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G.K. QUESTIONS ON SOILS, CROPS & AGRICULTURE

1. Jute cultivation in India is concentrated in the delta area of which of the following rivers?
 - a. Ganga
 - b. Mahanadi
 - c. Brahmaputra
 - d. Godavari

2. Which of the following is the largest irrigation canal in India?
 - a. Buckingham Canal
 - b. Sirhind Canal
 - c. Indira Gandhi Canal
 - d. Sutlej Yamuna Link Canal

3. Which one of the following is the correct sequence in the decreasing order of production (in million tonnes) of the given foodgrains in India?
 - a. Wheat - Rice - Pulses - Coarse cereals
 - b. Rice - Wheat - Pulses - Coarse cereals
 - c. Wheat - Rice - Coarse cereals - Pulses
 - d. Rice - Wheat - Coarse cereals - Pulses

4. The eyes of potato are useful for -
 - a. Nutrition
 - b. Respiration
 - c. Vegetative Propagation
 - d. Protection from predators

5. What is Slash and Burn Agriculture?
 - a. method of sugarcane cultivation
 - b. process of deforestation
 - c. agriculture without irrigation
 - d. jhum cultivation

6. Rotation of crops means

- a. growing of different crops in the same area in sequential seasons
- b. shifting of area of same crops
- c. growing two or more crops simultaneously to increase productivity
- d. alternating crops with fruits over a period of years

7. The nitrogen present in the atmosphere is -

- a. of no use to plants
- b. injurious to plants
- c. directly utilized by plants
- d. utilized through micro-organisms

8. Which is the largest cotton growing State in India?

- a. Maharashtra
- b. Madhya Pradesh
- c. Andhra Pradesh
- d. Gujarat

9. The variety of coffee largely grown in India is -

- a. Old Chicks
- b. Coorgs
- c. Arabica
- d. Kents

10. Under which plan did the Government introduce an agricultural strategy which gave rise to Green Revolution?

- a. Third Five-Year Plan
- b. Fourth Five-Year Plan
- c. Fifth Five-Year Plan
- d. Second Five-Year Plan

11. Laterite soil develops as a result of -

- a. Deposits of alluvial
- b. Deposition of loess
- c. Leaching of sedimentary rocks
- d. Wind-blown dust

12. What kind of soil is treated with gypsum to make it suitable for cropping?
- Alluvial
 - Acidic
 - Water-logged
 - Soil with excessive clay content
13. Golden rice variety has been developed to combat the deficiency of -
- Iron
 - Vitamin C
 - Calcium
 - Vitamin A
14. Which one of the following is known as a pseudocereal?
- Wheat
 - Quinoa
 - Horse Gram
 - Barley
15. Besides Rabi and Kharif, which is the third crop season in India?
- Zaid
 - Barsati
 - Sharad
 - Jhum
16. Kharif crops are harvested in -
- June - July
 - October - November
 - May - June
 - March - April
17. Coating urea with which of the following has been found to increase the yield of crops?
- Lime
 - Ash
 - Neem oil
 - Eucalyptus oil

18. Which one among the following agricultural crops/groups of crops may be grown in abundant in lowlands and river deltas of fertile alluvial soil where there is high summer temperature and rainfall varies' from 180 cm to 250 cm?

- a. Wheat and sugarcane
- b. Cotton
- c. Maize and coarse crops
- d. Rice, jute and tea

19. Which of the following crops would be preferred for sowing in order to enrich the soil with nitrogen?

- a. Wheat
- b. Mustard
- c. Sunflower
- d. Gram

20. For which of the following is black soil not very suitable?

- a. Cotton
- b. Wheat
- c. Ground nut
- d. Potato

21. Extensive areas of grape cultivation in France are especially called -

- a. Wine cellars
- b. Grape fields
- c. Grape farms
- d. Vineyards

22. To which group does the black cotton soil of India belong?

- a. Laterite
- b. Podzole
- c. Chernozem
- d. Sierozem

23. Which of the following is a cash crop in India?

- a. Rice
- b. Wheat

- c. Sugarcane
- d. Jowar

24. Which of the following is a salt tolerant rice variety grown in water-logged coastal regions of Kerala?

- a. Navara
- b. Pokkali
- c. Ponni
- d. Samba

25. Which of the following is grown mainly on mountain slopes?

- a. Paddy
- b. Tea
- c. Groundnut
- d. Potato

26. Which one of the following is not a nitrogenous fertilizer?

- a. KCl
- b. CaCN_2
- c. NH_4NO_3
- d. Urea

27. Which acid is used in the production of fertilizers?

- a. Nitric Acid
- b. Hydrochloric Acid
- c. Sulphuric Acid
- d. Carbonic Acid

28. The headquarters of Food and Agricultural Organisation are located in -

- a. Geneva
- b. New York
- c. Paris
- d. Rome

29. The headquarters of International Rice Research Institute are located in -

- a. Philippines

- b. Japan
- c. China
- d. Indonesia

30. Who was the first recipient of World Food Prize?

- a. Robert F. Chandler
- b. M.S. Swaminathan
- c. Verghese Kurien
- d. Mohammad Yunus

31. Which country has the highest reserves (nearly 70%) of phosphates, an important ingredient for fertilisers?

- a. India
- b. Afghanistan
- c. Bolivia
- d. Morocco

32. Where is the Central Rice Research Institute located?

- a. Faridabad
- b. Jodhpur
- c. Cuttack
- d. Mysuru

33. Which of the following is the largest producer of saffron in India?

- a. Himachal Pradesh
- b. Uttarakhand
- c. Jammu and Kashmir
- d. Sikkim

34. The branch of agriculture specifically concerned with the cultivation of fruits is known as -

- a. Floriculture
- b. Pomiculture
- c. Arboriculture
- d. Viniculture

35. Cote d'Ivoire is country known for being the largest producer of which of the following crops?

- a. Cloves
- b. Cocoa
- c. Quinoa
- d. Vanilla

36. Which of the following constitutes the highest percentage share of India's agricultural imports?

- a. Edible oils
- b. Rice
- c. Pulses
- d. Wheat

37. Which of the following soils is formed by the deposition of sediments carried by rivers?

- a. Alluvial Soil
- b. Black Soil
- c. Laterite Soil
- d. Yellow Soil

38. Which of the following soils is also known as regur soil?

- a. Saline soil
- b. Arid soil
- c. Red soil
- d. Black soil

39. In which country did the famed agronomist Norman Borlaug develop the disease resistant high-yield wheat varieties?

- a. Mexico
- b. India
- c. Bangladesh
- d. Philippines

40. Which of the following soils is deficient in humus?

- a. Black soil
- b. Laterite soil
- c. Alluvial soil
- d. Peaty soil

41. At which of the following places is the Central Arid Zone Research Institute located
- Udaipur
 - Jaipur
 - Jodhpur
 - Jaisalmer
42. What kind of soil is generally used for making bricks?
- Alluvial soil
 - Black soil
 - Sandy soil
 - Laterite soil
43. Which species of wheat is grown to the largest extent in India?
- Triticum trigidum
 - Triticum durum
 - Triticum dicoccum
 - Triticum aestivum
44. For which of the following primary reasons are Bt crops genetically modified?
- Increase in production
 - Protection from pests
 - Increase in protein content
 - Protection from viral attacks
45. What kind of diseases are named rust, for example, leaf rust, stem rust etc.?
- Fungal
 - Viral
 - Bacterial
 - Genetic
46. Which of the following can be classified as an industrial crop?
- Rubber
 - Tea
 - Coconut
 - Cocoa

47. Khadar and Bhangar are types of which of the following soils?

- a. Alluvial Soil
- b. Black Soil
- c. Laterite Soil
- d. Yellow Soil

48. Which was the first crop to be domesticated by humans?

- a. Rice
- b. Sugar cane
- c. Maize
- d. Wheat

49. Yellow revolution was started to boost the production of which of the following?

- a. Oil seeds
- b. Flowers
- c. Jute
- d. Fishes

50. Which of the following largest producer of mushrooms in the world?

- a. United States
- b. China
- c. Japan
- d. Australia

Answers

1. a	2. c	3. d	4. c	5. d	6. a	7. d	8. d	9. c	10. b
11. c	12. d	13. d	14. b	15. a	16. b	17. c	18. d	19. d	20. c
21. d	22. c	23. c	24. b	25. b	26. a	27. a	28. d	29. a	30. b
31. d	32. c	33. c	34. b	35. b	36. a	37. a	38. d	39. a	40. b
41. c	42. d	43. d	44. b	45. a	46. a	47. a	48. d	49. a	50. b

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