

## Unit No - 2

### Structural organization in plant & Animals.

#### Chapter No: 5

### Morphology OF Flowering Plants.

#### Q. 1 Describe Modification of Stem?

- = Stem are modified to perform different function.
- underground stem potato, ginger, turmeric, are modified to store food in them.
- They also act as organs of Perennation to tide over condition unfavorable for growth.
- Stem tendrils which develops from axillary buds. are slender & spirally coiled & helps plants to climb such as in ground. & grapevines.
- Axillary buds of stem may also get modified into woody, straight & pointed thorns.
- Thorns are found in many plant such as citrus, Bougainvillea.
- They protect plant from browsing animals.
- plant of arid regions modify their stem to flattened, fleshy & cylindrical having chlorophyll for photosynthesis.
- underground stem of some plants such as grass and Strawberry etc. spread to new niches & when older parts die new plants are formed.
- In banana, pineapple & chrysanthemum the lateral branches originate from basal & underground portion of the main stem, grow horizontally beneath the soil & then come out obliquely upward giving rise to leafy shoots.

Q. No 2. What is flower & describe various parts of flower?

- Flower is the reproductive part of angiospermic plants for sexual means of reproduction.
  - Atypical flower has four whorls arranged on a swollen end of stalk of pedicel called thalamus.
  - They are calyx, corolla, androecium & gynoecium.
  - calyx & corolla are accessory organs.
  - while androecium & gynoecium are reproductive organ.
  - when a flower has both androecium & gynoecium it's bisexual & a flower having either only stamens or only carpels is unisexual.
  - Based on the position of calyx, corolla & androecium & gynoecium in respect of the ovary on thalamus the flowers are described as Hypogynous, perigynous & epigynous.
1. Hypogynous flower :- ovary occupies the highest position. The ovary in such case is called superior.  
Eg. mustard, brinjal.
  2. perigynous flower :- IF gynoecium is situated in the center & other parts of the flower are located on the rim of the thalamus almost at the same level. called perigynous.
  3. Epigynous flowers :- The margin of thalamus grows to completely covers the ovary. ovary is said to be inferior.

## Calyx :-

The calyx is the outermost ~~whole~~ whorl of the flower & members are called Sepals, generally Sepals are green leaf like & protect the flower in the bud stage. The calyx may be gamosepalous & polysepalous.

## Corolla :-

Corolla is composed of petals. petals are usually brightly coloured to attract insects for pollination. Aestivation & The mode of arrangement of sepals & petals in floral bud with respect to the other members of the same whorl is known as Aestivation.

- In valvet, the whorls of Sepals, or petals touch each other as in Calotropis.
- In Twisted aestivation, the whorls overlap each other as in China rose.

## Androecium :-

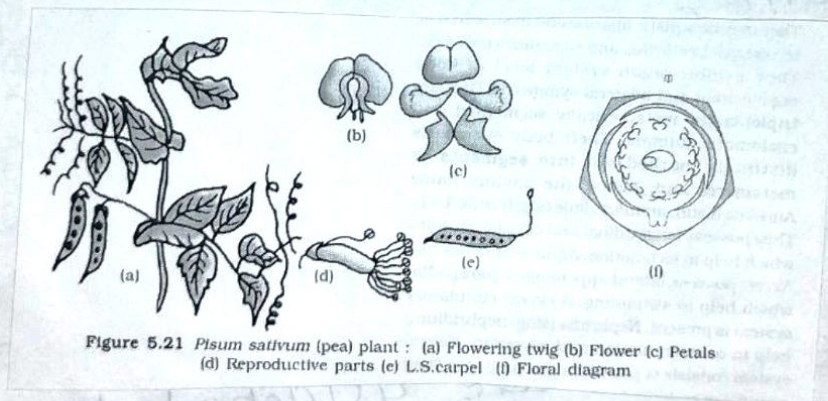
- Androecium represent the male reproductive parts of flower, consist of Stamens.
- Each Stamen consist of filament & anther.
- Pollen grains are produced in pollen sac.
- Sterile stamen is called staminate.
- when stamens are attached to the petals they are epipetalous as in brinjal or epiphyllous when attached to the perianth as in the flowers of lily.

## Gynoecium :-

- Gynoecium is the female reproductive part of the flower & is made up of one or more carpel.

- A carpel consist of three parts namely stigma, style, ovary.
- Ovary is the enlarged basal part on which lies the elongated tube, the style.
- The style connects the ovary to the stigma.
- The stigma is usually at the tip of the style & is the receptive surface for pollen grain.
- When more than one carpel is present it may be free as in lotus & rose or fused together as in mustard & tomato.
- After fertilization, ovaries change into seed & ovary mature in fruits.

Q.3 - Write down semi-technical description & also draw their floral diagram of families Fabaceae & Solanaceae.



Fabaceae :- This family was earlier called Papilionoidae, a subfamily of family Leguminosae.

Vegetative characters :-

Tree, Shrubs, herbs root, with root nodules.  
Stem - erect or climber

Leaves :- alternate, pinnately compound or simple; leaf base, pinnate, stipulate, venation reticulate.

Floral characters :-

Inflorescence - racemose.

Flower - bisexual, zygomorphic.

Calyx - Sepals five, gamosepalous; valvet/imbriate aestivation.

Corolla - petals five, polypetalous, papilionaceous consist of posterior standard, two lateral wings, two anterior ones forming a keel vexillary aestivation.

Androecium :- ten, epiandrous

Gynoecium :- ovary superior, monocarpellary.

Fruits :- legume seed.

Floral formula :-  $\frac{\text{K}(5) \text{C}_{1+2(2)} \text{A}_{(9)} \text{M} \text{G}_1}{\text{♀} \text{♂}}$

Economic Importance :-

plants belonging to this family are source of pulse like gram, Arhar, Bean, Pea etc and edible oils like groundnut, soyabean etc.

## ② Solanaceae :-

It is a large family commonly called as the 'potato family'. It is widely distributed in tropic, sub-tropic & even temp. zones.

## Vegetative characters :-

Stem - Herbaceous rarely woody, aerial, erect cylindrical, branched, solid & hollow.

Leaves - alternate, simple, rarely pinnately compound.

## Floral characters :-

Inflorescence - solitary, axillary or cymose.

Flower - bisexual, actinomorphic.

Calyx - sepals five, united.

Corolla - petals five, united.

Androecium - stamens five

Gynoecium - bicarpellary obligately placed.

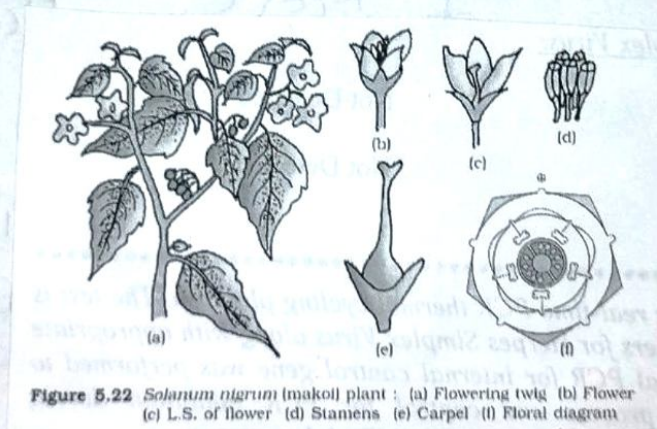
Fruits - berry or capsule.

Seed - many.

Floral formula -  $\overset{\sigma}{\text{K}}(5) \overset{\text{C}}{\text{C}}(5) \overset{\text{A}}{\text{A}}5 \overset{\text{G}}{\text{G}}(2)$

## Economic Importance :-

many plants belonging to this family are source of food, spice, medicine.



Q. No. 4 - Define the term inflorescence & Explain the basis for the different types of inflorescence in the flowering plant?

- A flower is modified shoot wherein the shoot apical meristem changes to floral meristem.
- when a shoot tip transforms into a flower it always solitary.
- The arrangement of flowers on the floral axis is termed as inflorescence.

Depending on the whether the apex gets developed into a flower or continues to grow - two major types of inflorescence.

- 1. racemose & 2. cymose.

1. Racemose :- It is indefinite inflorescence

- main axis continues to grow & flowers borne in acropetal succession.
- eg radish, mustard, Amaranthus.

2. cymose :- It is definite inflorescence

- In cymose type of inflorescence the main axis terminates in a flower hence is limited in growth. The flowers are borne in a basipetal order.

Q. 5 - Draw & labelled the diagram of monocotyledonous seed & dicotyledonous seed.

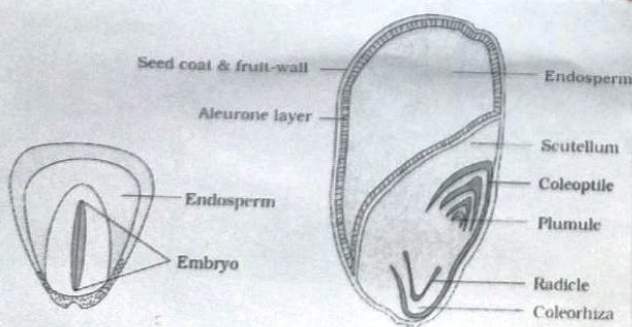


Figure 5.19 Structure of a monocotyledonous seed

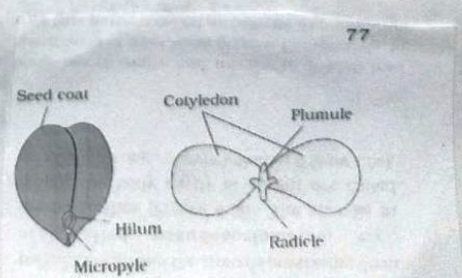
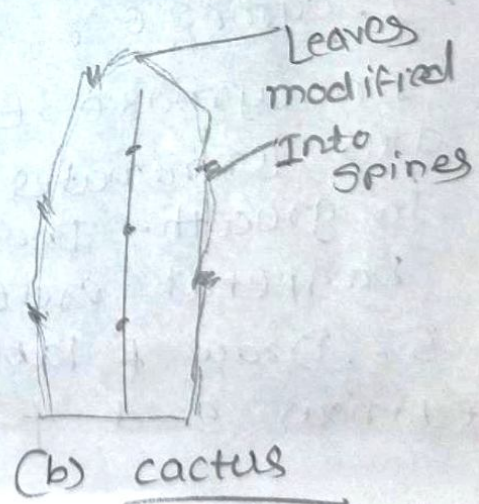


Figure 5.18 Structure of dicotyledonous seed

## Q.6 Describe modification of Leaves ?

- Leaves are often modified to perform function other than photosynthesis.
- They are converted into tendrils for climbing as in peas or into spines for defence as in cacti.
- The fleshy leaves of onion & garlic store food.
- In some plants such as Australian acacia.
- The leaves are small & short lived.
- The petioles in these plants expand, become green & synthesise food.
- Leaves of certain insectivorous plants such as pitcher plant, Venus fly trap are also modified leaves.



## Modification of Leaf