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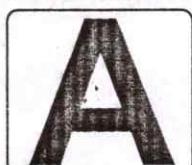
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1. The Rice Inflorescence is known as :
 - (A) Panicle
 - (B) Spikelets
 - (C) Ear
 - (D) Siliqua
2. The Kresek phase occurs in early stage of plant growth of rice in :
 - (A) BLB
 - (B) Bacterial leaf streak
 - (C) Tungrovirus
 - (D) False smut
3. Wheat is originated in :
 - (A) South America
 - (B) Central Asia
 - (C) South Eastern Asia
 - (D) Europe
4. First irrigation to the wheat crop should be given at :
 - (A) CRI stage
 - (B) Tillering stage
 - (C) Jointing stage
 - (D) Dough stage
5. The Inflorescence of sugarcane is known as :
 - (A) Arrow
 - (B) Panicle
 - (C) Capitulum
 - (D) Racemose
6. Most common herbicides used for weed control in sugarcane is / are :
 - (A) Simazine
 - (B) Atrazine
 - (C) Alachlor
 - (D) All of these
7. Triticale is the cross between :
 - (A) Wheat x Rye
 - (B) Oat x Barley
 - (C) Wheat x Barley
 - (D) None of these
8. The fruit of rapeseed and mustard is known as :
 - (A) Pod
 - (B) Grain
 - (C) Siliqua
 - (D) Caryopsis

9. The Criteria of essentiality of nutrients in plant was given by :

- (A) DJ Nicholas
- (B) Arnon and Stout
- (C) JS Kanwar
- (D) Rajendra Prasad

10. Potato is the :

- (A) Modified stem
- (B) Modified root
- (C) Modified leaf
- (D) Modified flower

11. The type of germination in mung bean is known as :

- (A) Epigeal
- (B) Hypogeal
- (C) Hypoepigeal
- (D) Epihypogeal

12. Sesamum belongs to the family :

- (A) Chenopodiaceae
- (B) Papilionaceae
- (C) Leguminosae
- (D) Pedaliaceae

13. What is the importance of vertical farming in sustainable agriculture ?

- (A) Year around production
- (B) Less land requirement

(C) Efficient use of water

(D) Less fertilizer requirement

14. Which is the main problem of sustainable agriculture ?

- (A) Lack of benefits
- (B) International rules and regulations
- (C) Market acceptance
- (D) All of these

15. Stem nodulation occurs in green manure crop of :

- (A) **Sesbania aculeata**
- (B) **Sesbania cannabina**
- (C) **Crotalaria juncea**
- (D) **Aeschynomene afraspera**

16. Crop logging is used in :

- (A) Sugarcane
- (B) Sugarbeet
- (C) Maize
- (D) Tea

17. In which crop the use of BGA as a biofertilizer, will be most useful ?

- (A) Maize
- (B) Potato
- (C) Rice
- (D) Sugarcane

18. National center of organic farming in India is located in :

(A) Ghaziabad
(B) Hyderabad
(C) Kochi
(D) Pune

19. An example of companion cropping is :

(A) Sugarcane + Potato
(B) Potato + Mustard
(C) Potato + Radish
(D) Wheat + Mustard

20. Arrowing is known as :

(A) Tilling of sugarcane
(B) Emergence of inflorescence in sugarcane
(C) Arrow like shape of sugarcane
(D) None of these

21. LEISA is related to :

(A) Organic farming
(B) Inorganic farming
(C) Natural farming
(D) All of these

22. Organic carbon is a measure of :

(A) Available N in soil
(B) Available P in soil
(C) Available K in soil
(D) Available Mg in soil

23. Which one of the following is not allowed in organic cultivation ?

(A) Sewage sludge
(B) Crop rotation
(C) Using black soil
(D) Monoculture

24. The ratio between gross and net cropped area is called an index of :

(A) Cropping intensity
(B) Multiple cropping
(C) High intensity cropping
(D) None of these

25. Chipsona is a variety of :

(A) Tapioca
(B) Sweet potato
(C) Elephant foot
(D) Potato

26. Zero-till seed drill is used for sowing of :
(A) Wheat in maize – wheat cropping system
(B) Wheat in Mung – wheat cropping system
(C) Wheat in rice – wheat cropping system
(D) None of these

27. The most concentrated fertilizer used for nutrient supply is :
(A) Urea
(B) DAP
(C) Anhydrous ammonia
(D) SSP

28. Which gas is released from paddy fields ?
(A) CH_4
(B) H_2S
(C) CO_2
(D) NH_3

29. Most common herbicide used in maize is :
(A) Atrazine
(B) Alachlor

(C) Simazine
(D) Metribuzin

30. Soil sickness is caused by :
(A) Maize
(B) Jowar
(C) Linseed
(D) Both (B) and (C)

31. The optimum seed rate for sunflower is (kg / ha) :
(A) 8 – 10
(B) 10 – 15
(C) 18 – 20
(D) 30 – 35

32. The ideal temperature for tuberization in potato is :
(A) 14°C
(B) 18°C
(C) 21°C
(D) 34°C

33. UG – 99 is a stem rust causing fungi in wheat was reported first time from :
(A) Uganda
(B) Pakistan
(C) America
(D) Ukraine

34. Which of the clay minerals are found most in agriculture soils ?

(A) Cyclosilicates
(B) Phyllosilicates
(C) Sorosilicates
(D) Nesosilicates

35. Sorghum crop is considered as camel crop because of :

(A) Deep root system
(B) Resistant to drought
(C) Shallow root system
(D) Nutrient Exhaustiveness

36. The stem above the ground in banana is known as :

(A) Rhizome
(B) Pseudostem
(C) Sucker
(D) None of these

37. Which of the following fruits are botanically called as "Hesperidium" ?

(A) Jackfruit
(B) Orange
(C) Litchi
(D) Apple

38. Which one of the following is not a variety of mango ?

(A) Arka Aruna
(B) Arka Puneet
(C) Arka Anmol
(D) Arka Hans

39. Pruning in ber is done :

(A) During rainy season
(B) During winter
(C) During spring
(D) During summer

40. Fruits are blanched before canning at :

(A) 80°C
(B) 90°C
(C) 100°C
(D) None of these

41. National Horticulture Board was established in :

(A) 1976
(B) 1984
(C) 1987
(D) 1990

42. D-leaf is a best indicator of nutrient status of :

- (A) Pineapple
- (B) Apple
- (C) Banana
- (D) Ber

43. Exhausting temperature of canned fruits and vegetables is :

- (A) $70 - 72^{\circ}\text{C}$
- (B) $80 - 82^{\circ}\text{C}$
- (C) $90 - 92^{\circ}\text{C}$
- (D) $100 - 102^{\circ}\text{C}$

44. Varsha upahar is a variety of :

- (A) Okra
- (B) Cabbage
- (C) Chilli
- (D) Cowpea

45. "Pungency" in chilli is due to presence of :

- (A) Capsaicin
- (B) Sulphur
- (C) Amides
- (D) Magnesium

46. Optimum seed rate (g / ha) of cabbage is :

- (A) 200
- (B) 300
- (C) 400
- (D) 500

47. Buttoning is a physiological disorder in :

- (A) Cabbage
- (B) Cauliflower
- (C) Onion
- (D) Garlic

48. The red color in tomato is due to pigment :

- (A) Lycopine
- (B) Capsaicin
- (C) Capsanthin
- (D) None of these

49. Shoot and fruit borer of Okara belongs to :

- (A) **Earias vitella**
- (B) **Amrasca biguttula biguttula**
- (C) **Tetranychus spp**
- (D) **Heliothis armigera**

50. Cluster bean contains mucilaginous substance is :

- (A) Mannogalacton
- (B) Asparagine
- (C) Glutamine
- (D) Galacturonic acid

51. Roses are commonly propagated by :

- (A) 'T' or shield budding
- (B) Grafting
- (C) Stem cutting
- (D) Seeds

52. Gladiolus belongs to :

- (A) Rosaceae
- (B) Compositae
- (C) Solanaceae
- (D) Iridaceae

53. Gladiolus is generally propagated by :

- (A) Tuber
- (B) Corm
- (C) Rhizome
- (D) Roots

54. Optimum seed rate for marigold is (kg / ha) :

- (A) 0.5

(B) 1.5

(C) 2.5

(D) 3.5

55. Which of the statement given below is / are correct ?

- (A) Marigold flower last longer if the field is irrigated before plucking of flower.
- (B) Carnation flowers should always be transported pre-cooled.
- (C) Both (A) and (B)
- (D) Neither (A) nor (B)

56. The Downey mildew of bajra is caused by :

- (A) **Sclerospora sorghi**
- (B) **Sclerospora sacchari**
- (C) **S. graminicola**
- (D) **Perenospora parasitica**

57. Loose smut of wheat is :

- (A) Internally seed borne
- (B) Externally seed borne
- (C) Both (A) and (B)
- (D) Not clearly defined

58. The Karnal bunt of wheat first time reported in Karnal by Mitra in :
(A) 1929
(B) 1931
(C) 1941
(D) 1951

59. In rust cycle the cereal host is infected by :
(A) Uredospores
(B) Aeciospores
(C) Teliospores
(D) Basidiospores

60. The rust of linseed and flax can be completely controlled by spray of :
(A) Borax
(B) Dithane M-45
(C) Vitavax
(D) Agrosan GN

61. Wilt of pigeon pea is caused by :
(A) **Fusarium udum**
(B) **Gibberella indica**
(C) **Rhizopus nigricans**
(D) **Aspergillus flavus**

62. Bunchy top of Banana was first observed in :
(A) Pune
(B) Rome
(C) Fiji
(D) None of these

63. Mango malformation can be reduced by spraying of :
(A) GA
(B) IBA
(C) NAA
(D) ABA

64. The first identified bacterial disease of plant 'fire blight of apple' was discovered by :
(A) Adolf Mayer
(B) E. F. Smith
(C) M. K. Patel
(D) T. J. Burill

65. Panama disease of banana is prevented by :
(A) Spraying zinc carrier
(B) Spraying copper fungicide
(C) Application of lime to the soil
(D) Providing an adequate irrigation

66. Pink bollworm is serious pest of :

- (A) Mustard
- (B) Cotton
- (C) Gram
- (D) Ladies finger

67. Following is an example of Bt transgenic cotton :

- (A) Jayadhar
- (B) Varalaxmi
- (C) NH - 44
- (D) Bollguard

68. IPM relies heavily on :

- (A) Economic threshold level
- (B) Total loss of crops
- (C) Resistant pest
- (D) Susceptible pest

69. The noctuid borer on ragi is :

- (A) **Sesamia inferens**
- (B) **Chilo partellus**
- (C) **Chilo suppressalis**
- (D) **Scirpophaga nivella**

70. The pest which attach both in field and storage of pulses is :

- (A) Pulse beetle
- (B) Gram pod borer
- (C) Red gram pod fly
- (D) Pod borer

71. Grubs which feeds on the inner content of seed in pulses belongs to :

- (A) **Aphis craccivora**
- (B) **Callosobrunchus chinesis**
- (C) **Agrotis ipsilon**
- (D) **Aceria cajani**

72. Eriophid mite (**Aceria cajani**) belongs to family :

- (A) Bruchidae
- (B) Aphididae
- (C) Eriophyidae
- (D) Noctuidae

73. Bt cabbage is developed against :

- (A) Diamond black moth
- (B) Cabbage butterflies
- (C) Aphid
- (D) Painted bug

74. **Bacillus thuringiensis** was discovered by :
(A) S. Isiwata
(B) Berliner
(C) Flacher
(D) Frisch

75. Juvenile Hormone (JH) is a terpene secreted by :
(A) Corpora cardiaca
(B) Corpora allata
(C) Cuticle
(D) Accessory glands

76. The term "third generation pesticides" is given for :
(A) Juvenile hormone
(B) Moulting hormone
(C) Brain hormone
(D) Anti juvenile hormone

77. Silk gland is a modified part of labial gland and _____ in origin.
(A) Ectodermal
(B) Mesodermal
(C) Epidermal
(D) Endodermal

78. The process of killing pupa without changing the cocoon shell layer is known as :
(A) Stiffling
(B) Denier
(C) Dupion
(D) Hatching

79. In honey bees, the queen substance is secreted by :
(A) Mandibular glands
(B) Acid glands
(C) Pharyngeal glands
(D) Wax glands

80. Spreading decline of citrus is caused by :
(A) **Tylenchulus semipenetrans**
(B) **Radopholus citrophilus**
(C) **Criconemoides citri**
(D) **Criconema civeillae**

81. Cauliflower disease of strawberry is caused by :
(A) Nematode
(B) Bacteria
(C) Both (A) and (B)
(D) Abiotic factor

82. Infection of banana plants by burrowing nematode **Radopholus similis** predisposes the plants to infection of :
(A) **Pentalonia nigronervosa**
(B) **Fusarium oxysporum f. sp. cubense**
(C) **Cercospora musae**
(D) **Banana Bunchy top virus**

83. Trap crop for **Meloidogyne spp.** is :
(A) Cereals
(B) Millets
(C) Marigold
(D) All of these

84. Which one of the following nematodes attack above-ground plant parts ?
(A) **Anguina**
(B) **Aphelenchoides**
(C) **Ditylenchus**
(D) All of these

85. Which one of the following nematodes is an ectoparasite ?
(A) **Radopholus**
(B) **Xiphinema**

(C) **Globodera**
(D) **Meloidogyne**

86. Major pest of silkworm :
(A) Wasps
(B) Uzi fly
(C) Nysolyns
(D) All of these

87. The silk of silkworm is a :
(A) Separate filament
(B) Continuous filament
(C) Several filament
(D) Discrete filament

88. Which is correct ?
(A) Tassar silkworm : **Antherea mylitta**
(B) Oak tassar silkworm : **Antherea**
(C) Muga resham : **Philosamia ricini**
(D) Eri resham : **Antherea proyeli**

89. Rainfall intensity is generally higher on :
(A) Northern hemisphere
(B) Southern hemisphere
(C) Near the equator
(D) None of these

90. Stevenson screen is related to :
(A) Bacteriology
(B) Biotechnology
(C) Agrometeorology
(D) Remote Sensing

91. How many agroclimatic zones are categorized in India ?
(A) 20
(B) 18
(C) 14
(D) 15

92. Who is related with the classification of climate ?
(A) De Condole
(B) Koppen
(C) Troll
(D) All of these

93. The National Remote Sensing Agency is situated at :
(A) Bangalore
(B) Hyderabad
(C) Jaisalmer
(D) Patna

94. For ripening of rice, temperature should lie between :
(A) $21 - 37^{\circ}\text{C}$
(B) $26.5 - 29.5^{\circ}\text{C}$
(C) $20 - 25^{\circ}\text{C}$
(D) $15 - 20^{\circ}\text{C}$

95. Temperature required for proper grain filling of wheat is :
(A) $20 - 25^{\circ}\text{C}$
(B) $20 - 23^{\circ}\text{C}$
(C) $23 - 25^{\circ}\text{C}$
(D) $16 - 20^{\circ}\text{C}$

96. Sapwood is rich in :
(A) Starch
(B) Cellulose
(C) Resins
(D) Gums

97. Protected Forest declared under Forest Act of :
(A) 1927
(B) 1928
(C) 1925
(D) 2001

98. Tyloses are present only :
(A) Hard wood
(B) Soft wood
(C) Semi-hard wood
(D) All of these

99. Red rust in Eucalyptus is caused by :
(A) Bacteria

(B) Algae
(C) Virus
(D) MLO

100. Felling cycle of Bamboo is :
(A) 3 – 4 years
(B) 4 – 5 years
(C) 5 – 6 years
(D) 5 – 10 years



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