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1. Which variety of moong takes shortest period to mature:
  - a) SML 668
  - b) ML 267
  - c) PBM 1
  - d) PAU 911
  
2. With respect to integrated pest management the threshold level means:
  - a) The level of pesticide required to manage a pest
  - b) The levels of pest populations at which one should control the pest to prevent the unacceptable injury
  - c) A type of structure designed to be more resistant to pest invasion
  - d) The levels of heat and moisture required for a pest to survive
  
3. Which of the following crops can yield highest quantity of green folder:
  - a) Lucerne
  - b) Oats
  - c) Berseem
  - d) Senji
  
4. When a single enterprise contributes more than 50% of the total farm income, it is called:
  - a) Diversified farming
  - b) Specialized farming
  - c) Mixed farming
  - d) Integrated farming
  
5. Statutory minimum support price is announced for:
  - a) Wheat
  - b) Paddy
  - c) Maize
  - d) Sugarcane
  
6. Which one of the following statements is incorrect for the management of 'wilt disease' in chickpea?
  - a) Adoption of crop rotations
  - b) Use of healthy seed
  - c) Growing of resistant varieties
  - d) Foliar spray of fungicide
  
7. Which of following is appropriate for a clay soil:
  - a) Sand < 45% Silt < 40% Clay  $\geq$  40%
  - b) Sand > 45% Silt < 40% Clay < 40%
  - c) Sand < 45% Silt > 40% Clay > 45%
  - d) None of these
  
8. Assuming bulk density and particle density of a soil as 1.5 and 2.5 g/cc, respectively, value of porosity will be:
  - a) 20%
  - b) 40%
  - c) 60%
  - d) 80%

9. If germination per cent of seed sample is 90, purity 80% what is real value:

- a) 72.0%
- b) 88.8%
- c) 90%
- d) 63%

10. Sugarcane is considered mature, if Brix ratio is:

- a) > 1.0
- b) > 0.9
- c) > 0.8
- d) > 0.5

11. Central Institute of Agricultural Engineering is situated at:

- a) Ludhiana
- b) Amritsar
- c) Bhopal
- d) Jaipur

12. In which condition roller is used:

- a) Where soil is sandy
- b) Where soil has clods
- c) Where soil is wet
- d) Where soil is friable

13. Suitable season for planting of root cutting:

- a) Spring
- b) Summer
- c) Rainy
- d) Winter

14. Enzyme used for hydrolysis of starch:

- a) Amylase
- b) Cellulase
- c) Galactosidase
- d) Protease

15. The Field rats are controlled by:

- a) Zinc phosphide
- b) Zinc oxide
- c) Zinc chloride
- d) Copper sulphate

16. Lady bug is a predator of:

- a) Moths
- b) Bugs
- c) Beetles
- d) Aphids

17. The temperature requirement of rice at blooming stage is:

- a) 18.5 to 21.5°C
- b) 22.5 to 25.5°C
- c) 26.5 to 29.5°C
- d) 30.5 to 33.5 °C

18. The *Khaira* disease of rice may be controlled by spraying a mixture of:

- a) 5 kg ZnSO<sub>4</sub> + 2.5 kg lime
- b) 2.5 kg ZnSO<sub>4</sub> + 5 kg lime
- c) 5 kg ZnSO<sub>4</sub> + 5 kg lime
- d) 2.5 kg ZnSO<sub>4</sub> + 2.5 kg lime

19. The insect which is known to transmit 'Grassy stunt virus disease' in rice crop:

- a) Green leaf hopper
- b) Brown leaf hopper
- c) White backed hopper
- d) Leaf roller

20. Which species of wheat is not grown in India?

- a) *Triticum turgidum*
- b) *Triticum durum*
- c) *Triticum dicoccum*
- d) *Triticum aestivum/ vulgare*

21. Optimum depth of sowing for high yielding Mexican dwarf wheat is:

- a) 2 cm
- b) 5 cm
- c) 8 cm
- d) 10 cm

22. Tikka disease of groundnut spreads fast under the conditions of:

- a) High temperature and high relative humidity
- b) Low temperature and high relative humidity
- c) High temperature and low relative humidity
- d) Low temperature and low relative humidity

23. Retting in jute is best done at the temperature of:

- a) 28°C
- b) 31°C
- c) 34°C
- d) 37°C

24. For raising sugarcane and potato together, it is necessary to plant cane at the distance of:

- a) 60 cm
- b) 70 cm
- c) 80 cm
- d) 90 cm

25. Which one of the following statements is not correct with respect to the criteria for selection of seed cane?

- a) The top one-third to half portion of cane is best for sowing
- b) Seed cane should be taken from crop of not more than 10-12 months age
- c) Ratoon crop is suitable for seed purpose
- d) It should be free from diseases

26. About 35 to 40 thousands of setts are required for planting of one-hectare area which can be obtained from:

- a) 6.5-7.0 tonne of cane
- b) 7.0-7.5 tonne of cane
- c) 7.5-8.0 tonne of cane
- d) 8.0-8.5 tonne of cane

27. The most destructive disease of sugarcane causing heavy loss to the sugar industries as well as the growers is caused by the fungus:

- a) *Collectotrichum falcatum*
- b) *Ustilago scitaminea*
- c) *Leptosparia salvinii*
- d) None of the above

28. The seed rate of white jute is required for line sowing:

- a) 2-4 kg/ha
- b) 4-6 kg/ha
- c) 6-8 kg/ha
- d) 8-10 kg/ha

29. The nicotine content of the leaves of *Nicotianarustica* ranges from:

- a) 1.5 to 6%
- b) 2.5 to 6%
- c) 3.5 to 8%
- d) 4.5 to 8%

30. Tobacco plant grows and matures rapidly when average temperature is about:

- a) 23°C
- b) 25°C
- c) 27°C
- d) 29°C

31. Weeds which are very short lived by nature are called:

- a) Heliophytes
- b) Ephemerals
- c) Schiophytes
- d) Persistent weeds

32. Important grassy weed of transplanted rice is:

- a) *Echinochloa crusgalli*
- b) *Cirsium arvense*
- c) *Anagallis arvensis*
- d) *Fumaria parviflora*

33. Glyphosate herbicide is:

- a) Non-translocated selective
- b) Contact
- c) Systemic and selective
- d) Translocated non-selective

34. Imezathapyr is a POST emergence herbicide for:

- a) Pulses
- b) Oilseeds
- c) Pulses and oilseeds both
- d) Millets

35. Diuron is most commonly used herbicide for:

- a) Rice
- b) Sugarcane
- c) Soybean
- d) Wheat

36. The appropriate dose (g/ha) of Metsulfuron for wheat is:

- a) 5
- b) 50
- c) 100
- d) 250

37. Atrazine is a:

- a) Post emergence
- b) Pre-emergence
- c) Pre & post emergence
- d) Pre-plant

38. The most sensitive stage of rice to soil moisture stress is:

- a) Panicle initiation
- b) Booting
- c) Early heading
- d) Flowering

39. The promising irrigation technique in rice crop is:

- a) Intermittent irrigation
- b) Flood irrigation
- c) Drip irrigation
- d) Surge irrigation

40. The consumptive use of water includes:

- a) ET + application losses + water for special purposes
- b) ET + application losses
- c) ET + water for special need
- d) ET + water required for metabolic purposes

41. Irrigation is scheduled at IW/CPE ratio of 0.8 and the crop is irrigated to a depth of 5.0 cm when the CPE is:

- 5.25 cm
- 6.25 cm
- 7.25 cm
- 8.25 cm

42. Fertiliser material that has maximum sulphur content is:

- $\text{FeSO}_4$
- $\text{MnSO}_4$
- $\text{ZnSO}_4$
- $\text{CuSO}_4$

43. Evaporation losses are expected to be higher under:

- Minimum tillage
- Zero tillage
- Conservation tillage
- Reduced tillage

44. Blade hoe is primarily used for:

- Mulching
- Bunding
- Earthing
- Hoeing

45. A plan according to which crops grown on individual plots of a farm during a given period of time to maximise return and enhance soil fertility is:

- Cropping system
- Cropping pattern
- Crop rotation
- Cropping scheme

46. Yield advantage is higher than the pure crops in this type of intercropping system:

- Parallel cropping
- Companion cropping
- Multi-storey cropping
- Synergistic cropping

47. 'Heart rot' in Sugarbeet and 'water core' in turnip are the deficiency symptoms of:

- Zinc
- Copper
- Boron
- Manganese

48. How much DAP is required to supply N @90 kg/ha in an area of  $18 \text{ m}^2$

- 600 g
- 700 g
- 800 g
- 900 g

49. C/ N ratio of paddy straw, in general, is:

- a) 60:1
- b) 70:1
- c) 80:1
- d) 90:1

50. Which one of the following diseases is caused by MLOs?

- a) Ratoon stunting of sugarcane
- b) Grassy shoot of sugarcane
- c) Leaf blight of rice
- d) Brown rot of potato

51. A soil is having bulk density of 1.5 then the pore space (%) will be:

- a) 41
- b) 42
- c) 43
- d) 44

52. A soil having the organic carbon content of 0.55% then how much organic matter (%) would be:

- a) 0.96
- b) 0.97
- c) 0.98
- d) 0.99

53. A-value technique is used to calculate the original soil supply of:

- a) N
- b) P
- c) K
- d) S

54. Incorrect statement related to microbial insecticide is:

- a) Use of pathogens for killing insects
- b) Free from harmful residue
- c) Phytotoxic to crops at higher doses
- d) Harmless to beneficial insects

55. The ratio between organic N and S in crop residue generally ranges between:

- a) 5-10 : 1
- b) 10-15 : 1
- c) 15-20 : 1
- d) 20-25 : 1

56. Reduction in dry matter, decrease in amino acid content and accumulation of nitrates is the deficiency symptoms of:

- a) Copper
- b) Zinc
- c) Boron
- d) Nickel

57. The total depth of water required by a crop is known as:

- a) Delta
- b) Duty of water
- c) Cusec
- d) Dead storage

58. \_\_\_\_\_ is used for measuring percolation and leaching losses from a column of soil under controlled conditions.

- a) Infiltrometer
- b) Lysimeter
- c) Irrrometer
- d) Porometer

59. Mulching materials are not being utilised to:

- a) Reduce evaporation
- b) Improving soil fertility
- c) Maintains temperature
- d) Weed control

60. Which of the following methods of irrigation has highest water use efficiency?

- a) Surface
- b) Furrow
- c) Sprinkler
- d) Drip

61. Which one of the following element is not essential for plant growth is:

- a) Nickle
- b) Sodium
- c) Manganese
- d) Zinc

62. 'Indore Process' is related to:

- a) Green manuring
- b) Composting
- c) Poultry feeding
- d) Irrigation scheduling

63. Which one of the following essential nutrient elements is absorbed both as an anion and a cation by some plants?

- a) Nitrogen
- b) Potassium
- c) Calcium
- d) Sulphur

64. Deficiency symptoms of immobile nutrients will appear first in:

- a) Plant roots
- b) Young, upper leaves
- c) Older, lower leaves
- d) Flowers

65. Blind hoeing is a kind of :

- a) Conservation tillage
- b) Primary tillage
- c) Secondary tillage
- d) Zero-tillage

66. Seed dormancy due to hard seed coats can be broken by:

- a) Scarification
- b) Mixing the seed in sand
- c) Exposure of seed to sunlight
- d) Soaking seed in water

67. Linseed is generally grown during \_\_\_\_\_ season in India.

- a) *Kharif*
- b) *Rabi*
- c) *Zaid*
- d) *Pre-kharif*

68. Napier X Bajra hybrid is a cross between:

- a) *Pennisetum purpureum* X *Pennisetum glaucum*
- b) *Pennisetum glaucum* X *Pennisetum americanum*
- c) *Pennisetum americanum* X *Pennisetum glaucum*
- d) *Pennisetum orientale* X *Pennisetum americanum*

69. The anaerobic condition under rice paddies does not influence which one of the following:

- a) The availability of several plant nutrients and soil pH
- b) The production of toxic substances in the soil
- c) Oxygen supply
- d) Soil texture

70. The diploid (2n) chromosome number in pearl millet (Bajra) is:

- a) 8
- b) 10
- c) 12
- d) 14

71. The average oil content in maize grain is:

- a) 4 %
- b) 8%
- c) 12%
- d) 16%

72. The ratio of weight of unit volume of dry soil including pore spaces to weight of an equal volume of water is:

- a) Real specific gravity
- b) Particle density
- c) Wet bulk density
- d) Apparent specific gravity

73. Water requirement of wheat generally varies between:

- a) 200-300 mm
- b) 300-400 mm
- c) 600-800 mm
- d) 800-1000 mm

74. Which herbicide kills all types of weeds?

- a) Alachlor
- b) 2, 4-D
- c) Paraquat
- d) Pendimethalin

75. Which one of the following plant nutrients helps in the synthesis of auxins?

- a) Copper
- b) Manganese
- c) Zinc
- d) Phosphorus

76. Plants absorb nickel in the form of:

- a)  $\text{Ni}^+$
- b)  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$
- c)  $\text{Ni}^{3+}$
- d)  $\text{Ni}^-$

77. Plant available potassium refers to:

- a) Exchangeable K plus soluble K
- b) Exchangeable K
- c) Solution K
- d) Fixed K

78. In ammonium sulphate nitrate fertilizer, the ratio of ammonical-N and nitrate-N is:

- a) 50:50
- b) 75:25
- c) 25:75
- d) 40:60

79. Ferrous sulphate-heptahydrate contains:

- a) 19% iron and 11% sulphur
- b) 11% iron and 19% sulphur
- c) 9% iron and 21% sulphur
- d) 21% iron and 9% Sulphur

80. Leaf Colour Chart (LCC) indirectly tells us the status of:

- a) Nitrogen in rice plants
- b) Phosphorus in rice plants
- c) Sulphur in rice plants
- d) Micronutrients in rice plants

81. Which one of the following statements is incorrect in case of surface retention of crop residues (mulching)?

- a) Thermo regulation of soils
- b) Reduced evaporation
- c) Increased water requirement of crops
- d) Mitigate terminal heat

82. *Cyprus iria* belongs to the following group of weeds:

- a) Grassy weeds
- b) Dicot weeds
- c) Broad leaf weeds
- d) Sedges

83. The best example of multistoried cropping is:

- a) Arhar + Sorghum
- b) Wheat + Mustard
- c) Gram + Lentil
- d) Eucalyptus + Papaya + Berseem

84. Which one of the following statement/ option is correct about the crop rotation?

- a) The leguminous crop should be grown after leguminous crops
- b) More exhaustive crops should be followed by highly exhaustive crops
- c) Crops having shallow roots should be succeeded by deep-rooted crops
- d) The crops of same botanical family should be grown continuously

85. The interspecific interaction when one species benefits and the other remains unaffected:

- a) Neutralism
- b) Commensalism
- c) Competition
- d) Amensalism

86. Emergence of inflorescence (panicle) in sugarcane is referred as:

- a) Silking
- b) Tiller
- c) Shoot
- d) Arrow

87. The branches in cotton which bear fruits are called as:

- a) Monopodial branches
- b) Unipodial branches
- c) Lonepodial branches
- d) Sympodial branches

88. The optimum time for sowing of cotton in north India is:

- a) Second fortnight of April to first fortnight of May
- b) Second fortnight of May to first fortnight of June
- c) Second fortnight of June to first fortnight of July
- d) Second fortnight of July to first fortnight of August

89. Which one of the following varieties of potato is tolerant to frost?

- a) Kufri surya
- b) Kufri jyoti
- c) Kufri kanchan
- d) Kufri sheetman

90. Which one of the following species of genus *Saccharum* is known as 'noble cane'?

- a) *Saccharum barberi*
- b) *Saccharum officinarum*
- c) *Saccharum sinense*
- d) *Saccharum spontaneum*

91. The lower half portion of the sugarcane is not preferred for planting (sowing) as it:

- a) Contains less moisture and higher sucrose content, and matured internodes
- b) Contains more moisture and lower sucrose content, and immature internodes
- c) Contains younger undamaged buds without any covering of scales
- d) Contains more buds per unit length of cane

92. Among the following crops, which crop has the highest percentage of irrigated area?

- a) Rice
- b) Cotton
- c) Green gram
- d) Sugarcane

93. Which one of the following insect-pests affects sugarcane crop?

- a) Gurdaspur borer
- b) Gujhia weevil
- c) Gundhi bugs
- d) Pink bollworms

94. *Trichoderma viride*, a bioagent to control some diseases in crop plants, acts as:

- a) *Herbicide*
- b) *Bactericide*
- c) *Nematicide*
- d) *Fungicide*

95. *Trichogramma chilonis* can be used to control the:

- a) Stem borer of maize
- b) Tikka disease of groundnut
- c) Paddy blast
- d) Loose smut of wheat

96. The most economical means of managing the 'tungro virus' disease in rice is:

- a) Spraying of nematicide
- b) Spraying of fungicide
- c) Spraying of bactericide
- d) Growing of resistant varieties

97. 'Bakanae' disease in rice is caused by the fungus:

- a) *Ustilago nuda tritici*
- b) *Puccinia graminis tritici*
- c) *Gibberella fujikuroi*
- d) *Pyricularia grisea*

98. Which one of the following strategies is not a part of Integrated pest and disease management in field crops?

- a) Growing of resistant varieties
- b) Use of biological means or bio-agents
- c) Use of biopesticides
- d) Non-adoption of crop rotations

99. 'Phyllody' disease in sesamum is caused by:

- a) Virus
- b) Nematode
- c) Mycoplasma-like organism
- d) Bacteria

100. White rust in mustard is caused by:

- a) *Peronospora brassicae*
- b) *Alternaria brassicae*
- c) *Albugo candida*
- d) *Xanthomonas ricinicola*

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