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WORKSHEET 13

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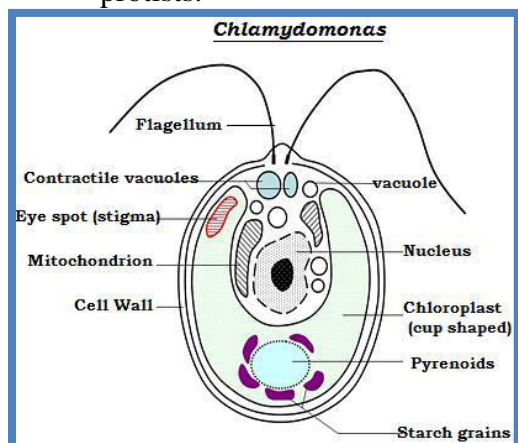
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Strand	3 Biodiversity Change and Sustainability
Sub strand	13.3.2 Diversity Of Life
Content Learning Outcome B13.3.2.3	Kingdom Protista Describe the characteristics that separate organisms in this kingdom to different categories

Green Algae

i. Chlamydomonas

- Is a single celled green alga, grows in ponds, ditches, and wet soil.
- A small egg-shaped cell with two flagella.
- A light sensitive area called the eyespot that directs the *Chlamydomonas* to where light is
- *Chlamydomonas* has a large cup-shaped chloroplast. At the base of the chloroplast is a small pyrenoid an organelle that synthesizes and stores starch.
- *Chlamydomonas* lacks the large vacuoles found in the cells of land plants. In \rightarrow stead it has two small contractile vacuoles.
- , *Chlamydomonas* has a cell wall that does not contain cellulose.
- This combination of characteristics has led botanists to believe that *Chlamydomonas* is a good example of one step in the evolution of multicellular plants from unicellular protists.



Reproduction

Sexual Reproduction

- Whenever, two isogametes of different mating types are collide by chance, it is usually at their flagella ends.
- Both gametes unite and form a diploid zygote. The zygote soon loses its flagella, develops a thick wall around it and becomes relatively more resistant to unfavourable growth conditions.
- With the return of favourable ecological conditions, the zygote undergoes meiosis and produces four haploid, motile zoospores, each of which grows into a vegetative cell.

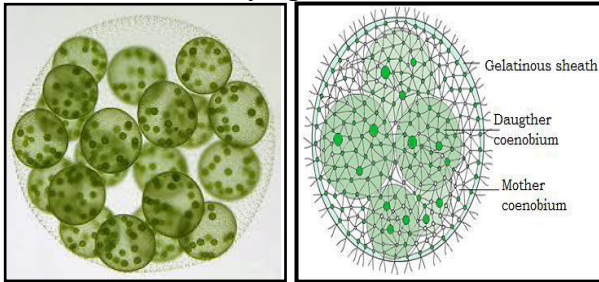
Asexual Reproduction

- The nucleus divides to produce up to sixteen offspring cells (zoospores) within the parent cell wall.
- Each cell develops flagella and secretes a wall around itself.
- The cells then secrete an enzyme that breaks down the parent cell wall by which they can escape.

ii. Volvox

- *Volvox* is a colonial algae, composed of spherical flagellate cells and found in freshwater.
- Each mature *Volvox* colony is composed of numerous cells similar to *Chlamydomonas*, on the order of 1000–3000 in total,

- and embedded in the surface of a hollow sphere or coenobium made of a gelatinous glycoprotein
- The colony has the tendency to swim towards light as a result of the light sensitive “eyespot” on the cells.

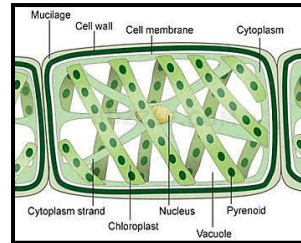


Reproduction

- The colony can be either asexual or sexual with the asexual colonies having both somatic cells and reproducing cells called **gonidia**.
- Gonidia cells are located near the posterior and produce new colonies through rapid reproduction.
- If sexual reproduction takes place, two types of gametes are produced.
- Male colonies will release sperm while female colonies will grow into **oogametes**.

iii. Spirogyra

- Filamentous green algae that is abundant in fresh water such as, water tanks, ponds, estuaries etc.
- They are unbranched and plant body is composed of multicellular and tubular or rectangular cells
- Cell wall is made of cellulose
- Vascular tissue is absent
- Reproduction occurs through vegetative and asexual methods;
- Sexual reproduction occurs either by lateral conjugation method
- Alternation of generation is clearly found in their life cycle.
- In adult stage, they usually live independently. After germination at the beginning stage, they usually remain attached to bricks, stones or aquatic plants

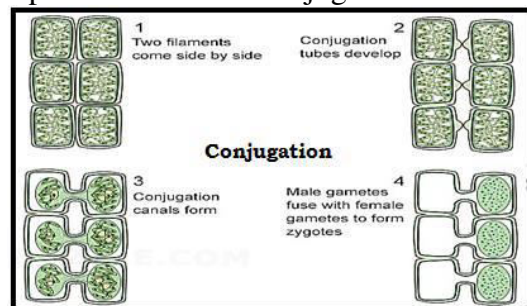


Reproduction

Vegetative Reproduction: the vegetative reproduction is fragmentation is fragmentation, i. e., and breakdown of filament into fragments due to mechanical stress or dissolution of septum between the cells.

Asexual Reproduction: the asexual reproduction, where present, is by formation of thick walled, non-motile **aplanospores**; or if a gamete fails to fertilize, it develops a thick wall to become a **zygospore** which give rise to a new filament.

Sexual Reproduction: the sexual reproduction occurs when the conditions are favorable for growth. It is primitive type of isogamous sexual reproduction called conjugation.



Activity

1. What is one important difference between *Chlamydomonas* and *Volvox*?

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2. How is alternation of generations an effective way of ensuring that fit individuals survive

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3. Explain the economical importance of algae to life.

(2m)