

chapter No. 6  
Anatomy of Flowering Plants

Q.1 State the location & function of different types of meristems. ?

→ Growth in plants is largely restricted to specialised of active cell division called meristems.

- The meristems which occurs at the tips of root & shoots & produce primary tissue are called apical meristems.

- Root apical meristem occupies the tip of a root while the shoot apical meristem occupies the distant most region of the stem.

- During the formation of leaves & elongation of stem. Some cells 'left behind' from shoot apical meristem, constitute the axillary bud.

- Such bud present in the axils of leaves & are capable of forming a branch or a flower.

- The meristem which occurs between mature tissue known as intercalary meristem.

- They occur in grasses & regenerate parts removed by the grazing herbivores.

- Both apical & intercalary meristem are primary meristem.

- The meristem that occurs in mature region of roots & shoots of many plants, particularly those produce woody axis & appear later than primary meristem is called lateral meristem.

Q No. 2 - Describe internal structure of a dicot root?

1] Epiblema :-

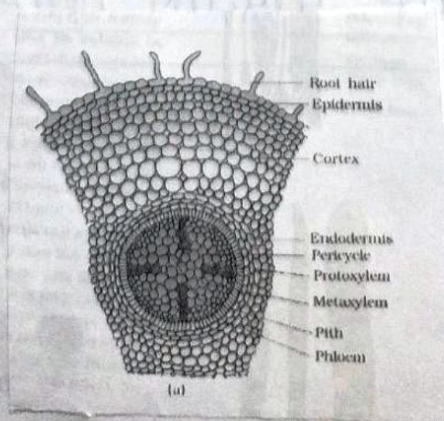
- The outermost layer is epiblema
- From the outside of the epiblema, unicellular roots extend.

2] Cortex :-

- It consists of several layers of thin walled parenchyma cells with intercellular spaces.
- These cells contain starch grains.

3] Endodermis :-

- The innermost layer of the cortex called endodermis.
- It contains cells having a parallel shape & no intercellular spaces.
- The tangential as well as radial walls of the endodermal cells have deposition of water impermeable, corky material Suberin in the form of Casparyan Strips.
- Next to endodermis lies a few layer of thick walled parenchymatous cells referred to as pericycle.
- The parenchymatous cells which lie between the xylem & phloem are called conjunctive tissue.
- All tissue on the inner side of the endodermis such as pericycle, vascular bundles & pith constitute the stele.



Q. No. 3 Describe the elements of xylem with suitable diagram.

- - The complex tissue are made of more than one type of cells & those work together as unit.
- xylem + phloem constitute complex tissue in plant.
  - xylem functions as conducting tissue for water & minerals from roots to the stem & leaves.
  - It compose of ~~four~~ different element.

1] Tracheids - Tracheids are elongated or tube like cells with thick & lignified walls & tapering ends.

- These are dead & without protoplasm.
- Their function to help in the conduction of water & mineral.

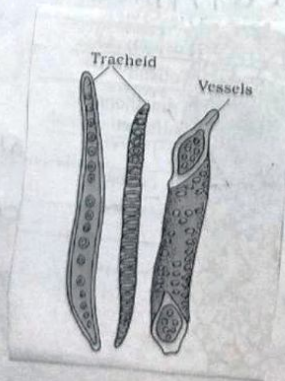
2] Vessel - vessels is long cylindrical tube like structure made up of many cells called vessel members.

- Vessels are also devoid of protoplasm.
- They help in conduction of food & water from the roots to the upper parts of plant.

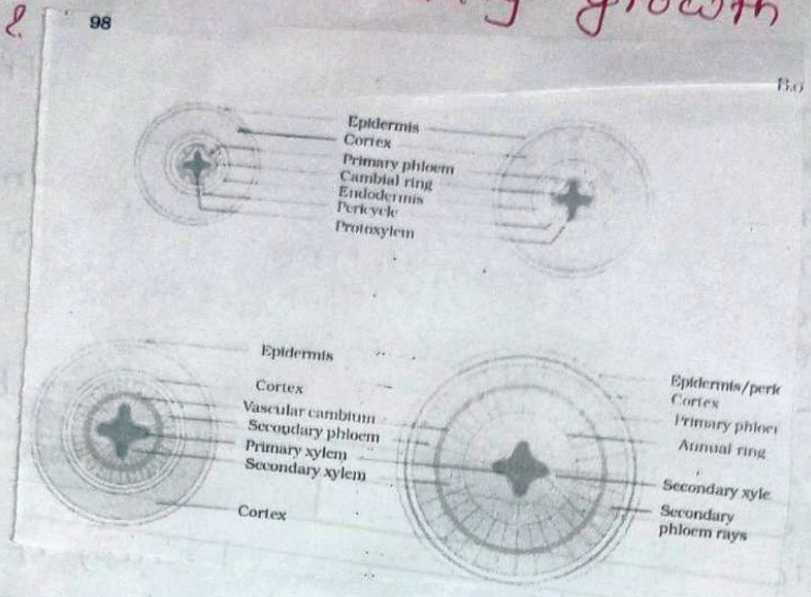
3] xylem parenchyma :- These are living & thin walled & their cell walls are made up of cellulose.

- They stored food material in the form of starch or fat & other substances like tannins.

4] xylem fibres :- These are highly thickened walls & obliterated central lumens. These may be either septate or aseptate.

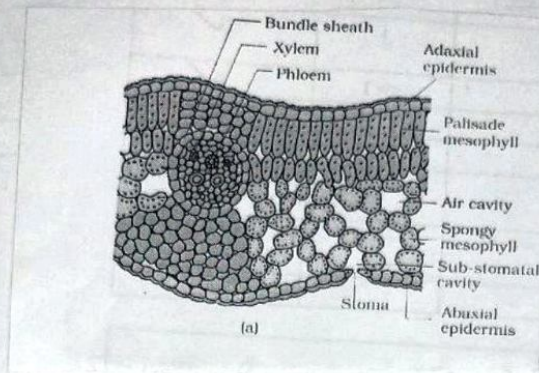


Q. No 4. Explain Secondary growth of roots &



- In dicot root, vascular cambium is completely secondary in origin.
- It originates from the tissue located just below the phloem bundles, a portion of pericycle tissue above the protoxylem forming complete & continuous wavy ring.
- which later become circular.
- The plant is characterised by an increase in the thickness.
- ring of cambium is formed from intrafascicular cambium present between xylem & phloem & the medullary cells present.
- the cells which cambium forms ~~the~~ towards the periphery, from secondary phloem & xylem towards pith.
- It consists of three sub-zones.
- The outer ~~type~~ the peripheral region of secondary xylem conduct water & lighter in colour & known as sapwood.

Q. No. 5. Describe characteristics of dorso-ventral leaf & Draw the diagram.



- The vertical section of dorso-ventral leaf through through the lamina shows three main parts, namely

1] Epidermis - It covers both upper surface & lower surface of the leaf. Has a conspicuous cuticle.

- The abaxial epidermis generally bears more stomata than the adaxial epidermis.

2] mesophyll - The tissue between the upper & the lower epidermis is called the mesophyll. Mesophyll possess chloroplast & carry out photosynthesis. is made up of parenchyma.

- It has two types of cells.

a] Palisade parenchyma - The adaxially placed is made up of elongated cells, which are arranged vertically & parallel to each other.

b] Spongy parenchyma - The oval or round & loosely arranged, situated below the palisade cells & extends to lower epidermis.

- The vascular system include vascular bundles which can be seen in the midrib.

- The size of vascular bundle is dependent on size of the vein.

- The vascular bundle are surrounded by the layer of thick walled bundle sheath cells.

→ find the position of xylem in vascular bundle.

Q. N6 - Describe Secondary growth of dicot stem?

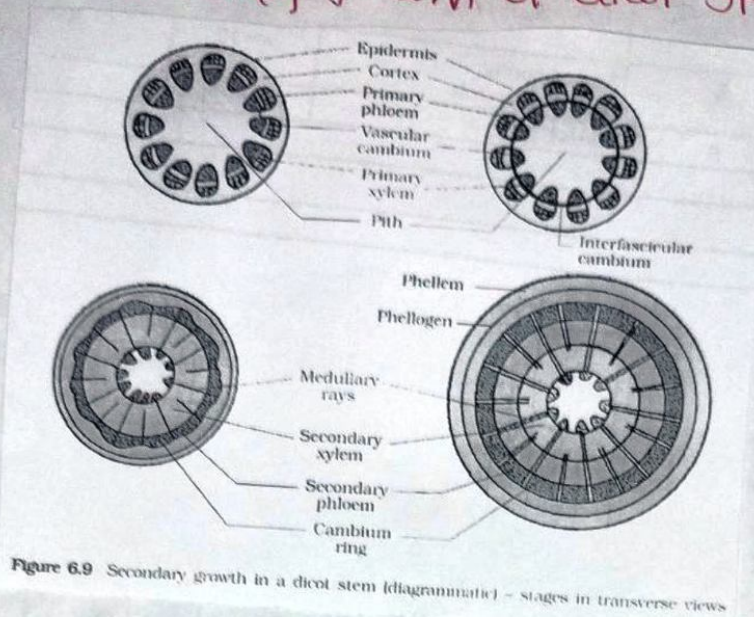


Figure 6.9 Secondary growth in a dicot stem (diagrammatic) - stages in transverse views

- In dicot stem, the cells of cambium present between primary xylem & primary phloem called interfascicular cambium.
- The cambial ring become active & being to cut off new cells, both towards the inner & outer sides.
  - The cells cut off towards pith.
  - mature into Secondary xylem & the cells cut off towards periphery mature into Secondary phloem.
  - The cambium is more active on the inner side than the outer.
  - As result the amount of Secondary xylem produce is more than Secondary phloem. & soon forms a compact mass.
  - The primary & Secondary phloem get gradually crushed due to the continued formation & accumulation of Secondary xylem.
  - At some places the cambium forms narrow band of parenchyma, which passes through the Secondary xylem & the Secondary phloem in the radial direction.
  - These are secondary medullary rays.
  - The activity of cambium is control of many physiological & environmental factors.