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2020: (Q.161 to Q.200)

Q.161) Which state has the highest rice production

- (a) West Bengal
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Andhra Pradesh
- (e) Uttar Pradesh

Answer - (a)

Explanation -

A basic factual question based on agricultural general awareness. One has to know state with highest production of rice.

Q.162) According to the first advance estimate 2019-20, What is the total food grain production in kharif 2019?

- (a) 157.5 mt
- (b) 135.7mt
- (c) 140.6 mt
- (d) 120 mt
- (e) 135mt

Answer - (c)

Explanation -

A direct question from first advance estimate 2019-20 of food grain production, an expected one at that too.

Q.163) According to the third advance estimate 2018-19, What is the total horticulture production?

- (a) 303 mt
- (b) 313 mt
- (c) 335 mt
- (d) 350 mt
- (e) 310 mt

Answer - (e)

Explanation -

A direct question from third advance estimate 2019-20 of HORTICULTURE production, an expected one at that too.

Q.164) Which among is correct on the basis of decreasing order of production?

- (a) Vegetables, Fruits, Plantation Crops, Spices, Flowers, Aromatic and Medicinal Plants
- (b) Fruits, Vegetables, Plantation crops, Spices, Flowers, Aromatic and Medicinal Plants
- (c) Plantation crops, Fruits, Vegetables, Spices, Flowers, Aromatic and Medicinal Plants
- (d) Vegetables, Plantation crops, Spices, Fruits, Aromatic and Medicinal Plants, Flowers
- (e) Fruits, Plantation crops, Spices, Aromatic and Medicinal Plants, Flowers

Answer - (a)

Explanation -

This is an analytical and conceptual question about the order of production for different field crops. You should review the production data for various crops from the Economic Survey. Here's the logic: India is among the top 3 producers of vegetables and fruits (ranked 2nd globally in fruits), and it also produces many plantation crops. This suggests that the answer is likely to be either (a) or (b). Since vegetable production is generally higher than fruit production, the correct answer would be the option with vegetables first.

Q.165) According to 5th Minor irrigation Census 2013 – 14, Which state has the highest number of minor irrigation projects/Schemes?

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Uttar Pradesh
- (e) Rajasthan

Answer - (c)

Explanation -

This question is based on the 5th Minor Irrigation Census (2013-14) and asks which state has the highest number of minor irrigation projects. It's a mix of static and general awareness, making the "Irrigation and Water Resources" chapter particularly important. Reports, censuses, and surveys like these should always be studied thoroughly.

Q.166) Which region in India covers maximum area under alluvial soil?

- (a) Northern Plains
- (b) Central plateau
- (c) Peninsular region
- (d) Coastal region
- (e) Himalayan range

Answer - (a)

Explanation -

This is a factual question about area under SOIL COVER. Here alluvial soil cover is asked in context of regions in India. We all know Gangetic basin is rich in alluvial soil belt. This is because of Ganga and Yamuna rivers.

Q.167) Which among the following has the highest water retention capacity?

- (a) Sandy soil
- (b) Silty soil
- (c) Loamy soil
- (d) Clayey soil
- (e) None

Answer - (d)

Explanation -

Logic here- Clayey soil holds more water (Basic science from School).

Q.168) The Phase-III of PMGSY which aims at consolidation of 1,25,000 Kms Through Routes a Major Rural Links that connect habitations to Gramin Agricultural Markets (GrAMs), Higher Secondary Schools and Hospitals is for the period 2019-20 to _____

- (a) 2021-22
- (b) 2022-23
- (c) 2023-24
- (d) 2024-25
- (e) None of the above

Answer - (d)

Q.169) The Pulses Conclave 2020 (TPC 2020) has been scheduled to be held from 12-14 February 2020 in _____. The announcement was made by the India Pulses and Grains Association (IPGA), the nodal body for India's pulses trade and industry on 9 January 2020.

- (a) Hyderabad, Telangana
- (b) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- (c) Lonavala, Maharashtra
- (d) New Delhi
- (e) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Answer - (c)

Explanation -

A very factual question. It can be covered by Daily current affairs and PIB. Also PIB monthly magazine helped to cover such type of news

Q.170) Which state has the maximum area under sunflower production?

- (a) Tamil nadu
 - (b) Maharashtra
 - (c) Karnataka
 - (d) Andhra Pradesh
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(e) Madhya Pradesh

Answer - (c)

Q.171) Which crop is known as white gold?

- (a) Silk
- (b) Cotton
- (c) Potato
- (d) Cauliflower
- (e) Jute

Answer - (b)

Q.172) What is the productive age of the layers in poultry?

- (a) 52 weeks
- (b) 21 - 72 weeks
- (c) 24 weeks
- (d) 18 weeks
- (e) 84 weeks

Answer - (b)

Q.173) Which one is false for PM KISAN?

- (a) All marginal, small and large farmers are included in the scheme
- (b) farmer will get 6000 per year in the beginning of financial year
- (c) farmer which files the income tax return are not in beneficiary
- (d) for self-registration farmers needs at least one gazetted officer
- (e) All of the above

Answer - (e)

Q.174) PDS and PDPS are the components of which scheme

- (a) PMKSY
- (b) PM-KMY
- (c) PM AASHA
- (d) PMAY
- (e) None of the above

Answer - (c)

Q.175) For the better connectivity in the rural areas, roads are constructed which schemes covers the construction?

- (a) PMAY
- (b) PMKSY
- (c) PMGSY
- (d) PMKAY
- (e) PMKISAN

Answer - (c)

Q.176) The 6th world congress of agriculture held at _____.

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Bengaluru
- (d) Hyderabad
- (e) Lucknow

Answer - (a)

Explanation -

A question which is based on observation and understanding of updates related agriculture. You can cover such conferences, congress related to agriculture through DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS, and PIB magazine.

Q.177) Swasth Dhara Khet Hara is the tag line for

- (a) Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana
- (b) Soil health card Scheme
- (c) Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana
- (d) Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana
- (e) None of the above

Answer - (b)

Explanation -

This type of news covered in Daily current affairs as well as in PIB sessions.

Q.178) Under which committee the concept of democratic decentralization came which led to the three-tier system of Panchayati Raj?

- (a) Balwant rai Mehta committee
- (b) Hemant Bahuguna committee
- (c) L.M singhvi committee
- (d) Bhuvan singh Mehta committee
- (e) None of the above

Answer - (a)

Explanation -

A conceptual question from chapter of Panchayati Raj system from Rural development. This is an easy and straight forward question asked directly from Static part of ARD.

Q.179) Which scheme provide 100 days guaranteed employment of 100 days every year to the individuals above 18 yrs of age?

- (a) MNREGA
- (b) PM Kausahal Vikas Yojana
- (c) PMGSY
- (d) Pradhan Mantri Mandhan Yojna
- (e) PM KISAN

Answer - (a)

Q.180) What is the rate of interest on KCC in which govt gives interest subsidy of 2%?

- (a) Upto 3 lakh with annual int of 7%
- (b) Upto 5 lakh with annual int of 7%
- (c) Upto 2 lakh with annual int of 7%
- (d) Upto 3 lakh with annual int of 9%
- (e) Upto 5 lakh with annual int of 9 %

Answer - (d)

Q.181) In GOBAR-DHAN Scheme, R stands for

- (a) Return
- (b) Regular
- (c) Resources
- (d) Regain
- (e) Region

Answer - (c)

You can answer such factual questions only if you regularly follow Government schemes and PIB sessions.

Q.182) What is the minimum amount of rainfall require to call a rainy day?

- (a) 2 mm
- (b) 2.5 mm
- (c) 5 mm
- (d) 7.5 mm
- (e) 10 mm

Answer - (b)

Explanation -

This is an easy and straight forward question asked directly from Static part of ARD. It could be covered from the chapter of "AGRO-METEOROLOGY".

Q.183) Which year is dedicated as the international year of Millets by UN FAO?

- (a) 2019
- (b) 2020
- (c) 2021
- (d) 2023
- (e) 2025

Answer - (d)

Q.184) Whenever there is shortfall from the target of priority sector, bank has to deposit the short amount to which fund?

- (a) Central govt
- (b) NABARD
- (c) RBI
- (d) Rural infrastructure development fund
- (e) All of the above

Answer - (d)

Explanation -

NABARD has various important funds under its arms. Rural infrastructure development fund, Micro-irrigation fund, NABARD Infrastructure Development Assistance (NIDA), etc.

Q.185) When farming is done along the lines of slopes in highly sloped area then it is known as

- (a) Terrace farming
- (b) Contour farming
- (c) Slopy farming
- (d) Hilly farming
- (e) None of the above

Answer - (b)

Explanation -

This question comes from the important chapter on "Cropping Patterns and Farming Systems." Every student should be prepared for challenging questions like this. Understanding types of cropping, classification, and related terms is crucial for this chapter. The key takeaway is not to overlook core concepts. Concepts like intercropping, mulching, and types of cropping are particularly important.

Q.186) Inarching is used in the propagation of

- (a) Mango
 - (b) Litchi
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- (c) Sapota
- (d) Banana
- (e) Guava

Answer - (e)

Explanation -

Again, a conceptual question based on knowledge and various terms related to chapter of "PLANTATION AND HORTICULTURE". This question is difficult. Vast and in depth reading is required in IMPORTANT chapters in ARD

Q.187) Tipping is practiced in which of the crop

- (a) Tea
- (b) Coffee
- (c) Jute
- (d) Gram
- (e) Wheat

Answer - (a)

Explanation -

This is a straight question that is again testing your factual and conceptual clarity. Before the regular plucking season begins, tea bushes are trimmed to a specific height, leaving a few maintenance leaves. This creates a flat plucking table, making the plucking process more convenient. Plucking is the most expensive part of tea cultivation.

Q.188)What is the subsidy given by bank for financing combine harvester?

- (a) 40 % when the cost of harvester limited to 24 lakhs
- (b) 10 % upto the cost of 10 lakh
- (c) 20% upto cost of 15 lakhs
- (d) 50% upto Rs 10 lakh
- (e) 60% upto Rs 24 lakh

Answer - (a)

Q.189)Which crop is having highest conversion rate of solar energy?

- (a) Jowar
- (b) Millets
- (c) Sugarcane
- (d) Rice
- (e) Sunflower

Answer - (c)

Explanation -

This is a challenging, concept-based question that requires application of knowledge. It involves understanding the highest conversion rate of crops through solar energy (photosynthetic conversion).

If you're familiar with C3 and C4 plants, you'll know that sugarcane is a C4 plant, which has a higher photosynthetic efficiency compared to C3 plants like sunflower. Therefore, the correct answer is sugarcane.

Q.190) Which of the following is the most dominant factor for soil degradation in semi-arid zones in India?

- (a) Wind erosion
- (b) Water erosion
- (c) Rill erosion
- (d) Sheet erosion
- (e) None of the above

Answer - (a)

Explanation -

Topic from classification of soils – in SOIL SCIENCE chapter.

Q.191) Elephant grass is also known with the name

- (a) Napier grass
- (b) Bermuda grass
- (c) Wheat grass
- (d) Lemon grass
- (e) None of the above

Answer - (a)

Explanation -

This question is from important chapter of “**Cropping patterns and classification of field crops**”.

Q.192) Which of the following crop occupies largest area in India?

- (a) Potato
- (b) Tomato
- (c) Onion
- (d) Okra
- (e) Brinjal

Answer - (a)

Explanation -

This is a straight question that is again testing your GENERAL AWARENESS regarding agriculture as a subject.

Q.193) Which of the following soil has self-ploughing properties?

- (a) Black soil
- (b) Red soil
- (c) Forest soil
- (d) Alluvial soil
- (e) Desert soil

Answer - (a)

Explanation -

A question on SOIL classifications and properties of soil.

Q.194) In union budget 2020, finance minister announced a ____ point programme for revival of Agriculture sector

- (a) 5
- (b) 9
- (c) 11
- (d) 16
- (e) 20

Answer - (d)

Q.195) A minor irrigation scheme covers cultural command area upto

- (a) 100 hectares
- (b) 200 hectares
- (c) 500 hectares
- (d) 1000 hectares
- (e) 2000 hectares

Answer - (e)

Q.196) Which of the following is the knowledge partner for the committee on doubling of farmers Income?

- (a) National Council of Applied Economic Research
- (b) NABARD
- (c) ICAR
- (d) AVRDC
- (e) All of the above

Answer - (a)

Q.197) Which of the following type of fishes live in fresh water but move towards sea for breeding?

- (a) Catadromous
- (b) Anadromous
- (c) Indian carps
- (d) Gold fish
- (e) Shrimp

Answer - (a)

Explanation -

This question is from important chapter of “**Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Plantation and Horticulture**”. The learning we get from such questions is not to ignore CORE CONCEPTS. Concepts like gestation period, ovulation period, egg cycle, etc. are very important.

Q.198) Which of the following is the most serious viral disease of poultry?

- (a) Ranikhet disease
- (b) Duck plague
- (c) Hepatitis
- (d) FMD
- (e) Fowl cholera

Answer - (a)

Q.199) Which of the following nutrient plays key role in sugar synthesis in Sugarcane?

- (a) Potassium
- (b) Calcium
- (c) Iron
- (d) Nitrogen
- (e) Sodium

Answer - (a)

Explanation -

Again, a conceptual question based on knowledge and various terms related to chapter of “**Horticulture**”.

Q.200) Rosetting in groundnut is due to

- (a) Pathogenic virus
- (b) Fungus
- (c) Bacteria
- (d) Deficiency of iron
- (e) Deficiency of calcium

Answer - (a)

Explanation -

This is a straight question that is again testing your conceptual clarity.

Every exam there are 1-2 questions on diseases related to Horticultural crops. Cover diseases, cropping patterns, propagation methods etc.





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