





**عملي الفرقة الأولى تربية بيولوجي وجيولوجيا  
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# Embryology


 Embryology is a branch of science that is related to the fertilization, formation, growth, and development of embryo. In mammals, it deals with the prenatal stage of development beginning from formation of gametes, fertilization, formation of zygote, development of embryo and fetus to the birth of a new individual.



## A Brief History of Embryology

 The theory of preformationism

 The theory of epigenesis

 The theory of recaptulation

 The Cell Theory



## Reproduction

Reproduction may be defined as the biological process by which organisms give rise to their own kind. Reproduction may occur in two ways: Asexual and Sexual reproduction.



**Basic Concepts of embryonic development include:**

1. Gametogenesis
2. Fertilization
3. Cleavage
4. Blastulation
5. Gastrulation
6. Organization (Organogenesis)



## Gametogenesis

Gametogenesis for the formation of sperms is termed **spermatogenesis**, while that of ova is called **oogenesis**.

- ❖ Both spermatogenesis and oogenesis comprise similar phases of sequential changes as: **multiplication phase, growth and maturation phases.**



### Spermatogenesis:

#### The testes structure

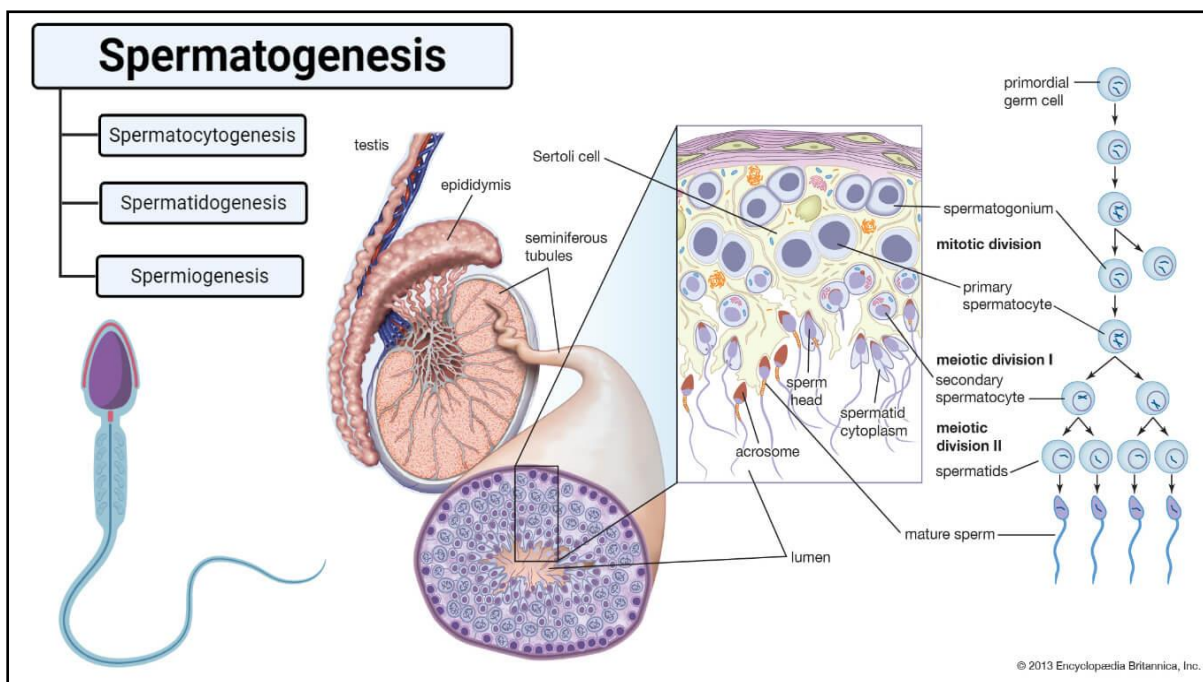
The testicles (testes) are part of a man's reproductive system. A man has 2 testicles.

- ✓ **Spermatogenesis:** includes the following phases:

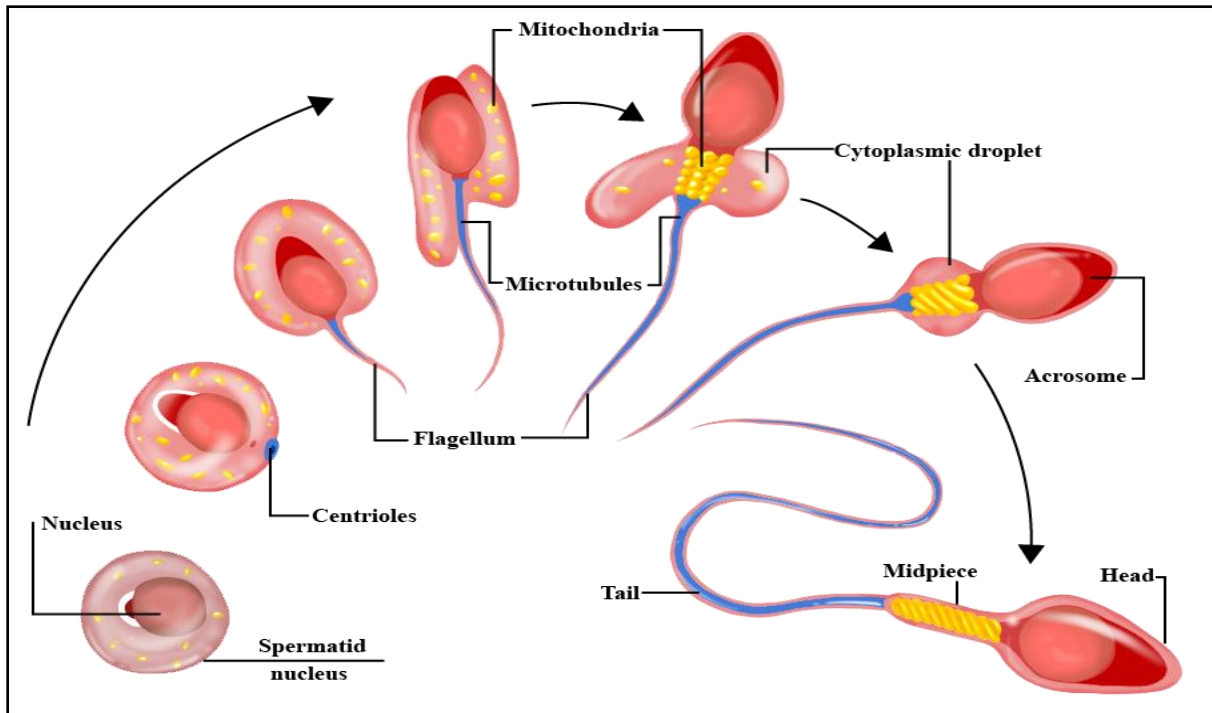
#### Multiplication Phase

#### Maturation Phase

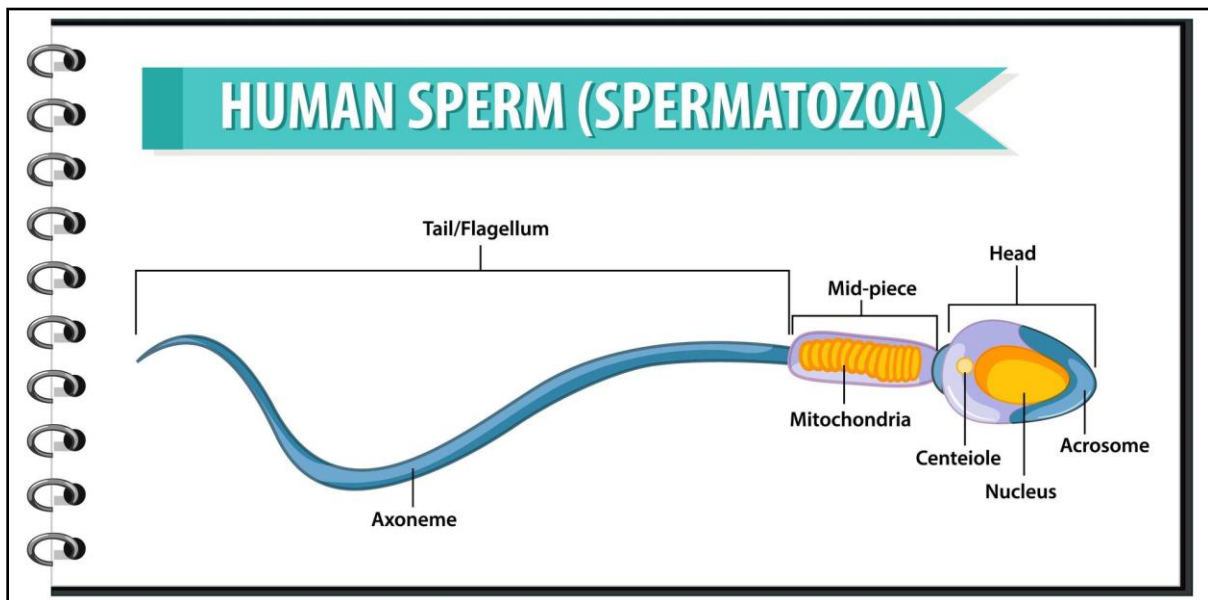
#### Growth Phase



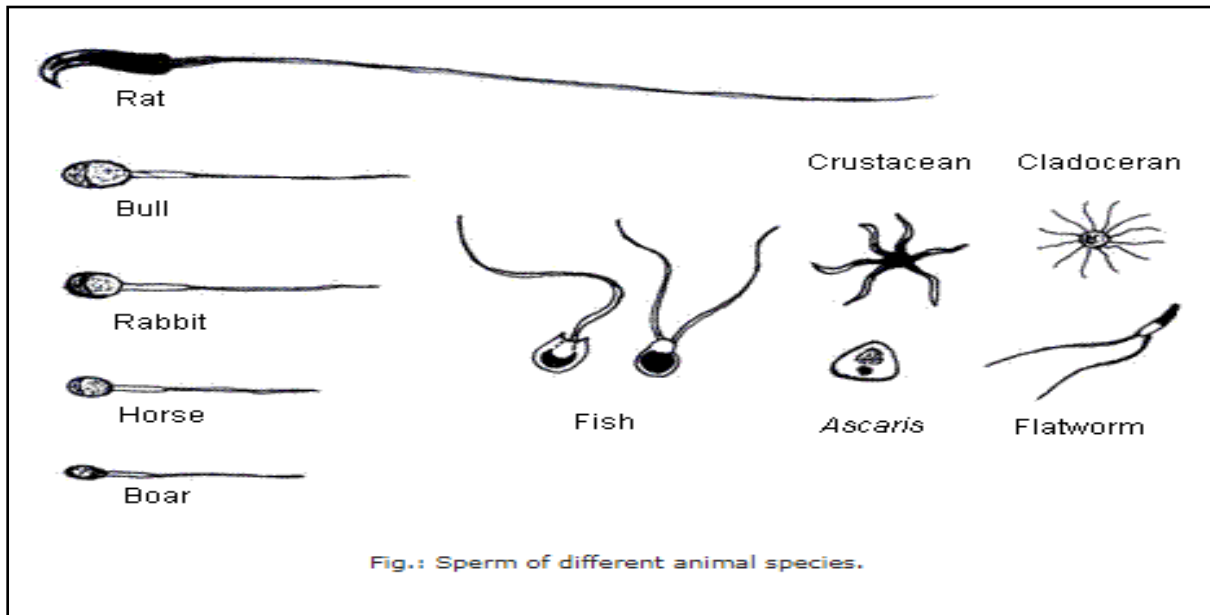
**Formation of Sperms from Spermatids (Spermiogenesis):**



**Spermatozoon (Sperm):**



## Different shape and size of sperm



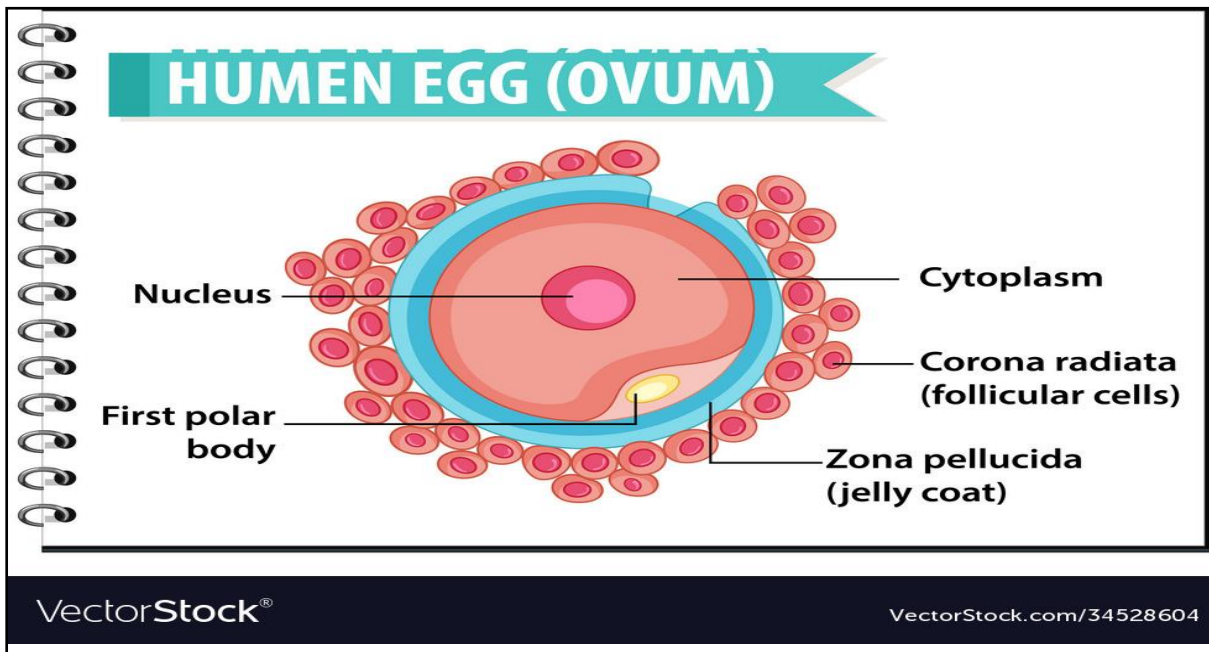
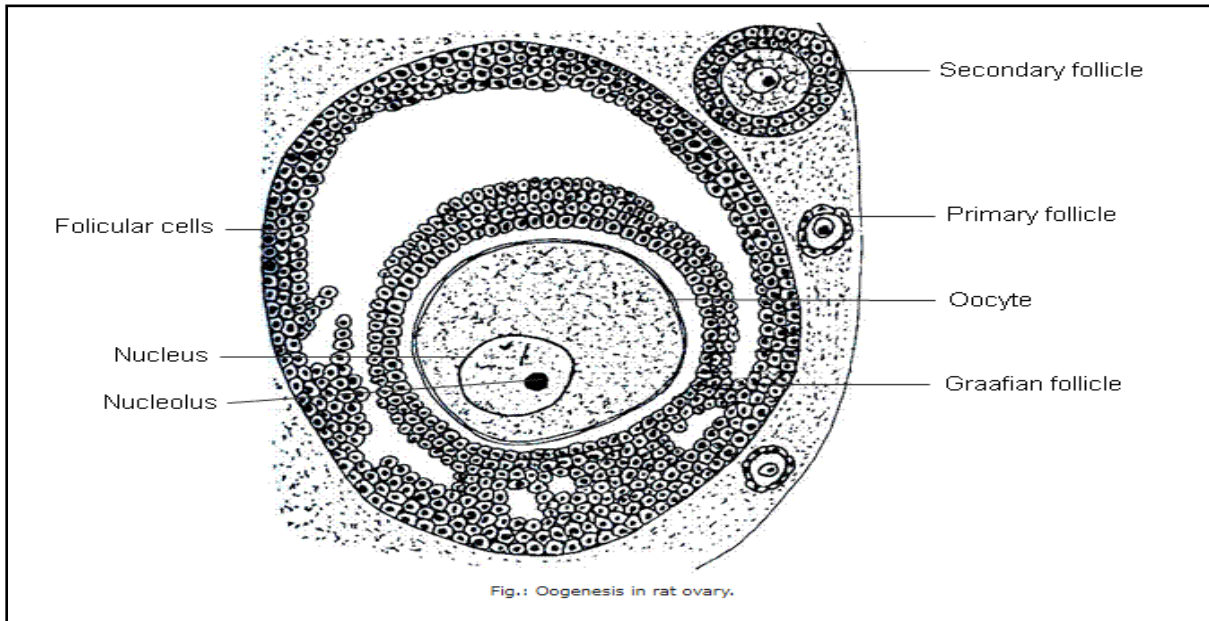
## Oogenesis

### *Ovum structure:*

The ovum is one of the largest cells that measures approximately 120  $\mu\text{m}$  in diameter. The ovum has a large, centrally located nucleus which is covered by cytoplasm. This oocyte nucleus and nucleolus are termed **germinal vesicle** and **germinal disc** respectively. Likewise, the cytoplasm (yolk) of an ovum is termed **ooplasm**. It has less amount of yolk (in humans) and hence it is alecithal. This ooplasm is enclosed by a peripheral layer called the cortex which has many microvilli. These microvilli are tubular projections of the plasmalemma that aids in the transportation of substances in and out of the cytoplasm.

### **The human ovum is typically covered by 3 layers:**

1. Inner thin vitelline membrane
2. Middle zona pellucida
3. Outer corona radiata

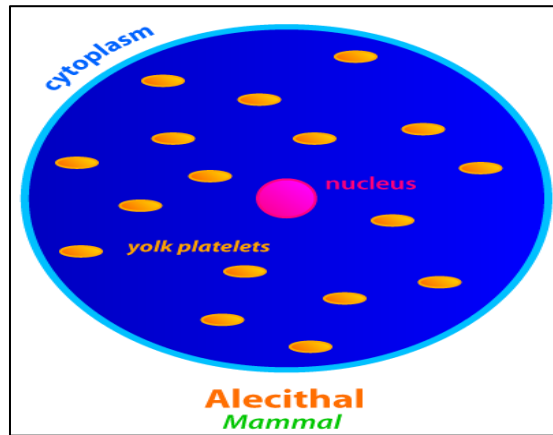


**Types of Egg:**

According to the proportion of the yolk to the cytoplasm of the ovum there are three types of egg:

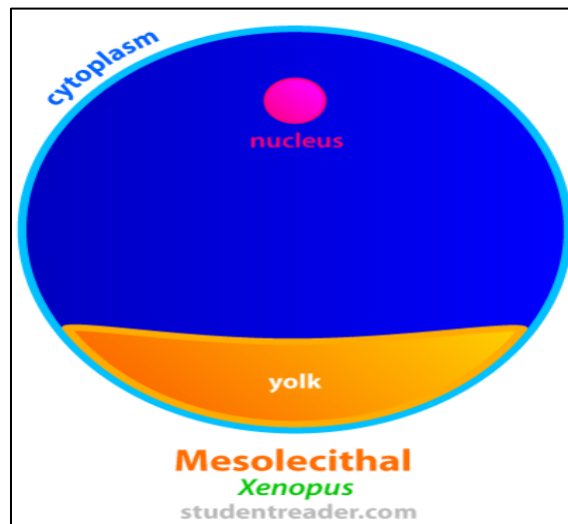
**[I] Microlecithal egg**

- ✓ The eggs of Amphioxus and mammals are of this type.
- ✓ The mammalian eggs contain so little yolk that they are sometimes called alecithal (without yolk) eggs.



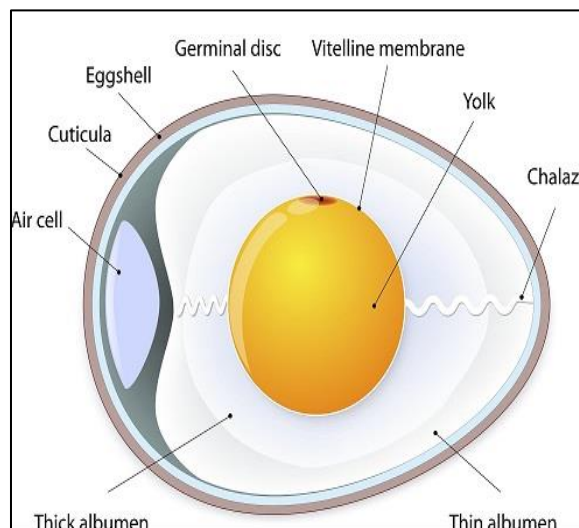
**[II] Mesolecithal eggs**

The eggs of sharks, fishes and many amphibians are of this type.



**[III] Macrolecithal or polylecithal eggs**

The eggs of teleost fishes, reptiles, birds and monotremates (egg laying mammals) are of this type.

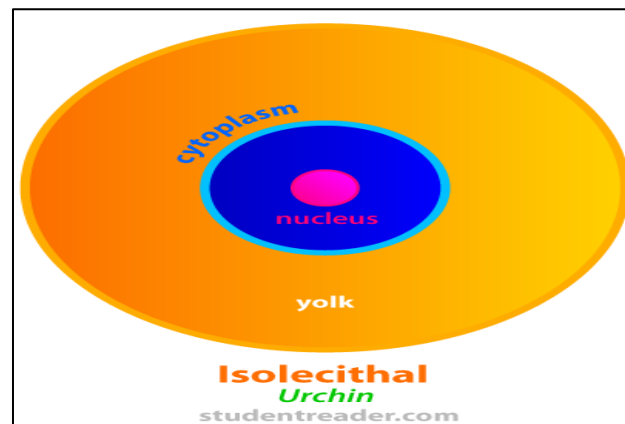




According to distribution of yolk granules or platelets in the cytoplasm of the ova or egg, the eggs are classified as follows:

### 1. Homolecithal/Isolecithal

Examples are of Amphioxus, many invertebrates and mammals including man.



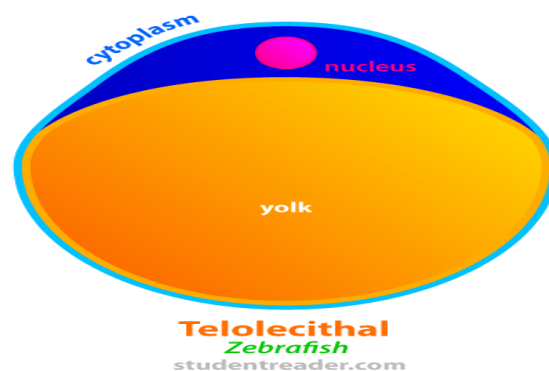
### 2. Centrolecithal

As in insects and many other arthropods.



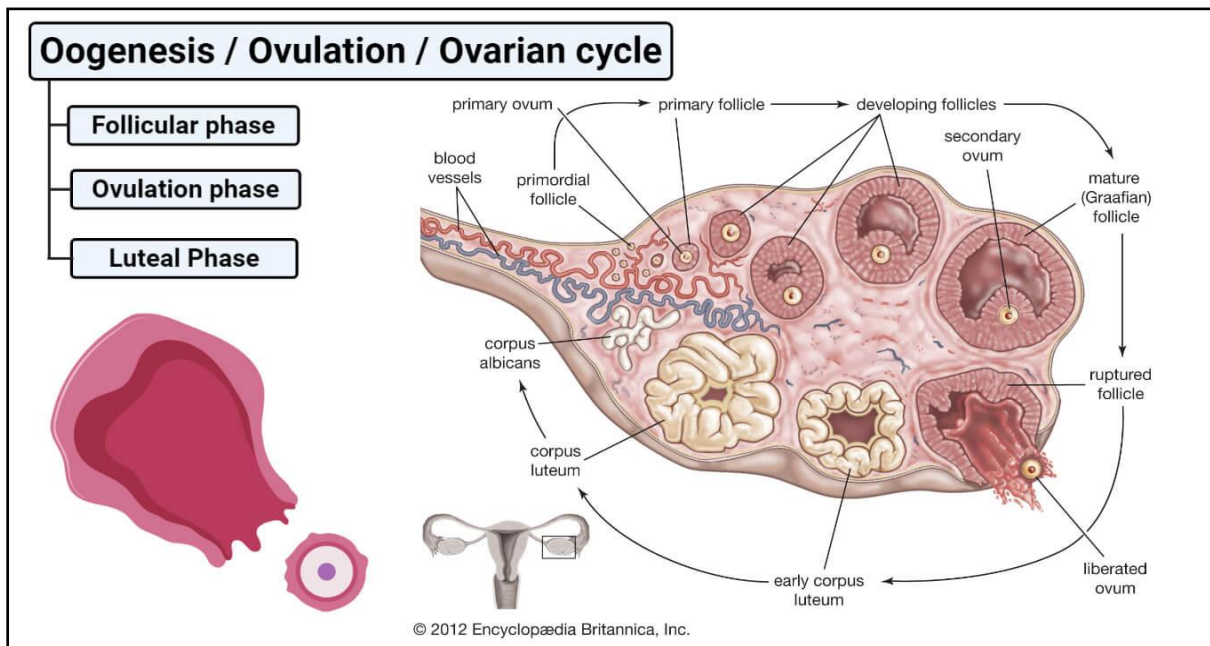
### 3. Teleolecithal

Examples are of fishes, amphibians, and reptiles, birds and monotremes eggs.

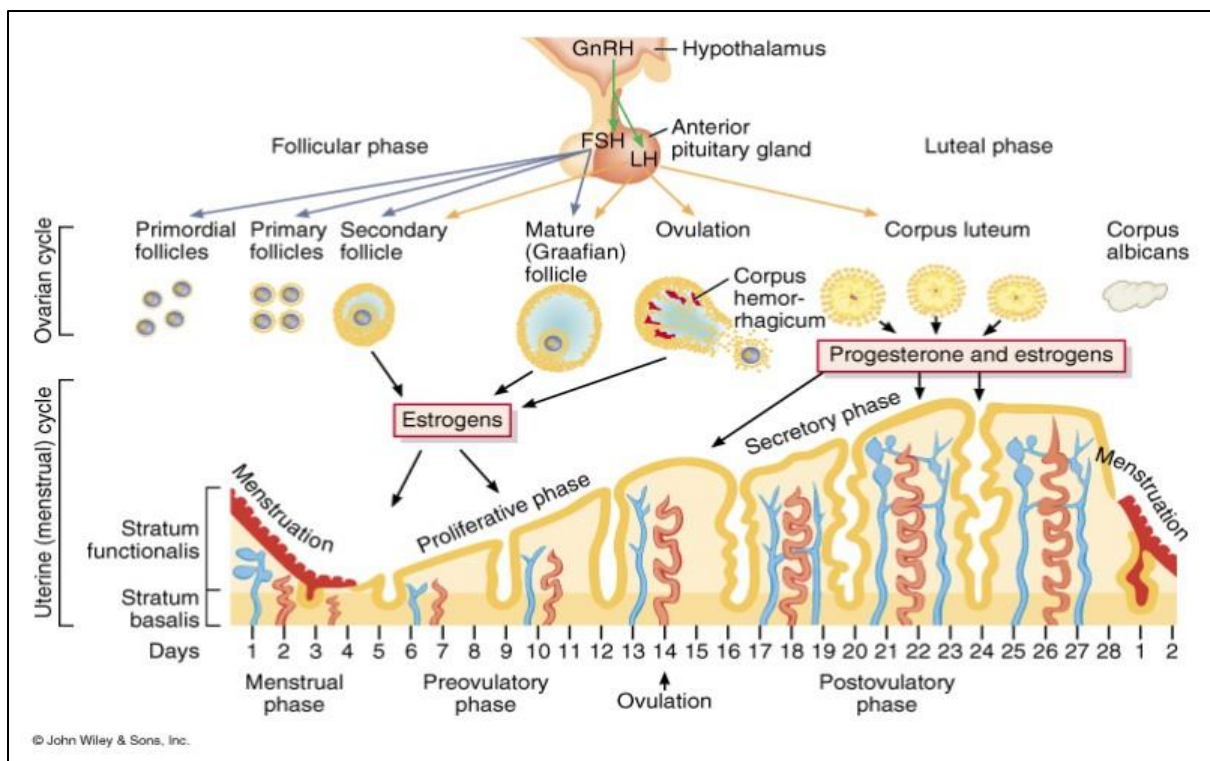




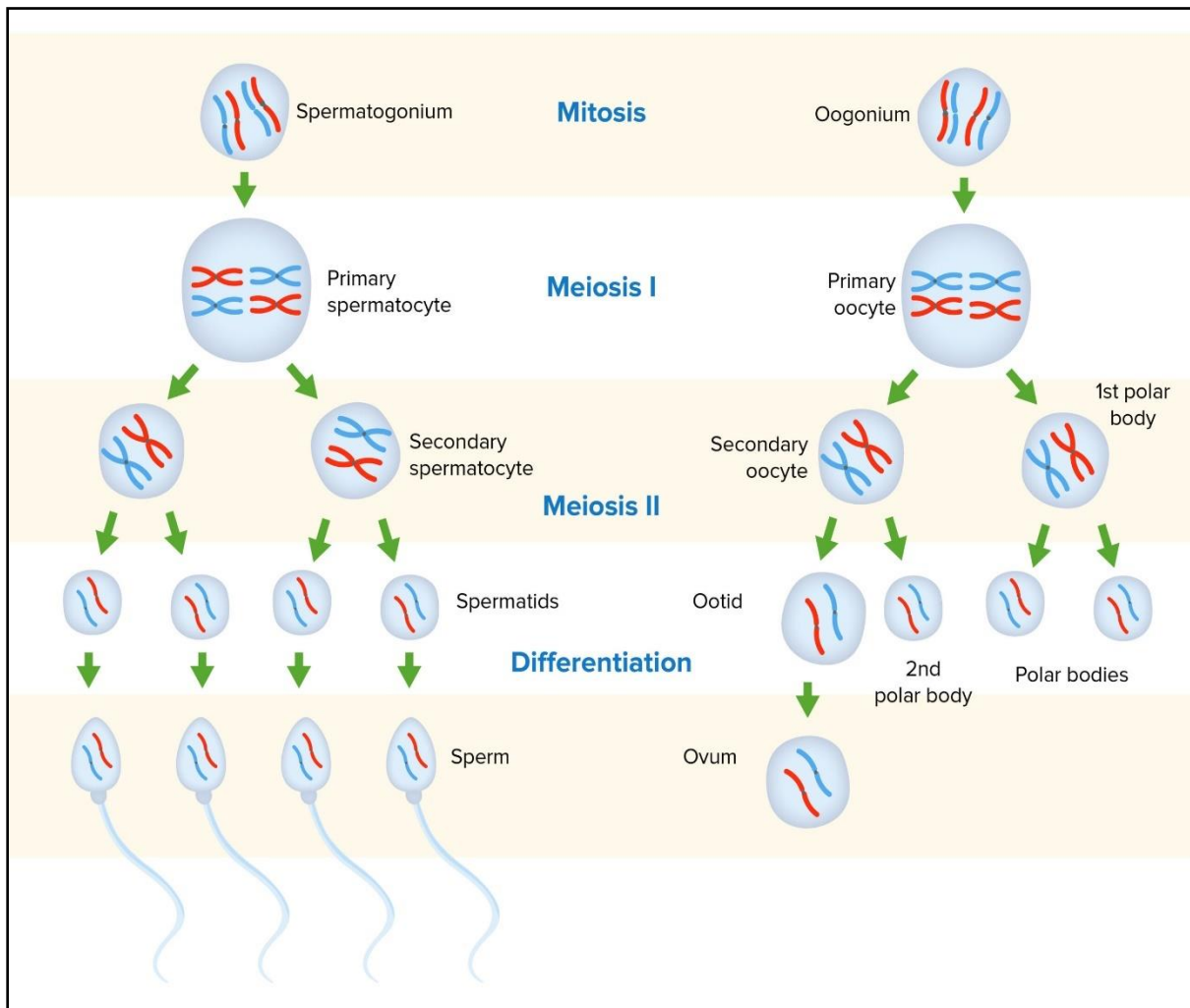
**Oogenesis:** consists of three phases: multiplication, growth and maturation.



**The ovarian cycle**

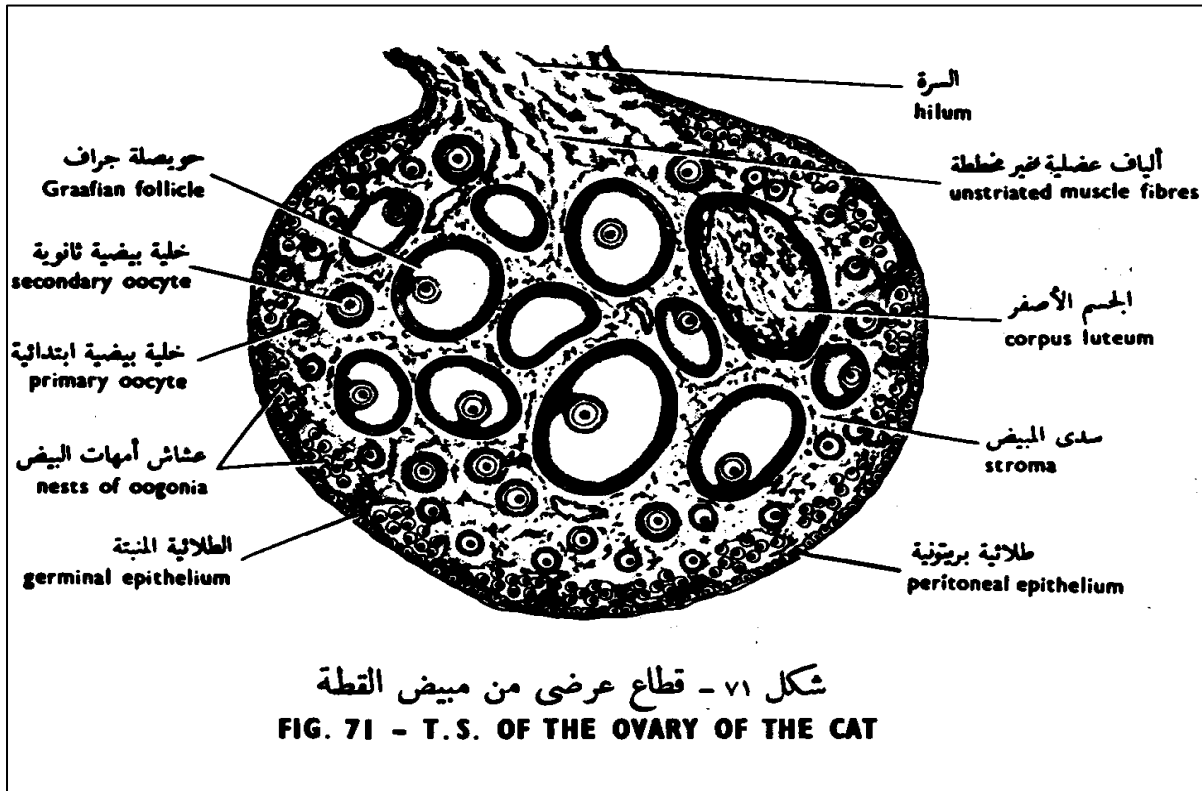
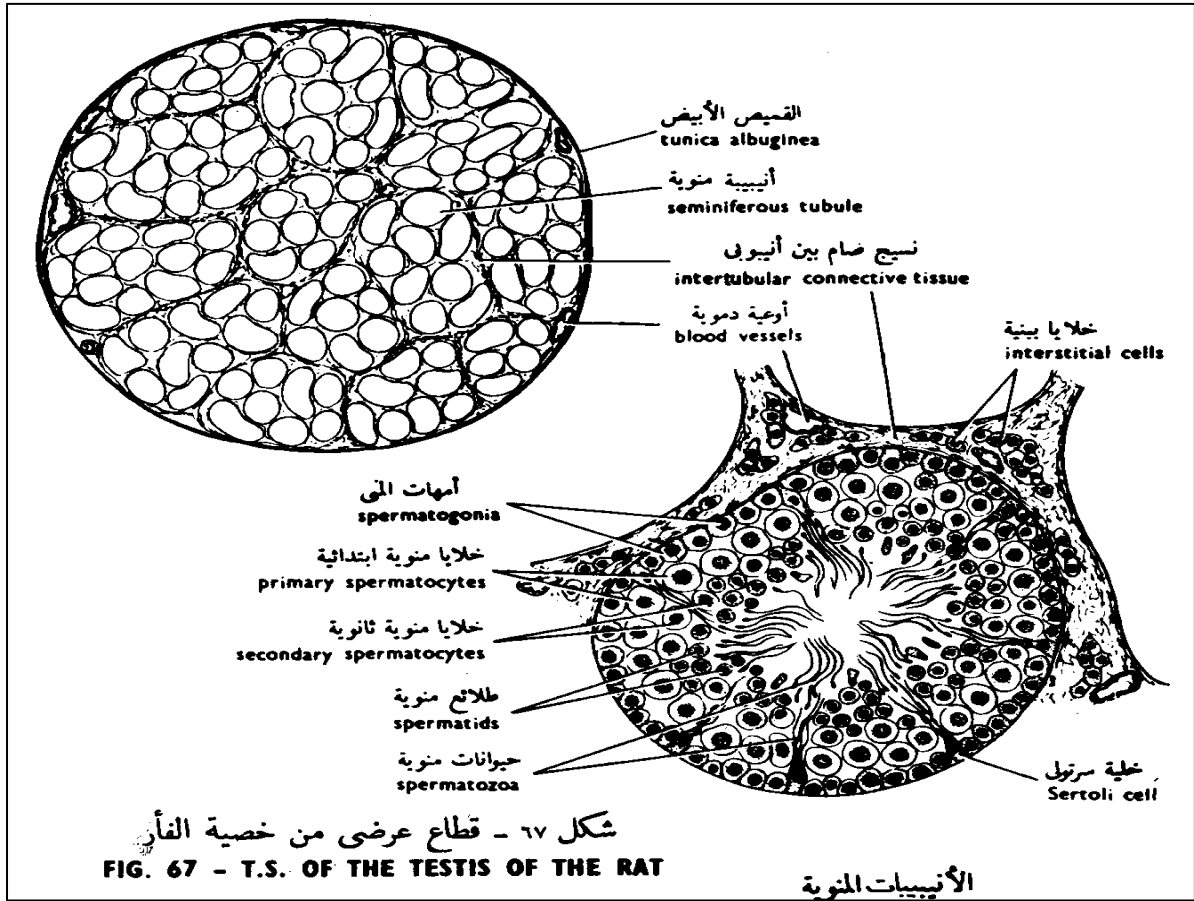


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	Spermatogenesis	Oogenesis
<b>Process</b>		
Location	Occurs <i>entirely</i> in testes	Occurs <i>mostly</i> in ovaries
Meiotic divisions	Equal division of cells	Unequal division of cytoplasm
Germ line epithelium	Is involved in gamete production	Is not involved in gamete production
<b>Gametes</b>		
Number produced	Four	One (plus 2 – 3 polar bodies)
Size of gametes	Sperm smaller than spermatocytes	Ova larger than oocytes
<b>Timing</b>		
Duration	Uninterrupted process	In arrested stages
Onset	Begins at puberty	Begins in foetus (pre-natal)
Release	Continuous	Monthly from puberty (menstrual cycle)
End	Lifelong (but reduces with age)	Terminates with menopause

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## Fertilization

Fertilization, the process by which male and female gametes nuclei fuses together to produce diploid zygote.

### *Types of Fertilization:*

#### **1. External:**

Eggs are librated in water.

- Occurs outside the female genital system.
- Female laid a large number of eggs, them the male pour its sperms in the same region in water
- e.g. in fish and amphibian.

#### **2. Internal:**

- Land-dwellers
- Specialized structures for housing gametes.
- Embryo more protected during development.
- Occurs in animals that have a well-developed reproductive system, animals may be:

a) **Oviparous:** zygote develops in a shell e.g. birds.

b) **Viviparous:** zygote develops inside uterus e.g. mammals.

The intrauterine life is about 21 days in the rat, 70 days in the in the Guinea pig while it's about 280 days in human.

c) **Ovoviviparous:-** e.g. dog fish

It has 4 major steps:

1. Contact and recognition between sperm and egg. (same species)
2. Regulation of sperm entry into the egg. (only one and inhibiting the others)
3. Fusion of the genetic material of sperm and egg.
4. Activation of egg metabolism to start development.



## Cleavage and Blastula Formation

### Planes of Cleavage:

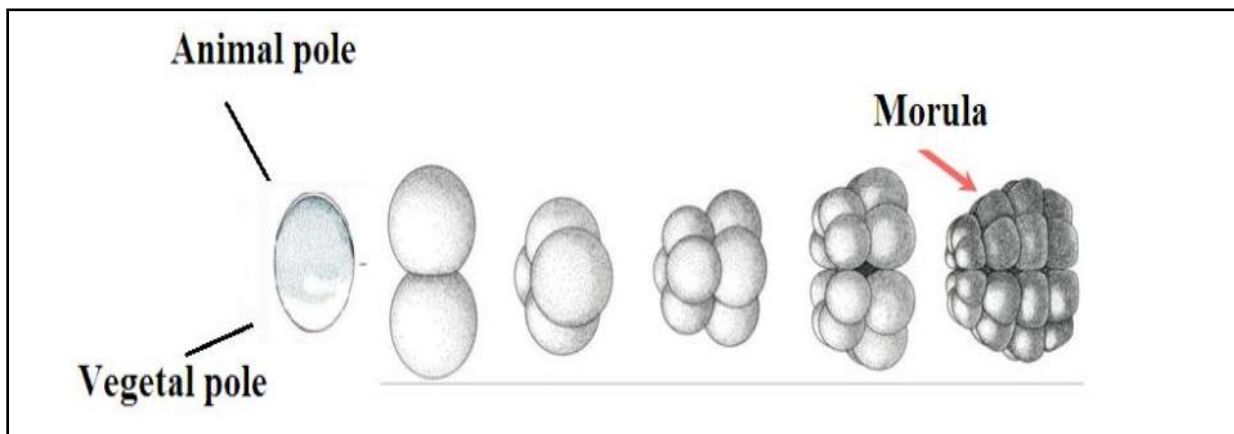
#### A: Holoblastic or total cleavage:

When the cleavage furrows divide the entire egg.

It may be:

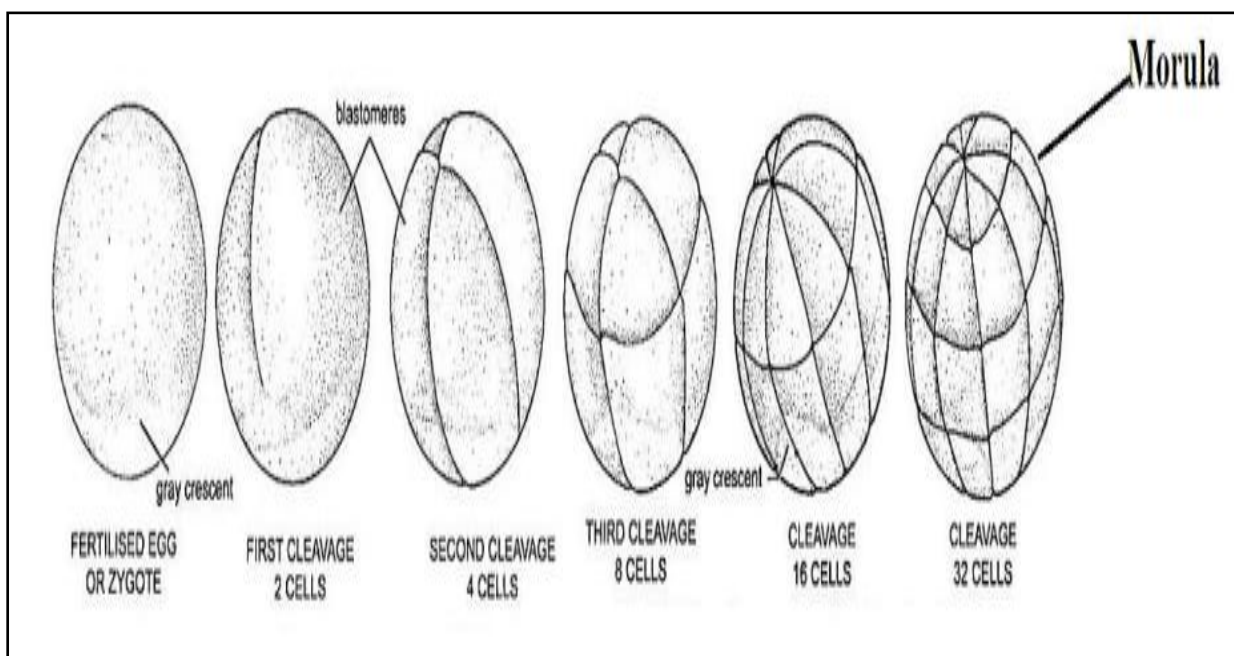
#### Equal:

When the cleavage furrow cuts the egg into two equal cells. It may be radially symmetrical, bilaterally symmetrical, spirally symmetrical or irregular.



#### Unequal:

When the resultant blastomeres become unequal in size.





## B. Meroblastic cleavage:

When segmentation takes place only in a small portion of the egg resulting in the formation of blastoderm, it is called meroblastic cleavage. Usually the blastoderm is present in the animal pole and the vegetal pole becomes laden with yolk which remains in an uncleaved state, i.e., the plane of division does not reach the periphery of blastoderm or blastodisc.

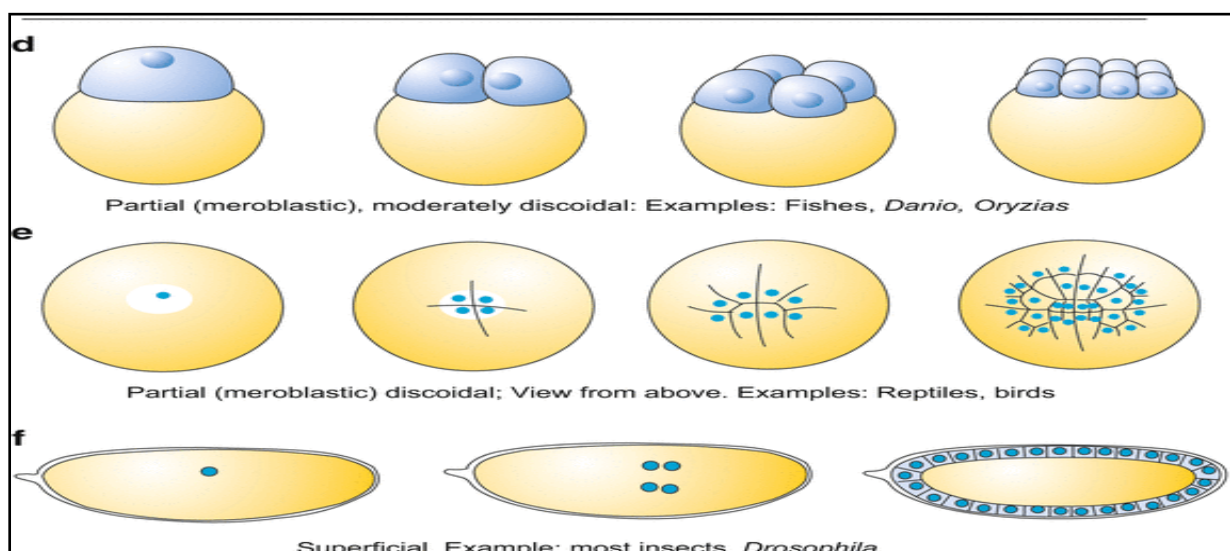
Two major types of meroblastic cleavage are discoidal and superficial:

### 1- Discoidal

In discoidal cleavage, the cleavage furrows do not penetrate the yolk. The embryo forms a disc of cells, called a blastodisc, on top of the yolk. Discoidal cleavage is commonly found in monotremes, birds, reptiles, and fish that have telolecithal egg cells (egg cells with the yolk concentrated at one end).

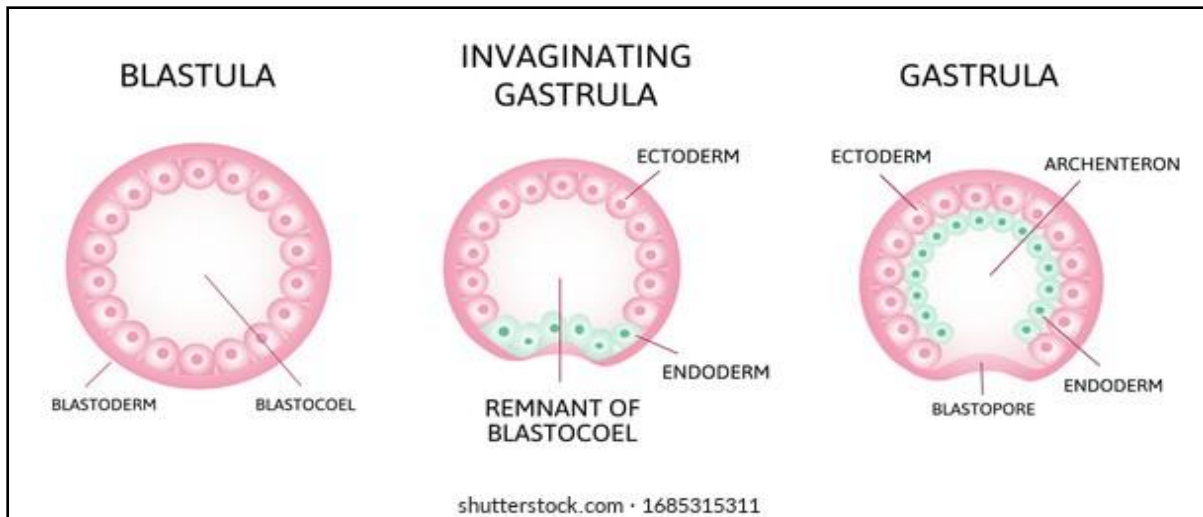
### 2-Superficial

In superficial cleavage, mitosis occurs but not cytokinesis, resulting in a polynuclear cell. With the yolk positioned in the center of the egg cell, the nuclei migrate to the periphery of the egg, and the plasma membrane grows inward, partitioning the cytoplasm into individual cells. Superficial cleavage occurs in arthropods that have centrolecithal eggs.





## Gastrulation



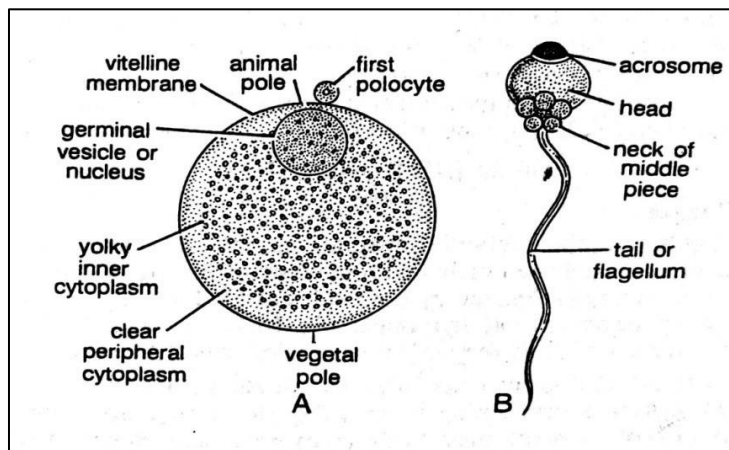
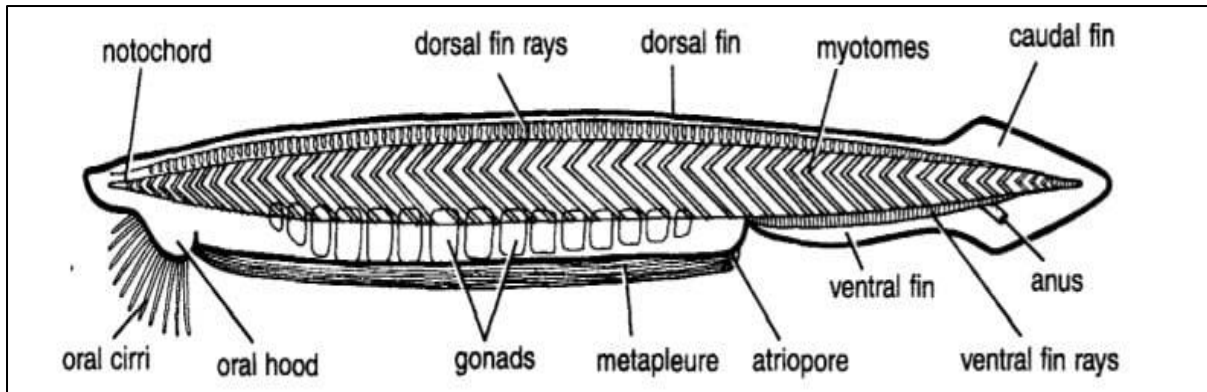
## Organogenesis

### Germ layers

Embryonic Germ Layer	Vertebrate Adult Structures
<b>Ectoderm (outer layer)</b>	Epidermis of skin; epithelial lining of oral cavity and rectum; nervous system
<b>Mesoderm (middle layer)</b>	Skeleton; muscular system; dermis of skin; cardiovascular system; excretory system; reproductive system—including most epithelial linings; outer layers of respiratory and digestive systems
<b>Endoderm (inner layer)</b>	Epithelial lining of digestive tract and respiratory tract; associated glands of these systems; epithelial lining of urinary bladder



## Early embryonic development of Amphioxus

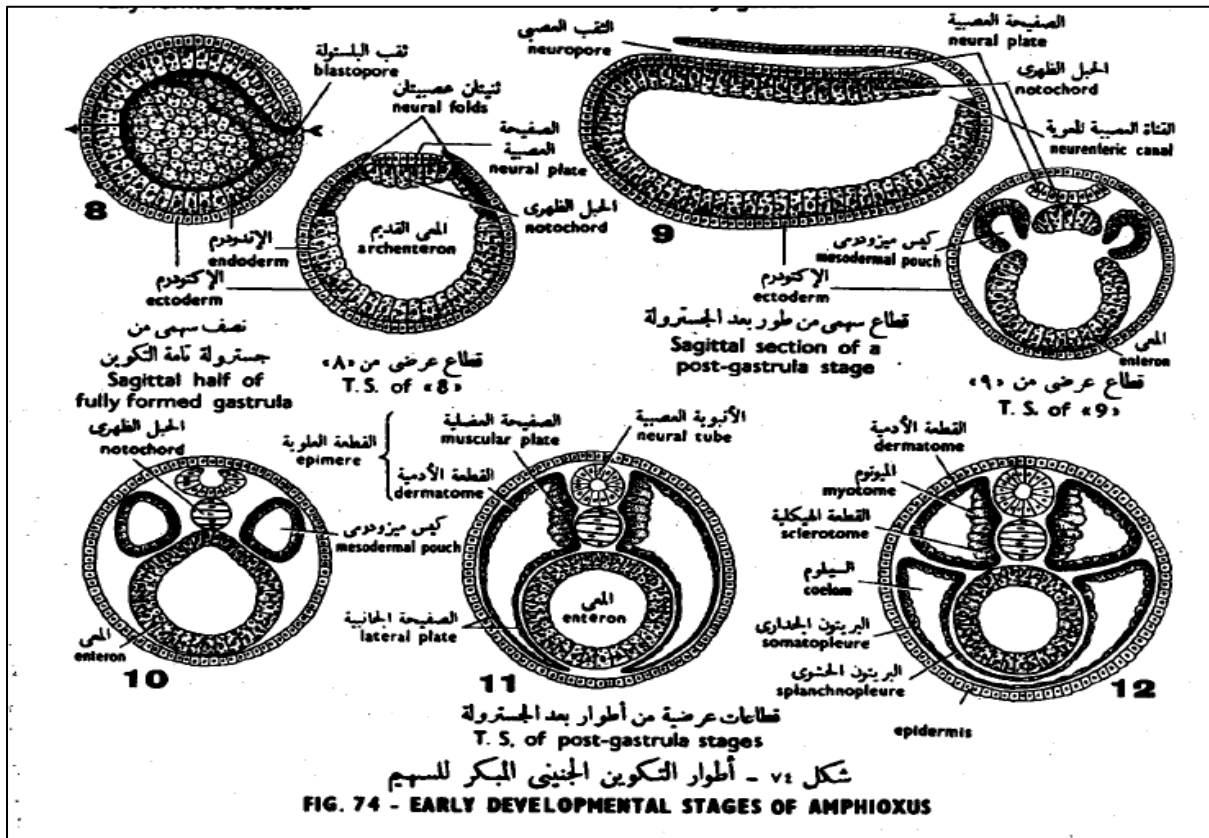
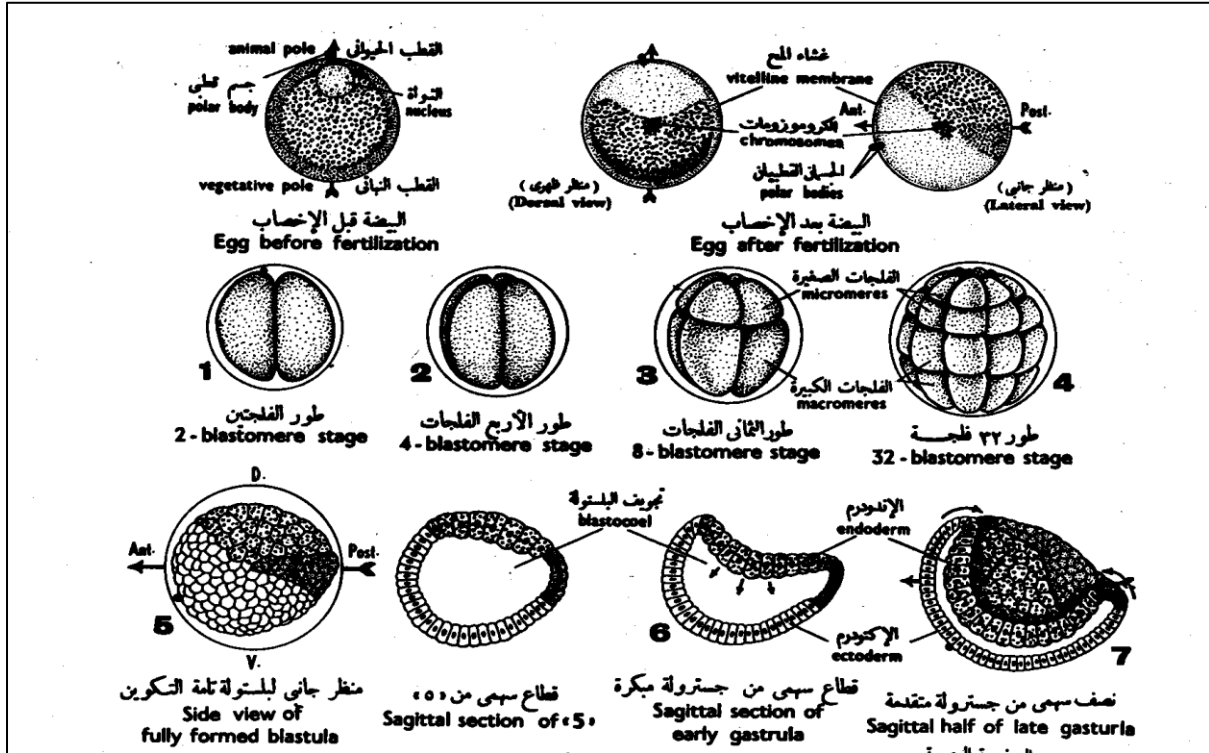


**Amphioxus: A. Unfertilized egg. B. Sperm**

- ✓ Phylum: Chordata – Class: Cephalochordata
- ✓ Sexes are separate
- ✓ The gonads which are in the form of hollow sacs enclosed in coelomic pouches- twenty six in number on each side
  - genital ducts are lacking
- ✓ On maturity of gonads the sperms and ova are liberated into the atrium and from where they are discharged outside through the atriopore in breeding season
- ✓ The spermatozoa contain spherical head, very short mid-piece and tail
- ✓ The ovum of is 0.10 mm to 0.12 mm in diameter
- ✓ Type of Egg: According to amount of yolk oligolecithal or microlecithal  
According to distribution of yolk isolecithal

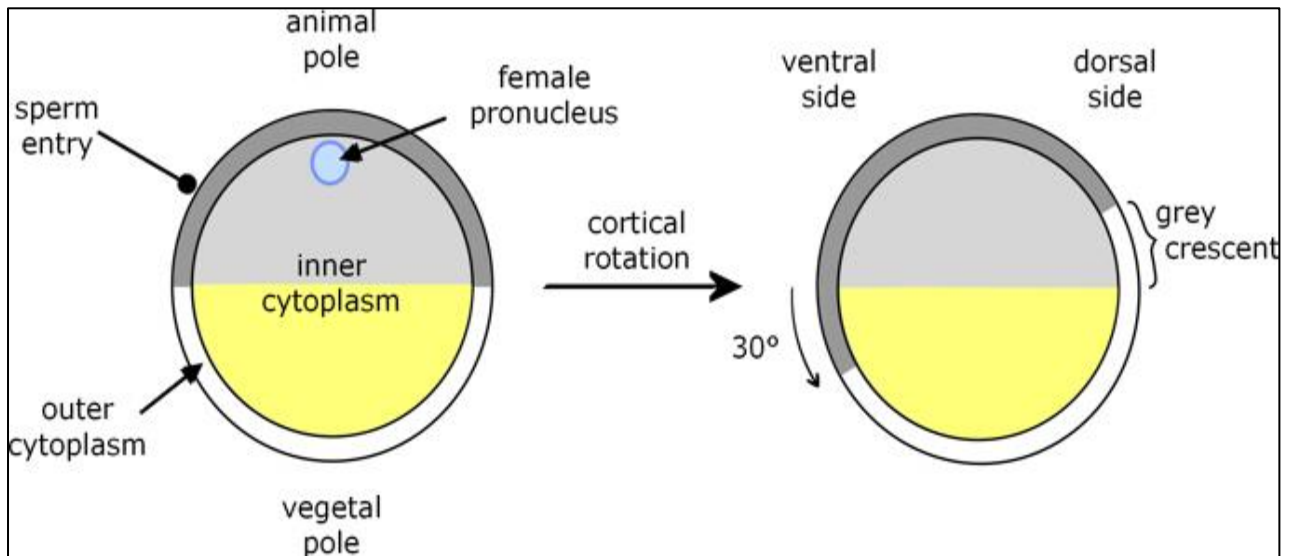
- ✓ Fertilization : External
- ✓ Type of cleavage: holoblastic cleavage

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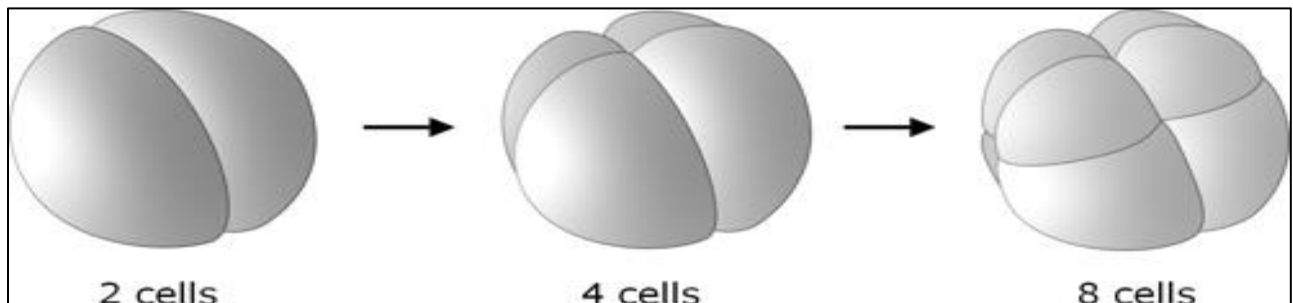


شكل ٧٤ - أطوار التكوين الجنيني المبكر للسهيم  
 FIG. 74 - EARLY DEVELOPMENTAL STAGES OF AMPHIOXUS

## 1. Early embryonic development of Frog



*Xenopus* fertilisation



*Xenopus* cleavage: the first 3 cell divisions.

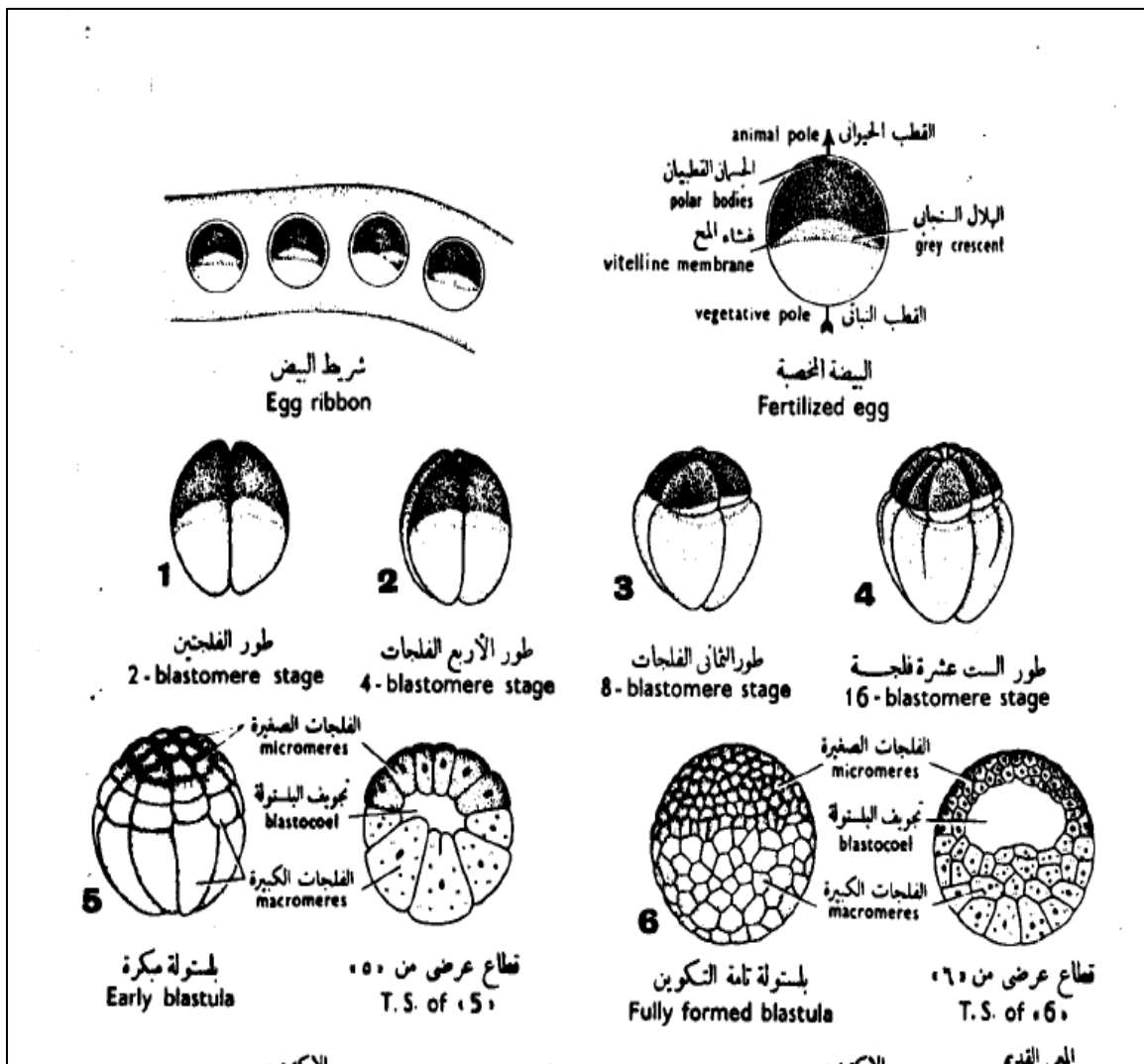
- ✓ Phylum: Chordata – Class: Amphibia.
- ✓ Fertilization: External.
- ✓ Type of Egg: According to amount of yolk mesolecithal. According to distribution of yolk telolecithal.

### *Spawning:*

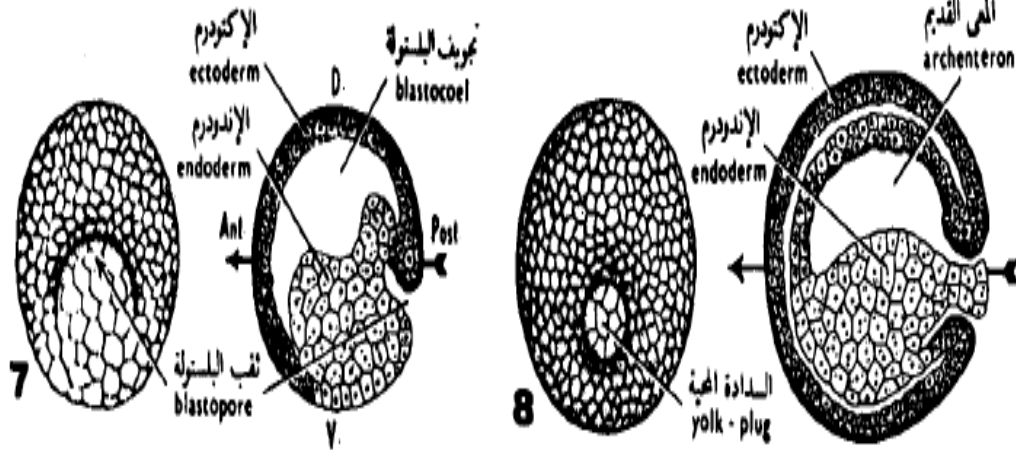
The mesolecithal eggs of frog enclosed in a protective gelatinous albumen are laid in water. The cluster or masses of eggs which remain stick together is called spawn. A spawn of *Rana tigrina* may have 3000 to 4000 ova. The spawn is laid during pseudocopulation or amplexus.

- ✓ Type of cleavage: Unequal holoblastic cleavage.
- ✓ Adult toads live on land most of the time and rely on water for hydration, breeding, and temperature regulation, Mating.
- ✓ Cleavage and blastulation the period of cleavage and blastula formation completed within 24 hours.
- ✓ The cleavage furrow elongates at a rate of about 1mm/minute in the animal hemisphere but slows to 0.03mm/minute in the vegetal pole.

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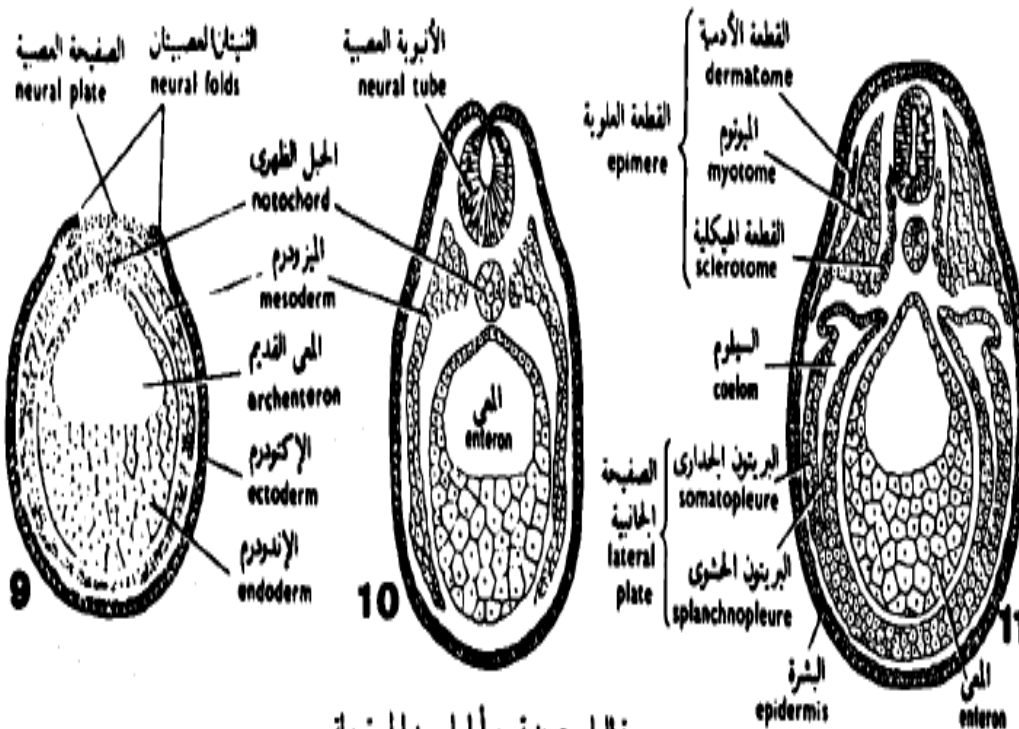


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Posterior view of  
early gastrula

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Sagittal section of «7»

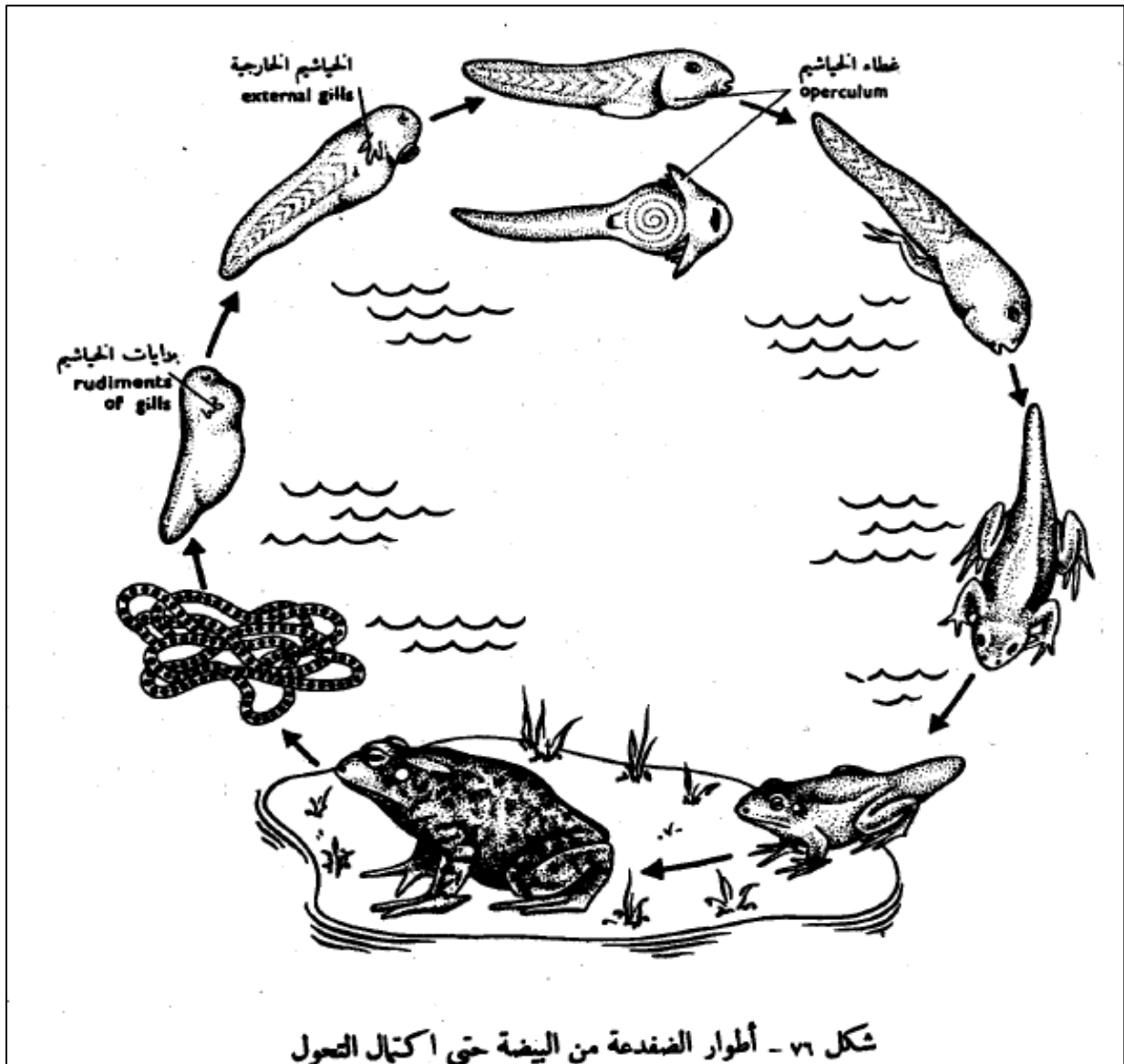
منظر خلفي لجسرولة تامة التكوين  
Posterior view of  
fully formed gastrula

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## Early embryonic development of Birds

### Egg and fertilization

#### Testes

The male bird or rooster, possess a pair of testes, each testis is an oval body, cream white in colour and. From its inner border, a vas deferens emerges to run backwards, lateral to the ureter to open into the cloaca. Just before its opening, it dilates forming a small vesicular seminalis.

#### Ovaries

In the adult of most flying birds only one ovary of the left side, the right one degenerates.

#### The structure of ovum:

The oocyte grows due to the accumulation of yolk in it, the cytoplasm localized at the animal pole in which the nucleus embedded.

The mature oocyte migrates towards the periphery and finally bulged out from the ovary, connected with the ovary only by means of stalk. The fully formed egg contains a large amount of yolk. The cytoplasm is very little and is in the form of a small disc (the blastodisc or germinal disc).

After fertilization the ovum is surround by various envelopes added to the delicate vitelline membrane.

The cleavage starts immediately in the germinal disc. The fully formed and laid egg is surrounded on the outer side by a calcareous shell. The shell consisting chiefly of calcium carbonate.

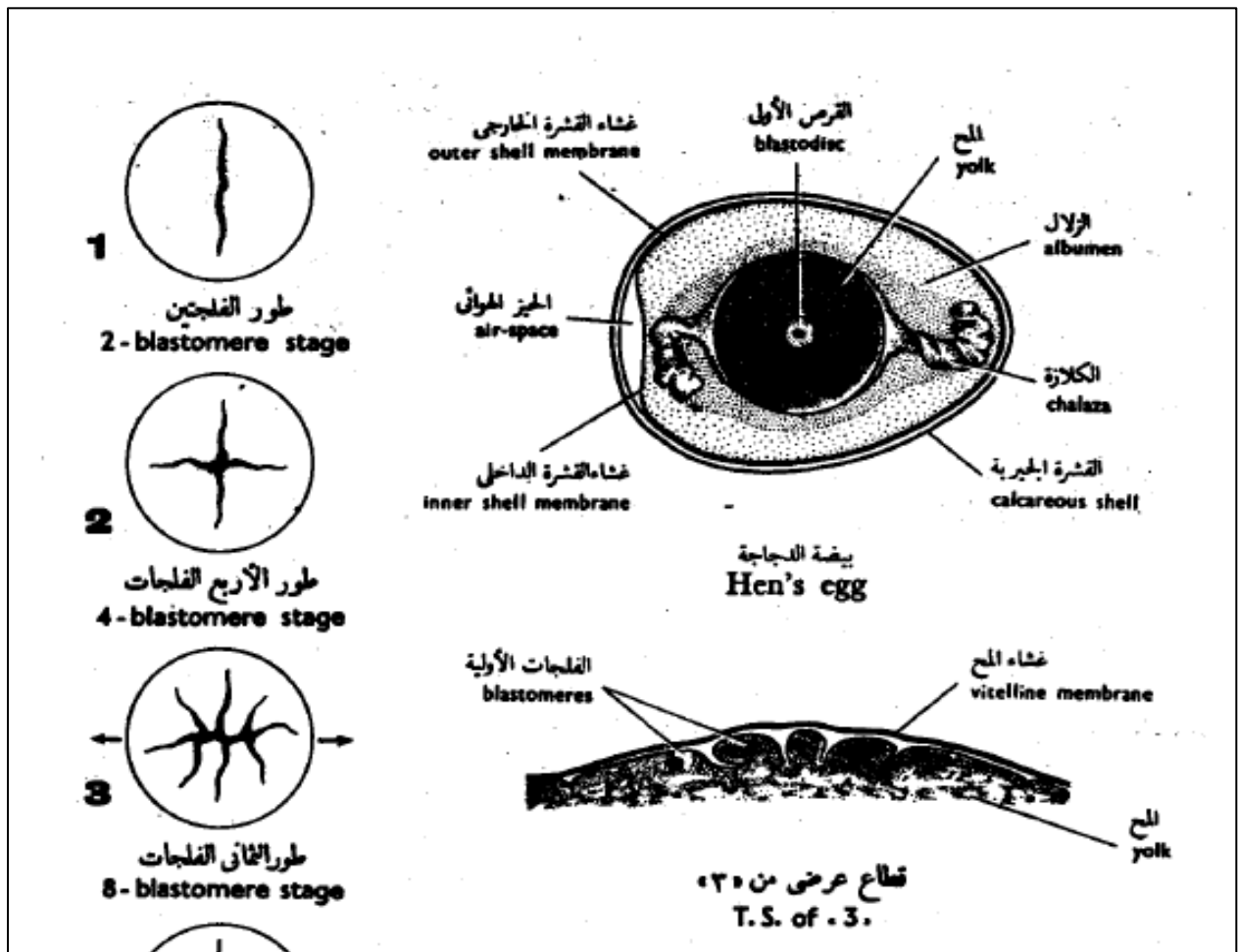


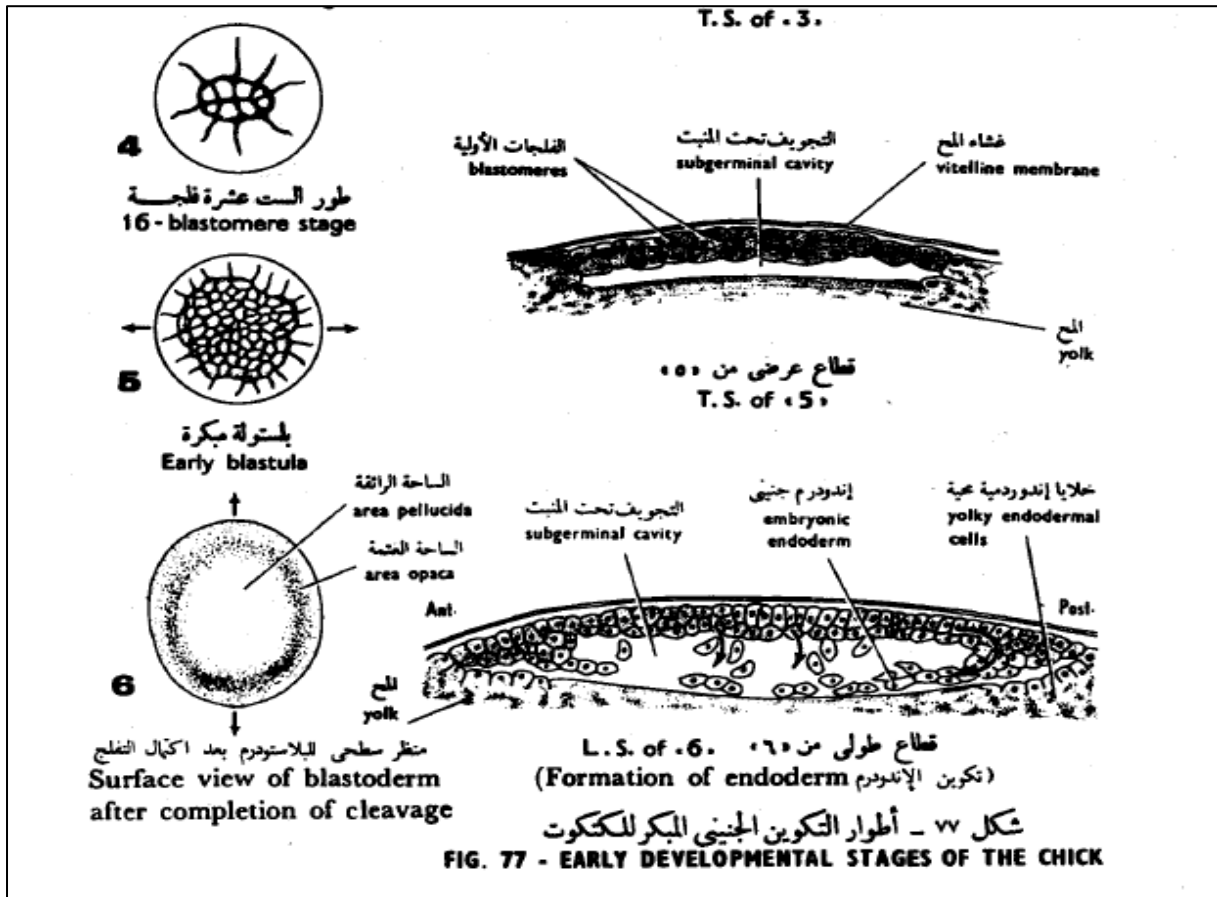
Fertilisation of the egg occurs in the oviduct, before the albumen and shell are added to it. The egg is laid about 24 hours after fertilisation, by which time the development has reached the blastula stage.

### Cleavage and blastula

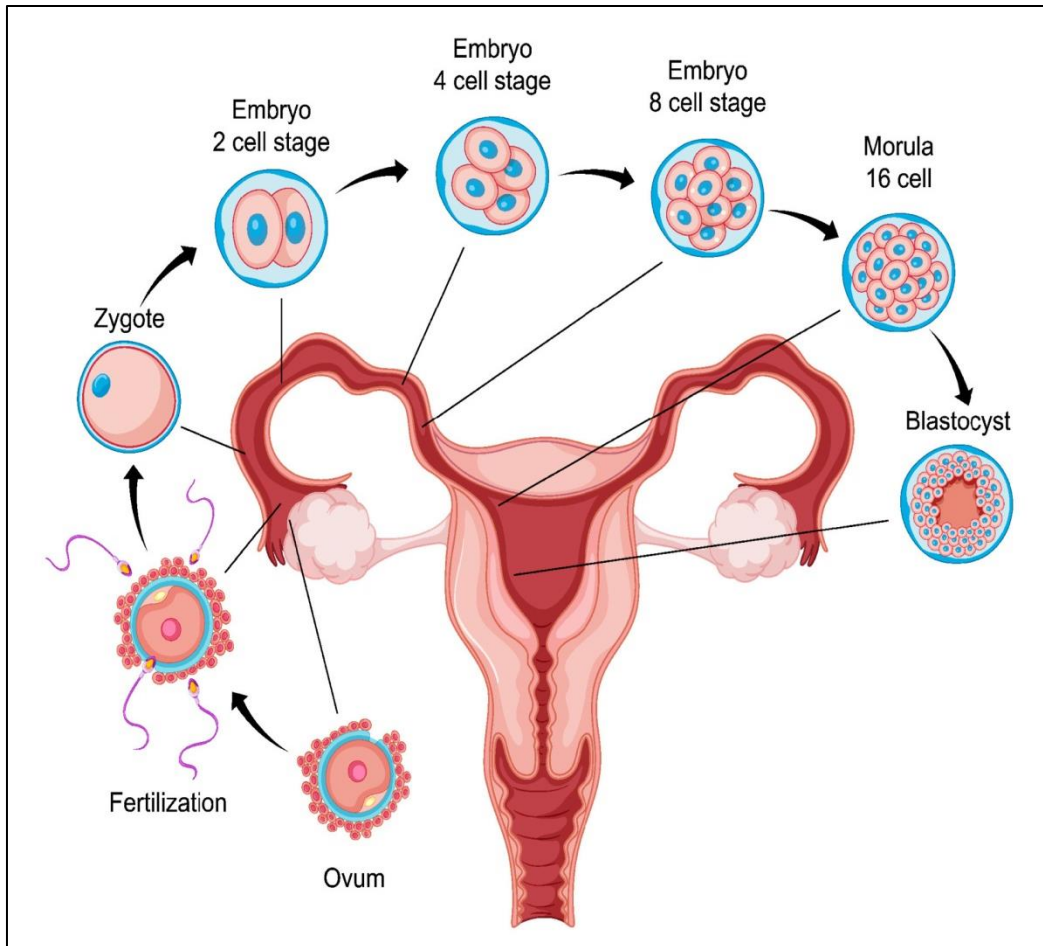
Consistent with having a large yolk, cleavage is meroblastic and is restricted to the germinal disc, and cell divisions do not extend into the yolk at all. The first division passes near the centre of the germinal disc and the next few divisions are at right angles to the preceding one, but then divisions becomes more irregular and asymmetric.

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## Embryonic development of mammals (humans)



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