

Chapter No. 21

Neural Control And Coordination

Q. No. 1 Explain Structure & Function of Neuron.

- Neuron is a microscopic structure composed of three major parts, namely cell body, dendrites & axon.
- The cell body contains cytoplasm with typical cell organelles & certain granular bodies called 'Nissl granules'.
- Dendrites are short fibres which repeatedly branch & emerge out of the cell body. They transmit impulses towards the cell body.
- The Axon is a long fibre, the distal end of which is branched.
- Each branch terminates as a bulb-like structure called synaptic knob. Comprising of the synaptic vesicle containing neurotransmitters.
- Axon transmit nerve impulses from the cell body to synapse. Neurons are divided into three types depending upon the number of axon multipolar & two or more dendrites.
- There are two types of axon namely myelinated & non myelinated.
- The Schwann cells enclose the myelinated nerve fibres & form the myelin sheath around the axon.
- Gaps between two adjacent myelin sheath are known as nodes of Ranvier.
- Myelinated nerve fibre are found in spinal nerves.

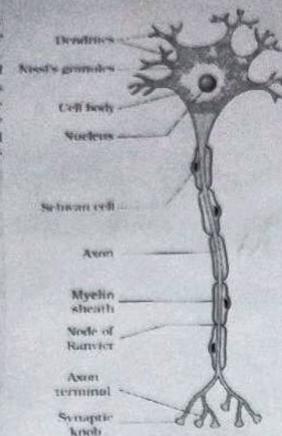


Figure 21.1 Structure of a neuron

Q.No.2 - Explain central Neural system

- The brain is the central information processing organ of our body, & act as the 'command' & 'control' system.
- The human brain is well protected by the skull. Inside the skull, the brain is covered by cranial meninges consisting of an outer layer called dura mater.
- A very thin middle layer called arachnoid & inner layer called pia mater.
- The brain can divided into three major parts. **(a) Forebrain (b) midbrain (c) hindbrain**
- ① Forebrain**
 - It consist of cerebrum, thalamus & hypothalamus.
 - Cerebrum forms major part of human brain.
 - Cerebrum divides into two parts.

A dorsal portion of the midbrain consists mainly of four rounded swellings called corpora quadrigemina.

Hindbrain :-

- Hind brain consist of pons, medulla oblongata & cerebellum.
- Pons consist of fibre tracts that interconnect different regions of the brain.
- The medulla contains centres which control respiration, cardiovascular reflexes & gastric secretion.
- Cerebellum controls balance & posture.

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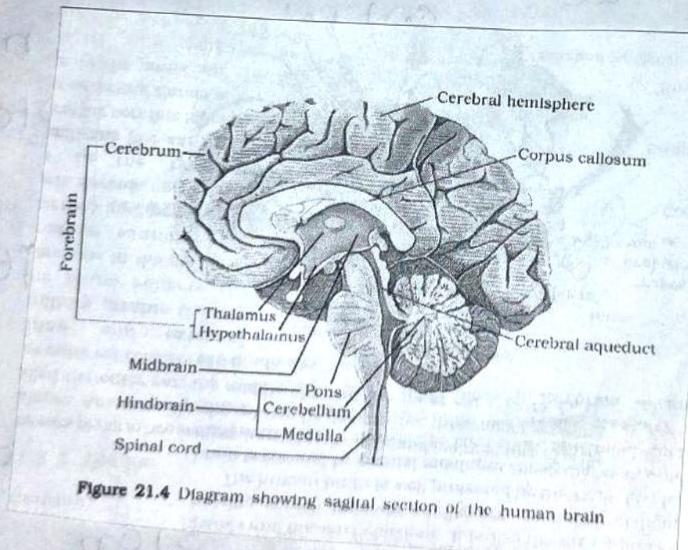


Figure 21.4 Diagram showing sagittal section of the human brain

which are left & right cerebral hemisphere.

- The hemispheres are connected by a tract of nerve fibres called corpus callosum.
- The layer of cells which covers the cerebral hemisphere is called cerebral cortex.
- The cerebral cortex contains motor areas, sensory areas & large regions that neither clearly sensory nor motor in function.
- These regions called as the association areas. Association area controls complex functions like inter-sensory associations, memory & communication.
- The cerebrum wraps around a structure called thalamus. which is a major co-ordinating centre for sensory & motor signalling.
- Hypothalamus controls the urge for eating, drinking & body temperature.
- They also release hypothalamic hormones.
- Limbic system is involved in controlling sexual behavior & expression of emotional reaction.

Midbrain :

- It is located between the thalamus/hypothalamus of the forebrain & pons of the hindbrain.
- A canal called the cerebral aqueduct passes through the midbrain.

Q. No. 3 Draw labelled diagrams of Eye & Describe Structure?

- The adult human eye is spherical & consist of 3-layer
- The external layer is composed of dense connective tissue called Sclera.
- The anterior portion of this layer is called cornea.
- middle layer choroid contain blood vessels.
- The ciliary body it self continue forward to form a pigmented opaque structure called the iris.
- The inner coloured portion of eye of neural cell.
- Inner layer ganglion cells, middle bipolar cells + outer photoreceptor cells.
- There are two types of photoreceptor cells namely rods & cones.
- These cells contain the light sensitive proteins called the photopigments.
- The day light vision & colour vision are functions of cones. + Twilight vision is the function of rods.
- The optic nerve leave the eye & retina blood vessels enter it at a point medial to and slightly above the posterior pole of the eye ball.
- Photoreceptor cells are not present in that region & hence called blind spot.
- The space between the eye cornea & lens is called the aqueous chamber.

The space between lens & Retina is called the Vitreous chamber.

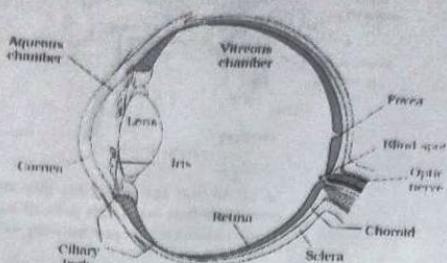


Figure 21.6 Diagram showing parts of an eye

Q. NO. 4 Explain the mechanism of Vision.

- the light rays of visible wavelength fall on retina through cornea + lens to generate impulse in rods & cones.
- photosensitive pigments composed of opsin + retinal.
- changes in structure of the opsin causes membrane permeability to generate action potential that is transmitted to brain via optic nerve
- the neural impulses are analysed & image formed on the retina is recognised based on earlier memory & experience.

Q. No. 5. Draw labelled diagram of Ear & Describe Explain mechanism of Hearing.

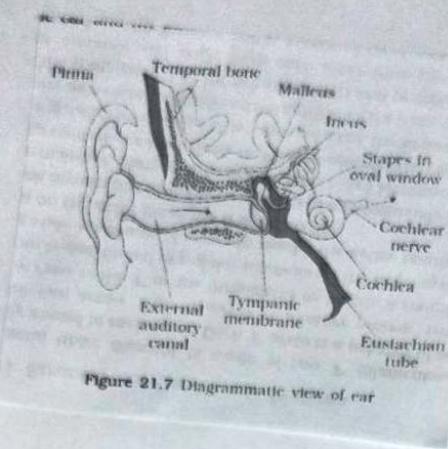


Figure 21.7 Diagrammatic view of ear

Mechanisms of Hearing :-

- The external ear receives sound waves & directs them to the ear drum.
- The ear drum vibrates in response to the sound waves & these vibrations are transmitted through the ear ossicles to the oval window.
- The vibrations are passed through the oval window on the fluid of the cochlea, where they generate waves in the lymphs.
- The waves in the lymphs induce a ripple in the basilar membrane.
- These movement of basilar membrane bend the hair cells, pressing them against the tectorial neurons.

- Nerve impulses are generated in the afferent fibre via auditory nerves to auditory cortex of the brain.
- Where the impulse are analysed & sound is recognised.

Pathways to memory

Initial gross division was formed up.
marked the first of most
importance in memory. (i) secondly nucleus and corpus
callosum and (ii) thirdly tract of 20x20
neurons down to it of 20x20 size with synapses
placed here with dorsal, forebrain and ventral
forebrain post sectors, placed with no brain area to
be divided out at once
and then to limbic system and all cerebral areas
it had already been divided to transmission with
help of all transsynaptic pathways and
processes laterally