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1) Classification of plants according to Eichler's Grouping in 1883. In 1883, Eichler divided the Kingdom Plantae into two sub kingdoms, CYTOGAMAE and PHANEROGAMAE

Subphylum Cylogamiae
Characteristics

- 1) The embryo if present is naked and called spores
- 2) They are lower plants and they do not bear flowers
- 3) They include 3 divisions, Thallophyta, Bryophyta and Peridophyta

Division Thallophyta

- a) The plants here are commonly called algae
- b) They have a simple body design
- c) Examples are Ulothrix, Chlamydomonas and Spirogyra e.t.c

Sub-Division Algae

- They are autotrophs
- Their sizes and forms are variable
- Their body is simple

Division Bryophyta

- a) It has an embryo in its developmental process.
- b) The plant body is commonly differentiated to form a stem and leaf-like structures.
- c) Examples are Marchantia, Moss e.t.c

Division Pteridophyta

- a) They bear sporangia which produces spores
- b) They have specialized tissue for the conduction of water and other substances from one part of the plant body to another.
- c) Examples are ferns, Pteris, Marsilea etc.

Sub-division Phanerogamae

- a) The seeds are the result of sexual reproduction
- a) They bear flower and seed.
- a) They are further classified into Gymnosperm (Naked seed) and Angiosperm (Enclosed seed)

Sub-division Gymnospermae

- a) Sporangia are formed over a modified leaf-like structure called sporophylls
- a) It includes medium-sized trees and shrubs
- a) Examples are Thuja, Pine, Cycas etc.

Sub-division Angiospermae

- a) They are flowering plants.
- a) They are highly evolved group of plants
- a) They are divided into 2 groups, Monocot and Dicot

2) Mineral Contents: Up to 5% of the wet materials in which all the mineral elements important in human and animal physiology are found. Makes sea weed a unique supplement for a well balanced diet.

b) Source of "Vitamins": The vitamins A, B and E are found abundantly in sea weeds. The vitamin B essentially required for the development of human body is found in great abundance in almost all Phaeophyceae.

3) Unicellular form of Algae: Unicellular algae are plants like auto-trophs and contain Chlorophyll. They include groups that have both multicellular and unicellular species. Diatoms, unicellular algae that have siliceous cell walls. They are the most abundant form of algae in the ocean, although they can be found in fresh water as well. We also have Chlamydomonas which represents the unicellular and motile form of green algae. It is found in stagnant water.

4) Reproduction: it can either be vegetative (asexual) or sexual. The vegetative reproduction results in daughter cells because the genetic materials contained in the mother cells are maintained in the daughter cells. Unlike the sexual reproduction involves the mating and this pairing is isogamous because the gametes are morphologically identical.

	Ulothrix
5) <u>Pandorina</u>	
a) It has a unicellular motile thallus	It has a multicellular motile thallus
b) It's a genus of green algae	It's complex form is Pandorina
c) Its sexual reproduction is anisogamous	Its sexual reproduction is oogamous

6) Complex form of algae

FUCUS: It's a genus of the brown algae which are found in rocks of the sea shores. The body of the plant is flattened, dichotomously branched thallus with a mid rib. The body has air bladders which aids the plant to float. It varies in size from a few centimeters to about 2 meters in length.