

# CELL - The structure and functions

- Q1. Antonie van Leeuwenhoek - the scientist who invented the first microscope.
- Q2. Robert Hooke - coined the point term "cell".
- Q3. The three essential parts of cell are
- Cell membrane - Each cell surrounded by a cell membrane, also called plasma membrane.
  - Cytoplasm - The cytoplasm is a semi-liquid (viscous), colourless and translucent substance It is found between the nucleus and the cell membrane.
  - Nucleus - Nucleus is a small spherical mass mostly located towards the centre of the cytoplasm. It is the most important part of the cell. It regulates and coordinates various life processes of the cell.
  - It plays an important part during cell division.

2. Robert Hooke coined the term "cell". He used two lenses in his microscope. He observed a cluster of box-like cubicles ~~piled~~ piled up together. This reminded him of "cells" of monks living in a monastery. So, he was the first to call them cells.