# **Plant Growth and Development**

# I. Select the correct answer from the following questions:

#### Question 1.

Three important growth promotor hormones in plants are

- (a) Auxins, gibberellins and ethylene
- (b) Auxins, gibberellins and cytokinins
- (c) Ethylene, abscisic acid and cytokinins
- (d) Gibberellins, cytokinins and abscisic acid

#### **▼** Answer

Answer: (b) Auxins, gibberellins and cytokinins

#### Question 2.

First hormone isolated from human urine suffering from pellagra disease was

- (a) Gibberelins
- (b) Auxins
- (c) Cytokinins
- (d) Abscisic acid

#### **▼** Answer

Answer: (b) Auxins

### Question 3.

Indole 3 acetic acid (IAA) is a naturally occuring plant hormone called

- (a) Gibberellins
- (b) Auxins
- (c) Cytokinins
- (d) Abscisic acid

# **▼** Answer

Answer: (b) Auxins

### Question 4.

Auxins hormone was first discoverd by

- (a) Kogletal
- (b) Went
- (c) Darwin
- (d) Boysen Jenson

# ▼ Answer

Answer: (b) Went

# Question 5.

Auxin is synthesised in the apical meristems from amino acid

- (a) Isoleucine
- (b) Methionine
- (c) Niacin
- (d) Tryptophan

# **▼** Answer

Answer: (d) Tryptophan

### Question 6.

Growth regulator which is known to promote cell division in vascular cambium is

- (a) IAA
- (b) ABA
- (c) Cytokinins
- (d) Ethylene

# **▼** Answer

Answer: (a) IAA

### Question 7.

Growth regultor which is known to induce parthenocarphy is plants is called

- (a) Gibberellins
- (b) ABA

- (c) Ethylene
- (d) Cytokinins

Answer: (a) Gibberellins

#### Question 8.

The formation of seedless fruits without the act of fertilization is known as

- (a) Parthenocarpy
- (b) Pseudocarpy
- (c) Apomixis
- (d) Parthenogenesis

#### ▼ Answer

Answer: (a) Parthenocarpy.

#### Question 9.

The major sites of gibberellin production in plants are

- (a) Embryos
- (b) Roots
- (c) Young leaves
- (d) All of these

### **▼** Answer

Answer: (d) All of these

#### Question 10.

Gibberellin was isolated in pure form by

- (a) Brian et al
- (b) Went
- (c) Yabuta
- (d) Kurosava

#### **▼** Answer

Answer: (a) Brian et al

## Question 11.

Internodal elongation of genetically dwarf plants in known as

- (a) Bolting
- (b) Elongation
- (c) Etiolation
- (d) None of these

# **▼** Answer

Answer: (a) Bolting

### Question 12.

Cytokinins are in nature

- (a) Acidic (b) Neutral
- (c) Basic
- (d) All of these

# **▼** Answer

Answer: (c) Basic

### Question 13.

Cytokinins help in promoting

- (a) Cell division
- (b) Stem elongation
- (c) Cell enlargement
- (d) Parthenocarpy

#### **▼** Answer

Answer: (a) Cell division

# Question 14.

The first natural cytokinins obtained from unripe maize grains is known as

- (a) Indole 3-acetic acid
- (b) ABA
- (c) Zeatin
- (d) Kinetin

Answer: (c) Zeatin

#### Question 15.

Two important growth inhibitors in plants are

- (a) Ethylene and abscisic acid
- (b) Auxins and abscisic acid
- (c) Gibberellins and abscisic acid
- (d) Cytokinins and ethylene

#### ▼ Answer

Answer: (a) Ethylene and abscisic acid

#### Question 16.

Name the plant hormone which hastens ripening of fruits and colour development is citrus, apple, mango, banana, etc.

- (a) Gibberellin
- (b) Ethylene
- (c) ABA
- (d) IAA

#### ▼ Answer

Answer: (b) Ethylene

#### Question 17.

Abscisic acid (ABA) was first isolated from cotton balls by

- (a) Addicot et al
- (b) Letham et al
- (c) Brian et al
- (d) Kurosava

# ▼ Answer

Answer: (a) Addicot et al

# Question 18.

Seeds which are influenced by light for germination are known as

- (a) Neoblastic
- (b) Hoioblastic
- (c) Photoblastic
- (d) All of these

### **▼** Answer

Answer: (c) Photoblastic

# Question 19.

The cold induced stimulus used in vernalization is

- (a) Vernalin
- (b) Carotene
- (c) Ethylene
- (d) Florigen

#### ▼ Answer

Answer: (a) Vemalin

### Question 20.

When dark period of short day plants is interrupted by a brief exposure to light the plant will-

- (a) flower immediately
- (b) give more flowers
- (c) not flower at all
- (d) change into long day plant

# ▼ Answer

Answer: (c) Not flower at all

Question 21. W'hich is a long day plant (a) Xanthium (b) Wheat (c) Soyabean (d) Tobacco **▼** Answer Answer: (b) Wheat Question 22. Which can replace the requirement of vernalisation (a) Gibberellins (b) Auxin (c) Cytokinin (d) Ethylene ▼ Answer Answer: (a) Gibberellins Question 23. Artificial ripening of fruit of accomplished by treatment with (a) Zeatin (b) NaCl (c) IAA (d) Ethylene gas **▼** Answer Answer: (d) Ethylene gas Question 24. Which is a short day plant? (a) Glycine max (b) Triticum aestivum (c) Raphanus sativus (d) Daucus carota ▼ Answer Answer: (a) Glycine max Question 25. The period of growth is generally divided into (a) Meristematic phase (b) Elongation phase (c) Maturation phase (d) All of these phases ▼ Answer Answer: (d) All of these phases II. Fill in the blanks: ...... is regarded as one of the most fundamental and conspicuous characteristics of a living being. Answer: Growth

# Question 2.

Plant growth is ...... because plants retain die capacity for unlimited growth throughout their life.

#### **▼** Answer

Answer: Unique

#### Question 3.

This form of growth wherein new cells are always being added to the plant body by the activity of the meristem is called the ......

▼ Answer

Answer: open form of growth
Question 4. Growth is, therefore, measured by a variety of parameters some o,r which aredry weight; length; area volume and cell number.
▼ Answer
Answer: increase in fresh weight
Question 5. The period of growth is generally divided into three phases, namely, and
▼ Answer
Answer: meristematic, elongation, maturation
Question 6. The increased growth per unit time is termed as
▼ Answer
Answer: growth rate
Question 7. In arithmetic growth, following cell division, only one continues to divide while the other differentiates and matures.
▼ Answer
Answer: mitoic, daughter cell
Question 8.  Measurement and comparison of total growth per unit time is called the
▼ Answer
Answer: absolute growth rate
Question 9. The growth of the given system per unit initial parameter is called the
▼ Answer
Answer: relative growth rate
Question 10helps in releasing metabolic energy essential for growth activities.
▼ Answer
Answer: Oxygen
Question 11is a term that includes all changes that an organism goes through during its life cycle from germination of the seed to senescence.
▼ Answer
Answer: Development
Question 12 are very closely related events in the life of a plant.
▼ Answer
Answer: Growth, differentiation, development
Question 13. The plant growth regulators are of diverse chemical composition.
▼ Answer
Answer: small, simple molecules
Question 14 is used to speed up the malting process in brewing industry.

Answer: GA<sub>3</sub>

Question 15.

..... is highly effective in fruit ripening.

#### ▼ Answer

Answer: Ethylene

# III. Mark the statement True (T) or False (F):

#### Ouestion 1

Ethylene also promotes root growth and root hair formation, thus helping the plants to increase their absorption surface.

#### ▼ Answer

Answer: True

#### Question 2.

Abscisic acid (ABA) was discovered for its, role in regulating abscission and dormancy.

# **▼** Answer

Answer: True

#### Question 3.

The former group of plants are long day plants while the later ones are termed short day plants.

#### Answer

Answer: False

# Question 4.

Flowering in certain plants depends not only on a combination of light and dark exposures but also their relative durations. This is termed photoperiodism.

### **▼** Answer

Answer: True

### Question 5.

Biennials are monocarpic plants that normally flower and die in the second season.

#### ▼ Answer

Answer: True

### Question 6.

Vernalisation refers specially to the promotion of flowering by a period of low temperatures.

# ▼ Answer

Answer: True

# Question 7.

Environmental signals such as light and gravity also affect certain phases/stages of growth.

# ▼ Answer

Answer: True

# Question 8.

An S-shaped curve is a characteristic of the living organism growing in a natural environment. It is typical for all cells, tissues and organs of a plant.

# ▼ Answer

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Wherein new cells are always being added to the plant body by the activity of the meristem is called the close form of growth.

#### ▼ Answer

Answer: False

#### Ouestion 11.

Development is the sum of two processes: growth and differentiation.

#### ▼ Answer

Answer: True

#### Question 12.

AH plant organs are made up of a variety of tissues.

#### **▼** Answer

Answer: True

#### Question 13.

The plant cells grow in size by cell enlargement which in turn requires water.

# **▼** Answer

Answer: True

#### Question 14.

Cells positioned away from shoot apical meristems differentiate as shoot-cap cells, while those pushed to the periphery mature as epidermis

#### ▼ Answer

Answer: False

# Question 15.

 $\overline{PGRs}$  could be indole compounds (indole-3-acetic acid, IAA); adenine derivatives (N6- furfurylamino purine, kinetin), derivatives of carotenoids and fatty acids (abscisic acid, ABA); terpenes (gibberellic acid, GA<sub>3</sub>) or gases (ethylene,  $C_2H_4$ )

### **▼** Answer

Answer: True

# IV. Match the items of column I with the items of column II

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