The Circulatory System and Its Parts

The Circulatory System:

The human body functions like a complex machine with multiple organ systems.

Key systems:

i. Digestive system ii. Respiratory system iii. Excretory system

Function of the Circulatory System::

Transports oxygen, nutrients, and cell waste through blood.

Similar to a delivery truck but carries essential substances instead of packages.

Works continuously without a break to maintain bodily functions.

Parts of the Circulatory System:

i. The Heart

Multi-chambered, muscular organ.

Pumps blood throughout the body.

ii. Blood

A tissue composed of:

- Plasma: The liquid portion carrying nutrients, hormones, and waste.
- Red Blood Cells (RBCs): Transport oxygen.
- White Blood Cells (WBCs): Fight infections.
- Platelets: Help in blood clotting.

iii. Blood Vessels

Network of channels that carry blood:

- Arteries: Carry oxygen-rich blood away from the heart.
- Veins: Carry oxygen-depleted blood back to the heart.
- Capillaries: Tiny vessels where the exchange of oxygen, nutrients, and waste occurs.