

LO (LO1)

① Regulates bodily functions and activities, allowing organisms to detect changes in their surrounding and respond to it.

② Enables the diff parts of the body to coordinate with one another.

ability to detect & respond to changes in environment

Sensitivity:

ability to detect & respond to changes in environment

Sensitivity:

brain
enclosed in the vertebral column
spinal cord

Central Nervous System (CNS)

(Human n. system)

ROLE

Nervous System 10.1

Local:

comprise of:
brain, spinal cord, nerves

Connect spinal cord to various parts of body
nerves that branch from brain (neck)
cranial nerves
nerves that branch from spinal cord (checkbook)

Peripheral Nervous System (PNS)
Contains both afferent and efferent (mixed nerves)

Neurones (101)

Sensory neurone
→ transmits nerve impulses from receptors to CNS

receptor (sense organ)
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Synapse
→ junction betw 2 neurones or betw a neurone & effector
→ n. i. are transmitted across synapse by chemicals released by the neurone called neurotransmitters.

Reflex Action

E.g. Hand touching hot object.

Stimulus → Heat from hot object

① type of receptor
② intensity
③ location

CNS: brain or spinal cord → Spiral cord.

In spinal cord, n. i. are transmitted across synapse to the relay neurone, and then across another synapse to motor neurone.

Upon receiving nerve impulses from a.n., motor neurone transmits the n. i. to the effector → bicep muscle.

response → Bicep muscle contracts resulting in withdrawal of hand from hot object.

* The brain only receives the nerve impulses from the relay neurone after the effector has received them.

- You are made aware but brain is not involved in the withdrawal of the hand from hot object.

Involuntary Action

(not controlled consciously)

Reflex Arc:

Shortest pathway n. i. travel from receptor to effector in reflex E.g. sweating action.

Stimulus → R. i. in m.m. Receptor → CNS → Effector → Response
A reflex action is an immediate response to a specific stimulus without conscious control.

Spinal Reflex - controlled by spinal cord
→ withdrawal reflex
→ knee jerk reflex

Voluntary Action (w conscious control)

Brain → CNS → Effector → Response
Brain → CNS → also can!

Sensation

External Stimulus → Receptor → CNS (Brain)
e.g. touch receptor/pain receptor
"feels"

Thermoreceptors → skin
chemoreceptors in hypothalamus
lots of Langerhans in pancreas
photoreceptors in retina

by constricting or dilating pupil
(Light)

response to changes in light intensity

protects eye from excessive light exposure photoreceptors

could damage retina

helps us to see in dim light?

Changes in light intensity
(Stimulus)

more light rays enter eye via pupil?

photo receptors on retina stimulated

(Receptor)

[S.n.] in optic nerve



antagonistic muscles work to control the size of pupil

Parts & Functions of Eye - see notes

#1 PUPIL

REFLEX

→ canal after action.

Timed response to specific stimulus w/o conscious control.

Brain (CNS) [r-ing] Iris muscles [constrictor]

Bright Light

→ circular muscles of iris contract.
→ radial muscles relax

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pupil constricts
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reduced amt of light entering eye

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protects eye from excessive light exposure
which may damage retina

allows us to see in dim light.

The Eye 19-2

Sensory

#2 Focusing

Distance

Accommodation reflex?

adjust curvature and thickness of lens
clear images of objects are formed on retina at different dist.
thru focus light rays on one spot on the retina → sharp image formed

How we see 101 - see notes p.

Nearby Objects

→ Ciliary muscles contract

→ Suspensory ligaments become tense
(relax pull on lens)

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Lens becomes thicker & more convex

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Distant Objects

→ Ciliary muscles relax

→ Suspensory ligaments become taut
(pull on edge of lens)

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To unpack tomorrow:

Logging off

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BRB overthinking

Today's mood:

Craving coffee

Main character energy