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Q. When is the National Farmer's Day observed in India?

- A. 13th April
- B. 30th June
- C. 12th October
- D. 23rd December
- E. None of these

Correct Answer – D. 23rd December

Explanation: Kisan Diwas (Farmer's Day) is observed every year on 23 December to celebrate the birth anniversary of the fifth Prime Minister and Kisan leader, late Chaudhary Charan Singh. The Farmer's Day observance is a programme to assess how important is the role of farmers in social and economic development of a country. Chaudhary Charan Singh also framed and implemented the famous Zamindari Abolition Act.

Q. Viruses contain which of the following nucleic acids?

- A. RNA
- B. DNA
- C. Either RNA or DNA
- D. Both RNA or DNA
- E. None of these

Correct Answer – C. Either RNA or DNA

Explanation: All living things have DNA, but technically speaking, viruses aren't living things because they can't maintain themselves or reproduce on their own. They also aren't technically cells because they don't have organelles -- cellular machinery -- of their own. They don't fit into any of the kingdoms of life -- they aren't plants, animals, fungi, protists, bacteria or archaea -- but there are viruses that infect every one of these. Viruses exist only as infectious agents. They're made up of a nucleic acid -- either DNA or RNA -- surrounded

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by a protein capsule. They only become active after entering a host cell.

Q. According to a study, Parali I island, one of biodiversity-rich uninhabited islands part of has disappeared due to coastal erosion. The island was a part of which Island group?

- A. Pirotan Islands
- B. New Moore Islands
- C. Lakshadweep Islands
- D. Nicobar Islands
- E. None of these

Correct Answer – C. Lakshadweep Islands

Explanation: A new study has revealed that one of Lakshadweep bio-diversity rich islands Parali I has vanished. Parali I island, part of Bangaram atoll, which was 0.032 km² in 1968 has been eroded to an extent of 100%, resulting in its inundation.

Q. Pashmina is a fine type of Kashmiri wool. Hair of which of the following animal is taken for the fabric of the wool?

- A. Kashmiri Yak
- B. Angora Goat
- C. Kashmiri Goat
- D. Himachali Yak
- E. None of these

Correct Answer – C. Kashmiri Goat

Explanation: Pashmina is a fine type of Kashmiri wool. The textiles made from it were first woven in Kashmir. The wool comes from four distinct breeds of the Cashmere (Kashmiri) goat; namely the Changthangi or Kashmir Pashmina goat.

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Q. Which of the following is not a “Micronutrient” required for Plant Nutrition?

- A. Copper**
- B. Nickel**
- C. Carbon**
- D. Manganese**
- E. None of these**

Correct Answer – C. Carbon

Explanation: There are 17 most important nutrients for plants. Plants must obtain the following mineral nutrients from their growing medium: -

the macronutrients: nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), potassium (K), calcium (Ca), sulphur (S), magnesium (Mg), carbon (C), oxygen(O), hydrogen (H)

the micronutrients (or trace minerals): iron (Fe), boron (B), chlorine (Cl), manganese (Mn), zinc (Zn), copper (Cu), molybdenum (Mo), nickel (Ni).

Q. “Nipping” is an agricultural term associated with which crop?

- A. Gram**
- B. Banana**
- C. Sugarcane**
- D. Rice**
- E. None of these**

Correct Answer – A. Gram

Explanation: Nipping or Topping in Gram means removal of the tips of the young branches of gram plant when it is 2 to 4 week old.

Q. Which of the following is the sugar present in the milk?

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- A. Maltase
- B. Amylase
- C. Lactose
- D. Sucrose
- E. Fructose

Correct Answer – C. Lactose

Explanation: Lactose is a disaccharide sugar (carbohydrate) composed of galactose and glucose that is found in milk. Lactose makes up around 2–8% of milk (by weight), although the amount varies among species and individuals, and milk with a reduced amount of lactose also exists.

Q. What is the temperature (range) required for the process of “Tuberization” in potatoes?

- A. 9-12oC
- B. 27-30oC
- C. 22-25oC
- D. 12-15oC
- E. 17-20oC

Correct Answer – E. 17-20oC

Explanation: Being a cool season crop, the best place for potato farming are places with a cool climate, fertile soil and good moisture. Temperature, light, soil type, moisture content and nutrients influence the growth of potatoes in a great way. Tubers stop developing at a temperature above 30°C. This is because, as the temperature increases, the rate of respiration increases. In the process, carbohydrates produced through photosynthesis get consumed instead of getting stored in the tubers. Thus, tuber formation gets affected at higher temperature. Soil temperature of 17-20°C is ideal for potato tuber formation. Bright sunshine during day and cool nights are optimal for potato growing.

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Q. What is the name of the first in vitro calf (of buffalo) produced by National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI)?

- A. Govardhan**
- B. Pratham**
- C. Lakshmi**
- D. Param**
- E. None of these**

Correct Answer – B. Pratham

Explanation: In 1990, with the birth of "Pratham", the first IVF buffalo calf of the world, NDRI reached a significant milestone.

Q. Where is the headquarters of Indian Institute of Soil Science?

- A. Jabalpur**
- B. Warangal**
- C. Bhopal**
- D. Allahabad**
- E. Guwahati**

Correct Answer – C. Bhopal

Explanation: The Indian Institute of Soil Science (IISS) in Bhopal, MP is an autonomous institute for higher learning, established under the umbrella of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) by the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India for advanced research in the field of soil sciences.

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