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Q. _____ is the process of covering the topsoil with plant material such as leaves, grass, twigs, crop residues, straw etc to enhance the activity of soil organisms such as earthworms.

- A. Nursing**
- B. Augmenting**
- C. Mulching**
- D. Fouling**
- E. None of these**

Correct Answer – C. Mulching

Explanation: Mulching is the process of covering the topsoil with plant material such as leaves, grass, twigs, crop residues, straw etc. A mulch cover enhances the activity of soil organisms such as earthworms. They help to create a soil structure with plenty of smaller and larger pores through which rainwater can easily infiltrate into the soil, thus reducing surface runoff. As the mulch material decomposes, it increases the content of organic matter in the soil. Soil organic matter helps to create a good soil with stable crumb structure. Thus, the soil particles will not be easily carried away by water. Therefore, mulching plays a crucial role in preventing soil erosion.

Q. Plants of which of the following does not have “Tap” root system?

- A. Onion**
- B. Carrot**
- C. Gram**
- D. Cotton**
- E. Dandelions**

Correct Answer – A. Onion

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Explanation: All dicots have taproot system and monocots have fibrous root system. Onion is an example of fibrous root system, as most people believe that the onions bulb is the root. However, that's not the case. If you look at a onion, you'll see the pointed top and a tangle of “hair” on the bottom. Those “hair” are the onions roots and hence are fibrous in nature.

Q. For the purpose of fishing, the worm which is used as a bait is known as?

- A. Coneworm
- B. Preyworm
- C. Angelworm
- D. Angleworm
- E. None of these

Correct Answer – D. Angleworm

Explanation: A worm, such as an earthworm, that is used as bait in fishing is called as Angleworm.

Q. Which type of pulse is known as the “King of Pulses”?

- A. Grain pea
- B. Field pea
- C. Chickpea
- D. Pigeon pea
- E. None of these

Correct Answer – C. Chickpea

Explanation: Chickpea also known as the Gram, consists of more than 1 /3 of the area and 40 per cent of the total production of pulses in India. Chickpea is called as King of Pulses and contains 22-23 per cent protein content.

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Q. Rabi is an Arabic word, what does it mean in Arabic?

- A. Water
- B. Spring
- C. Autumn
- D. Dryness
- E. None of these

Correct Answer – B. Spring

Explanation: Rabi crop is the spring harvest (also known as the “winter crop”) in India and Pakistan, and usually spans from mid/late April to mid/late June, when the crop is harvested. The term Rabi means “spring” in Arabic.

Q. Fertilizer Urea is a major source of which nutrient for soil?

- A. Carbon
- B. Calcium
- C. Phosphorus
- D. Nitrogen
- E. Potassium

Correct Answer – D. Nitrogen

Explanation: Urea has the highest nitrogen content of all solid nitrogenous fertilizers in common use. More than 80 per cent of the fertilizers used in India are made up of nitrogenous fertilizers, particularly urea.

Q. By convention the amount of potassium content in any fertilizer (potash) is expressed as?

- A. K_3O_2
- B. K_2O_5
- C. KO_3

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D. K_2O_3

E. K_2O

Correct Answer – E. K_2O

Explanation: In earlier times, before current lab instrumentation was developed, chemists used a gravimetric (weighing) method after ignition to determine the potassium content of fertilizers in the form of potassium oxide (K_2O).



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