

Q) How is oxygen and carbon dioxide transported in human beings?

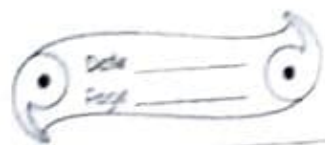
Ans - Hemoglobin transports oxygen molecule to all the body cells for cellular respiration.

→ The hemoglobin pigment present in the blood gets attached to four O_2 molecules that are obtained from breathing.

→ It thus forms oxyhaemoglobin and the blood becomes oxygenated.

→ This oxygenated blood is then distributed to all the body cells by the heart.

→ After giving away O_2 to the body cells, the blood takes away CO_2 which is the end product of cellular respiration. Now the blood becomes de-oxygenated.



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5) How are the alveoli designed to maximise the exchange of gases?

Ans - The alveoli are the small balloon-like structures present in the lungs.

→ The walls of the alveoli consist of extensive network of blood-vessels.

→ Each lung contains 300 - 350 million alveoli, making it a total of approximately 700 million in both the lungs.

→ The alveolar surface when spread out covers about 80m^2 area.

→ This large surface area makes the gaseous exchange more efficient.

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4) What are the different ways in which glucose is oxidized to provide energy in various organisms?

Ans - i) Aerobic respiration - In this case, pyruvate is broken down in water and carbon dioxide along with release of energy.

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ii) Anaerobic Respiration - In anaerobic respiration break down of pyruvate takes place in presence of oxygen to give rise to molecules of carbon dioxide and water.

Q) What advantage over an aquatic organisms have with regard to obtaining oxygen for respiration?

Ans - Terrestrial organisms take up oxygen from the atmosphere whereas aquatic animals need to utilize oxygen present in the water.

Q) Air contains more O_2 as compared to water.

Q) Since the content of O_2 in air is high, the terrestrial animals do not have to breathe faster to get more oxygen.

Q) Why is the trachea provided the cartilaginous rings?

Ans - The function of cartilaginous rings in respiratory system is to stabilize the trachea, and keep it rigid while allowing the trachea to expand and lengthen when the person breathes.