

DIGESTION

Digestion is the breakdown of large insoluble macromolecules into smaller soluble micromolecules

Major components of food- proteins, lipids, carbohydrates, etc...

Major organs=Mouth-Buccal Cavity-pharynx-Oesophagus-Stomach-Small Intestine-Large intestine-Anus

Mouth-Digestion starts in mouth. Contains-Teeth & Tongue

Dentition (Refers the number, kinds and arrangement of teeth)

Human dentition is

Thecodont, -Teeth are placed in jaw sockets

Diphyodont- Teeth appear twice in the whole life.

1. Milk or deciduous teeth

2. Permanent or adult teeth

HETERODONT- Teeth are different types or dissimilar in human namely **Incisors , Canine, Premolars, Molars**

Human dental formula

The kind and number of teeth are explained in the form of formula is called dental formula.

$I - 2/2 \quad C - 1/1 \quad P - 2/2 \quad M - 3/3 = 16 \times 2 = 32$

I = incisors, C = canines, P = premolars and M = molars

- **Milk Dentition Formula $I-2/2, C- 1/1 \quad Pm \ 0/0 \quad M \ 2/2=20$**

TONGUE- Attached to the floor of the buccal cavity by frenulum

The upper surface with numerous papillae or taste buds.

PHARYNX

- A common passage for food and air
- food goes into oesophagus

- Air goes to glottis(opening of the larynx)
- Glottis closes with epiglottis when we swallow food
- **Oesophagus**- A thin long tube
- **Peristalsis**- Involuntary wave-like muscle contractions which move food along the digestive tract
- A muscular **oesophageal sphincter** regulates the opening to the stomach from oesophagus
- Stomach- Three parts
- 1.Cardiac,
- 2.Fundus,
- 3. Pylorus
- The inner layer of stomach forms irregular folds –**Rugae**

Food mixes and grind thoroughly in stomach & it is called – **CHYME**

Then food goes into the duodenum, the first part of the small intestine

- The opening of the duodenum is guarded by a sphincter- **PYLORIC Sphincter**
- **SMALL INTESTINE**- Long, highly coiled, narrow tube,Seven meters long
- Divided in to 3 parts
- **1.DUODENUM**, 'U' shaped, Area of digestion
- Receives common opening of the bile and pancreatic duct,
- **2. Jejunum**- Coiled and longer
- **3.ileum**-Highly coiled , Area of absorption
- Opens into the large intestine
- **LARGE INTESTINE** 1.5 metres long, Differentiated into
- **1. Caecum** ,

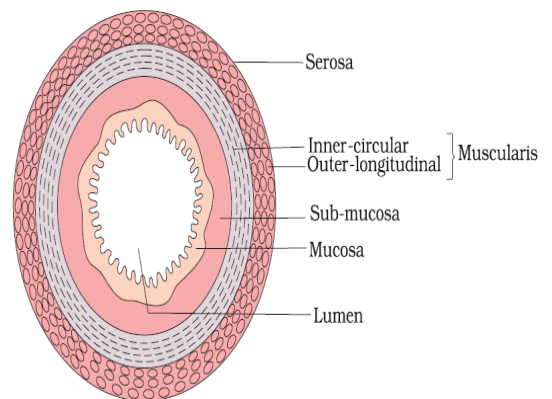
- Small blind sac, No absorption, It hosts some symbiotic microorganisms.
- Bears Vermiform Appendix (A small finger like projection from caecum with unknown function)

2. Colon with 3 parts

- Ascending
- Transverse
- Descending
- **3 Rectum** -Temporary storage of faeces
- Rectum opens out by Anus.

Wall of Alimentary canal

- **4 layers**
 - **1.Serosa** (Thin mesothelium)
 - **2.Muscularis** (Smooth muscles)
 - **3.Sub-mucosa** (Loose connective tissue with nerves, blood and lymph vessels)
 - **4.Mucosa** (includes Villi in intestine and Rugae in stomach)



Mucosal layer forms small finger like folding- **Intestinal villi-**

- **Lacteal-** Lymph vessel in the center of the villus
- Each villus has numerous microvilli.
- **Crypts of lieberkuhn-**Glandular cells present at the base of the villi
- Function of the villi-Increases the surface area for digestion and absorption of food

Digestive glands and enzymes

1.Salivary glands

2. Gastric glands
3. Liver
4. Pancreas
5. Intestinal Glands

1.Salivary Glands

_3 pairs of salivary glands -1. **Sub mandibular**(On lower jaw)

- 2. **Sublingual** (below tongue)
- 3. **Parotid** (on cheek)
- Produces **saliva**
- pH-6.8

Contains-1.Mucus- **helps in lubrication**

- 2.Lysozyme-**act as an antibacterial agent**
- 3.Enzyme-**Salivary Amylase**- Converts **Starch to Maltose**

2.GASTRIC GLANDS

- Found on the wall of stomach
- Formed of three kinds of cells
 1. Mucous cells
 2. Chief cells or Zymogen cells
 3. Oxyntic cells or Parietal cells
- Secretes Gastric juice
- pH=1.5 to 2.5 Acidic in nature & Contains.
- **Contains 1. Mucous 2. HCl 3.Enzymes**

Mucous--protects stomach wall from proteolytic enzymes and action of HCL
Produces by the Goblet cells of stomach

- **HCl** - Kills micro organism
- Lowers the pH of the stomach (1.5 to 2.5)
- Activate inactive pepsinogen to active pepsin.
- Produces by the Oxyntic cells or Parietal cells.

Enzymes

1.Pepsin

- 2.Rennin
- 3.lipase

- Enzymes are produced by the chief cells or zymogen cells
- Pepsinogen(Inactive form) $\xrightarrow{\text{HCl}}$ Pepsin (Active form)
Pepsin breaks down large proteins into Proteoses
- Proteins $\xrightarrow{\text{Pepsin}}$ Proteoses
- **Rennin** -helps in digestion of milk proteins

3.LIVER

- Largest gland in the human body
- Bi lobed
- Secrete bile
- Contains numerous hepatic lobules- the functional units.
- Each lobule is formed of hepatic cells
- bile is secreted by hepatic cells
- Each lobule is covered by a sheath called Glisson's capsule

Gall bladder- Bile is stored and Concentrated in a thin muscular sac called gall bladder

- Duct from liver –hepatic duct
- Duct from gall bladder-Cystic duct
- Cystic duct + hepatic duct= common bile duct

- Bile duct + pancreatic duct = hepato pancreatic duct opens to duodenum
- The common hepato - pancreatic duct, is guarded by a sphincter called sphincter of Oddi.

BILE- Bile is a bitter, greenish-yellow alkaline fluid,

Contains____**1.Bile pigments**(Bilirubin, biliverdin)

- **2.Bile salts**
- **3.Cholesterol**
- but contains **no enzymes**

Function-1.Bile **emulsifies** lipids

- 2.It neutralises the acid food from the stomach.

Emulsification

- Bile helps emulsify the fats.
- Convert the fat into smaller micelles to make their surface area larger.
- So that the lipase can digest quicker. (act like detergents to breakup fats.)

4.PANCREAS

- Second largest glands
- Heterocrine gland (both exocrine & endocrine)
- opens into the duodenum along with bile duct
- Secrete pancreatic juice.
- Enzymes of pancreatic juice

Contains **1.Typsin ,**

- **2.Chymotrypsin,**
- **3 Carboxypeptidase**
- **4.pancreatic amylase,**

- **5.pancreatic lipase**

- **And 6. Nucleases**

Functions of pancreatic enzymes

- **Carboxypeptidase, chymotrypsin and trypsin** are produced as their inactive forms **Trypsinogen, chymotrypsinogen, and pro-carboxypeptidase** respectively.
- **Trypsinogen is activated by enterokinase secreted from intestine**

- Trypsinogen $\xrightarrow{\text{enterokinase}}$ Trypsin

- Trypsin activates the chymotrypsinogen and Procarboxypeptidases

- Chymotrypsinogen $\xrightarrow{\text{Trypsin}}$ Chymotrypsin

- Procarboxypeptidases $\xrightarrow{\text{Trypsin}}$ carboxypeptidase

lipase

- It breaks down lipids into monoglycerides.
- **Nucleases**
- They digest nucleic acid into nucleotides and nucleosides

- **Amylases**

- converts polysaccharides to Disaccharides

- **5.INTESTINAL GLANDS**

- Produces intestinal juice or Succus Entericus

- Intestinal juice contains 1.maltase,

- 2. sucrase,

- 3.lactase

- 4.dipeptidase,

- 5.nucleotidase,
- 6.Nucleosidase and
- 7. lipase.

- **Action of Dipeptidases**

- Dipeptides $\xrightarrow{\text{Dipeptidase}}$ Amino Acids

- **Actions of Amylases**

- Maltose $\xrightarrow{\text{Maltase}}$ Glucose+Glucose
- Lactose $\xrightarrow{\text{lactase}}$ Glucose+Galactose
- Sucrose $\xrightarrow{\text{Sucrase}}$ Glucose+Fructose

- **Action of nucleases**

Nucleotides $\xrightarrow{\text{Nucleotidases}}$ Nucleosides $\xrightarrow{\text{Nucleosidases}}$ Sugar+Bases

Action of Lipases

Di and Monoglycerides $\xrightarrow{\text{Lipases}}$ Fatty acids +Glycerol

- The teeth and tongue +saliva-- masticate and mix up the food into bolus.

The bolus enter into pharynx and then to oesophagus by swallowing or deglutition

- The stomach stores the food 4-5 hrs.
- The food mixes with acidic gastric juice to form paste.- **Chyme**

- **CARBOHYDRATE DIGESTION**

- Buccal cavity

- $\xrightarrow{\text{Salivary amylase}}$
- **Starch** \longrightarrow **Maltose**

Stomach

No carbohydrate digestion

Small Intestine

Starch $\xrightarrow{\text{Amylase}}$ Maltose

Maltose $\xrightarrow{\text{Maltase}}$ Glucose + Glucose

Lactose $\xrightarrow{\text{Lactase}}$ Glucose + Galactose

Sucrose $\xrightarrow{\text{Sucrase}}$ Glucose + Fructose

- DIGESTION AND ABSORPTION
- **The teeth and tongue + saliva masticate and mix up the food into bolus.**
- **The bolus is enter in to pharynx and then to oesophagus by swallowing or deglutition.**
- The stomach stores the food 4-5 hrs. The food mixes with acidic gastric juice to form paste.- **Chyme**
- Complete digestion takes place in the duodenum.
- The fully digested semi fluid food is known as **Chyle**

Absorption is carried out by

- Passive transport
- Facilitated transport
- Active transport-
- **Passive transport**-Glucose, amino acids , Cl⁻ are generally absorbed by simple diffusion
- **Facilitated transport**-Fructose and some amino acids are absorbed with the help of carrier ions like sodium
- **Active transport** -Requires energy
- Against the concentration gradient
- Eg Amino acids, glucose, electrolytes like Na⁺.
- **ABSORPTION OF FAT**
- Fatty acids and glycerol are insoluble in water,so they cannot be absorbed directly into blood.

- They enter into intestinal mucosa
- There they are formed into protein coated globules called **chylomicrones**
- They are transported into lymph vessels
- **LARGE INTESTINE** -No significant digestion occurs in the large intestine
- Absorption of water, minerals and certain drugs
- The undigested food enters into the caecum
- **Defecation-** The ejection of faeces to the outside through the anal opening
- **DISORDERS OF DIGESTIVE SYSTEM**
- Infections of the digestive system are caused by bacteria, virus, parasites like tape worm, thread worm, round worm, hook worm, pinworm etc.
- **VOMITING-** It is the ejection of stomach content through the mouth
- **DIARRHOEA-** The abnormal frequency of bowel movement and increased liquidity of faecal discharge is known as diarrhoea.
- It reduces the absorption of food.
- **JAUNDICE-** The liver is affected, skin, eyes turn yellow due to the deposition of bile pigments
- **CONSTIPATION-** The faeces are retained within the rectum as the bowel movement occurs irregularly.
- **INDIGESTION-** The food is not properly digested leading to the feeling of fullness.
- The causes of indigestion are inadequate enzyme secretion, anxiety, food poisoning, overeating and spicy food.

QUESTIONS

1.Explain the process of Protein digestion in various parts of alimentary canal? Score-3

2. Digestive enzymes, particularly proteases are secreted in an inactive form, referred as zymogen, what is an advantage of this ? 2
3. Ramu ate boiled rice, what are the changes that it undergoes before being absorbed in the small intestine (1×2=2)
4. Give below in bracket are the names of some digestive enzymes group them in to A– Gastric, B – Pancreatic and C – Intestinal (Trypsin, Dipeptidase, Rennin, Maltase, Pepsin, Chymotrypsin, Nuclease, Amylase) (score: 2)
5. The intestinal juice helps in digestion. Write two enzymes and their actions. (2 score)
6. What happens when Hydrochloric acid is not secreted in our stomach ? (2 score)
- 7) Major Enzymes are enlisted below (Amino peptidase, Ptyalin, Pepsin, Nucleosides, Pancreatic lipase, Trypsin)
 - a) Arrange the above Enzymes in groups based on their functions
 - b) Bile contains no digestive Enzymes but it is essential for digestion
8. Fill in the blanks to complete the equations showing carbohydrate digestion in man.

In Oral cavity

Starch -----> Maltose

In Intestine

Starch -----> Maltose

Glycogen -----> Glucose

Sucrose -----> Glucose +