**Introduction**

* **Objectives**:
	+ Understand the structural components of the brain.
	+ Explore the anatomy and functions of the CNS and PNS.
	+ Learn about the 12 cranial nerves and their roles in the body.

**Section 1: Anatomy of the Brain**

**Main Subdivisions**:

* **Cerebrum**:
	+ Largest part of the brain.
	+ Divided into two hemispheres connected by the **corpus callosum**.
	+ Functional areas:
		- **Frontal lobe**: Motor functions, decision-making, speech (Broca’s area).
		- **Parietal lobe**: Sensory processing, spatial orientation.
		- **Temporal lobe**: Hearing, memory (Wernicke’s area for comprehension).
		- **Occipital lobe**: Vision.
* **Diencephalon**:
	+ **Thalamus**: Relay station for sensory information.
	+ **Hypothalamus**: Regulates autonomic functions (e.g., temperature, hunger, emotions).
* **Cerebellum**:
	+ Coordination of voluntary movements, balance, and posture.
* **Brainstem**:
	+ Includes the **midbrain**, **pons**, and **medulla oblongata**.
	+ Controls essential functions such as breathing and heart rate.

**Section 2: Central Nervous System (CNS)**

**Definition**:

* Composed of the brain and spinal cord.

**Functions**:

* Processes sensory input.
* Integrates and coordinates motor responses.

**Spinal Cord Anatomy**:

* Extends from the medulla to the **L1-L2 vertebrae**.
* Divided into cervical, thoracic, lumbar, sacral, and coccygeal regions.
* Contains both **gray matter** (cell bodies) and **white matter** (axons).

**Meninges**:

* Layers protecting the CNS:
	+ **Dura mater** (outer).
	+ **Arachnoid mater** (middle).
	+ **Pia mater** (inner).

**Section 3: Peripheral Nervous System (PNS)**

**Definition**:

* Includes all nerves outside the CNS.

**Divisions**:

* **Somatic Nervous System**: Voluntary control of skeletal muscles.
* **Autonomic Nervous System (ANS)**: Involuntary functions.
	+ **Sympathetic**: "Fight or flight."
	+ **Parasympathetic**: "Rest and digest."

**Structure**:

* **Nerves**: Bundles of axons.
	+ Sensory (afferent): Transmit signals to the CNS.
	+ Motor (efferent): Transmit signals from the CNS to muscles or glands.

**Section 4: Cranial Nerves**

**Overview**:

* 12 pairs of cranial nerves emerging from the brainstem.
* Each has specific sensory, motor, or mixed functions.

| **Nerve** | **Type** | **Function** |
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| I. Olfactory | Sensory | Smell. |
| II. Optic | Sensory | Vision. |
| III. Oculomotor | Motor | Eye movement, pupil constriction. |
| IV. Trochlear | Motor | Eye movement (superior oblique). |
| V. Trigeminal | Mixed | Facial sensation, mastication. |
| VI. Abducens | Motor | Eye movement (lateral rectus). |
| VII. Facial | Mixed | Facial expression, taste (anterior 2/3 of tongue). |
| VIII. Vestibulocochlear | Sensory | Hearing, balance. |
| IX. Glossopharyngeal | Mixed | Taste (posterior 1/3), swallowing. |
| X. Vagus | Mixed | Autonomic control of organs. |
| XI. Accessory | Motor | Shoulder and neck movement. |
| XII. Hypoglossal | Motor | Tongue movement. |

**Section 5: Clinical Correlations**

* **Stroke**: Effects on specific brain regions.
* **Spinal cord injury**: Paralysis based on location.
* **Cranial nerve disorders**:
	+ Bell’s palsy (VII).
	+ Trigeminal neuralgia (V).

**Conclusion**

* Recap of the brain's anatomy, CNS, PNS, and cranial nerves.
* Emphasis on their roles in maintaining homeostasis and interacting with the environment.