

(1) How do the shoot and root of the plant respond to the pull of earth's gravity?

(A) The shoot part of the plant shows negative geotropism by growing in opposite direction of gravity.

The root part of the plant shows positive geotropism by growing in the same direction of the gravity. In this way the shoot and roots of a plant respond to the pull of earth's gravity.

Describe an activity to illustrate the phenomena of phototropism and explain why does this occur.

(i) fill a conical flask with water

(ii) cover the neck of the flask with a wire mesh

(iii) keep two or three freshly germinated bean seeds on the wire mesh

(iv) Take a cardboard box which is open from one side

(v) keep the flask in the box in such a manner that the open side of the box faces light coming from a window

After two or three days, you will notice that the shoot bends towards light and roots away from light.

Now turn the flask so that the shoot is away from light and the roots towards the light.

Leave it undisturbed in this condition for few days.

~ Folding up of the leaves, or mimosa plant is an example of nastic movement or Semonosty.