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Q161. Wallowing, a behaviour in which animals roll or lie in mud or water to regulate body temperature, is most commonly associated with which animal?

- A. Horse
- B. Donkey
- C. Deer
- D. Camel
- E. Buffalo

Answer: E

Q162. Which category of crop is cultivated mainly to suppress weeds by shading the soil surface and reducing the availability of sunlight to unwanted plants?

- A. Cover Crop
- B. Relay Crop
- C. Smother Crop
- D. Companion Crop
- E. Cash Crop

Answer: C

Q163. Which organisation is primarily responsible for promoting, developing and disseminating post-harvest technologies for horticultural produce in India?

- A. NABARD
- B. APEDA
- C. Directorate of Agriculture
- D. National Horticulture Board
- E. CACP

Answer: D

Q164. The proportion of cropped area sown using certified or quality seed instead of farm-saved seed is known as:

- A. Seed Renewal Index
- B. Seed Adoption Ratio
- C. Seed Replacement Rate
- D. Seed Purity Ratio
- E. Seed Vigour Percentage

Answer: C

Q165. Which of the following plant nutrients is categorized as a macronutrient?

- A. Boron
- B. Iron
- C. Molybdenum
- D. Magnesium
- E. Chlorine

Answer: D

Q166. Which of the following is NOT a function of a seed-cum-fertilizer drill?

- A. Metering seeds uniformly
- B. Applying fertilizer simultaneously
- C. Maintaining proper sowing depth
- D. Covering seeds after placement
- E. Ploughing, levelling and pulverizing soil

Answer: E

Q167. Layer hens generally attain peak egg production at what age?

- A. 20–22 weeks
- B. 30–32 weeks
- C. 24–26 weeks
- D. 40–42 weeks
- E. 34–36 weeks

Answer: B

Q168. Which soil type contains excessive soluble salts and is locally referred to as Reh, Kallar or Usar?

- A. Sandy Soil
- B. Forest Soil
- C. Saline Soil
- D. Mountain Soil
- E. Marshy Soil

Answer: C

Q169. The Vindhyan region falls under which agro-climatic zone of India?

- A. Western Himalayan Region
- B. Central Plateau and Hills
- C. East Coast Plains
- D. Western Dry Region
- E. Middle Gangetic Plains

Answer: B

Q170. Which soil is dominant in the Deccan Plateau and is famous for its excellent moisture retention capacity?

- A. Desert Soil
- B. Brown Soil
- C. Red and Yellow Soil
- D. Black Soil
- E. Mountain Soil

Answer: D

Q171. Which among the following animals is not classified under the bovine category?

- A. Mithun
- B. Yak

- C. Buffalo
- D. Gaur
- E. Goat

Answer: E

Q172. Which sprayer is most commonly used for pesticide application in field crops?

- A. Compression Sprayer
- B. Wheelbarrow Sprayer
- C. Knapsack Sprayer
- D. Air Blast Sprayer
- E. ULV Sprayer

Answer: C

Q173. The constitutional term of a Gram Panchayat is:

- A. 2 years
- B. 4 years
- C. 5 years
- D. 8 years
- E. 10 years

Answer: C

Q174. Which spice, belonging to the same family as ginger, is popularly referred to as the "Queen of Spices"?

- A. Saffron
- B. Cardamom
- C. Star Anise
- D. Black Cumin
- E. Mace

Answer: B

Q175. The IPCC was jointly established by which two international organisations?

- A. UNEP and UNESCO
- B. FAO and IFAD
- C. WMO and UNEP
- D. UNDP and FAO
- E. WTO and IMF

Answer: C

Q176. Which of the following is NOT considered a backward agricultural linkage activity?

- A. Seed Processing
- B. Agrochemical Manufacturing
- C. Tractor Production

- D. Agricultural Input Supply
- E. Irrigation Equipment Manufacturing

Answer: D

Q177. Carbon credit trading mechanisms originated under which international agreement?

- A. Paris Climate Accord
- B. Vienna Convention
- C. Basel Convention
- D. Stockholm Convention
- E. Kyoto Protocol

Answer: E

Q178. Which of the following represents a disadvantage of cooperative farming?

- A. Shared Resources
- B. Collective Decision Making
- C. Reduced Bargaining Power of Farmers
- D. Lower Production Costs
- E. Improved Market Access

Answer: C

Q179. Which statement is incorrect regarding intercropping?

- A. Different crops are grown together
- B. Crops follow a planned row arrangement
- C. Resources are utilized efficiently
- D. Crops are not sown simultaneously
- E. Production risk is minimized

Answer: D

Q180. Which statement is NOT correct with respect to drip irrigation?

- A. Water reaches the root zone directly
- B. It leads to water scarcity due to controlled application
- C. Water losses through evaporation are reduced
- D. Irrigation efficiency is enhanced
- E. Suitable for arid and semi-arid regions

Answer: B

Q181. The break-even point refers to the stage where:

- A. Profit is maximized
- B. Expenses exceed earnings
- C. Variable costs are recovered
- D. Total Revenue equals Total Cost
- E. Fixed cost becomes zero

Answer: D

Q182. Hedging refers to:

- A. Arbitrage in commodity markets
- B. Protection against price fluctuations through future/forward contracts
- C. Long-term warehousing
- D. Government procurement
- E. Market speculation

Answer: B

Q183. El Niño is characterized by:

- A. Cooling of Pacific waters
- B. Increased Arctic temperatures
- C. Unusually warm Pacific Ocean surface temperatures affecting weather patterns
- D. Weak monsoon over Europe
- E. Strong Atlantic currents

Answer: C

Q184. Which planting system places an additional plant in the centre of a square formed by four main plants?

- A. Contour System
- B. Hedge Row System
- C. Paired Row System
- D. Quincunx System
- E. Diagonal System

Answer: D

Q185. High salinity irrigation water belongs to which category?

- A. C1 with EC below 0.5
- B. C2 with EC 0.5–1.0
- C. C3 with EC below 2.0
- D. C4 and EC greater than 2.5
- E. C5 with EC above 5.0

Answer: D

Q186. Which policy introduced in 1988 focused on environmental protection and conservation of forests and wildlife?

- A. National Biodiversity Policy
- B. Environmental Conservation Policy
- C. Eco-Development Policy
- D. Green India Policy
- E. National Forest Policy, 1988

Answer: E

Q187. Which preservative is widely used for long-term preservation of fruits and vegetables?

- A. Acetic Acid
- B. Sorbic Acid
- C. Common Salt
- D. Lactic Acid
- E. Sodium Metabisulphite

Answer: E

Q188. What is the correct progression of water erosion from beginning to advanced stage?

- A. Sheet → Rill → Splash → Gully
- B. Splash → Gully → Sheet → Rill
- C. Splash → Sheet → Rill → Gully
- D. Rill → Splash → Sheet → Gully
- E. Sheet → Gully → Splash → Rill

Answer: C

Q189. Transhumance refers to:

- A. Nomadic trading activity
- B. Seasonal labour migration
- C. Seasonal migration of livestock and pastoral communities between grazing grounds
- D. Forest-based cultivation
- E. Permanent livestock settlement

Answer: C

Q190. The primary objective of ATMA is to:

- A. Promote agricultural exports
- B. Provide crop insurance
- C. Strengthen decentralized, farmer-led agricultural extension services
- D. Regulate fertilizer distribution
- E. Manage agricultural credit

Answer: C

Q191. What is the validity period of an MGNREGA Job Card?

- A. 2 years
- B. 4 years
- C. 5 years
- D. 8 years
- E. Permanent validity

Answer: C

Q192. As per the latest data, how many Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) are operational in India?

- A. 690
- B. 710
- C. 720
- D. 731
- E. 760

Answer: D

Q193. Which state became the first to implement the PM-Kisan Maandhan Yojana?

- A. Haryana
- B. Punjab
- C. Gujarat
- D. Odisha
- E. Jharkhand

Answer: E

Q194. India's share in global milk production is approximately:

- A. 12–14%
- B. 16–18%
- C. 21–23%
- D. 24–25%
- E. 28–30%

Answer: D

Q195. The ODF Plus Solid Waste Management component is implemented under which scheme?

- A. AMRUT
- B. PMAY-G
- C. Jal Shakti Abhiyan
- D. SBM-U 2.0
- E. SBM-G

Answer: E

Q196. Under PMFBY, crop loss compensation is generally triggered when crop loss is:

- A. Above 75%
- B. More than 60%
- C. Exactly 40%
- D. Equal to threshold yield
- E. Less than 50%

Answer: E

Q197. Which of the following are sub-missions under the National Livestock Mission?

- a. Breed Development of Livestock & Poultry
- b. Feed & Fodder Development
- c. Innovation & Extension

- A. Only a and b
- B. Only c
- C. Only a and c
- D. a, b and c
- E. Only b

Answer: D

Q198. APEDA recently facilitated the export of fortified rice to Papua New Guinea from which state?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Karnataka
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Punjab
- E. Chhattisgarh

Answer: E

Q199. Which Government scheme specifically focuses on agro-processing infrastructure and post-harvest management?

- A. PMKSY
- B. PM Kisan Sampada Yojana
- C. NMSA
- D. PM-KISAN
- E. PKVY

Answer: B

Q200. Which digital platform serves as a single-window system for agricultural schemes, services and farmer-centric programmes?

- A. Agrisnet
- B. Digital Kisan Portal
- C. UPAg Portal
- D. Farmer Connect Portal
- E. National Agri Gateway

Answer: C

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