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Cell Membrane

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SECTION TWO: CELL ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONS

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Lecture Notes

4.2.1. The Plasma Membrane

The plasma membrane defines the interface between the extracellular fluid outside of the cell and the intracellular fluid (cytosol) that fills the cell. The basis of the plasma membrane is a fluid mosaic of the phospholipid bilayer and embedded proteins. The phospholipid bilayer is the fundamental unit of the plasma membrane. It is made of phospholipids. In the plasma membrane, each phospholipid molecule consists of a hydrophilic head and a hydrophobic tail. The hydrophilic heads are arranged in a single layer, and the hydrophobic tails are arranged in a double layer. This arrangement of phospholipids is called the phospholipid bilayer.

Fig 4.2.1. Phospholipid Bilayer of Plasma Membrane

(a) Integral Membrane Protein

Some proteins are embedded in the plasma membrane and span the entire membrane. These are called integral membrane proteins. They are embedded in the plasma membrane and span the entire membrane. They are embedded in the plasma membrane and span the entire membrane.

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Past Examination

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Exam: BIO 201  
Date: 2013/2014  
Time: 1 hour 15 minutes  
Total Marks: 100

SECTION A

1. The cell wall of the bacterium *Escherichia coli* is made of peptidoglycan. What is the function of the cell wall? (2 marks)
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SECTION B

1. Explain the function of the cell wall. (2 marks)
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## Lecture Objectives

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At the end of the lectures of Week 1: Monday the 19th of March 2012, the student would be able to:

1. Exploit the web resources of the course
2. Discourse the cell Theory
3. Differentiate between prokaryotes and Eukaryotes
4. Describe the structure and the genetic constitution of a typical prokaryotic cell such as a bacterium
5. Sketch the ultrastructure of a typical eukaryotic cell.
6. Differentiate between plant and animal cells
7. Describe the constitution and functioning of a cell membrane.
8. Differentiate between primary and secondary active transport mechanisms
9. Relate diffusion potential with the membrane potential
10. State and give the functions of intercellular junctions.
11. Discuss the functioning of the G-protein
12. ....

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## Weekly Revision Questions

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Revision Questions for Week 1: Monday 19 to Friday 24th March 2011

1. What is diffusion?
2. What is meant by concentration gradient? Is it correct to refer to "concentration gradient of water"?
3. What is the difference between osmosis and diffusion?
4. What is osmotic pressure?
5. Can solutions with the same concentration of different solutes have different osmotic pressures?
6. How are solutions classified according to their comparative tonicity?
7. Concerning permeability what type of membrane is the cell membrane?
8. What are the basic constituents of the cell membrane?
9. What are the respective functions of phospholipids, proteins and carbohydrates of the cell membrane?
10. What is the relationship between concentration gradient and active and passive transport?
11. What are the three main types of passive transport?
12. What is the energy source used in active transport through biological membranes?
13. What is the difference between simple and facilitated diffusion? Facilitated by which type of molecule does the term "facilitated" mean?
14. How does the intensity of simple diffusion vary in relation to the concentration gradient of the solute?

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## Cell Theory

- Cells are the **smallest structures** that perform the processes essential to life, including consuming food, producing waste, and reproducing by making new cells.
- All cells arise from the division of **existing cells**.
- Every organism is made up of one or more cells.

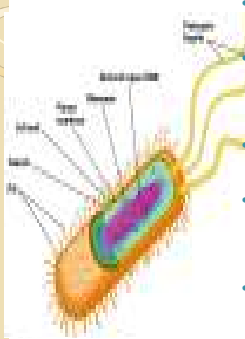
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## Types of Cells

- **Prokaryotic cells** have no membrane-bound nuclei or membrane-bound organelles.
- Prokaryotic cells have ribosomes, cell walls, and sometimes flagella.
- Bacteria and archaea are made up of prokaryotic cells.
- **Eukaryotic cells** have membrane-bound nuclei and membrane-bound organelles.
- Eukaryotic organelles include the **nucleus, ribosomes, endoplasmic reticulum, Golgi bodies, mitochondria, lysosomes, vacuoles, chloroplasts, cytoskeleton, centrioles, flagella, and cilia**.
- Eukaryotic cells make up the protists, plants, fungi, and animals.

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## Prokaryotic Cells



- Prokaryotic cells are generally smaller and much simpler than eukaryotic cells.
- They have no membrane-bound organelles or central nucleus containing their DNA. Instead of a nucleus, their DNA is concentrated in a region called a nucleoid.
- Bacteria and the archaea are the only two domains of organisms composed of prokaryotic cells.
- They are the most primitive organisms and are almost always single-celled, although some species form colonies in which labor is divided among specialized cells.
- Prokaryotic organisms were the earliest life forms on Earth and are highly adaptable, found in even the harshest environments today.

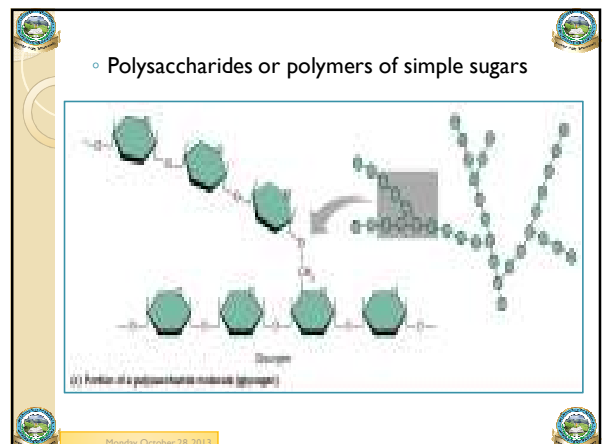
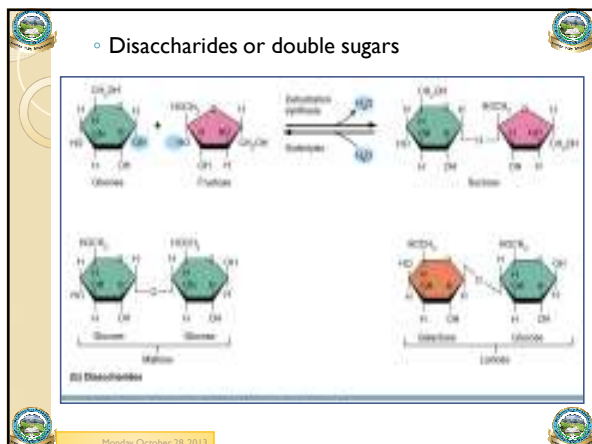
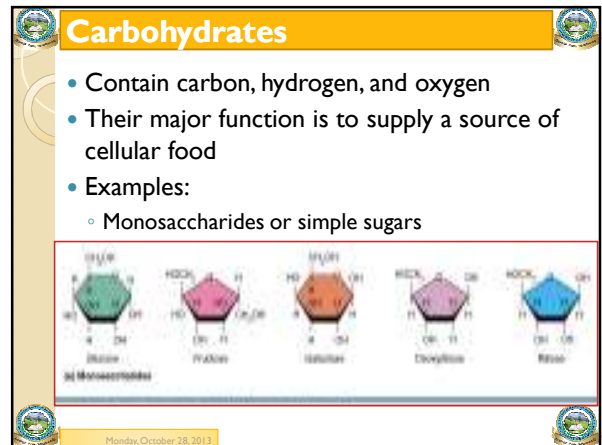
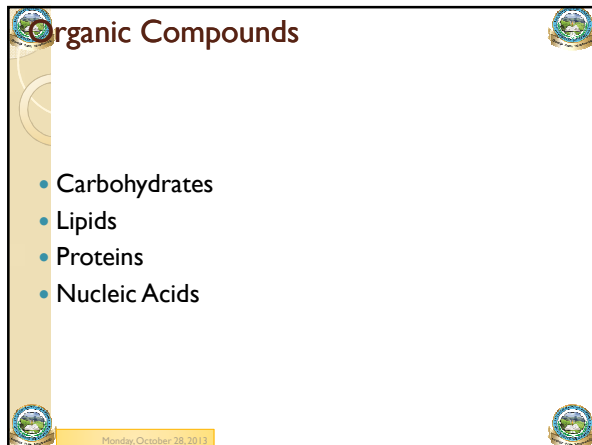
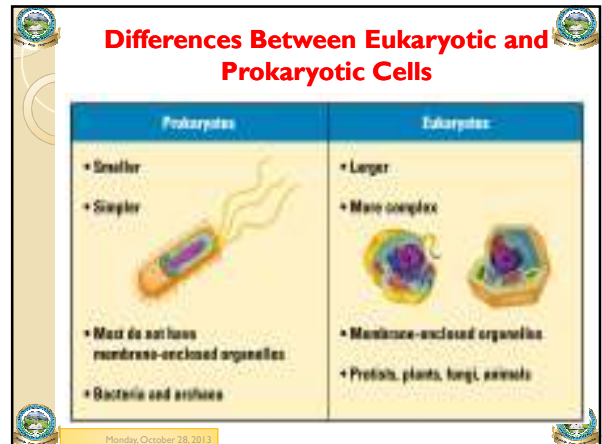
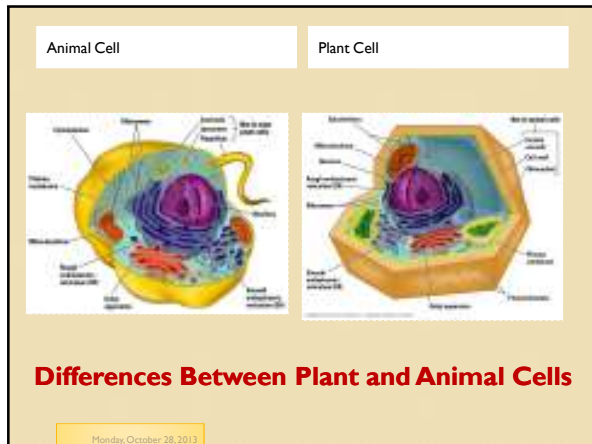
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## Eukaryotic Cells



- Eukaryotic cells have a membrane-bound **nucleus** and membrane-bound organelles.
- The membrane-bound nucleus of each eukaryote contains **chromosomes**, pieces of DNA that are tightly folded up by proteins.
- The remaining substance of each eukaryotic cell consists of cytoplasm, which includes the cytosol and those organelles and materials suspended in it. Eukaryotic cells make up all organisms apart from bacteria and archaea.

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## Lipids

- Contain C, H, and O, but the proportion of oxygen in lipids is less than in carbohydrates
- Examples:
  - Neutral fats or triglycerides
  - Phospholipids
  - Steroids
  - Eicosanoids

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## Neutral Fats (Triglycerides)

- Composed of three fatty acids bonded to a glycerol molecule

(ii) Formation of a Triglyceride

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## Other Lipids

- Phospholipids – modified triglycerides with two fatty acid groups and a phosphorus group

(ii) Phospholipid molecule (polar and non-polar end)

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- **Steroids** – flat molecules with four interlocking hydrocarbon rings
- **Eicosanoids** – 20-carbon fatty acids found in cell membranes

(ii) Cholesterol

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## Representative Lipids Found in the Body

- **Neutral fats** – found in subcutaneous tissue and around organs
- **Phospholipids** – chief component of cell membranes
- **Steroids** – cholesterol, bile salts, vitamin D, sex hormones, and adrenal cortical hormones
- **Fat-soluble vitamins** – vitamins A, E, and K
- **Eicosanoids** – prostaglandins, leukotriens, and thromboxanes
- **Lipoproteins** – transport fatty acids and cholesterol in the bloodstream

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## Proteins

- **Amino Acids** are the building blocks of protein, containing an **amino group** and a **carboxyl group**
- Some examples of Amino acid and their structure are as follows

(i) Generalized structure of all amino acids

(ii) Glycine (or simplest amino acid)

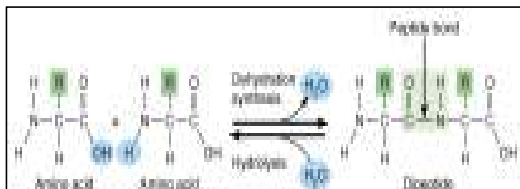
(iii) Aspartic acid (or acidic amino acid)

(iv) Lysine (or basic amino acid)

(v) Serine (or sulfur containing amino acid)

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- Protein are macromolecules composed of combinations of 20 types of amino acids bound together with **peptide bonds**

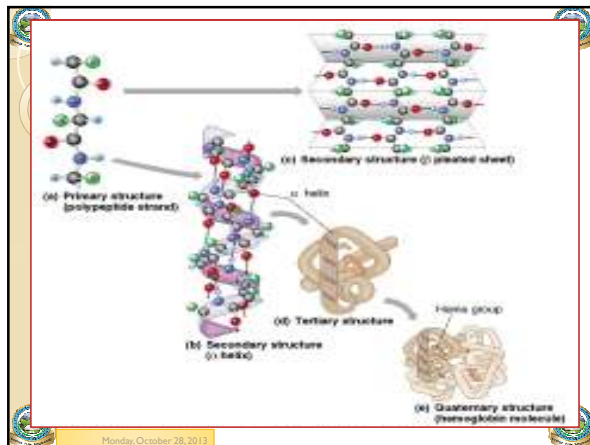


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## Structural Levels of Proteins

- **Primary** – amino acid sequence
- **Secondary** – alpha helices or beta pleated sheets
- **Tertiary** – superimposed folding of secondary structures
- **Quaternary** – polypeptide chains linked together in a specific manner

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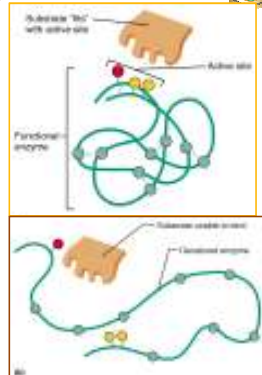
## Fibrous and Globular Proteins

- **Fibrous proteins**
  - Extended and strandlike proteins
  - Examples: keratin, elastin, collagen, and certain contractile fibers
- **Globular proteins**
  - Compact, spherical proteins with tertiary and quaternary structures
  - Examples: antibodies, hormones, and enzymes

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## Protein Denaturation

- Reversible unfolding of proteins due to drops in pH and/or increased temperature
- Irreversibly denatured proteins cannot refold and are formed by extreme pH or temperature changes.



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## Molecular Chaperones (Chaperonins)

- Help other proteins to achieve their functional three-dimensional shape
- Maintain folding integrity
- Assist in translocation of proteins across membranes
- Promote the breakdown of damaged or denatured proteins

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## Nucleic Acids

- Composed of carbon, oxygen, hydrogen, nitrogen, and phosphorus
- Their structural unit, the nucleotide, is composed of N-containing base, a pentose sugar, and a phosphate group
- Five nitrogen bases contribute to nucleotide structure – **adenine (A)**, **guanine (G)**, **cytosine (C)**, **thymine (T)**, and **uracil (U)**
- Two major classes – **DNA** and **RNA**

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## Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA)

- Double-stranded helical molecule found in the nucleus of the cell
- Replicates itself before the cell divides, ensuring genetic continuity
- Provides instructions for protein synthesis

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## Ribonucleic Acid (RNA)

- Single-stranded molecule found in both the nucleus and the cytoplasm of a cell
- Uses the nitrogenous base uracil instead of thymine
- Three varieties of RNA: messenger RNA, transfer RNA, and ribosomal RNA

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## Adenosine Triphosphate (ATP)

- Source of immediately usable energy for the cell
- Adenine-containing RNA nucleotide with three phosphate groups

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