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5.1 Mode of Nutrition of Humans

Organisms can be classified into two major groups according to their modes of nutrition: autotrophs and heterotrophs*.

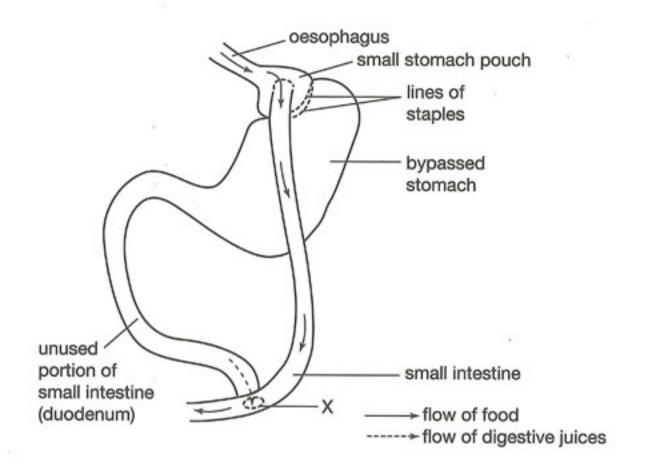
Autotrophs	Heterotrophs
can synthesize organic nutrients from simple <i>inorganic</i> substances	cannot synthesize organic nutrients, which must be obtained from other organisms or dead organic matter
e.g. plants	e.g. animals, bacteria, fungi

Since humans take in organic food, they are heterotrophs.

^{*} Types of heterotrophic nutrition:

Holozoic	Saprophytic	Parasitic
take in complex organic compounds in form of solid food particles	obtain soluble organic nutrients from dead organic matter	obtain organic nutrients from another organism, the host
food is digested internally into soluble products which are then absorbed	food is digested outside the body before absorption	may or may not need digestion
e.g. animals	e.g. most bacteria and fungi	e.g. some bacteria, fungi, protists and worms

12. Metabolic syndrome is the name for a group of risk factors linked to overweight and obesity that increase a person's chance for heart disease and other health problems such as diabetes and stroke. Seriously obese people may need to undergo surgery to prevent developing such serious diseases. The diagram below shows a surgical method to help reduce obesity:



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E	xplain why the opening at point X is necessary.	(2 mark

	(c)	Explain why the patient may suffer from osteoporosis after the surgery. (3 marks)
		Total: 9 marks
#13.		reat central obesity, drug M is used to act on a certain enzyme in pancreatic juice to help ace body weight.
	(a)	After taking drug M, Simon's faeces becomes oily. Based on this observation, propose a mechanism for the action of this drug. (3 marks)
	(b)	The doctor also prescribes vitamin A for Simon as a daily supplement. Suggest a reason for this.
	(c)	By taking this drug, the risks for Simon to get coronary heart disease and diabetes are also reduced. Suggest <i>two</i> substances which levels in blood can be reduced by this drug. (2 marks)
		Total: 7 marks



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About the book

NSS Biology – Intensive Notes and Exercises is a series written for the Biology and Combined Science (Biology) Curricula. It aims to prepare local students to tackle the HKDSE Examination effectively.

Key features:

- notes are concise and comprehensive
- questions resemble closely those of the HKDSE sample papers
- questions are written in line with the Curriculum Emphases of the NSS Biology Curriculum



