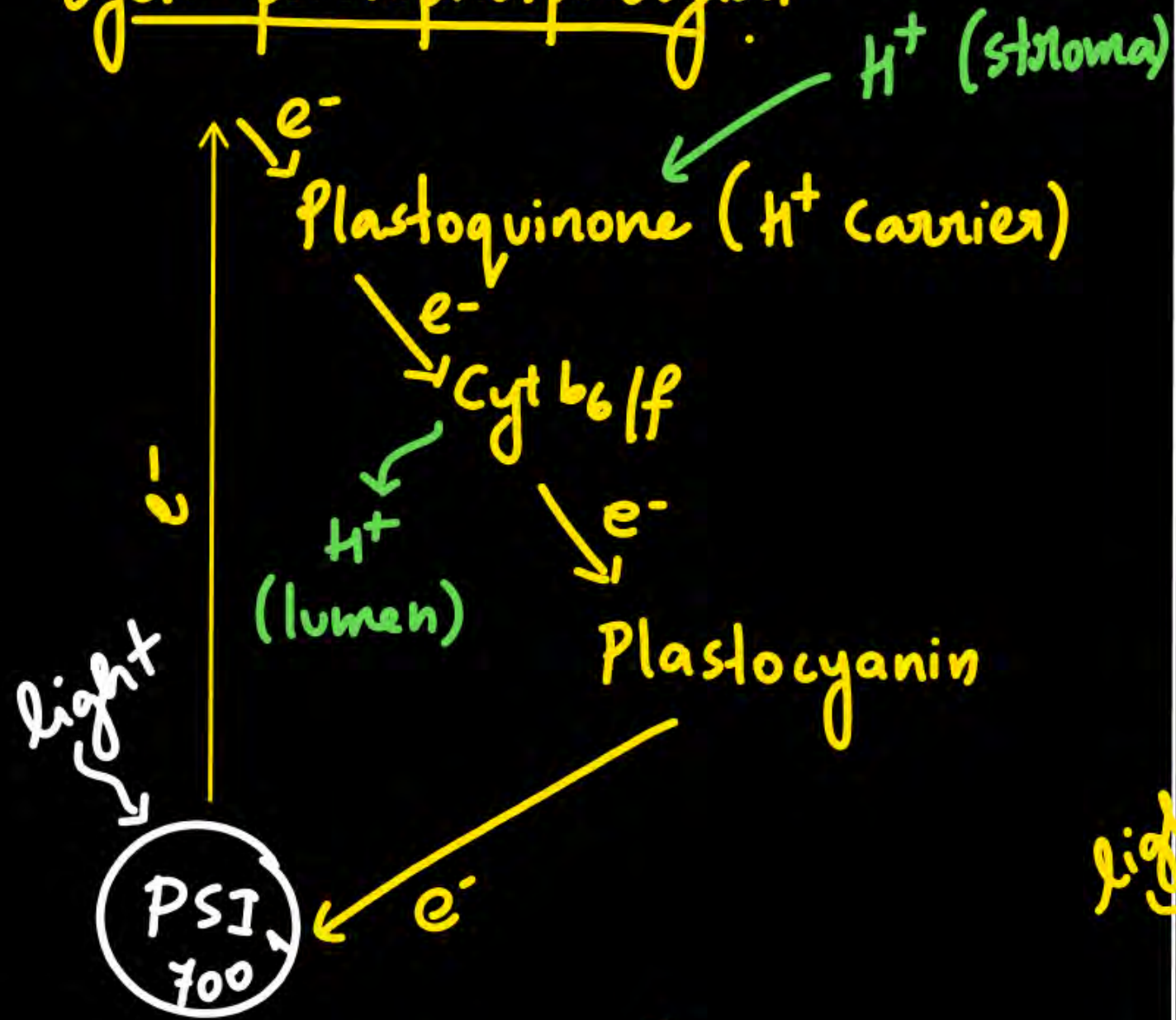
- P700 ✓, P680 ✓ (Both required)
- Fd: Ferredoxin
- FNR: Ferredoxin-NADP-oxidoreductase

(a) Since splitting of the water molecule takes place on the inner side of the membrane, the protons or hydrogen ions that are produced by the splitting of water accumulate within the lumen of the thylakoids.

(b) As electrons move through the photosystems, protons are transported across the membrane. This happens because the primary acceptor of electron which is located towards the outer side of the membrane transfers its electron not to an electron carrier but to an H carrier. Hence, this molecule removes a proton from the stroma while transporting an electron. When this molecule passes on its electron to the electron carrier on the inner side of the membrane, the proton is released into the inner side of the lumen side of the membrane.

(c) The NADP reductase enzyme is located on the stroma side of the membrane. Along with electrons that come from the acceptor of electrons of PS I, protons are necessary for the reduction of NADP<sup>+</sup> to NADPH + H<sup>+</sup>. These protons are also removed from the stroma. Hence, within the chloroplast, protons in the stroma decrease in number, while in the lumen there is accumulation of protons. This creates a proton gradient across the thylakoid membrane as well as a measurable decrease in pH in the lumen.

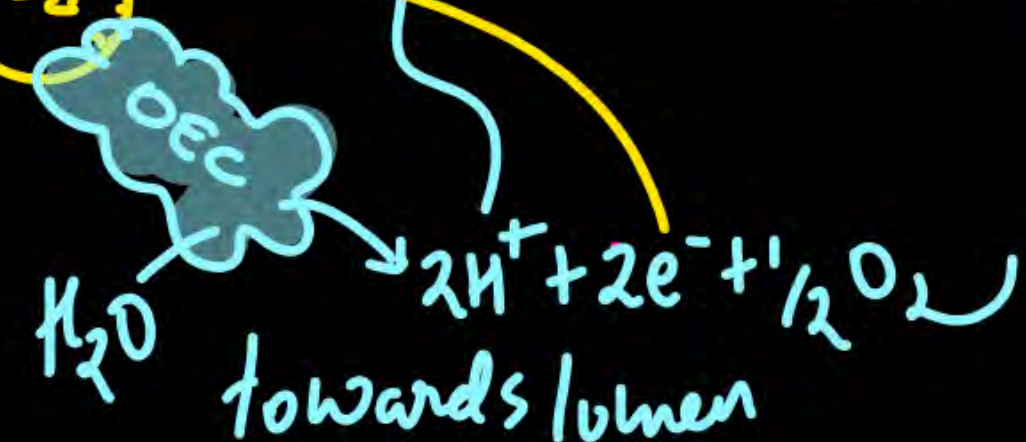
# Cyclic photophosphorylation



ATP

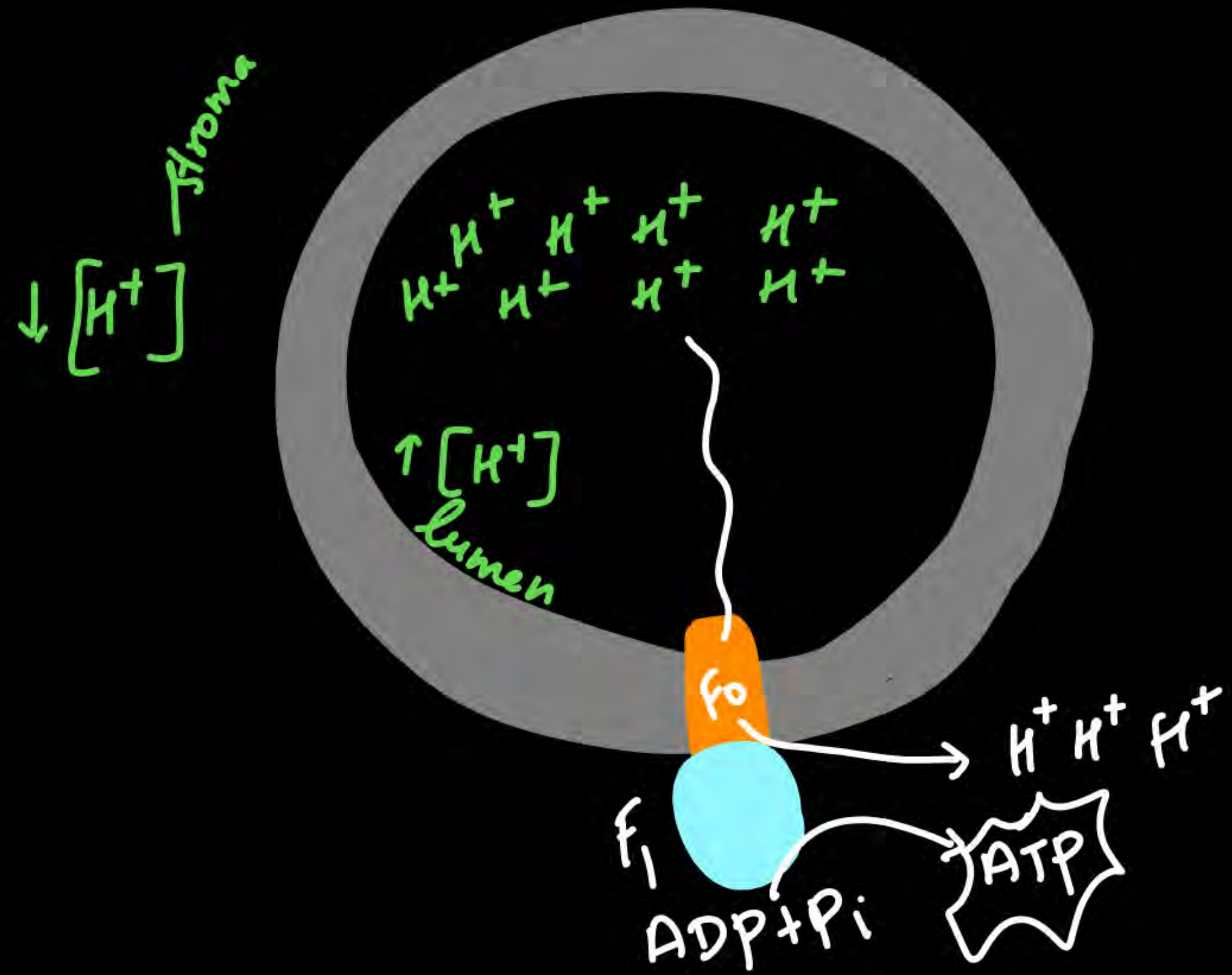
Grana  
Stromal lamellae  
(lacks PSI & NADPR)

# Non-cyclic photophosphorylation



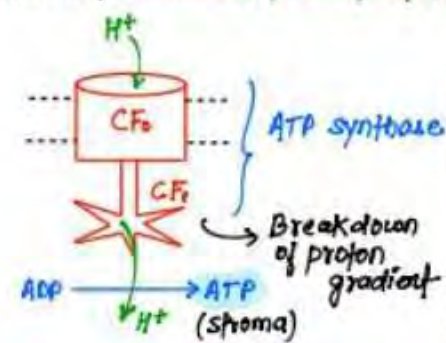
Grana  
NADPH<sub>2</sub>  
O<sub>2</sub>  
ATP





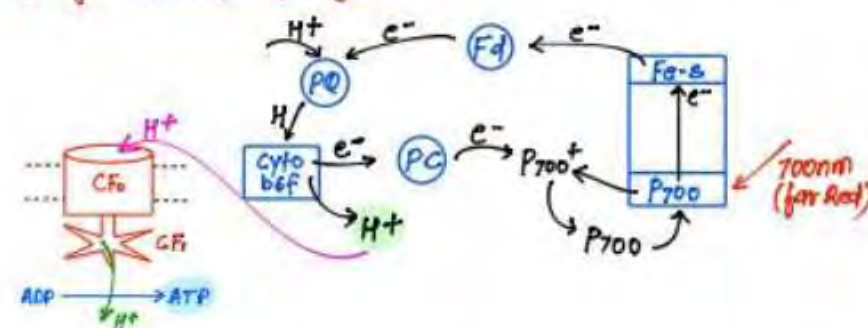
### 7 Chemiosmosis:

- Requirement: Membrane, proton pump, proton gradient & ATP synthase (F<sub>0</sub>, F<sub>1</sub>)



- | CF <sub>0</sub>                   | v/s | CF <sub>1</sub>                                       |
|-----------------------------------|-----|---|
| • Transmembrane channel           |     | • Conformational change (ADP $\xrightarrow{H^+}$ ATP) |
| • Integral                        |     | • peripheral  |
| • Embedded in thylakoid membrane  |     | • Outer surface of thylakoid membrane (faces stroma)  |
| • Facilitated diffusion (passive) |     |   |

### 8 Cyclic photophosphorylation



- only 700nm (far red) light available.
- P680 not working
- NADPH not formed

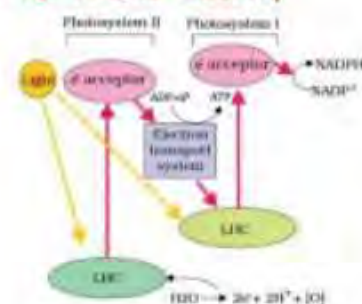
### 9 Non-cyclic photophosphorylation

- 2 light (far red 700nm & red 680nm)
- 2 photosystem Req (PS-I & PS-II)
- 2 product (NADPH & ATP)
- Occur in Grana only



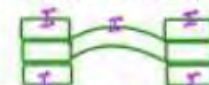
(B/c PS-II present in inner side of Grana only)

- photolysis of H<sub>2</sub>O (✓)
- O<sub>2</sub> production (✓)
- More energy, more productivity
- Z-Scheme observed



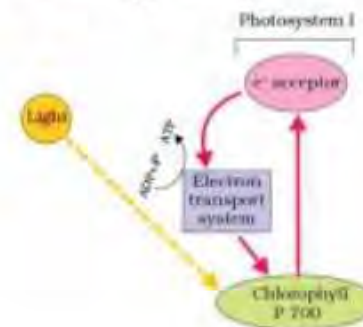
### cyclic photophosphorylation

- 1 light (far red 700nm only) → beyond 680nm
- 1 photosystem Req (PS-I only)
- 1 product (ATP only)
- Occur in Grana & stroma lamella



(B/c PS-I present in outer side of Grana & stroma lamella)

- photolysis of H<sub>2</sub>O (✗)
- O<sub>2</sub> production (✗)
- less energy, less productivity



⇒ 1 CO<sub>2</sub> fixation → 1 turn of calvin cycle → 1 RUBP → 3 ATP + 2 NADPH

Product	no. of Carbon	CO <sub>2</sub> reqd	RUBP reqd	Turn Reqd	ATP reqd	NADPH reqd
G-3P	3	3	3	3	3 × 3 = 9	3 × 2 = 6
Glucose	6	6	6	6	6 × 3 = 18	6 × 2 = 12
Sucrose	12	12	12	12	12 × 3 = 36	12 × 2 = 24
C <sub>18</sub>	18	18	18	18	18 × 3 = 54	18 × 2 = 36

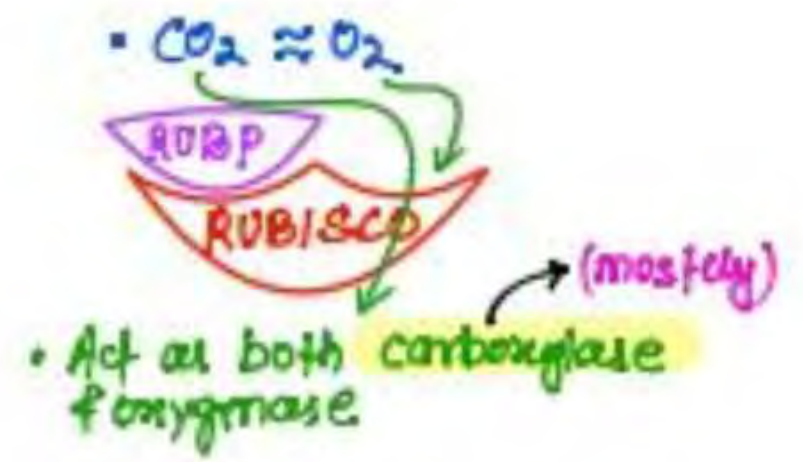
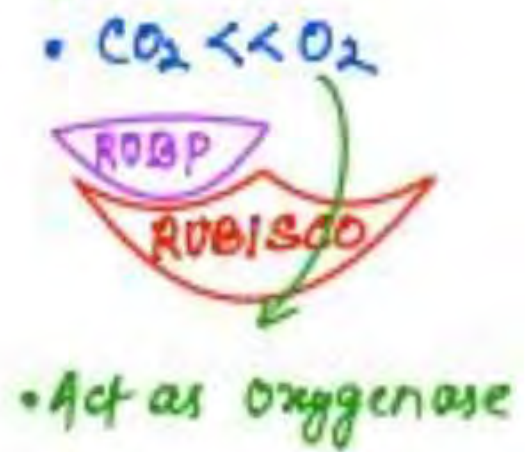
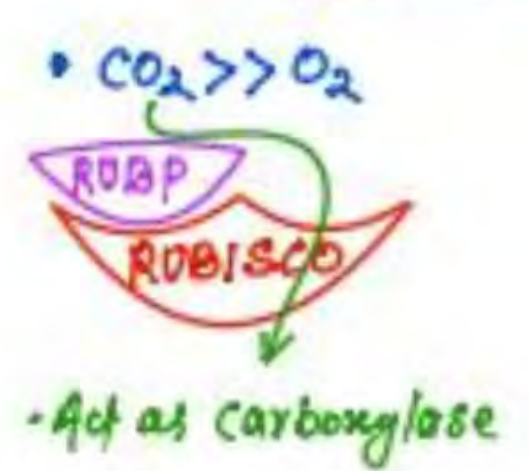
★ RUBISCO (RUBP carboxylase-oxygenase)

- most abundant enzyme in the world
- main enzyme of calvin cycle
- It can combine with both CO<sub>2</sub> & O<sub>2</sub> (depend on concn of gas)

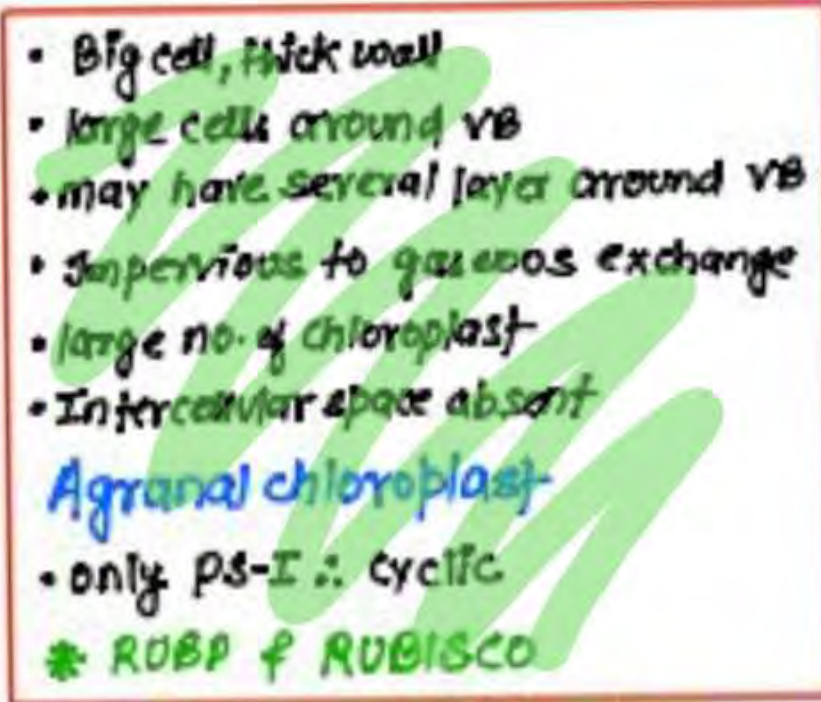
→ RUBISCO has greater affinity for CO<sub>2</sub>

★ RUBP: Ribulose bi-phosphate

- 5C-Ketose sugar
- CO<sub>2</sub> acceptor

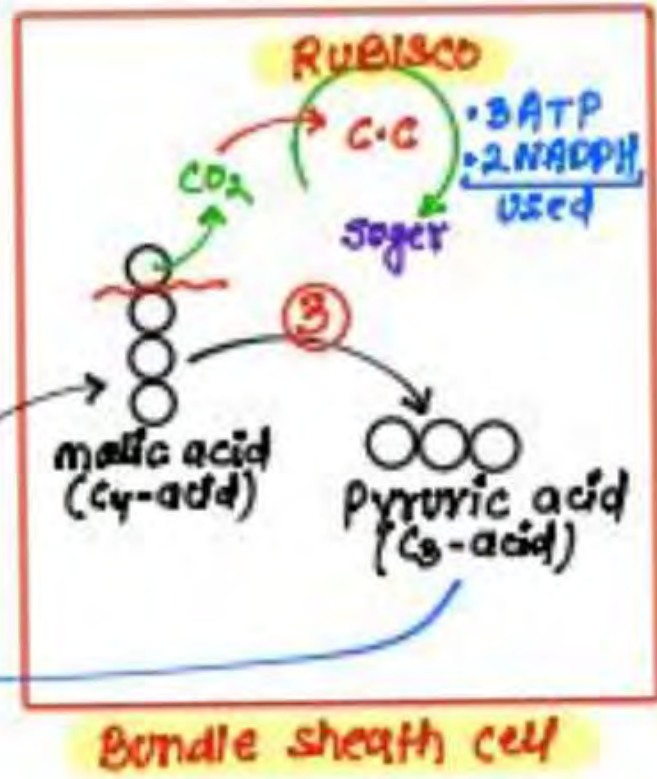
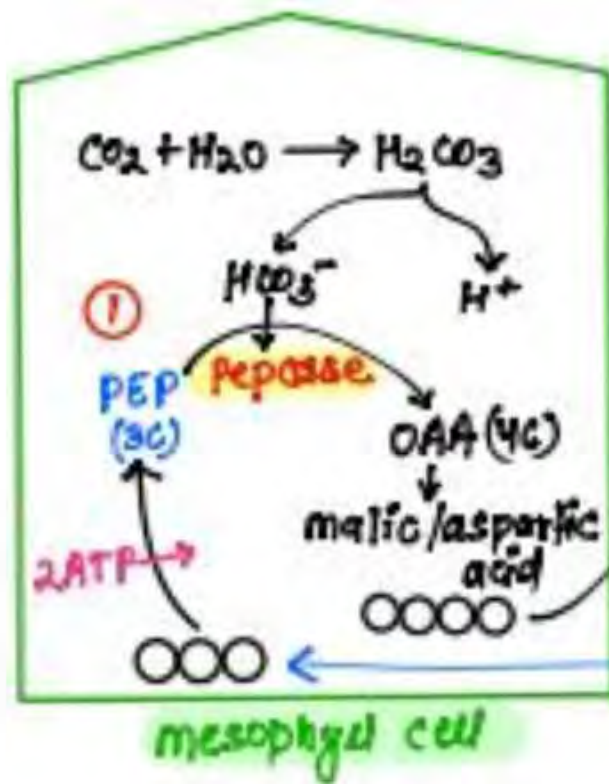


# ① C<sub>4</sub>-plant



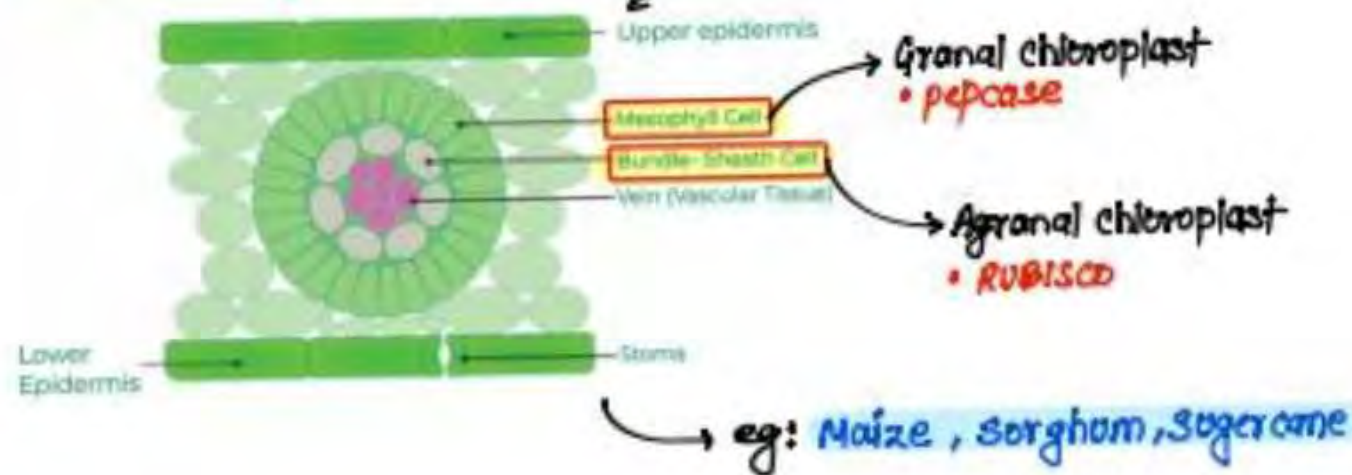
Bundle sheath cell

## ② C<sub>4</sub> pathway



1. CO<sub>2</sub> fixation
  2. Transportation
  3. decarboxylation
- \* 1<sup>st</sup> stable product: OAA (4C)
  - \* pri. CO<sub>2</sub> acceptor: PEP (mesophyll cell)
  - \* For 1 CO<sub>2</sub> fixation:
 
$$\frac{3\text{ATP} + 2\text{NADPH}}{\text{(calvic cycle)}} + \frac{2\text{ATP}}{\text{(Regeneration of PEP)}}$$

\* leaf anatomy of C<sub>4</sub> → **KRNTZ Anatomy**



⑮ Comparison

	C <sub>3</sub> -plant	C <sub>4</sub> -plant
cell	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">                     • RUBP • RUBISCO mesophyll                 </div>	<div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: top;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-right: 10px;">                         • PEP • PEPcase mesophyll                     </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">                         • RUBP • RUBISCO Bundle sheath cell                     </div> </div>
calvin cycle	mesophyll cell	Bundle sheath cell
chloroplast type	monomorphic	Diamorphic (granal & Agranal)
RUBISCO present in	mesophyll cell	Bundle sheath cell
How many CO <sub>2</sub> fix <sup>n</sup>	one (mesophyll)	Two (Mesophyll & Bundle sheath)
pri. CO <sub>2</sub> fix <sup>n</sup> cell	mesophyll	Mesophyll
1 <sup>st</sup> stable product	PGA (3c)	OAA (4c)
For 1 CO <sub>2</sub> fixation	3ATP + 2 NADPH	3ATP + 2 NADPH + 2ATP
CO <sub>2</sub> fixation enzyme	only RUBISCO	Pri: PEPcase, Sec: RUBISCO
CO <sub>2</sub> acceptor (CO <sub>2</sub> fix <sup>n</sup> substrate)	only RUBP (5c)	Pri: PEP (3c), Sec: RUBP (5c)
CO <sub>2</sub> fix <sup>n</sup> product	only PGA (3c)	Pri: OAA (4c), Sec: PGA (3c)
Optimum Temp <sup>r</sup>	20-25°C (low)	30-40°C (High)
Photorespiration	• at High light: ✓ • at low light: ✗ • at High CO <sub>2</sub> : ✗ • at low CO <sub>2</sub> : ✓	⊗

**16) Factors affecting photosynthesis**

**External factors**

- CO<sub>2</sub>
- Sunlight
- Temp
- Water

**Internal factors**

- ↓  
genetic predisposition of plant growth
- leaf anatomy, size, age, orientation
  - Internal CO<sub>2</sub> conc<sup>n</sup>
  - Mesophyll cell & Chloroplast
  - Chlorophyll

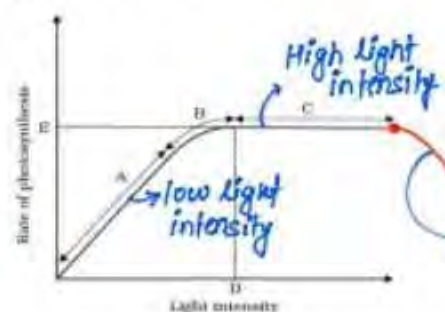
**\* Law of limiting factors : by Blackman in 1905**

↓  
When chemical reaction affected by more than one factor,  
then ROR depend on that factor which nearest to its minimal value (limiting factor)

**(a) Light**

- ↓  
• Rarely limiting factor,  
B/C light saturation occurs at 10% of sunlight

(exception: Dense forest, deep ocean)

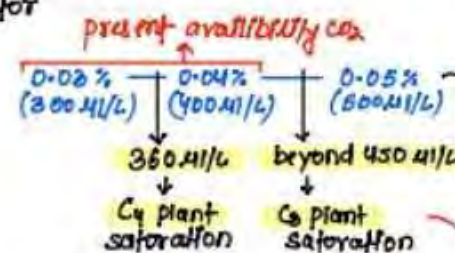


- low light intensity: Rate ∝ Incident Light (linear)
- High light intensity: Rate = constant (limiting conc<sup>n</sup>)
- \* Further Ⓢ in light: breakdown of chlorophyll
- Ⓣ photosynthesis

**(b) CO<sub>2</sub>**

- major limiting factor

- CO<sub>2</sub> conc<sup>n</sup> :



inc. CO<sub>2</sub> conc<sup>n</sup> upto 0.05% cause inc. in photosynthesis but after 0.05% → damaging effect ⚠

→ current availability of CO<sub>2</sub> limiting for C<sub>3</sub>-plant

\* At low light intensity → neither group respond to high CO<sub>2</sub>. (light become limiting)

\* At high light intensity → both C<sub>3</sub> & C<sub>4</sub> show inc. in photosynthesis (but upto their saturation point)

∴ C<sub>3</sub> plant respond to high CO<sub>2</sub> conc<sup>n</sup> } AIR  
∴ photosynthesis Ⓢ & productivity Ⓢ

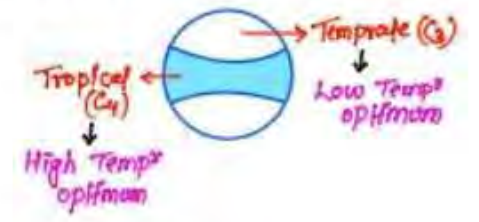
\* C<sub>3</sub> plant → green house crops (B/C CO<sub>2</sub>: green house gas)

↓  
eg: Tomatoes, bell pepper.

③ Temperature

- directly affect enzymatic activity
- Dark reaction (calvin cycle) : ∴ enzymatic ∴ Temp<sup>r</sup> controlled
- light reaction : Temp<sup>r</sup> sensitive (lesser extent)
- \* C<sub>3</sub>-plant  
↓  
Respond to low Temp<sup>r</sup>  
∴ low Temp<sup>r</sup> optimum  
= 20-25°C
- C<sub>4</sub>-plant  
↓  
Respond to High Temp<sup>r</sup>  
∴ High Temp<sup>r</sup> optimum  
= 30-40°C

- \* optimum Temp<sup>r</sup>
- max<sup>m</sup> productivity
- different for different plant (C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>4</sub>)
- Also depend on plant habitat



④ Water

• Rarely limiting (b/c plant use less than 1% of absorbed water)



## RESPIRATION IN FLOWERING PLANTS

### ① Some imp points

• Green plants & cyanobacteria → photosynthesis  
(Light energy → chemical energy)

• Heterotrophs → Herbivores (directly depend on plants)  
→ Carnivores (indirectly depend on plants)

• Saprophytes (Fungi) → depend on dead & decaying matter

• Cellular Respiration → breaking of C-C bond of complex compounds via oxidation & release energy

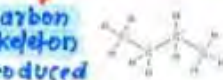
→ all energy not released free to cell or in single step  
→ it released in series of slow stepwise reaction  
→ it is controlled by enzymes.

\* It trapped as chemical energy in the form of ATP

Energy currency of cell

### \* During Respiration

carbon skeleton produced  
used as precursors for biosynthesis



Respiratory substrate

• generally carbs  
• protein, fats, organic acids (in certain cond<sup>n</sup>)

### ② Do plant breath?

• plants not have specialised organ but have stomata & lenticels.

Q: why plants live without respiratory organs?

→

**First**, each plant part takes care of its own gas-exchange needs. There is very little transport of gases from one plant part to another. **Second**, plants do not present great demands for gas exchange. Roots, stems and leaves respire at rates far lower than animals do. Only during photosynthesis are large volumes of gases exchanged.

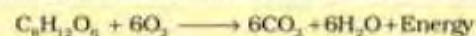
**Third**, the distance that gases must diffuse even in large, bulky plants is not great.

Each living cell in a plant is located quite close to the surface of the plant. } → leaves

In stems, the 'living' cells are organised in thin layers inside and beneath the bark. They also have openings called lenticels. The cells in the interior are dead and provide only mechanical support. Thus, most cells of a plant have at least a part of their surface in contact with air. This is also facilitated by the loose packing of parenchyma cells in leaves, stems and roots, which provide an interconnected network of air spaces.

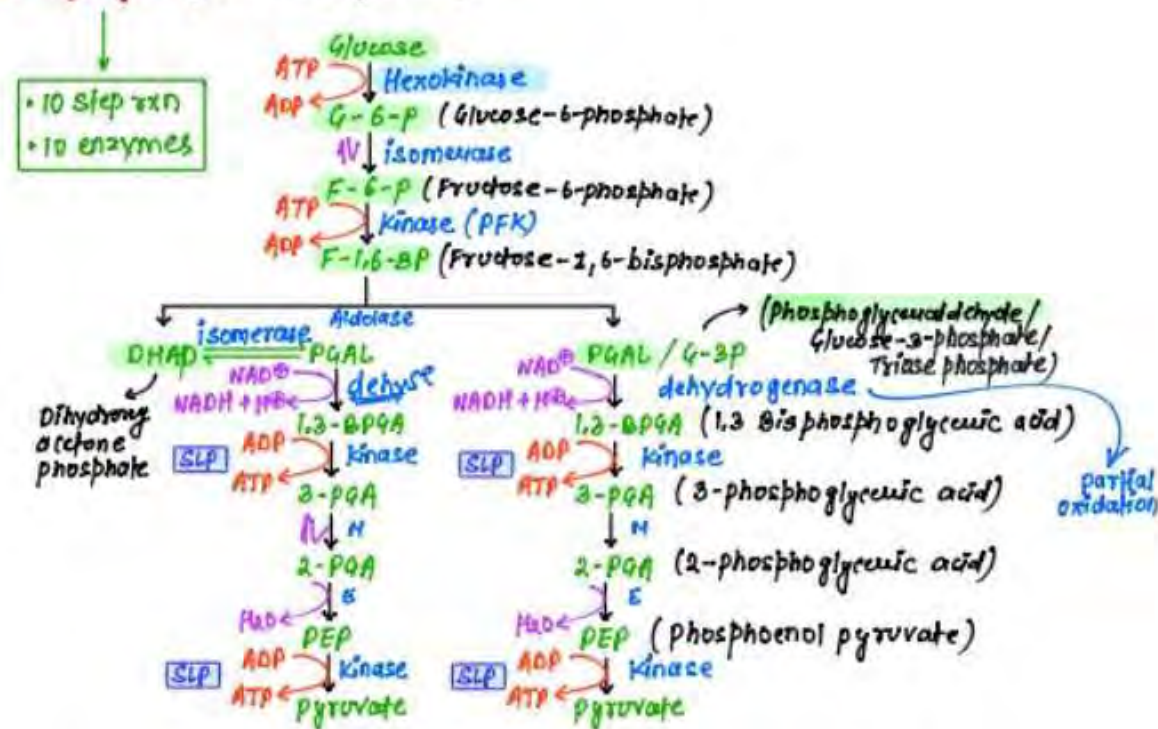
} thick woody stems

★ The complete combustion of glucose, which produces  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  as end products, yields energy most of which is given out as heat.



not all the liberated energy goes out as heat. The key is to oxidise glucose not in one step but in several small steps enabling some steps to be just large enough such that the energy released can be coupled to ATP

### 3) Glycolysis (breakdown of Glucose)



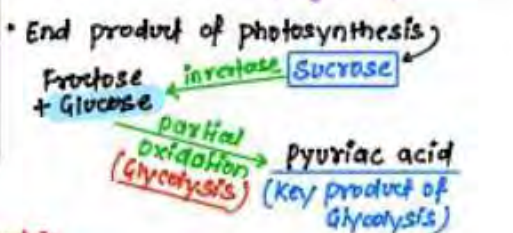
### 4) Imp points of Glycolysis

- In both Aerobic & Anaerobic organism
- In anaerob: it is only process Respiration
- Occur in cytoplasm/cytosol
- Common respiratory pathway in all organism
- Balance sheet

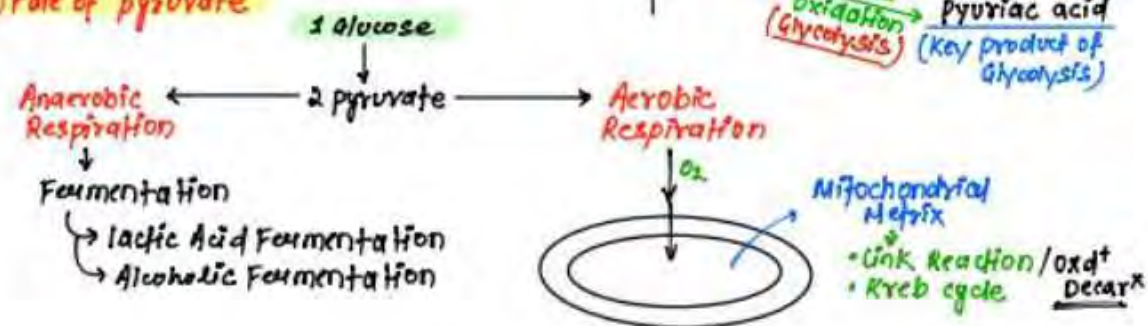
Input	Output	Net gain
• 1 Glucose	• 2 pyruvate	• 2 pyruvate
• 2 ATP	• 4 ATP (SLP)	• 2 ATP (SLP)
• 2 NAD <sup>+</sup>	• 2 NADH + H <sup>+</sup>	• 2 NADH + H <sup>+</sup>
	• 2H <sub>2</sub> O	• 2H <sub>2</sub> O

#### • Discovered by:

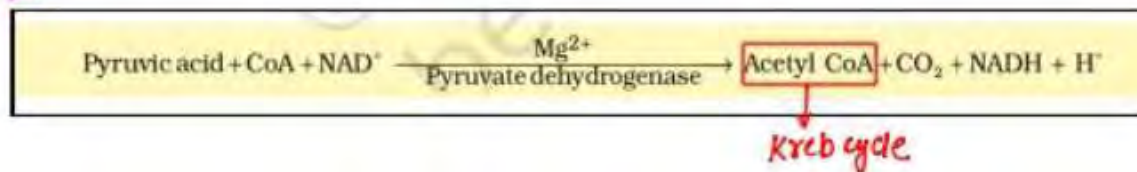
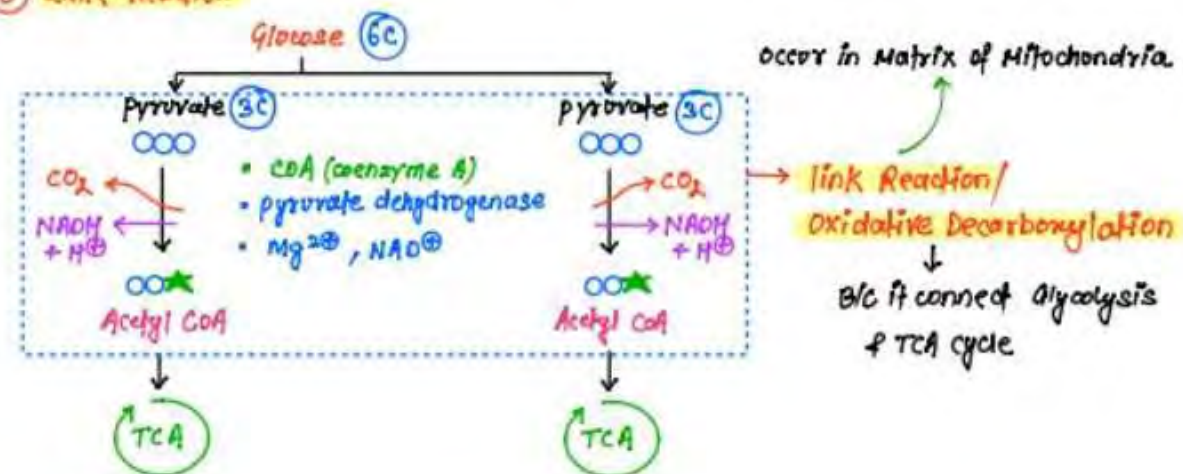
- Embden, Meyerhof & Parner
- ∴ called EMP pathway
- Sucrose invertase → Glucose + Fructose
- Reversible: ⑦ (eg: DHAP ⇌ PGAL) step
- Irreversible: ③ (HK, PFK, PK) step
- End product of photosynthesis



### 5) Fate of pyruvate



### ⑥ Link Reaction



### ⑦

#### AEROBIC RESPIRATION

For aerobic respiration to take place within the mitochondria, the final product of glycolysis, pyruvate is transported from the cytoplasm into the mitochondria. The crucial events in aerobic respiration are:

- The complete oxidation of pyruvate by the stepwise removal of all the hydrogen atoms, leaving three molecules of  $CO_2$ . (one cycle)
  - The passing on of the electrons removed as part of the hydrogen atoms to molecular  $O_2$  with simultaneous synthesis of ATP.  $H^+, e^-$
- Link Rxn  
• Krebs cycle  
• ETS

What is interesting to note is that the first process takes place in the matrix of the mitochondria while the second process is located on the inner membrane of the mitochondria.

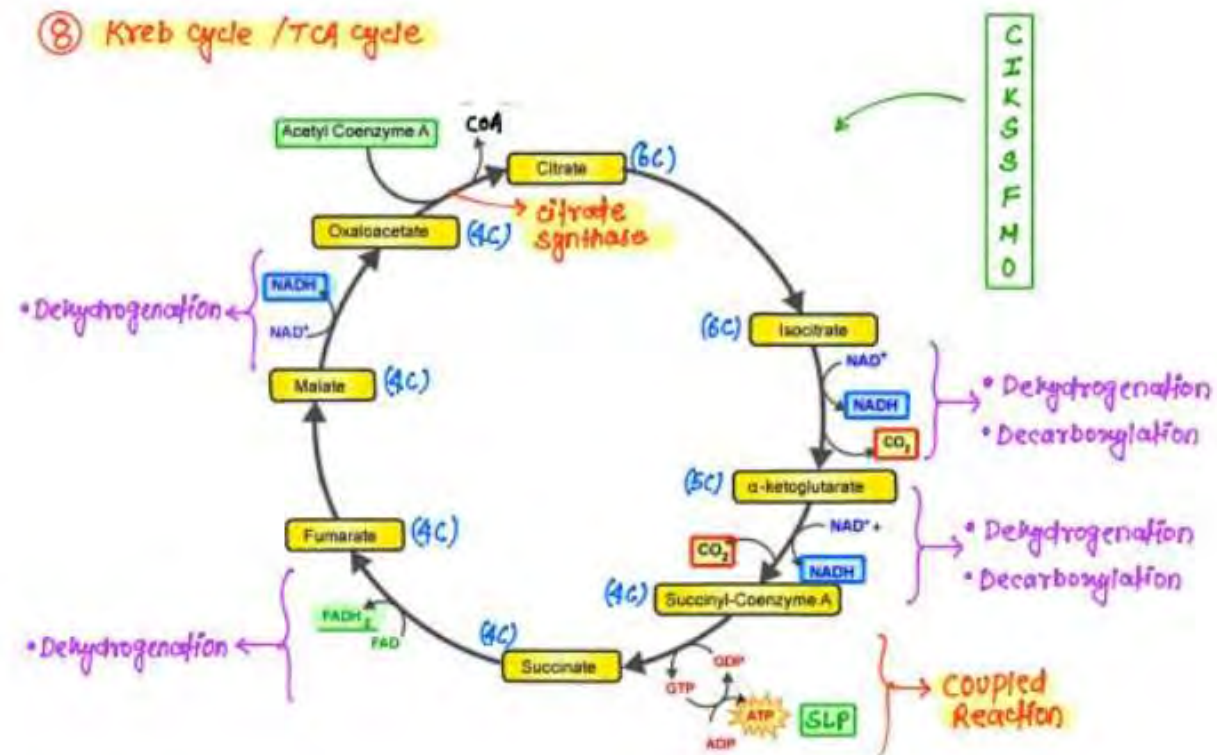
Pyruvate, which is formed by the glycolytic catabolism of carbohydrates in the cytosol, after it enters mitochondrial matrix undergoes oxidative decarboxylation by a complex set of reactions catalysed by pyruvic dehydrogenase. The reactions catalysed by pyruvic dehydrogenase require the participation of several coenzymes, including  $NAD^+$  and Coenzyme A.



During this process, two molecules of NADH are produced from the metabolism of two molecules of pyruvic acid (produced from one glucose molecule during glycolysis).

The acetyl CoA then enters a cyclic pathway, tricarboxylic acid cycle, more commonly called as Krebs' cycle after the scientist Hans Krebs who first elucidated it.

### 8) Krebs cycle / TCA cycle

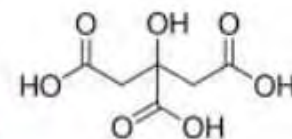
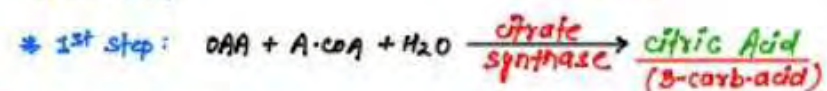


### 9) Imp points of Krebs cycle

- Discovered by Hans Krebs
- Occur in Matrix of Mitochondria
- Krebs cycle also called → TCA cycle, Citric Acid cycle

• 8th Step Reaction

• Net gain: 3NADH, 1FADH<sub>2</sub>, 2CO<sub>2</sub>, 1ATP (SLP) (each cycle)

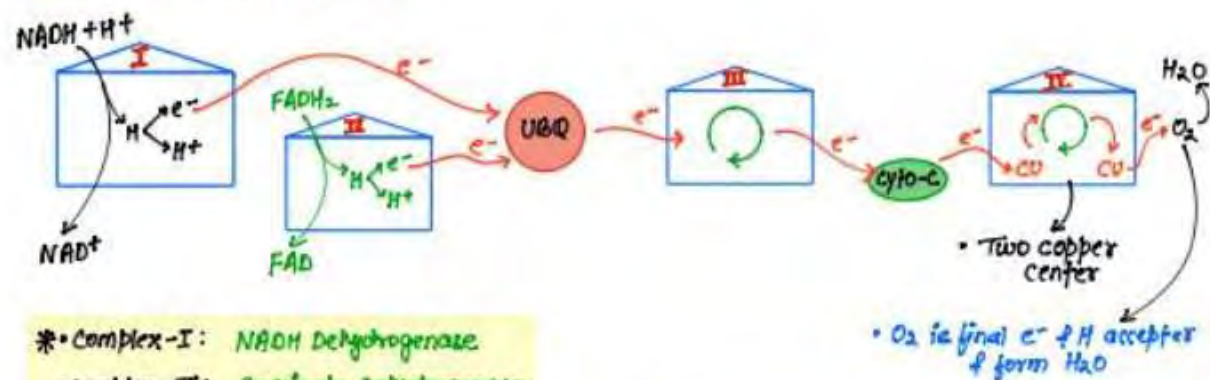


### 10) Balance sheet (from 1-glucose)

	ATP	NADH	FADH <sub>2</sub>	CO <sub>2</sub>
Glycolysis (cytoplasm)	2	2	0	0
Link Reaction (Matrix)	0	2	0	2
Krebs cycle (Matrix)	2	6	2	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 ATP</b>	<b>10 NADH</b>	<b>2 FADH<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>6 CO<sub>2</sub></b>

(SLP) ←

## 11 Electron transport system



\* Complex-I: NADH Dehydrogenase

\* Complex-II: Succinate Dehydrogenase

\* UbQ: UBIQUINONE

\* Complex-III: Cytochrome- $\text{bc}_1$

\* Complex-IV: Cytochrome a & a<sub>3</sub>

\* Cyto-c: Cytochrome-c

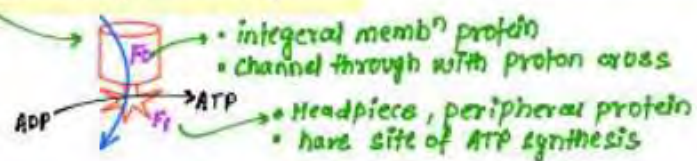
\* Complex-V: ATP synthase  $\begin{matrix} \text{F}_0 \\ \text{F}_1 \end{matrix}$

\* Intrinsic protein: I/III/IV/ $\text{F}_0$

\* extrinsic protein: II/cyto-c/ $\text{F}_1$

\* mobile carrier: UbQ/cyto-c

\* Non-protein part: UbQ



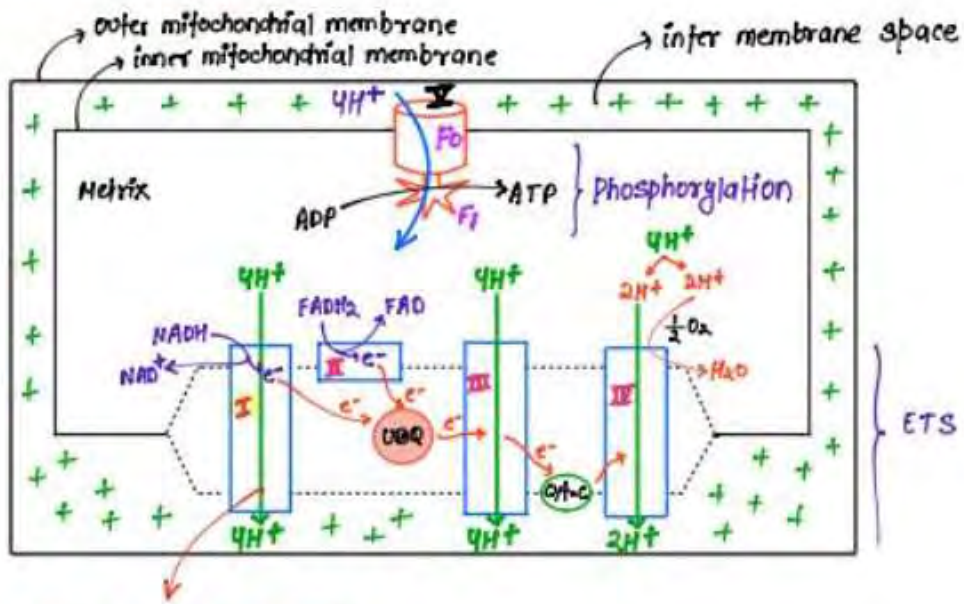
\* integral memb<sup>n</sup> protein

\* channel through with proton cross

\* Headpiece, peripheral protein

\* have site of ATP synthesis

## 12 Oxidative phosphorylation



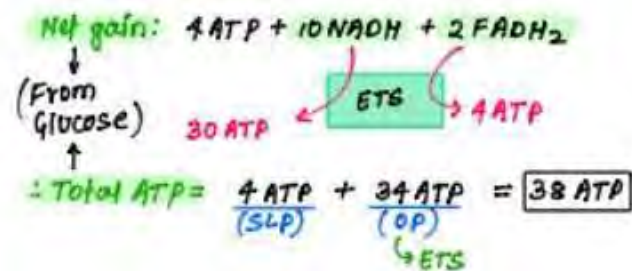
\* Active pumping of  $\text{H}^+$  from matrix to inter membrane space

\*  $4\text{H}^+$  required for each ATP production

13) Mechanism:

- Due to flow of  $e^-$  from complex-I to complex-IV
  - These complex with energies & start pumping  $H^+$  ions from Matrix to inter membrane space of mitochondria
  - $\therefore$  Accumulation of  $H^+$  ion in inter membrane space
  - $4H^+$  ions moving from 'Fo' of complex-IV induce conformational changes in  $F_1$
- ATP synthesis

★ ATP After ETS



★

$1NADH = 3ATP$   
 $1FADH_2 = 2ATP$

14) Fermentation



lactic acid fermentation	Alcoholic fermentation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cytosol</li> <li>• incomplete oxidation</li> <li>• Net Gain = 2 ATP</li> <li>• NADH <math>\rightarrow</math> slowly break</li> <li>• less than 7% energy released</li> <li>• Lactate dehydrogenase</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cytosol</li> <li>• incomplete oxidation</li> <li>• Net Gain = 2 ATP <math>\rightarrow</math> 2 ATP: (from glucose)</li> <li>• NADH <math>\rightarrow</math> slowly break <math>\rightarrow</math> 0 ATP: (from pyruvate)</li> <li>• less than 7% energy released</li> <li>• pyruvic acid decarboxylase + Alcoholic dehydrogenase</li> </ul>

15) **Acrobic Respiration** v/s **Fermentation**

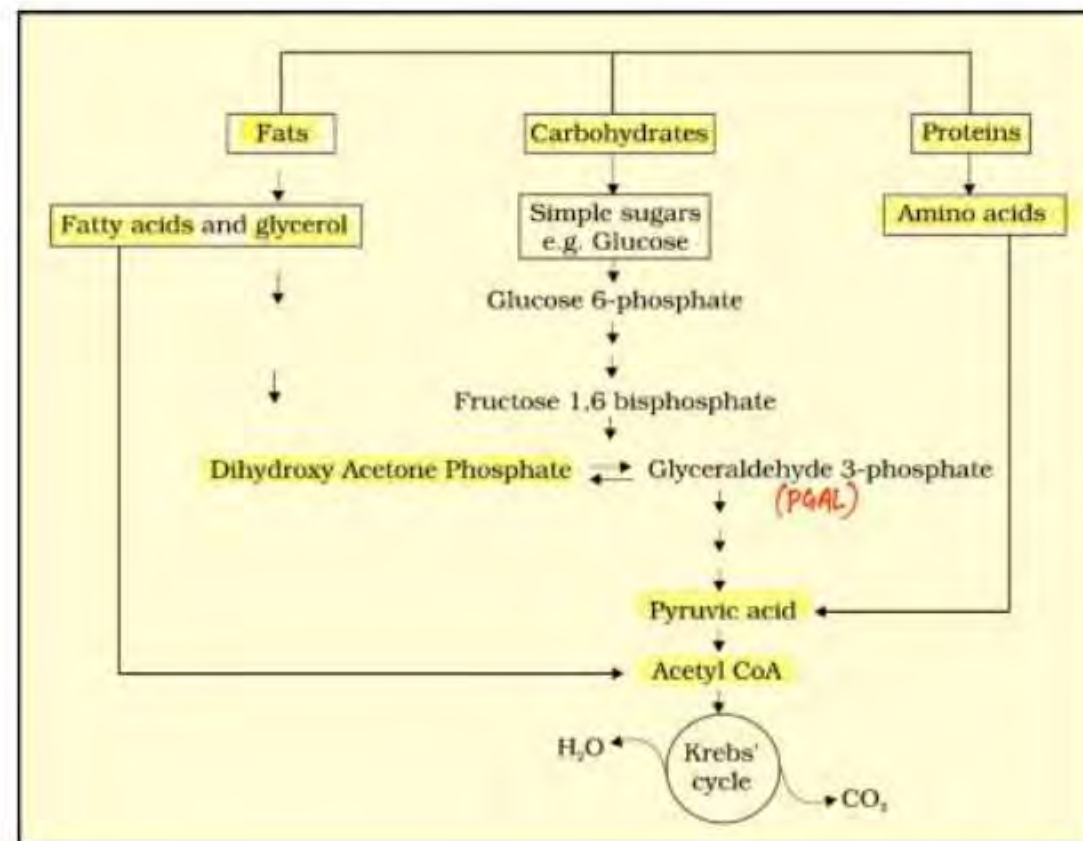
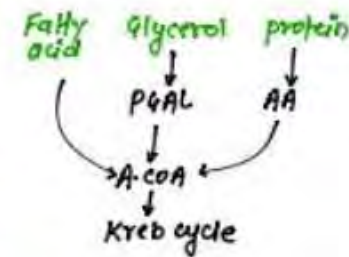
- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• complete oxidation</li> <li>• Net gain = 38 ATP</li> <li>• NADH Breakdown<br/>↓<br/>vigorously</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incomplete oxidation</li> <li>• Net gain = 2 ATP (from glucose)</li> <li>• NADH Breakdown<br/>↓<br/>slowly</li> </ul> |
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16) **Amphibolic pathway**

Breakdown of different organic molecule

Glucose is the favoured substrate for respiration. All carbohydrates are usually first converted into glucose before they are used for respiration. Other substrates can also be respired, as has been mentioned earlier, but then they do not enter the respiratory pathway at the first step.

Fats would need to be broken down into glycerol and fatty acids first. If fatty acids were to be respired they would first be degraded to acetyl CoA and enter the pathway. Glycerol would enter the pathway after being converted to PGAL. The proteins would be degraded by proteases and the individual amino acids (after deamination) depending on their structure would enter the pathway at some stage within the Krebs' cycle or even as pyruvate or acetyl CoA.



17) Respiratory pathway → Amphibolic pathway → catabolism + Anabolism

Since respiration involves breakdown of substrates, the respiratory process has traditionally been considered a catabolic process and the respiratory pathway as a catabolic pathway. But is this understanding correct? (We have discussed above, at which points in the respiratory pathway different substrates would enter if they were to be respired and used to derive energy. What is important to recognise is that it is these very compounds that would be withdrawn from the respiratory pathway for the synthesis of the said substrates.) Hence, fatty acids would be broken down to acetyl CoA before entering the respiratory pathway when it is used as a substrate. But when the organism needs to synthesise fatty acids, acetyl CoA would be withdrawn from the respiratory pathway for it. Hence, the respiratory pathway comes into the picture both during breakdown and synthesis of fatty acids. Similarly, during breakdown and synthesis of protein too, respiratory intermediates form the link. Breaking down processes within the living organism is catabolism, and synthesis is anabolism. Because the respiratory pathway is involved in both anabolism and catabolism, it would hence be better to consider the respiratory pathway as an **amphibolic pathway** rather than as a catabolic one. } NR

18) Respiratory Quotient (RQ)

$$RQ = \frac{\text{volume of CO}_2 \text{ evolved}}{\text{volume of O}_2 \text{ consumed}}$$

→ output gas  
→ input gas

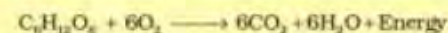
$$RQ = \frac{CO_2}{O_2}$$

• carbohydrates: RQ = 1

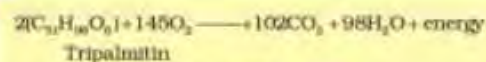
• proteins: RQ = 0.9

• Fats: RQ = 0.7  
(Tripalmitin)

• Alcoholic fermentation:  $RQ = \frac{CO_2}{O_2} = \infty$



$$RQ = \frac{6CO_2}{6O_2} = 1.0$$



$$RQ = \frac{102CO_2}{145O_2} = 0.7$$

\* In living organism respiratory substrate > 1

\* pure protein & pure fats → Never used as respiratory substrate

## Question



Among eukaryotes, replication of DNA takes place in (2023)

- A**  $G_2$  phase
- B** M phase
- C** S phase
- D**  $G_1$  phase

## Question



Given below are two statements: (2023)

Statement I: During G<sub>0</sub> phase of cell cycle the cell is metabolically inactive.

Statement II: The centrosome undergoes duplication during S phase of interphase.

In the light of the above statements, choose the most appropriate answer from the option below:

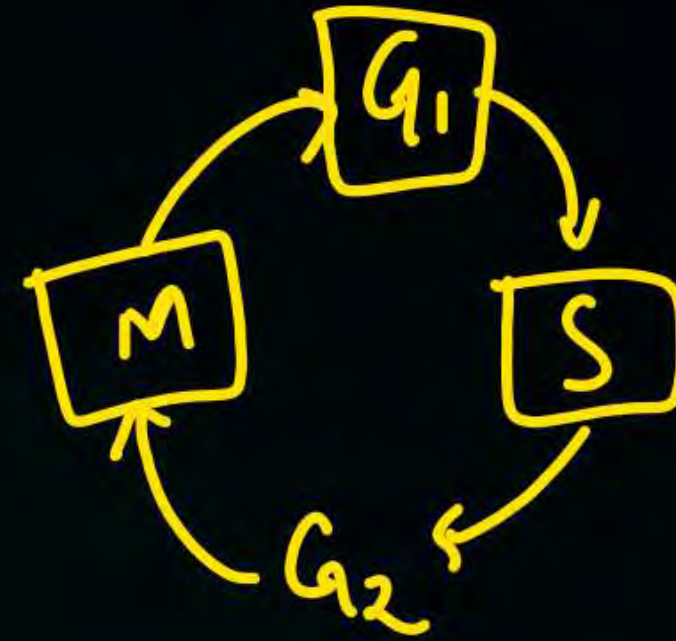
- A** Statement I is incorrect but Statement II is correct
- B** Both Statement I and Statement II are correct
- C** Both Statement I and Statement II are incorrect.
- D** Statement I is correct but Statement II is incorrect.

## Question



Match List-I with List-II (2023)

List-I		List-II	
(A)	M Phase <i>iv</i>	(I)	Proteins are synthesized
(B)	G <sub>2</sub> Phase <i>i</i>	(II)	Inactive phase
(C)	Quiescent stage <i>ii</i>	(III)	Interval between mitosis and initiation of DNA replication
(D)	G <sub>1</sub> Phase <i>iii</i>	(IV)	Equational division



Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

**A** A-II, B-IV, C-I, D-III

**B** A-III, B-II, C-IV, D-I

**C** A-IV, B-II, C-I, D-III

**D** A-IV, B-I, C-II, D-III ✓

## Question



Which one of the following is the quiescent stage of cell cycle?

- A** M
- B**  $G_2$
- C**  $G_1$
- D**  $G_0$



## Question



The fruit fly has 8 chromosomes ( $2n$ ) in each cell. During interphase of Mitosis if the number of chromosomes at  $G_1$  phase is 8, what would be the number of chromosomes after S phase? (2021)

- A** 16
- B** 4
- C** 32
- D** 8

$$2n=8$$

$$G_1=8 \rightarrow 10 \text{ pg}$$

$$S=8 \rightarrow 20 \text{ pg}$$

$$G_2=8 \quad ? \rightarrow 20 \text{ pg}$$

Amt of DNA

## Question



The centriole undergoes duplication during: ( )

- A** Prophase
- B** Metaphase
- C** G2 phase
- D** S-phase ✓

Identify the correct statement with regard to G1 phase (Gap 1) of interphase.  
(2020)

- A** Reorganisation of all cell components takes place.
- B** Cell is metabolically active, grows but does not replicate its DNA.
- C** Nuclear division takes place.
- D** DNA synthesis or replication takes place.

Match the following events that occur in their respective phases of cell cycle and

1.	G <sub>1</sub> phase	(i)	Cell grows and organelle duplication
2.	S phase	(ii)	DNA replication and chromosome duplication
3.	G <sub>2</sub> phase	(iii)	Cytoplasmic growth
4.	Metaphase in M-phase	(iv)	Alignment of chromosomes

select the correct option: (2020-Covid)

**A** 1-(iii) 2-(iv) 3-(i) 4-(ii)

**B** 1-(iv) 2-(i) 3-(ii) 4-(iii)

**C** 1-(i) 2-(ii) 3-(iii) 4-(iv)


**D** 1-(ii) 2-(iii) 3-(iv) 4-(i)

The correct sequence of phases of cell cycle is (2019)

- A**  $M \rightarrow G_1 \rightarrow G_2 \rightarrow S$
- B**  $G_1 \rightarrow G_2 \rightarrow S \rightarrow M$
- C**  $S \rightarrow G_1 \rightarrow G_2 \rightarrow M$
- D**  $G_1 \rightarrow S \rightarrow G_2 \rightarrow M$

## Question



Cell in G0 phase 

- A** Exit the cell cycle ✓
- B** Enter the cell cycle
- C** Suspend the cell cycle
- D** Terminate the cell cycle

## Question



DNA replication in bacteria occurs: (2017-Delhi)

- A** During S-phase - *ev*
- B** Within nucleolus
- C** Prior to fission ✓
- D** Just before transcription

## Question



A somatic cell that has just completed the S phase of its cell cycle, as compared to gamete of the same species, has: (2015 Re)

$\rightarrow n$

$G_1 - \} \quad S \quad \} \quad \text{X}$

- A** Twice the number of chromosomes and four times the amount of DNA
- B** Four times the number of chromosomes and twice the amount of DNA
- C** Twice the number of chromosomes and twice the amount of DNA
- D** Same number of chromosomes but twice the amount of DNA

## Question



During which phase(s) of cell cycle, amount of DNA in a cell remains at  $4C$  level if the initial amount is denoted as  $2C$ ? (2014)

- A**  $G_2$  and M
- B**  $G_0$  and  $G_1$
- C**  $G_1$  and S
- D** Only  $G_2$

## Question



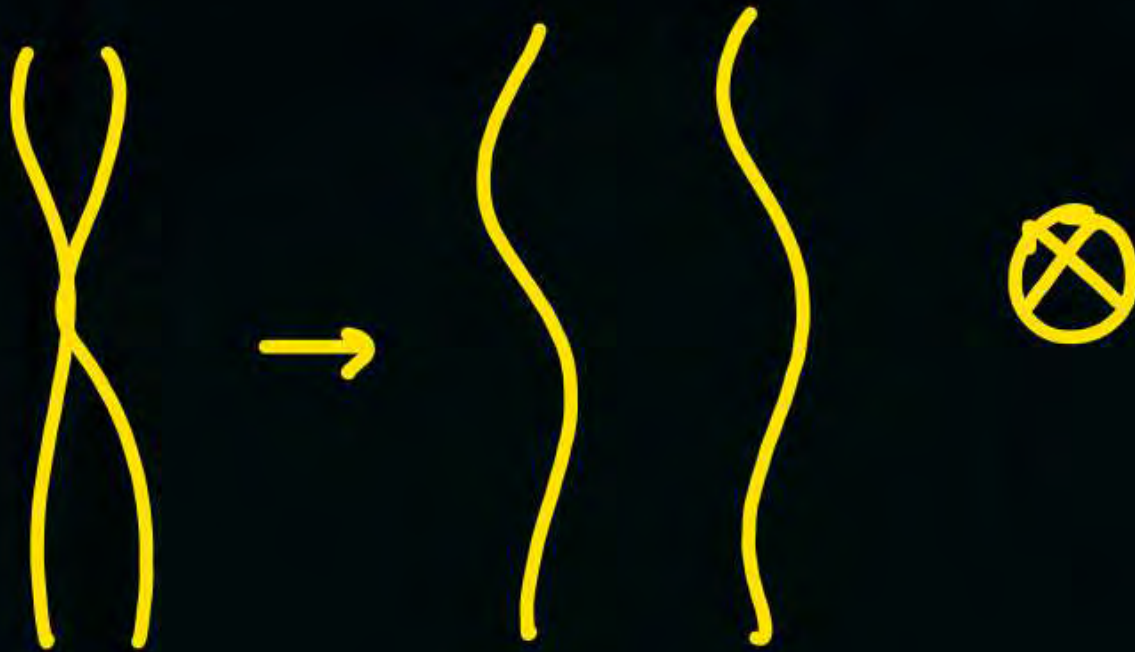
In 'S' phase of the cell cycle: (2014)

- A** Amount of DNA is reduced to half in each cell
- B** Amount of DNA doubles in each cell
- C** Amount of DNA remains same in each cell
- D** Chromosome number is increased

## Question

Doubling of the number of chromosomes can be achieved by disrupting mitotic cell division soon after:

- A** Anaphase ✓
- B** Telophase
- C** Prophase
- D** Metaphase



## Question



With respect to metaphase, which of the following statements is incorrect?  
(2022 Re)

NOT CORRECT

- A** Chromosomes lie at the equator of the cell ✓
- B** Complete disintegration of nuclear envelope takes place ✓
- C** Chromosomes are highly condensed ✓
- D** Metaphase chromosomes are made up of four sister chromatids held together by centromere ✗

Which one of the following never occurs during mitotic cell division? (2022)

- A** Coiling and condensation of the chromatids
- B** Spindle fibres attach to kinetochores of chromosomes
- C** Movement of centrioles towards opposite poles
- D** Pairing of homologous chromosomes

## Question



Select the incorrect statement with reference to mitosis: (2022)

- A** Splitting of centromere occurs at anaphase.
- B** All the chromosomes lie at the equator at metaphase.
- C** Spindle fibres attach to centromere of chromosomes.
- D** Chromosomes decondense at telophase.

## Question



In a mitotic cycle, the correct sequence of phases is (2020-Covid)

- A**  $G_1, S, G_2, M$
- B**  $M, G_1, G_2, S$
- C**  $G_1, G_2, S, M$
- D**  $S, G_1, G_2, M$

Attachment of spindle fibers to kinetochores of chromosomes becomes evident in:  
(2020-Covid)

- A** Telophase
- B** Prophase
- C** Metaphase
- D** Anaphase

## Question



Which of the following options gives the correct sequence of events during mitosis?

- A** Condensation → Nuclear membrane disassembly → Crossing over → Segregation → Telophase
- B** Condensation → Nuclear membrane disassembly → Arrangement at equator → Centromere division → Segregation → Telophase ✓
- C** Condensation → Crossing over → Nuclear membrane disassembly → Segregation → Telophase
- D** Condensation → Arrangement at equator → Centromere division → Segregation → Telophase

## Question



Which of the following is not a characteristic feature during mitosis in somatic cells? (2016 - I)

- A** Spindle fibres
- B** Disappearance of nucleolus
- C** Chromosome movement
- D** Synapsis

## Question



Spindle fibres attach on to: (2016 - I)

- A** Telomere of the chromosome
- B** Kinetochore of the chromosome
- C** Centromere of the chromosome
- D** Kinetosome of the chromosome

## Question



A cell at telophase stage is observed by a student in a plant brought from the field. He tells his teacher that this cell is not like other cells at telophase stage. There is no formation of cell plate and thus the cell is containing more number of chromosomes as compared to other dividing cells. This would result in: (2016 - I)

- A** Aneuploidy
- B** Polyploidy
- C** Somaclonal variation
- D** Polyteny

## Question



A stage in cell division is shown in the figure. Select the answer which gives correct identification of the stage with its characteristics: (2013)



<b>A</b>	Telophase	Endoplasmic reticulum and nucleolus not reformed yet.
<b>B</b>	Telophase	Nuclear envelope reforms, Golgi complex reforms.
<b>C</b>	Late Anaphase	Chromosomes move away from equatorial plate, Golgi complex not present.
<b>D</b>	Cytokinesis	Cell plate formed, mitochondria distributed between two daughter cells.

## Question



Which of the following stages of meiosis involves division of centromere? (2023)

- A** Telophase
- B** Metaphase I
- C** Metaphase II
- D** Anaphase II ✓

## Question



The process of appearance of recombination nodules occurs at which sub stage of prophase I in meiosis? (2023)

- A** Diakinesis
- B** Pachytene ✓
- C** Zygotene
- D** Diplotene

## Question



Select the correct statements. (2023)

- A. Tetrad formation is seen during leptotene. ✗
- B. During Anaphase, the centromere split and chromatids separate. ✓
- C. Terminalization takes place during Pachytene. ✗
- D. Nucleolus, Golgi complex and ER are reformed during Telophase. ✓
- E. Crossing over takes place between sister chromatids of homologous chromosome ✗

Choose the correct answer from the option given below:

- A** B and E only
- B** A and C only
- C** B and D only ✓
- D** A, C and E only

## Question



The dissolution of synaptonemal complex occurs during:

(2023-Manipur)

- A** Pachytene
- B** Diplotene
- C** Diakinesis
- D** Leptotene

## Question



During which stages of mitosis and meiosis, respectively does the centromere of each chromosome split? (2023-Manipur)

Ana. Ana-II

- A** Metaphase, Metaphase II
- B** Prophase, Telophase I
- C** Telophase, Anaphase I
- D** Anaphase, Anaphase II ✓

## Question



Select correct sequence of substages of Prophase-I of Meiotic division:

(2023-Manipur)

(A) Zygotene

(B) Pachytene

(C) Diakinesis

(D) Leptotene

(E) Diplotene

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

**A** (D), (B), (A), (E), (C)

**B** (A), (B), (D), (E), (C)

**C** (D), (A), (B), (E), (C)

**D** (A), (D), (B), (C), (E)

## Question



Which stage of meiosis can last for months or years in the oocytes of some vertebrates? (2022 Re)

- A** Diakinesis
- B** Leptotene
- C** Pachytene
- D** Diplotene

## Question



In meiosis, crossing over and exchange of material between homologous chromosomes catalyzed by the enzyme: (2022 Re)

- A** Polymerase
- B** Phosphorylase
- C** Recombinase
- D** Transferase

Identify the correct sequence of events during Prophase I of meiosis: (2022 Re)

- A. Synapsis of homologous chromosomes - *Zy*
- B. Chromosomes become gradually visible under microscope - *Le*
- C. Crossing over between non-sister chromatids of homologous chromosomes - *Pa*
- D. Terminalisation of chiasmata - *Dia*
- E. Dissolution of synaptonemal complex - *Di*

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- |          |                         |          |                         |
|----------|-------------------------|----------|-------------------------|
| <b>A</b> | (A), (C), (D), (E), (B) | <b>B</b> | (A), (B), (C), (D), (E) |
| <b>C</b> | (B), (C), (D), (E), (A) | <b>D</b> | (B), (A), (C), (E), (D) |



Bivalent or Tetrad formation is a characteristic feature observed during: (2022 Re)

- A** Chiasmata in zygotene stage
- B** Synaptonemal complex in zygotene stage
- C** Chiasmata in diplotene stage
- D** Synaptonemal complex in pachytene stage

## Question



The appearance of recombination nodules on homologous chromosomes during meiosis characterizes (2022)

- A** Terminalization
- B** Synaptonemal complex
- C** Bivalent
- D** Sites at which crossing over occurs

Regarding Meiosis, which of the statements is incorrect? (2022)

- A** Four haploid cells are formed at the end of Meiosis-II
- B** There are two stages in Meiosis, Meiosis-I and II
- C** DNA replication occurs in S phase of Meiosis-II ✓
- D** Pairing of homologous chromosomes and recombination occurs in Meiosis-I

## Question



Which stage of meiotic prophase shows terminalisation of chiasmata as its distinctive feature? (2021)

- A** Zygotene
- B** Diakinesis
- C** Pachytene
- D** Leptotene

Which of the following stages of meiosis involves division of centromere? (2021)

- A** Metaphase II
- B** Anaphase II
- C** Telophase II
- D** Metaphase I

Match the following with respect to meiosis: (2020)

	Column-I		Column-II
1.	Zygotene	(i)	Terminalization
2.	Pachytene	(ii)	Chiasmata
3.	Diplojene	(iii)	Crossing over
4.	Diakinesis	(iv)	Synapsis

Select the correct option from the following:

(1) (2) (3) (4)

- A** (iv) (iii) (ii) (i)
- B** (i) (ii) (iv) (iii)
- C** (ii) (iv) (iii) (i)
- D** (iii) (iv) (i) (ii)

## Question



Dissolution of the synaptonemal complex occurs during: (2020)

- A** Zygotene
- B** Diplotene
- C** Leptotene
- D** Pachytene

## Question



During Meiosis I, in which stage synapsis takes place? (2020-Covid)

- A** Zygotene
- B** Diplotene
- C** Leptotene
- D** Pachytene

## Question



The stage during which separation of the paired homologous chromosomes begins is (2018)

- A** Pachytene
- B** Diplotene
- C** Diakinesis
- D** Zygotene

## Question



Match the stages of meiosis in Column-I to their characteristic features in Column-II and select the correct option using the codes given below: (2016 - II)

	Column I		Column II
A.	Pachytene	i.	Pairing of homologous chromosomes
B.	Metaphase-I	ii.	Terminalisation of chiasmata
C.	Diakinesis	iii.	Crossing over takes place
D.	Zygotene	iv.	Chromosomes align at equatorial plate

Codes:

**A** A-ii B-iv C-iii D-i

**B** A-iv B-iii C-ii D-i

**C** A-iii B-iv C-ii D-i

**D** A-i B-iv C-ii D-iii

## Question



In meiosis, crossing over is initiated at: (2016 - I)

- A** Pachytene
- B** Leptotene
- C** Zygotene
- D** Diplotene

Select the correct option: (2015)

	Column-I		Column-II
A.	Synapsis aligns the homologous chromosomes	i.	Anaphase-II
B.	Synthesis of RNA and protein	ii.	Zygotene
C.	Action of enzyme recombinase	iii.	G <sub>2</sub> -phase
D.	Centromeres do not separate but chromatids move towards opposite poles	iv.	Anaphase-I
		v.	Pachytene

**A** A-i B-ii C-iii D-iv

**B** A-ii B-iii C-iv D-v

**C** A-ii B-i C-iii D-iv

**D** A-ii B-iii C-v D-iv

Arrange the following events of meiosis in correct sequence: (2015 Re)

- A. Crossing over
- B. Synapsis
- C. Terminalisation of chiasmata
- D. Disappearance of nucleolus

- A** (B), (A), (C), (D)
- B** (A), (B), (C), (D)
- C** (B), (C), (D), (A)
- D** (B), (A), (D), (C)

## Question



The enzyme recombinase is required at which stage of meiosis? (2014)

- A** Diakinesis
- B** Pachytene
- C** Zygotene
- D** Diplotene

## Question



The complex formed by a pair of synapsed homologous chromosomes is called:  
(2013)

- A** Axoneme
- B** Equatorial plate
- C** Kinetochores
- D** Bivalent

## Question



Spindle fibers attach to kinetochores of chromosomes during (2024)

- A** Anaphase
- B** Telophase
- C** Prophase
- D** Metaphase

## Question



Given below are two statements:

Statement I: Chromosomes become gradually visible under light microscope during leptotene stage.

Statement II: The beginning of diplotene stage is recognized by dissolution of synaptonemal complex.

In the light of the above statements, choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- A** Statement I is true but Statement II is false
- B** Statement I is false but Statement II is true
- C** Both Statement I and Statement II are true
- D** Both Statement I and Statement II are false

## Question



Anoxygenic photosynthesis is characteristic of: [2014]

- A** *Ulva*
- B** *Rhodospirillum*
- C** *Spirogyra*
- D** *Chlamydomonas*

## Question



Match List-I with List-II.

List-I

- A. Chlorophyll a
- B. Chlorophyll b
- C. Xanthophyll
- D. Carotenoid

List-II

- I. Yellow to yellow orange
- II. Yellow green
- III. Blue green ✓
- IV. Yellow

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- A** A-III, B-II, C-IV, D-I ✓
- B** A-III, B-I, C-IV, D-II
- C** A-II, B-III, C-I, D-IV
- D** A-IV, B-III, C-II, D-I

## Question



Which of the following statements is incorrect? [2021]

- A** Stroma lamellae have PS I only and lack NADP reductase. ✓
- B** Grana lamellae have both PS I and PS II. ✓
- C** Cyclic photophosphorylation involves both PS I and PS II. ✓
- D** Both ATP and NADPH + H<sup>+</sup> are synthesized during non-cyclic photophosphorylation.

## Question



In a chloroplast the highest number of protons are found in:

- A** Stroma
- B** Lumen of thylakoid ✓
- C** Inter membranal space
- D** Antennae complex

## Question



Water soluble pigments found in plant cell vacuoles are: [2016 - I]

- A** Xanthophylls
- B** Chlorophylls
- C** Carotenoids
- D** Anthocyanins ✓

## Question



In photosynthesis, the light-independent reactions take place at: [2015 Re]

- A** Photosystem-I
- B** Photosystem-II
- C** Stromal matrix
- D** Thylakoid lumen

## Question



The reaction centre in PS II has an absorption maxima at [2023]

**A** 780 nm

**B** 680 nm ✓

**C** 700 nm

**D** 660 nm

## Question



Which of the following combinations is required for chemiosmosis? [2023]

- A** Proton pump, electron gradient, NADP synthase
- B** Membrane, proton pump, proton gradient, ATP synthase
- C** Membrane, proton pump, proton gradient, NADP synthase
- D** Proton pump, electron gradient, ATP synthase

Which out of the following statements is incorrect? [2023-Manipur]

- A** Grana lamellae have both PS I and PS II
- B** Cyclic photophosphorylation involves both PS I and PS II ✓
- C** Both ATP and NADPH + H<sup>+</sup> are synthesised during non-cyclic photophosphorylation
- D** Stroma lamellae lack PS II and NADP reductase

## Question



Identify the correct statements regarding chemiosmotic hypothesis [2022 Re]

- A. Splitting of the water molecule takes place on the inner side of the membrane. ✓
- B. Protons accumulate within the lumen of the thylakoids. ✓
- C. Primary acceptor of electron transfers the electrons to an electron carrier. ✗
- D. NADP reductase enzyme is located on the stroma side of the membrane. ✓
- E. Protons increase in number in stroma. ✗

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- A** (B), (C) and (E)
- B** (A), (B) and (E)
- C** (A), (B) and (D) ✓
- D** (B), (C) and (D)

## Question



Which one of the following is not true regarding the release of energy during ATP synthesis through chemiosmosis? It involves: [2022]

- A** Reduction of NADP to NADPH<sub>2</sub> on the stroma side of the membrane
- B** Breakdown of proton gradient
- C** Breakdown of electron gradient
- D** Movement of protons across the membrane to the stroma

## Question



In light reaction, plastoquinone facilitates the transfer of electrons from: [2020]

- A** Cytb<sub>6</sub>f complex to PS-I
- B** PS-I to NADP<sup>+</sup>
- C** PS-I to ATP synthase
- D** PS-II to Cytb<sub>6</sub>f complex

## Question



During non-cyclic photophosphorylation, when electrons are lost from the reaction centre at PS II, what is the source which replaces these electrons? [2020-Covid]

- A** Water
- B** Carbon dioxide
- C** Light
- D** Oxygen

## Question



How many ATP and NADPH, are required for the synthesis of one molecule of Glucose during Calvin cycle? [2023]

- A** 18 ATP and 16 NADPH<sub>2</sub>
- B** 12 ATP and 12 NADPH<sub>2</sub>
- C** 18 ATP and 12 NADPH<sub>2</sub>
- D** 12 ATP and 16 NADPH<sub>2</sub>

## Question



When one  $\text{CO}_2$  molecule is fixed as one molecule of triose phosphate, which of the following photochemically made, high energy chemical intermediates are used in the reduction phase? [2022 Re]

ATP, NADPH<sub>2</sub>

- A** 2 ATP + 2 NADPH ✓
- B** 1 ATP + 1 NADPH
- C** 1 ATP + 2 NADPH
- D** 2 ATP + 1 NADPH

## Question



Which of the following is not a product of light reaction of photosynthesis? [2018]

- A** ATP
- B** NADH
- C** NADPH
- D** Oxygen

## Question



Given below are two statements: [2023-Manipur]

Statement I: RuBisCO is the most abundant enzyme in the world.

Statement II: Photorespiration does not occur in  $C_4$  plants.

In the light of the above statements, choose the most appropriate answer from the options given below:

- A** Statement I is correct but Statement II is incorrect
- B** Statement I is incorrect but Statement II is correct
- C** Both Statement I and Statement II are correct
- D** Both Statement I and Statement II are incorrect

## Question



What is the role of large bundle sheath cells found around the vascular bundles in  $C_4$  plants? [2022]

- A** To protect the vascular tissue from high light intensity
- B** To provide the site for photorespiratory pathway
- C** To increase the number of chloroplast for the operation of Calvin cycle ✓
- D** To enable the plant to tolerate high temperature

## Question



Given below are two statements:

[2022]

Statement I: The primary  $\text{CO}_2$  acceptor in  $\text{C}_4$  plants is phosphoenolpyruvate and is found in the mesophyll cells.

Statement II: Mesophyll cells of  $\text{C}_4$  plants lack RuBisCO enzyme.

In the light of the above statements, choose the correct answer from the options given below.

- A** Statement I is incorrect but Statement II is correct
- B** Both Statement I and Statement II are correct
- C** Both statement I and statement II are incorrect
- D** Statement I is correct but Statement II is incorrect

## Question



The first stable product of  $\text{CO}_2$  fixation in Sorghum is: [2021]

- A** Oxaloacetic acid ✓
- B** Succinic acid
- C** Phosphoglyceric acid
- D** Pyruvic acid

$\text{C}_4$

## Question



The oxygenation activity of RuBisCO enzyme in photorespiration leads to the formation of: [2020]

- A** 1 molecule of 3-C compound
- B** 1 molecule of 6-C compound
- C** 1 molecule of 4-C compound and 1 molecule of 2-C compound
- D** 2 molecules of 3-C compound

## Question



Which of the following statements is incorrect? [2020-Covid]

- A** In  $C_4$  plants, the site of RuBisCO activity is mesophyll cell
- B** The substrate molecule for RuBisCO activity is a 5-carbon compound
- C** RuBisCO action requires ATP and NADPH
- D** RuBisCO is a bifunctional enzyme

## Question



Phosphoenol pyruvate (PEP) is the primary  $\text{CO}_2$  acceptor in:

- A**  $\text{C}_3$  plants
- B**  $\text{C}_4$  plants ✓
- C**  $\text{C}_2$  plants
- D**  $\text{C}_3$  and  $\text{C}_4$  plants

## Question



The process which makes major difference between  $C_3$  and  $C_4$  plants is: [2016 - II]

- A** Photorespiration
- B** Respiration
- C** Glycolysis
- D** Calvin cycle

## Question



A plant in your garden avoids photorespiratory losses, has improved water use efficiency, shows high rates of photosynthesis at high temperatures and has improved efficiency of nitrogen utilisation. In which of the following physiological groups would you assign this plant? [2016 - I]

- A**  $C_3$
- B**  $C_4$
- C** CAM
- D** Nitrogen fixer

With reference to factors affecting the rate of photosynthesis, which of the following statements is not correct? [2017-Delhi]

- A** Light saturation for  $\text{CO}_2$  fixation occurs at 10% of full sunlight
- B** Increasing atmospheric  $\text{CO}_2$  concentration upto 0.05% can enhance  $\text{CO}_2$  fixation rate
- C**  $\text{C}_3$  plants responds to higher temperatures with enhanced photosynthesis while  $\text{C}_4$  plants have much lower temperature optimum
- D** Tomato is a greenhouse crop which can be grown in  $\text{CO}_2$  - enriched atmosphere for higher yield

## Question



Which of the following are required for the dark reaction of photosynthesis? [2024]

A. Light   B. Chlorophyll   C.  $\text{CO}_2$    D. ATP   E. NADPH

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- A** C, D and E only
- B** D and E only
- C** A, B and C only
- D** B, C and D only

## Question



How many molecules of ATP and NADPH are required for every molecule of  $\text{CO}_2$  fixed in the Calvin cycle? [2024]

- A** 3 molecules of ATP and 3 molecules of NADPH
- B** 3 molecules of ATP and 2 molecules of NADPH
- C** 2 molecules of ATP and 3 molecules of NADPH
- D** 2 molecules of ATP and 2 molecules of NADPH

## Question



Given below are two statements:

Statement I: In  $C_3$  plants, some  $O_2$  binds RuBisCO, hence  $CO_2$  fixation is decreased.

Statement II: In  $C_4$  plants, mesophyll cells shows very little photorespiration while bundle sheath cells do not show photorespiration.

In the light of the above statements, choose the correct answer from the options given below:

**A** Statement I is true but Statement II is false

**B** Statement I is false but Statement II is true

**C** Both Statement I and Statement II are true

**D** Both Statement I and Statement II are false

Thank

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