# **Chemical Basis of Life**

The bodies of all organisms are composed of variety of chemical compounds. These chemical compounds are formed by the bonding of naturally existing elements in different ways.

There are only about 25 elements in the living body out of the 92 elements present in nature. They are present at different locations in the body in different forms.

The most common 4 elements in the living body are Carbon, Hydrogen, Oxygen & Nitrogen. Other than above Sulphur, Phosphorous, Sodium, Potassium, Calcium, Magnesium, Iron and Chlorine are essential for the survival of organisms.

The below diagram 1.1 shows the percentages of main elements in the human body.

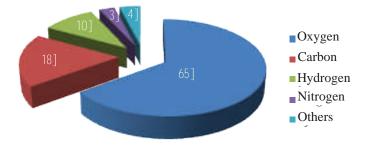


Fig. 1.1- percentages of 4 common elements in the human body (mass basis)

Chemical compounds that build up living matter can be divided into two categories as organic compounds and inorganic compounds. Compounds which contain Carbon are known as organic compounds and compounds which do not contain Carbon are known as inorganic compounds. Those organic compounds that build up the living body or living matter are known as biological molecules. There are four types of biological molecules. They are:

- <sup>2</sup> Carbohydrates
- <sup>2</sup> Proteins
- <sup>2</sup> Lipids
- <sup>2</sup> Nucleic acids

Water, minerals and gasses are some of the inorganic molecules that are essential for the maintenance of life.

Element	Percentage based on mass%	Locations present in human body
0	65	All fluids, tissues, bones, proteins
С	18	everywhere in the body
Н	10	All fluids,tissues,bones,proteins
N	3	All fluids,tissues,proteins
Ca	1.5	Brain, lungs, kidneys, liver,heart,tyroic gland,muscles,bones
Р	1.0	Urine,bones
K	0.35	Enzymes
S	0.25	Proteins
Na	0.15	All fluids,tissues
Mg	0.05	Brain, lungs, kidneys, liver,heart,tyroid gland,muscles
Cl Fe	Micro elements	

# 1'1 Carbohydrates

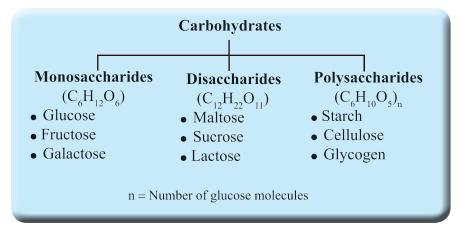
This is the most abundant organic compound on earth. They are produced during the photosynthesis of green plants. Potato, sweet potato, grains, sugar, flour are examples for foods which contain carbohydrates.

The main elemental composition of carbohydrates is Carbon (C), Hydrogen (H) and Oxygen (O).

Hydrogen and oxygen combine in 2:1 ratio in carbohydrates.

 $\begin{array}{cc} \textbf{Common molecular formula} \\ & C_{_{X}} & (H_{_{2}}O)_{_{y}} \end{array}$ 

The carbohydrates can be classified into three groups as below according to the way they are formed.



#### <sup>2</sup> Monosaccharides

Monosaccharide is the structural unit of carbohydrates. They are commonly known as simple sugars. They are crystal shaped, sweet and water soluble molecules. Glucose, Fructose, & Galactose are examples for monosaccharides.

The characters of monosaccharides are discussed in the table below.

Table 1.1- Characters of different types of monosaccharides

Type of monosaccharide	Location it's present	Other facts
Glucose	Ripen fruits Bee honey	<ul> <li>The end product during hydrolysis of all starchy food is glucose. These glucose is absorbed into blood</li> <li>Plants produce glucose during photosynthesis</li> <li>Energy is released during breaking down of</li> </ul>
		glucose in cellular respiration
Fructose	Ripen fruits Beehoney Pumpkin carrots	<ul><li>Known as "fruit sugar"</li><li>Fructose is formed during ripening of fruits</li><li>This is the sweetest sugar</li></ul>
Galactose	Dairy products	<ul><li>The end product during hydrolysis of lactose</li><li>No sweet taste</li></ul>

#### 2 Disaccharides

Two Monosaccharides join to form a Disaccharide. During this process a water molecule is released. In the same way relevant Monosaccharides can be obtained by hydrolyzing Disaccharides. Disaccharides are sweet, water soluble crystals.

Maltose, Sucrose and Lactose are examples for disaccharides.

The characters of disaccharides are discussed in the table below.

Table 1.2 Characters of different types of disaccharides

		rs of different types of disaccharides
Type of	Location it's	Other Facts
disaccharide	Present	
Maltose	Germinating seeds	<ul> <li>Union of two glucose molecules forms a Maltose molecule .</li> <li>Glucose ¬ Glucose → Maltose ¬Water</li> <li>An intermediate product of starch hydrolysis</li> </ul>
Sucrose	White & brown Sugar Sugar cane & Beet Some fruits Phloem sap	Union of a Glucose molecule with a Fructose molecule forms a Sucrose molecule  Glucose ¬ Fructose → Sucrose¬Water
Lactose	In dairy products	<ul> <li>Union of a Glucose molecule with a Galactose molecule forms a Lactose molecule</li> <li>Galactose ¬ Glucose → Lactose¬Water</li> <li>The only sugar that is absent in plants</li> <li>Not sweet as Sucrose</li> <li>The percentage of Lactose in cows milk according to the composition is 4% - 6%</li> <li>The percentage of Lactose in human milk according to the composition is 6% - 7%</li> </ul>

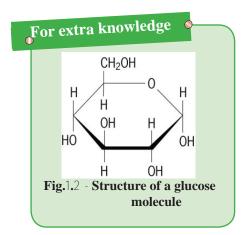
## Polysaccharides

Polymerisation of a large number of monosaccharides form a polysaccharide molecule. Hydrolysis of Polysaccharide results relevant monosaccharides. Insoluble in normal water. They are not crystals. **Cellulose**, **Starch** and **Glycogen** are examples for polysaccharides. The structural unit of Cellulose, Starch and Glycogen is Glucose, but their properties are different according to the number of Glucose molecules and how they are bound with each other.

The characters of polysaccharides are discussed in the table below.

Type of polysaccharide	Location it's Present	Other Facts
Cellulose	Cell wall of plant cells In fibers	• No nutritional value, as it is not digested in the human digestive system. Therefore it helps to avoid constipation
Starch	Grains, Yams, Jak, Bread Fruit	• The type of carbohydrate that stores in plants is starch
Glycogen	Animal liver & muscles	• The type of carbohydrate that stores in animal body is Glycogen

Table 1.3 - Characters of different types of polysaccharides



## <sup>2</sup> Significance of Carbohydrates

y As an energy Source

The main source to obtain energy for the activities of organisms is the carbohydrate. The Monosaccharides (Glucose) produced due to hydrolysis of those compounds release energy during oxidation.

- **As storage compound**
- **As a structural component in organism**
- **As a constituent of Nucleic acid**

## **Tests to identify Carbohydrates**

The below mentioned tests can be conducted to test Starch, Monosaccharides & Disaccharides which are some of the identified Carbohydrates.

#### Starch test

- Obtain small amount of food & grind well with water.
- Add a drop of Iodine solution to the above solution.

  Observation (- Purplish blue colour appears

#### **Test for Monosaccharides & some Disaccharides**

- Obtain a solution of Gluscose, into a test tube.
- Add few drops of Benedict solution to the above solution.
- Immerse the above solution in a water bath and heat.
- Can observe colour change as below.

## **Disaccharides (Sucrose)**

- Obtain a sucrose solution into a test tube.
- Add few drops of Benedict solution to it.
- Immerse the test tube in a water bath & heat it.
- No colour change.
- Then add few drops of diluted Sulphuric acid (H2SO4) & heat.

#### 1.2 Proteins

Protein is an essential constituent in all living cells. Carbon(C) Hydrogen (H), Oxygen (O) & Nitrogen (N) are always present in proteins. Sometimes Sulphur can also be present.

17% of the mature human body is composed of proteins. Protein is a complex molecule made up of polymerized amino acid molecules. Meat, fish, egg white cereals are some of the foods rich with proteins.

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#### **V** Amino acids

Below is the structure of a typical amino acid molecule.

R-represents a group containing both Carbon (C) and Hydrogen (H). Due to the change in R group, 20 different amino acids are present. All proteins present in organisms from bacteria to human are made up of these 20 different amino acids combined in different sequences.

The simplest Amino acid is Glycine. Here Hydrogen (H) is present as the R group.

Some amino acids cannot be synthesized within the body. So they have to be taken from outside with food. Therefore they are known as essential amino acids.

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Different proteins present in plants & animals

- Proteins present in muscles Myosin, actin
- Proteins present in bones Osein
- Proteins present in Red blood cells Haemoglobin
- Proteins present in hairs Keratin
- Proteins present in Leguminous food Legumin
- Proteins present in wheat Gluten
- Proteins present in egg white Albumin

## • Significance of Proteins

#### As an energy source

When energy supply from Lipids and Carbohydrates is not sufficient protein is used in energy generation.

## • To make structural components

Proteins are important components in making cell membrane. Other than that collagen protein is a component of connective tissues in animals. Hairs & feathers also contain keratin protein.

#### As enzymes

All the bio-chemical reactions take place in organisms are catalyzed by enzymes. The enzymes are proteins.

#### As hormones

Some hormones are proteins which involve in homeostasis & coordination of organisms.

Eg: Insulin, Growth hormone

#### As antibodies

The antibodies that are produced in the body to protect the body against microorganisms that enter into the body are proteins.

## Test to identify proteins

#### Biurette test

- Obtain a solution made by grinding dhal or an egg yolk into a test tube.
- Add an extra amount of Sodium hydroxide (NaOH) and then add few drops of Copper Sulphate (CuSO<sub>4</sub>)
  - Observation Solution turn to pinkish purple or dark purple colour

## Enzymes

The special proteins (organic catalysts) that are produced within the organism to increase the rate of bio- chemical reactions are known as enzymes.

For example to convert Sucrose into Glucose, Sucrose has to be heated with a dilute acid. But the enzymes present in the digestive system do the same reaction at a low temperature.

Therefore the activity of enzyme is to catalyze the bio- chemical reactions.

#### Activity - 01

## **Activity of Amylase on Starch**

#### Method

- Put 2ml of Starch solution into a test tube.
- Add 2ml of Amylase into it and mix well.
- Get a drop from the solution after 2 minutes and place it on a white porcelain tile and add a drop of Iodine onto the drop of mixture.
- Continue same procedure for about 20 minutes in 2 minute intervals.

#### **Observation**

The blue colour of the drop obtained from the mixture gradually reduces with time and finally obtains the colour of Iodine (yellow /brown colour)

That is due to Moltose produced in Starch hydrolysis with Amylase enzyme. Starch gives black blue colour with Iodine but it does not give colour change with Iodine after 20 minutes as there is no Starch there. That is because Starch is changed into another compound by Amylase.

## 1'3 **Lipids**

Fats & oils belong to this group. (Lipids which are solid at room temperature are called fats and liquids are called oils.)

Similar to carbohydrates, fats also contain Carbon, Hydrogen & Oxygen as constituent elements. But the ratio of Hydrogen to Oxygen in fats are very much higher than carbohydrates. Lipids are insoluble in polar solvents including water. They are soluble in organic solvents.

Ground nut, coconut, gingelly, butter and margarine are examples for foods which contain lipids.

Fatty acids & glycerol react to form Lipids.

## • Significance of Lipids

#### • As an energy source

Lipids act as an energy source as carbohydrates & proteins. More energy is produced during burning of lipids.

#### • To form different structural components

Lipid is one of the most important compounds in cell membrane. (Specially phospho lipids & cholesterol)

#### For conservation of water

The wax known as cutin present on the surface of the plant body conserve water. Most animals' body covering also contains wax which helps to avoid desiccation as it is impermeable to water.

#### • To maintain the body temperature

Warm blooded animals such as birds and mammals possess a hypodermal fat layer which acts as a thermal insulator. It helps to maintain their body temperature.

## • To protect internal body organs

The fat layer surrounds the organs & structures in the body and absorbs external shocks. Thereby provides protection.

#### • To synthesize some hormones

Some Hormones of vertebrates (Oestrogen, Testosterone, Cortisol) are lipid compounds.

## Test to identify lipids

#### **Sudan III test**

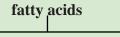
- Put some amount of gingelly oil or coconut oil into a test tube.
- Add sudan III reagent into it.

Observation - Appearance of red fat globules

Conclusion - Lipid present in that food

# • For extra knowledge •

Fatty acids can be divided into two groups as follows.



saturated fatty acids

unsaturated fatty acids

#### Saturated fatty acids

Fatty acids where the Carbon atom contains the maximum number of Hydrogen atoms are called saturated fatty acids. Saturated fatty acids exist in room temperature as solids or semi-solids.

## **Unsaturated fatty acids**

Fatty acids where the Carbon atom does not contain the maximum number of Hydrogen atoms are called unsaturated fatty acids.

Unsaturated fatty acids exist in room temperature as liquids.

## 1'4 Nucleic Acids

Nucleic acid is the most important molecule out of the main biological molecules in living matter in genetical aspect. It is a linear polymer made up of large number of nucleotides. It contains Carbon (C), Hydrogen (H), Oxygen (O), Nitrogen (N) and Phosphorous (P).

Each nucleotide is made up of 3 components. They are;

- 1. Nitrogenous base
- 2. Pentose sugar group
- 3. Phosphate group

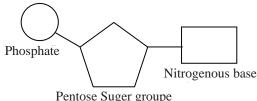


Fig. 1.3 - A nucleotide

Nucleic acids are mainly of two types.

- DNA Deoxy ribo Nucleic Acid
- RNA Ribo Nucleic Acid

#### DNA

The structural unit of DNA is Deoxy ribo Nucleotide. DNA transfers genetic chracteristics from generation to generation

#### RNA

Except DNA, the other nucleic acid present in organisms is RNA.

The structural unit of RNA is Ribonucleotide.

Protein synthesis is the function of RNA.

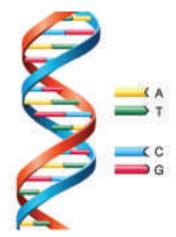


Fig.1.4- The structure of a DNA molecule

## Significance of Nucleic acid

- y Important in storage of genetic information of organisms.
- y Important in transferring genetic information from generation to generation.
- y Important in protein synthesis process.
- y Important in controlling all cellular activities in a cell. The information to control cellular activities is present in DNA.
- y RNA is important in storing genetic information of some viruses.
- Y The variations occur in DNA due to mutations are important in evolution.

The above biological molecules contain mainly Carbon (C), Hydrogen (H),Oxygen (O) & Nitrogen (N). We will conduct below mentioned activities to confirm the presence of those elements.

#### Activity - 02

# Identification of water as a constituent in food Materials required

Meat, Egg shell, Plant leaves, Crucible

#### Method

- Grind /crush meat, egg shell, and leaves separately.
- Put them into crucible & heat them separately till they burn.
- During burning, hold a glass sheet above the crucible.
- Use cobalt chloride to identify whether the liquid drops on the glass is water.

#### Observation

• Blue coloured Anhydrous cobalt chloride turn to pink

Can confirm that water is formed on the glass sheet. Therefore the food that is used for the experiment contains water as a constituent.

### **Activity** - 03

Identification of presence of Carbon(C) in bio-molecules

#### Materials required

• Several crucibles, plant leaves, piece of fish, rice.

#### Method

- Make pulps by crushing all above materials separately.
- Put them separately into crucibles and heat well.
- The final residue obtained should be rubbed against a white paper.

#### **Observation**

Get lines drawn due to coal

Can confirm the food that is used for the experiment contains Carbon (C).

#### Activity - 1'4

## Identification of presence of Nitrogen(N) in bio-molecules Materials Required

Two test tubes, solution of sodium hydroxide, solution of copper sulphate, egg white, piece of fish.

#### Method

- Crush fish thoroughly, add water and mix well. Filter the solution.
- Put 2ml of the fish extraction and egg white in to separate test tubes.
- Add equal volume of sodium hydroxide.
- Add few drops of copper sulphate to it.

#### **Observation**

• Purple colour appears in the solution

The above observation confirms the presence of protein in food. As Nitrogen is a constituent of proteins, it is confirmed that the above tissues contain Nitrogen.

## 1'5 Water

The highest proportion of the body mass of living organisms is composed of water which is an inorganic compound. 2/3 <sup>rd</sup> of the body weight of most of oranisms is by water. Water is an essential medium for the maintenance of living matter. The table below, shows the specific properties of water and contribution of them to the maintenance of life.

## Assignment - 1.1

Collect information about water using internet, news papers and other journals. Present those information about water to the class.

Table 1.4 - Specific properties of water and its contribution for the maintenance of life

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	<b>Specific Property</b>	The contribution for the maintenance of life
•	A good solvent	<ul> <li>Provides a medium for bio-chemical reactions in the cells of organisms.</li> <li>The main constituent in the extra-cellular fluids of organisms.</li> <li>Facilitates removal of excretory material &amp; fecal matter of animals.</li> </ul>
•	Act as a respiratory medium	<ul> <li>Important in respiration of aquatic organisms as Oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>) is soluble in water.</li> </ul>
•	Helps to regulate body temperature.	Due to high specific heat capacity the body temperature does not fluctuate quickly with changes in the environment.
•	As a transport medium	<ul> <li>Being the main constituent of blood, it helps to transport nutrients, vitamins &amp; hormones to relevant locations.</li> <li>Transports water to the upper parts of the plant due to high cohesive &amp; adhesive force of water molecules</li> </ul>
•	As a living environment for organisms	<ul> <li>Density of water is higher than density of ice. When ice is formed they come to top layers of water keeping water as it is in the bottom. This provides living environment for aquatic organisms.</li> </ul>

## 1'6 Minerals

Minerals are important as a nutrient constituent to maintain the life processes of organisms. They are absorbed as trace or macro elements into the body. The elements needed in higher amounts are known as macro elements and the elements needed in small amounts are known as trace elements.

7% of the body weight is by minerals. ¾ <sup>th</sup> of the above amount is by Calcium and Phosphorous. Other than that Potassium, Iron, Magnesium, Copper & Chlorine are also included.

The elements are required in small amounts. But when they are not present in correct amounts, plants and animals show deficiency symptoms.

Table 1.5 - Functions of minarals in human body and deficency symptoms of them

Element	Functions	Deficiency Symptoms
• Potassium	<ul> <li>Controls the ionic balance of the fluid in the cell</li> <li>For the activity of heart and muscles</li> <li>Transmission of nerve impulses</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Weakening of muscles</li><li>Psychological disorders</li></ul>
• Sodium	<ul> <li>Activates enzymes</li> <li>Constituent of digestive juice</li> <li>To maintain constant osmotic pressure in cells</li> <li>Transmission of nerve impulses</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Respiratory disorders</li><li>Cramps</li><li>Nausea</li><li>Diarrhoea</li></ul>
Magnesium	<ul> <li>Constituent of bones and teeth</li> <li>To control nerve activity in skeletal muscles</li> <li>Help in metabolic activities</li> </ul>	$\mathcal{S}$
• Calcium	<ul> <li>Growth of bones &amp; teeth</li> <li>Blood clotting</li> <li>Proper function of nerves</li> <li>Milk production</li> <li>Absorption of Vitamin B</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Rickets</li> <li>Weakening of bones &amp; teeth</li> <li>Growth disorders</li> </ul>

• Phosphorous	<ul> <li>Growth of bones &amp; teeth</li> <li>As a constituent of nucleic acid</li> <li>For carbohydrate &amp; fat metabolism</li> <li>Instant release of energy in muscles &amp; nerves</li> </ul>	Weakening of bones & become fragile
• Iron	<ul><li>Synthesis of haemoglobin</li><li>Storage of oxygen in muscles</li><li>As a constituent of enzymes</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Anaemia</li> <li>Sleepiness</li> <li>Hypoactive nature</li> <li>Weakness in psychological development</li> </ul>
• Iodine	Synthesis of Thyroxin hormone	<ul> <li>Affects development of intelligence</li> <li>Lethargic attitude towards studies</li> <li>Limits body height</li> </ul>

Functions of minerals in plants & deficiency symptoms of them are mentioned in the following table.

Table  $1\mbox{\ensuremath{}^{\mbox{\tiny $'}}}\mbox{\ensuremath{}^{\mbox{\tiny $'}}}\mbox{\ensuremath{}^{\mbox{\tiny $'}}}$  - Functions of minerals in plants & deficiency symptoms of them

	Element	Functions	Deficiency Symptoms
•	Nitrogen	<ul> <li>As a constituent of amino acid, proteins, nucleic acid and chlorophyll</li> </ul>	• Retardation in growth
•	Phosphorous	As a constituent of nucleic acid & ATP	<ul><li>Retarded growth of roots</li><li>Red and purple patches on leaves</li></ul>
•	Potassium	<ul><li>Protein synthesis</li><li>Opening &amp; closing of stomata</li></ul>	<ul><li>Chlorosis in leaves</li><li>Yellow or brown patches in leaves</li></ul>
•	Sulphur	• As a constituent of amino acids & proteins	• Chlorosis in veins & areas between veins.

• Iron	<ul> <li>Synthesis of chlorophylls</li> <li>Synthesis of respiratory enzymes</li> <li>Chlorosis in tender leaves</li> </ul>
• Calcium	<ul> <li>Component of cell wall         To maintain the structure &amp; functions of plasma membrane For the Activity of enzymes     </li> <li>Death of tissues and tips of the leaves</li> </ul>
• Zinc	<ul> <li>For the activity of most enzymes Synthesis of chlorophyll</li> <li>Dead cells &amp; tissues throughout the plant. Extra thickness in leaves</li> </ul>







Nitrogen deficiency symptoms Zinc deficiency symptoms

Phosphrous deficiency symptoms





Potassium deficiency symptoms

Calcium deficiency symptoms

Fig 1.5 - Deficiency symptoms in plants

### Assignment 1.2

Observe a field or a farm & collect different parts of plants with different deficiency symptoms. Identify the deficient element for the relevent disease condition. (Make sure not to harm the cultivation)

## 1'7 Vitamins

They are organic compounds important in bio chemical reaction. Vitamins can be classified into 2 groups according to the solubility in water. Vitamin B & C are water soluble and A, D, E, & K are insoluble in water. But these are fat soluble.

The vitamins are needed for activities of human body, Their uses and deficiency symptoms are given in the table below.

Table 1.7 - Uses of vitamins and their deficency symptoms

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Type of Vitamin	Use	<b>Deficiency Symptoms</b>
Vitamin A	<ul> <li>Formation of visual pigments</li> <li>important in eye vision</li> <li>To keep skin healthy &amp; fair</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Night blindness</li> <li>Bito patches in the eye</li> <li>Dryness in the skin</li> <li>Blisters on knees &amp; elbow</li> <li>Diseases associated with respiratory tract</li> </ul>
Vitamin B	<ul> <li>Maintenance of nerves</li> <li>To maintain a healthy skin</li> <li>Formation of bone marrow</li> <li>Maturation of RBC Antibody production</li> </ul>	Beri beri
Vitamin C  Vitamin D	<ul> <li>To keep skin healthy</li> <li>To form enamel.</li> <li>To synthesize collagen fibers.</li> <li>Controls absorption of</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Weakening of gum</li> <li>Internal bleeding</li> <li>Delays recovery from diseases</li> <li>Scurvy</li> <li>Tooth decay</li> </ul>
Vitallilli D	Controls absorption of calcium & phosphorous	<ul><li> Tooth decay</li><li> Osteoporosis</li></ul>
Vitamin E	Growth of tissues & cells	<ul> <li>Premature births</li> <li>Increase rate of breaking down of red blood cells</li> <li>Weaknesses in cell division</li> <li>Weaknesses in reproduction</li> </ul>

Vitamin K	To produce components needed for blood	Delays blood clotting
	clotting	

## For knowledge

Vitamin B is a complex vitamin. There are vitamins as  $B_1^{"}B_2$ ,  $B_6$ ,  $B_{12}$  in that complex' These are obtained through food and some vitamins are synthesized by bacteria living in human intestine.



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Vitamin A deficiency symptoms

Vitamin B deficiency symptoms







Vitamin D deficiency symptoms

Fig 1.6 - Deficiency symptoms of vitamins

## Summary

- The main substances that form the living body are carbohydrates, proteins, lipids & nucleic acids. They are known as biological molecules belong to living matter.
- Beside organic compounds, inorganic compounds such as water, mineral salts also play an important role in living systems.
- Main elements found in biological molecules are C,H,O,N.
- The proteins that catalyze biochemical reactions are enzymes.
- Although Minerals & vitamins are needed in small amounts, when they are deficient in supply, organisms show deficiency symptoms.
- The specific properties of water are highly important in maintenance of life.

#### **Exercises**

- 01. Select the most appropriate answer.
- (1) The food that contains highest amount of starch is
  - 1. Potato
- 2. Peanut
- 3. Cucumber 4. Gotukola (*Centella*)
- (2) Which belongs to monosaccharide?
  - 1. Fructose
- 2. Sucrose
- 3. Maltose
- 4. Lactose
- (3) A carbohydrate specially found in plants is
  - 1. Glycogen 2. Lactose
- 3. Pectin
- 4. Cellulose
- (4) A Vitamin that helps in blood clotting is
  - 1. Vitamin A 2. Vitamin D 3. Vitamin C 4. Vitamin K
- (5) Not an organic compound present in living body,
  - 1. Proteins
- 2. Water
- 3. Carbohydrates 4. Lipids

02. Below mentioned deficiency symptoms were identified at a health clinic
conducted for grade 6 students in a particular school. Identify the relevant vitamin
for the deficiency symptoms.

•	Weaknesses	in eye	sight &	bito	patches	in ey	yes			
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- Weaknesses in growth of teeth & tooth decay......
- Bleeding gum .....
- Anaemia ......
- (03) State 3 specific features of water. Explain one briefly mentioning how it helps in continuation of life.
- (04) "It is important to contain fibres in food" give the reasons for it.

Technical terms									
Biological molecules	-	ffcj wKq	-	E° > ¯À ‰» UTÖ					
Enzymes	-	tki hu	-	Ö   Õ∨¯®					
Catalysts	-	W; afmatl	-	F UQ					