

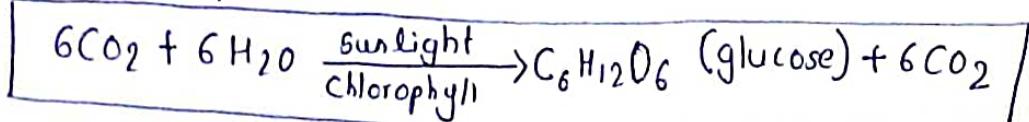
## CHAPTER 9: PROTECTORS OF BIOSPHERE.

(Q1) Define Global warming. What is the cause of global warming?

→ It is a dangerous phenomenon which leads to the rise in earth's temperature. The main reason for global warming is the increase in the level of  $\text{CO}_2$  in atmosphere.

(Q2) Explain the process of photosynthesis.

→ The process of making food by green plants from water & carbon dioxide with the help of sunlight. This process regulates the level of oxygen and  $\text{CO}_2$  in the atmosphere.



(Q3) \_\_\_\_\_ imports green colour to the plant leaf.  
→ chlorophyll.

(Q4) What are the parts of chloroplast?

→ Each chloroplast is double layered cell organelle containing pigments. A fluid called stroma inside the chloroplast & a membrane bound sacs embedded in it, are the grana.

(Q5) Name the pigments present in chloroplast!

→ Chlorophyll a, chlorophyll b, carotene & xanthophyll.

(Q6) Define Light reaction & Dark reaction.

→ Light Reaction: Here, light energy is converted into chemical energy (stored in ATP molecules) & with help of this energy, water molecules are broken down into hydrogen and oxygen.

• This reaction occurs inside the grana of chloroplast.  $\text{O}_2$  is released during this phase.

Dark reaction: - This phase is also called as Calvin cycle.

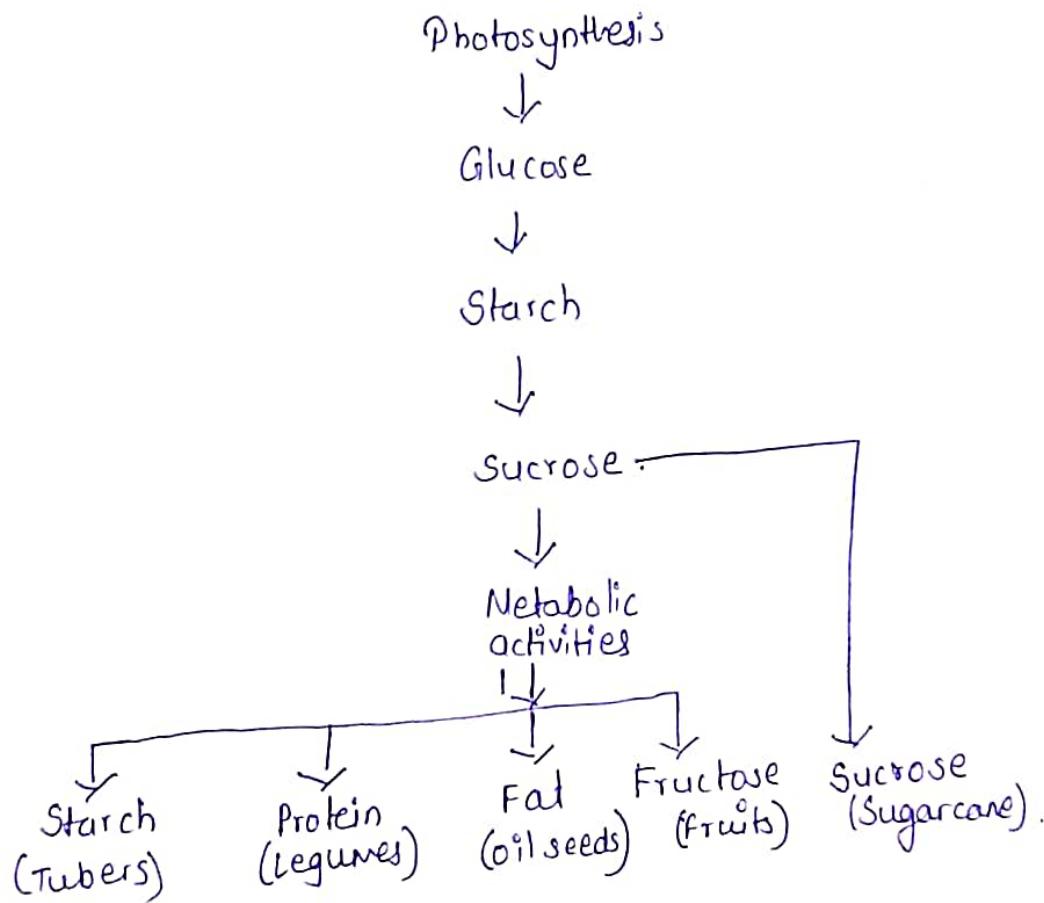
• Using the energy of ATP, Hydrogen combines with  $\text{CO}_2$ , to form glucose.

• This phase occurs in the stroma of chloroplast, as it does not require light.

Q7) \_\_\_\_\_ are called as 'energy currencies of the cell'.  
→ ATP molecules.

Q8) Why is glucose converted to starch during photosynthesis. Give the chemical changes to glucose to store in diff-forms.

- Since glucose is easily soluble in water it cannot be stored in plant body. Therefore, plants store glucose in the form of insoluble starch in leaves.
- o Plants utilise starch as a source of energy for life activities & to prepare substances required for growth.
- o Starch is later converted to sucrose & is transported through phloem to various plant parts & stored there in diff-forms.



Q9) Define chemosynthesis.  
→ All producers on earth do not depend on sunlight. The sulphur bacteria seen on the land & water are examples of this. They produce energy by breaking down chemical compounds. This process is called chemosynthesis.

Q10) 70 - 80% of oxygen in atmosphere is contributed by  
\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.

→ Algae & phytoplanktons.

Q11) What are phytoplanktons?

→ Phytoplanktons are the free floating microscopic organisms that perform photosynthesis in oceans.

Q12) Give examples illustrating how plants help in the time of natural disasters.

→ • Mangrove forest help in controlling tsunami to some extent.  
• Bamboo forests, reed, lemongrass protect the river banks from collapsing during flood.  
• Trees & bushes in mountains & hills prevent soil erosion & landslide.