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Que. National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI) an umbrella institute under ICAR is located at?

- A. Mathura, UP
- B. Indore, MP
- C. Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat
- D. Nagpur, Maharashtra
- E. Karnal, Haryana

Correct Answer – E. Karnal, Haryana

Explanation: The National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal was originally started as Imperial Institute of Animal Husbandry and Dairying in 1923 at Bangalore. In 1955, NDRI Headquarter was shifted to Karnal. In 1966, Institute was brought under the aegis of ICAR.

Que. World Soil Day is celebrated on?

- A. 5th January
- B. 5th December
- C. 26th February
- D. 18th January
- E. 20th February

Correct Answer – B. 5th December

Explanation: World Soil Day is celebrated annually on the 5th of December at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) headquarters in Rome, the regional offices and through national and local events.

Que. In the recent budget, the facility of Kisan Credit Card (KCC) scheme has been extended by the government to which other sectors?

- A. Poultry and Apiculture

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B. Fisheries and Poultry

C. Apiculture and Horticulture

D. Fisheries and Animal Husbandry

E. Poultry and Horticulture

Correct Answer – D. Fisheries and Animal Husbandry

Explanation: The Kisan Credit Card (KCC) scheme is a credit scheme introduced in August 1998 by Indian banks. This model scheme was prepared by the National [Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development](#) (NABARD) on the recommendations of R.V. GUPTA to provide [term loans and agricultural](#) needs. In the recent Budget the government has decided to extend the facility of [Kisan Credit Cards](#) to fisheries and animal husbandry farmers to help them meet their working capital needs.

Que. The National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) aims at which of the following?

A. Enhancing agricultural productivity, protection of resources such as land, water, biodiversity and genetic resources by developing strategies to make [agriculture more resilient to climate](#) change.

B. Improving agricultural productivity by providing timely advisory services to farmers to adopt best practices, technology, meet with contingencies, market information, etc.

C. Notifying agricultural commodities produced in the region and providing their first sale mechanism.

D. Providing Irrigation benefits to the farmers to ensure early completion of projects.

E. Providing easy access to institutional credit to enhance [productivity](#) by investing in machinery and purchase of variable inputs and providing funds till the farmer receives payment from sale of produce.

Correct Answer – A. Enhancing agricultural productivity, protection of resources such as land, water, biodiversity and

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genetic resources by developing strategies to make [agriculture more resilient to climate change](#).

Explanation: NMSA, launched in 2011-12, has been formulated for enhancing agricultural productivity, water use efficiency, soil health management and synergizing resource conservation. NMSA derives its mandate from Sustainable Agriculture Mission which is one of the eight Missions outlined under National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC).

NMSA caters to key dimensions of 'Water use efficiency', 'Nutrient Management' and 'Livelihood diversification' through adoption of sustainable development pathway by progressively shifting to environmental friendly technologies, adoption of energy efficient equipment, conservation of natural resources, [integrated farming](#), etc.

Que. Bankers Institute of [Rural Development](#) (BIRD) is a premier training establishment promoted by NABARD. Where is BIRD located?

- A. Bhopal
- B. Jabalpur
- C. Nashik
- D. Lucknow
- E. Ludhiana

Correct Answer – D. Lucknow

Explanation: Bankers Institute of Rural Development (BIRD), Lucknow is an autonomous institution (Registered under Societies Act, 1860) promoted by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) in 1983 for undertaking training, research and consultancy in agricultural and rural development banking.

Que. Consider the following techniques/phenomena:

1. Budding and grafting in fruit plants
2. Cytoplasmic male sterility
3. Gene silencing

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Which of the above is/are used to create transgenic crops?

- A. 1 only
- B. Both 2 and 3
- C. Both 1 and 3
- D. All of the above

Correct Answer – B. Both 2 and 3

Explanation: A transgenic crop is a genetically modified organism (GMO). Transgenic indicates that a transfer of genes has occurred using recombinant DNA technology. Generally, a transgenic crop contains one or more genes that have been inserted artificially either from an unrelated plant or from different species altogether.

Que. Ginning is a term associated with which crop?

- A. Jute
- B. Potato
- C. Cotton
- D. Coconut
- E. Banana

Correct Answer – C. Cotton

Explanation: A cotton gin is a machine that quickly and easily separates cotton fibres from their seeds, allowing for much greater productivity than manual cotton separation. The fibres are then processed into various cotton goods such as linens, while any undamaged cotton is used largely for textiles like clothing.

Que. Which of the following is a Rabi Crop?

- A. Rice
- B. Maize

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C. Soyabean

D. Mustard

E. Pumpkin

Correct Answer – D. Mustard

Explanation: Rabi crops or Rabi harvest are agricultural crops sown in winter and harvested in the spring in South Asia. The term is derived from the Arabic word for "spring", which is used in the Indian subcontinent, where it is the spring harvest (also known as the "winter crop").

Que. Salinization occurs when the irrigation water accumulated in the soil evaporates, leaving behind salts and minerals. What are the effects of salinization on the irrigated land?

A. It greatly increases the crop production

B. It may lead to crop yield loss

C. It raises the water table

D. It fills the air spaces in the soil with water

Correct Answer – B. It may lead to crop yield loss

Explanation: The consequences of salinity are:

- Detrimental effects on plant growth and yield.
- Damage to infrastructure (roads, bricks, corrosion of pipes and cables)
- Reduction of water quality for users, sedimentation problems.
- Soil erosion ultimately, when crops are too strongly affected by the amounts of salt

Que. Recently government announced to keep MSP for all unannounced kharif crops at least one and half times of their production cost. What is the full form of the MSP?

A. Minimum Stock Price

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B. Minimum Statutory Price

C. Maximum Stipulated Price

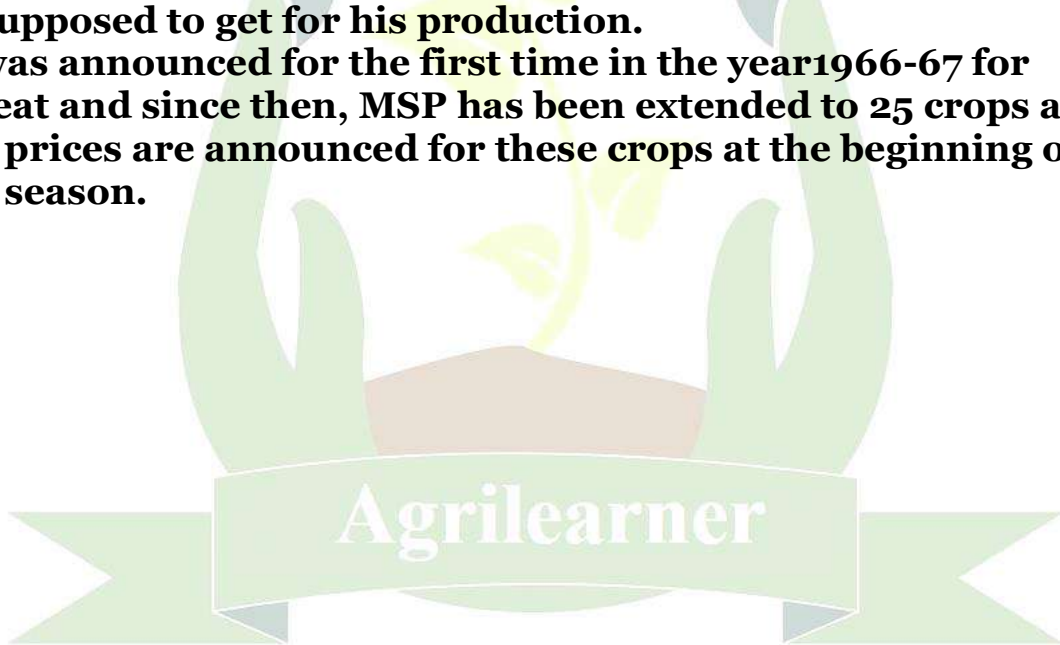
D. Maximum Support Price

E. Minimum Support Price

Correct Answer – E. Minimum Support Price

Explanation: Minimum Support Price is a government facilitated mechanism where it buys the farm produce from the farmers if he is unable to sell in the market at a predetermined price called MSP. MSP is generally higher than the estimated cost price of the farmer. So, MSP is defined as the minimum rate at which government buys the crops grown by farmers in a season. It is the minimum price that a farmer is supposed to get for his production.

It was announced for the first time in the year 1966-67 for wheat and since then, MSP has been extended to 25 crops and the prices are announced for these crops at the beginning of the season.



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