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Additional Reading Time - 10 minutes

Use **additional reading time** to go through the question paper, select the questions and decide on the questions that you give priority in answering.

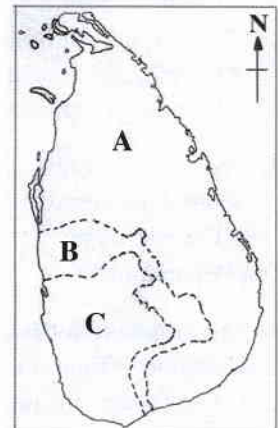
Agriculture and Food Technology I

Note :

- Answer **all** questions.
- In each of the questions 1 to 40, pick one of the alternatives (1), (2), (3), (4) which is **correct** or **most appropriate**.
- Mark a cross (X) on the number corresponding to your choice in the answer sheet provided.
- Further instructions are given on the back of the answer sheet. Follow them carefully.

- The well known saying "The farmer is good enough even to be the king when mud is washed off." was stated by
 (1) the king Parakramabahu the great. (2) the writer Robert Knox.
 (3) the governor Robert Brownrigg. (4) the king Mahasen.
- Out of the following, select the correct statements given on measuring weather parameters.
 A - The quantity and the intensity of rainfall can be measured by a simple rain gauge.
 B - Relative humidity of the atmosphere is measured as a percentage.
 C - Intensity of light is measured in 'Lux'.
 (1) A and B only. (2) A and C only.
 (3) B and C only. (4) All A, B and C.
- Relative humidity of the atmosphere is one of the weather parameters that affect crop cultivation. With increased humidity,
 (1) plant diseases are increased. (2) rooting of shoot cuttings is suppressed.
 (3) storage life of seeds is increased. (4) insect pests damages are reduced.
- The given map depicts how Sri Lanka is divided into three zones according to the annual rainfall. Which row of the table indicates the correct annual rainfall in millimetres in zones A, B and C.

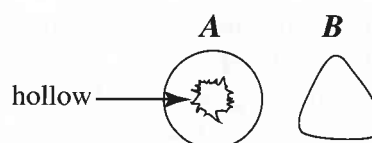
	A	B	C
(1)	Lesser than 1000	Between 1000-1500	More than 1500
(2)	Lesser than 300	Between 300-900	More than 900
(3)	Lesser than 900	Between 900-1800	More than 1800
(4)	Lesser than 1750	Between 1750-2500	More than 2500



5. The most suitable way to minimize transportation of soil particles in a sloped land by run off with high velocity is
- (1) adding organic matter to the soil.
 - (2) making contour stone bunds.
 - (3) mulching the soil.
 - (4) uprooting weeds.
6. Some chillies plants established in a pot were initially wilted and then dried off under a dry weather condition. In this stage, the soil of this pot would consist of
- (1) capillary water only.
 - (2) hygroscopic water only.
 - (3) gravitational and hygroscopic water only.
 - (4) capillary and hygroscopic water only.
7. Soil colloids play an important role in maintaining fertility of a soil. The colloids found in soils are
- (1) clay and humus. (2) clay and silt. (3) sand and silt. (4) silt and humus.
8. Out of the following activities associated with soil organisms, which one would adversely affect on crop cultivation?
- (1) Decomposition of soil organic matter by fungi and bacteria
 - (2) Excretion of sticky materials to the soil by earth worms
 - (3) Fixation of Nitrogen in soil air by Rhizobium bacteria
 - (4) Removal of the plant nutrient Nitrogen from soil through de-nitrification
9. Out of the following, select the correct statements about crop classification based on plant families.
- A - Lufa, bitter gourd and snake gourd belong to the family Cucurbitaceae.
B - Chillies, tomatoes and brinjals belong to the family Solanaceae.
C - Cowpea, green gram and winged bean belong to the family Malvaceae.
- (1) A and B only. (2) A and C only.
 - (3) B and C only. (4) All A, B and C.
10. What is the **incorrect** statement regarding land preparation for crop cultivation.
- (1) Inter-cultivation is done before the crop establishment.
 - (2) By land preparation favourable soil condition for crop growth are provided.
 - (3) Weeds are controlled by proper land preparation.
 - (4) Water absorption ability in soil is improved by land preparation.
11. The type of nursery that could provide vegetable seedlings without root damages for planting in fields is
- (1) sand nurseries. (2) neridoco nurseries.
 - (3) sunken bed nurseries. (4) raised bed nurseries.
12. An activity which can be applied in order to harden nursery plants is
- (1) applying liquid fertilizer together with irrigation water to the nursery.
 - (2) applying fungicides to the nursery on the day before uprooting the plants.
 - (3) gradually increasing the number of exposing hours of nursery plants to sunlight.
 - (4) frequent irrigation of the nursery.
13. The plants which rapidly absorb water and remove more water through transpiration, could be planted to remove excess water from soil. A suitable plant for this purpose is
- (1) sugar cane. (2) green gram.
 - (3) pandanus. (4) pineapple.
14. An irrigation method that could be used to remove soil salinity is
- (1) flood irrigation. (2) furrow irrigation.
 - (3) sprinkler irrigation. (4) drip irrigation.

15. Select the correct statements, out of the given statements about chemical fertilizers.
- (1) Phosphorus is included in the top dressing mixture for paddy.
 - (2) The nitrogen fertilizer requirement for paddy is applied at basic land preparation.
 - (3) A mixture nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium are included in a complete chemical fertilizer mixture.
 - (4) Rock phosphate is suitable to supply phosphorus for annual crops.
16. Out of the following, select the correct statements regarding green manure.
- A - Legume plants are more suitable as green manure.
 - B - Moderately matured plant materials are more suitable as green manure.
 - C - Crotalaria planted in the field can be mixed with soil as a green manure.
- (1) A and B only.
 - (2) A and C only.
 - (3) B and C only.
 - (4) All A, B and C.
17. What is the activity that affects favourably on the decomposition of plant materials in the process of compost preparation?
- (1) Covering raw materials and keeping them under dry condition
 - (2) Keeping raw materials under anaerobic conditions
 - (3) Cutting raw materials into small pieces
 - (4) Increasing the interval of mixing raw materials
18. In order to get a better yield from crops, chemical fertilizer should be added,
- (1) during the heavy rainy seasons.
 - (2) when soil is extremely dry.
 - (3) when soil is moderately wet.
 - (4) when organic matter in the soil is less.
19. A and B diagrams depict the cross sectional view of the stems of two weeds. In which row of the following table, the correct examples for A and B are given?

	A	B
(1)	Kuppamenia	Monarakudumbiya
(2)	Batadella	Thunessa
(3)	Kalanduru	Mana
(4)	Japan jabara	Etawara



20. The pathogenic fungus that cause 'anthracnose' in vegetables and fruits is
- (1) Fusarium.
 - (2) Rhizoctonia.
 - (3) Pithium.
 - (4) Colletotriculum.
21. A control measure that could be applied to control leaf mosaic disease in okra is
- (1) applying fungicides.
 - (2) applying seed treatments.
 - (3) controlling insect vectors.
 - (4) soil sterilization.
22. What is the correct statement on indigenous paddy varieties in Sri Lanka when compared to improved paddy varieties?
- (1) They are resistant to lodging.
 - (2) Their yield is very high.
 - (3) Health is maintained by consuming these rice.
 - (4) They respond well to chemical fertilizers.
23. Examples for crops that propagated by runners are,
- (1) potatoes and red onions.
 - (2) gotukola and strawberry.
 - (3) kankun and sweet potatoes.
 - (4) mukunuwenna and thampala.

24. A few statements about the cation exchange capacity (CEC) of a soil are given below.

A - The soils with high CEC are fertile.

B - CEC of soil is increased by adding organic matter.

C - When compared to clay soil, CEC is high in sandy soil.

Of the above, the correct statements are

(1) A and B only.

(2) A and C only.

(3) B and C only.

(4) all A, B and C.

25. A propagation method that could produce a large number of plants with the characters of its mother plant is

(1) planting stem cuttings.

(2) layering.

(3) budding.

(4) tissue culture.

26. An example for a temporary protected structure which is used in crop cultivation under controlled environment is

(1) poly-tunnels.

(2) net houses.

(3) solar propagators.

(4) glass houses.

27. Consider the following statements on crop cultivation under controlled environment.

A - The initial cost needed for cultivation in poly-tunnels is high.

B - The yields of crops which are grown under controlled environment are higher in quality.

C - Under the environmental conditions of the low country of Sri Lanka, increasing temperature in poly-tunnels is a problem.

Of the above the correct statements are

(1) A and B only.

(2) A and C only.

(3) B and C only.

(4) all A, B and C.

28. In crop cultivation, the controlled environmental conditions are provided only in certain stages of the life cycle of a crop. An example for such instance is

(1) shading vegetable seedling in first few days after transplanting in the field.

(2) irrigating the transplanted vegetable seedlings by a watering can.

(3) loosening the soil around the seedlings after adding chemical fertilizers.

(4) adding and mixing organic manure around seedlings.

29. The ecofriendly farming system which is conducted with minimum inputs and protecting soil, water, nutrients and biodiversity in a particular land is

(1) integrated farming.

(2) protected farming.

(3) chena cultivation.

(4) crop rotation.

30. Which of the following food that may cause disease conditions due to the accumulation of lead (Pb) in the body, through frequent consumption?

(1) The drinks added with preservatives

(2) Sprats cooked together with tomatoes

(3) Tuna fish stored for a few days (not fresh)

(4) Fried food wrapped in newspapers

31. The main food preservation method used in the production of jam is

(1) concentration.

(2) minimum processing.

(3) temperature control.

(4) fermentation.

32. When vegetables are cut into pieces to produce dried vegetables, blanching is done. The reason for this is to

(1) destroy micro organisms.

(2) facilitate drying.

(3) apply preservatives.

(4) inactivate enzymes.

33. The pathogen responsible for 'coccidiosis' disease in poultry is

(1) bacteria.

(2) protozoa.

(3) nematode.

(4) virus.

34. Drying of a pregnant cow should be started

- (1) 12 weeks before parturition. (2) 10 weeks before parturition.
(3) 8 weeks before parturition. (4) 4 weeks before parturition.

35. A healthy cow shows heat signs once in

- (1) 14 - 17 days. (2) 18 - 21 days. (3) 24 - 27 days. (4) 28 - 30 days.

36. The cattle breed that obtain by cross-breeding of Sahiwal or Sindhi with Jersey is

- (1) Beef master. (2) Niliravi. (3) Surti. (4) Australian Milking Zibu.

37. The first activity that should be done soon after the birth of a calf is

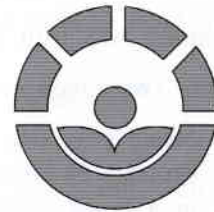
- (1) to let the calf to drink colostrum.
(2) cutting the naval code and applying iodine.
(3) wiping mucus on its nose and mouth.
(4) to allow the calf to drink little amount of water.

38. In which row of the following table are the common characteristics of Indian and European breeds of cattle, correctly stated?

	Indian breeds	European breeds
(1)	The dewlap is well grown.	The skin is tightly attached to the body.
(2)	The back side of the body is round in shape.	The hump is well grown.
(3)	The body is comparatively small.	The skin is loose.
(4)	Milk production is comparatively high.	Fur is long.

39. If the given logo is printed on a food package in green colour, it indicates the food

- (1) subjected to gene mutations.
(2) subjected to radiations.
(3) with the international standards.
(4) sterilized.



40. The following table shows some information about paddy seed samples A, B, C and D.

Sample	Germination percentage	Moisture percentage	Genetical purity
A	70	20	85
B	80	18	90
C	85	13	98
D	90	16	95

Of the above, which is the most suitable sample to use as seed paddy?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C (4) D

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