

1. Consider the following statements regarding tomato :

- I. Tomato is predominantly self-pollinated. ✓
- II. Exsertion of stigma increases the possibility of cross-pollination.
- III. High-temperature during flowering may reduce fruit set.
- IV. Excessive nitrogen invariably increases fruit set under high-temperature conditions.

Which of the statements given above are **correct**?

- (A) I, II, III and IV
- (B) I and IV only
- (C) II, III and IV only
- (D) ✓ I, II and III only

2. Match the following :

(Technique)	(Application)
(a) Controlled atmosphere	(i) Flower preservation
(b) Pulsing	(ii) Fruit storage
(c) Waxing	(iii) Extending vase life
(d) Pre-cooling	(iv) Removing field heat

- (a) (b) (c) (d)
- (A) (i) (ii) (iii) (iv)
- ✓ (B) (ii) (iii) (i) (iv)
- (C) (iii) (iv) (ii) (i)
- (D) (iv) (i) (iii) (ii)

3. Match the following :

(Fruit)	(Important characteristic)
(a) Banana	(i) Polyembryony
(b) Citrus	(ii) Rhizomatous herb
(c) Mango	✓ (iii) Stone fruit
(d) Grape	(iv) Berry

- (a) (b) (c) (d)
- (A) (iii) (iv) (ii) (i) ✗
- (B) (i) (iii) (iv) (ii) ✗
- ✓ (C) (iv) (ii) (i) (iii)
- (D) (ii) (i) (iii) (iv) ✗

4. Consider the following statements :

Statement-I : Curing is particularly important in crops such as onion and potato.

Statement-II : Curing helps in wound healing and development of protective tissues.

Which of the above statements are **correct/incorrect**?

- ✓ (A) Both I and II are correct
- (B) I is correct and II is incorrect
- (C) I is incorrect and II is correct
- (D) Both I and II are incorrect



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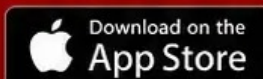


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5. Match the following :

(Crop)	(Propagule)
(a) Gladiolus	(i) Bulb
(b) Tuberose	(ii) Corm
(c) Rose	(iii) Cutting/budding
(d) Dahlia	(iv) Tuber

- (a) (b) (c) (d)
 (A) (ii) (i) (iii) (iv)
 (B) (i) (ii) (iv) (iii)
 (C) (iii) (iv) (i) (ii)
 (D) (iv) (iii) (ii) (i)

6. Consider the following :

Assertion (A) : Lowering storage temperature generally slows respiration.

Reason (R) : Respiration is a temperature-dependent physiological process.

- (A) Both **Assertion (A)** and **Reason (R)** are true and **Reason (R)** explains **Assertion (A)**
 (B) Both **Assertion (A)** and **Reason (R)** are true but **Reason (R)** does not explain **Assertion (A)**
 (C) **Assertion (A)** is true but **Reason (R)** is false
 (D) **Assertion (A)** is false but **Reason (R)** is true

7. Which fruit crop is associated with polyembryony?

- (A) Citrus
 (B) Grape
 (C) Strawberry
 (D) Pineapple

8. The sparkling wine contains

- (A) O_2 dissolved under pressure
 (B) CO_2 dissolved under pressure
 (C) Both (A) and (B)
 (D) None of the above

9. Papaya was introduced during which century?

- (A) 17th century
 (B) 18th century
 (C) 16th century
 (D) 15th century

10. Which growth / regulator is responsible for the Richmond-Lang effect?

- (A) Auxins
 (B) Cytokinins
 (C) Ethylene
 (D) Gibberellins

11. Which grafting technique is practised for rejuvenating old trees?

- (A) Cleft grafting
 (B) Approach grafting
 (C) Veneer grafting
 (D) Topworking

12. The chromosome number of carnation is

- (A) 18
 (B) 20
 (C) 30
 (D) 14

13. Match the following vegetable crops with their edible botanical parts :

(Crop)	(Edible part)
(a) Potato	(i) Modified stem
(b) Carrot	(ii) Tap root
(c) Onion	(iii) Freshly leaf bases
(d) Asparagus	(iv) Young shoots

- (a) (b) (c) (d)
- (A) (i) (ii) (iv) (iii) ✗
- (B) (i) (ii) (iii) (iv) ✗
- (C) (i) (iii) (ii) (iv) ✗
- (D) (iv) (ii) (iii) (i) ✗

14. Removal of field heat immediately after harvesting is called

- (A) curing
- (B) pre-cooling
- (C) conditioning
- (D) ripening ✗

15. Which of the following is a monocot vegetable?

- (A) Tomato
- (B) Brinjal
- (C) Onion ✗
- (D) Radish

16. Which fruit is generally classified as climacteric?

- (A) Grape
- (B) Citrus
- (C) Mango
- (D) Strawberry

17. Consider the following :

Assertion (A) : Ethylene is called a ripening hormone.

Reason (R) : Ethylene can promote several ripening-associated changes in climacteric fruits.

- (A) Both **Assertion (A)** and **Reason (R)** are true and **Reason (R)** is the correct explanation of **Assertion (A)**
- (B) Both **Assertion (A)** and **Reason (R)** are true but **Reason (R)** is not the correct explanation of **Assertion (A)**
- (C) **Assertion (A)** is true but **Reason (R)** is false
- (D) **Assertion (A)** is false but **Reason (R)** is true

18. Consider the following :

Assertion (A) : Banana is commercially propagated through suckers. (Sword)

Reason (R) : Banana is commonly multiplied vegetatively rather than through seed for commercial production.

- (A) Both **Assertion (A)** and **Reason (R)** are true and **Reason (R)** is the correct explanation of **Assertion (A)**
- (B) Both **Assertion (A)** and **Reason (R)** are true but **Reason (R)** is not the correct explanation of **Assertion (A)**
- (C) **Assertion (A)** is true but **Reason (R)** is false
- (D) **Assertion (A)** is false but **Reason (R)** is true

19. Match the following :

(Crop)	(Major constituent)
(a) Turmeric	(i) Piperine
(b) Black pepper	(ii) Curcumin
(c) Ginger	(iii) Gingerol
(d) Clove	(iv) Eugenol

- (a) (b) (c) (d)
- (A) (iv) (iii) (ii) (i)
- (B) (i) (ii) (iv) (iii)
- (C) (iii) (iv) (i) (ii)
- ☒ (D) (ii) (i) (iii) (iv)

20. Consider the following :

Assertion (A) : Citrus plants are commonly propagated through budding.

Reason (R) : Most commercial citrus varieties are maintained vegetatively to preserve desirable characteristics.

- ☒ (A) Both **Assertion (A)** and **Reason (R)** are true and **Reason (R)** explains **Assertion (A)**
- (B) Both **Assertion (A)** and **Reason (R)** are true but **Reason (R)** does not explain **Assertion (A)**
- (C) **Assertion (A)** is true but **Reason (R)** is false
- (D) **Assertion (A)** is false but **Reason (R)** is true

21. Match the following :

(Crop)	(Propagation)
(a) Broccoli	(i) <i>Brassica oleracea</i> var. <i>acephala</i>
(b) Cabbage	(ii) <i>Apium graveolens</i> var. <i>dulce</i>
(c) Kale	(iii) <i>Brassica oleracea</i> var. <i>italica</i>
(d) Celery	☒ (iv) <i>Brassica oleracea</i> var. <i>capitata</i>

- (a) (b) (c) (d)
- (A) (i) (ii) (iii) (iv)
- (B) (ii) (i) (iv) (iii)
- ☒ (C) (iii) (iv) (i) (ii)
- (D) (iv) (iii) (ii) (i)

22. Which one is an important component of the cold chain?

- (A) High-temperature storage
- ☒ (B) Pre-cooling
- (C) Delayed harvesting
- (D) Mechanical injury ☒

23. Consider the following :

Assertion (A) : Avocado is a climacteric fruit.

Reason (R) : Avocado exhibits increased respiration and ethylene-related changes during ripening.

- ☒ (A) Both **Assertion (A)** and **Reason (R)** are true and **Reason (R)** explains **Assertion (A)**
- (B) Both **Assertion (A)** and **Reason (R)** are true but **Reason (R)** does not explain **Assertion (A)**
- (C) **Assertion (A)** is true but **Reason (R)** is false
- (D) **Assertion (A)** is false but **Reason (R)** is true

24. Which of the following is a pH indicator plant?

- (A) *Hydrangea*
(B) *Petunia*
(C) *Camellia*
(D) *Rhododendron*

25. In brinjal, cross-pollination occurs due to

- (A) heterostyly
(B) dioecy
(C) self-incompatibility
(D) None of the above

26. Which combination **correctly** represents the chromosome number of tomato and potato respectively?

- (A) $2n = 24$ and $2n = 48$
(B) $2n = 48$ and $2n = 24$
(C) $2n = 24$ and $2n = 36$
(D) $2n = 36$ and $2n = 24$

27. The inhibition of sprouting during storage of onion and potato is controlled by using

- (A) alpha radiation
(B) gamma radiation
(C) beta radiation
(D) Both (A) and (B)

28. Which of the following is primarily propagated commercially through cuttings?

- (A) Rose
(B) Gladiolus
(C) Tuberose
(D) Marigold

29. Match the following :

(Crop)	(Important feature)
(a) Mango	(i) Climacteric fruit
(b) Rose	(ii) Commercial flower crop
(c) Onion	(iii) Bulb crop
(d) Turmeric	(iv) Rhizome crop

- (a) (b) (c) (d)
(A) (i) (ii) (iii) (iv)
(B) (ii) (i) (iv) (iii)
(C) (iii) (iv) (i) (ii)
(D) (iv) (iii) (ii) (i)

30. Availability of phosphorus, calcium and magnesium sharply declines when soil pH falls below

- (A) 5.5
(B) 6.0
(C) 6.5
(D) 7.0

P, Ca, Mg

31. Recurrent apomixis is noticed in which crop?

- (A) Onion
(B) Leek
(C) Tomato
(D) Potato

32. The commercial flower crop propagated through bulbs is

- (A) gladiolus
- ☒ (B) tuberose
- (C) rose ✗
- (D) marigold ✗

33. The temperature at which water vapour condenses on produce is called the

- (A) freezing point
- ☒ (B) dew point
- (C) critical temperature ✗
- (D) storage point ✗

34. Which fruit crop is commonly propagated through veneer grafting?

- (A) Banana
- ☒ (B) Mango
- (C) Grape
- (D) Apple

35. Controlled atmosphere storage involves control of

- ☒ (A) O_2 and CO_2 concentrations
- (B) temperature only
- (C) relative humidity only
- (D) ethylene only

36. The pollinizing variety of apple is

- (A) Michal
- ☒ (B) Granny Smith ✗
- (C) Golden delicious ✗
- (D) Tropical beauty

37. Which practice is most directly associated with regulating plant architecture in rose?

- ☒ (A) Pruning
- (B) Curing
- (C) Grading
- (D) Waxing

38. Consider the following statements :

Statement-I: Relative humidity affects water loss from harvested produce. ✓

Statement-II: Higher relative humidity generally reduces the vapour pressure deficit between produce and surrounding air. ✓

Which of the above statements is/are **correct/incorrect**?

- ☒ (A) Both I and II are correct
- (B) I is correct and II is incorrect
- (C) I is incorrect and II is correct
- (D) Both I and II are incorrect

39. Consider the following:

Assertion (A): Removal of terminal growing points is called pinching. ✓

Reason (R): Pinching can encourage development of lateral shoots. ✓

(A) Both **Assertion (A)** and **Reason (R)** are true and **Reason (R)** explains **Assertion (A)**

(B) Both **Assertion (A)** and **Reason (R)** are true but **Reason (R)** does not explain **Assertion (A)**

(C) **Assertion (A)** is true but **Reason (R)** is false ✗

(D) **Assertion (A)** is false but **Reason (R)** is true ✗

40. Best time for picking okra is

(A) 4-5 days after flower opening

(B) 5-6 days after flower opening

(C) 6-7 days after flower opening ✓

(D) 7-8 days after flower opening

41. The pH of *Sphagnum* moss is to be

(A) 2.5 - 3.0

(B) 3.0 - 3.5

(C) 3.5 - 4.0 ✓

(D) 4.0 - 5.0

42. Nirmal and dhawal are the varieties of

(A) davana

(B) periwinkle ✓

(C) celery

(D) senna

43. The crown choking disorder in coconut is due to

(A) vitamin B deficiency ✗

(B) Zn deficiency

(C) excess boron ✓

(D) excess Zn

44. The botanical name of Indian Jujube is

(A) *Ziziphus rotundifolia*

(B) *Ziziphus nummularia*

(C) *Ziziphus mauritiana* ✓

(D) None of the above

45. Mohini is a variety of rose, which is

(A) triploid ✓

(B) diploid

(C) tetraploid

(D) octoploid

46. In tomato, the inflorescence is botanically classified as

(A) raceme ✓

(B) umbel ✗

(C) cyme

(D) scorpioid cyme ✗

47. 'Queen of the East' is the common name of

- (A) carnation
- ☒ (B) chrysanthemum
- (C) gerbera
- (D) jasmine

48. Consider the following :

Assertion (A) : Gladiolus is commercially propagated through corms and cormels. ✓

Reason (R) : Gladiolus is commonly multiplied vegetatively rather than through true seed for commercial production. ✓

☒ (A) Both **Assertion (A)** and **Reason (R)** are true and **Reason (R)** is the correct explanation of **Assertion (A)**

(B) Both **Assertion (A)** and **Reason (R)** are true but **Reason (R)** is not the correct explanation of **Assertion (A)**

(C) **Assertion (A)** is true but **Reason (R)** is false

(D) **Assertion (A)** is false but **Reason (R)** is true

49. The temperature range for the color development in carrots is

- (A) 16–18 °C
- ☒ (B) 16–21 °C
- (C) 16–25 °C
- (D) 16–27 °C

50. The economic parts of periwinkle plant used are

- (A) leaves and flowers
- (B) leaves and stem
- ☒ (C) leaves and roots
- (D) whole plant

roots

51. Watermelon belongs to the genus

- (A) *Cucumis*
- ☒ (B) *Citrullus*
- (C) *Cucurbita* ✓
- (D) *Luffa* ✓

52. Which flower crop is particularly important for extraction of an essential oil used in perfumery?

- ☒ (A) Jasmine
- (B) Gladiolus
- (C) Dahlia
- (D) Carnation

53. Pinching in flower crops is mainly practised to

- (A) reduce branching
(B) promote lateral branching
(C) stop flowering permanently
(D) increase root depth only

54. Which treatment is commonly used to reduce microbial spoilage of fresh produce?

- (A) Sanitation
(B) Increasing temperature
(C) Increasing mechanical injury
(D) Increasing respiration

55. The bioagent used for controlling *Parthenium* weed is

- (A) Mexican beetle
(B) Mexican snail
(C) fish
(D) atrazine

56. Pot herbs are generally

- (A) cool season crops
(B) warm season crops
(C) vegetable crops
(D) mild winter season crops

57. _____ reduces moisture loss, improves appearance and reduces the incidence of storage diseases.

- (A) Pre-cooling
(B) Degreening
(C) Waxing
(D) Disinfection

58. Match **List-I** with **List-II** :

List-I	List-II
(a) Clove	(i) Aril
(b) Mace	(ii) Dried flower bud
(c) Black pepper	(iii) Dried unripe fruit
(d) Cardamom	(iv) Capsule

(a) (b) (c) (d)

(A) (ii) (iii) (i) (iv)

(B) (i) (ii) (iv) (iii)

(C) (ii) (i) (iii) (iv)

(D) (iv) (i) (iii) (ii)

59. Which is a serious disease of potted plants?

- (A) Root rot
(B) Brown spot
(C) Leaf spot
(D) Dieback

60. The phenomenon of 'protogyny' is particularly important in hybrid seed production of

- (A) tomato
- (B) brinjal
- (C) okra
- (D) cabbage

61. Which of the following is a long-day vegetable?

- (A) Tomato (Day Neutral)
- (B) Cabbage
- (C) Sweet potato
- (D) None of the above

62. The economically important part of ginger is

- (A) bulb
- (B) corm
- (C) rhizome
- (D) tuber

63. High ammonium content in the soils results in which of the following physiological disorders?

- (A) Clubroot
- (B) Root splitting
- (C) Damping-off
- (D) Browning

64. Oregano belongs to the family

- (A) Solanaceae
- (B) Zingiberaceae
- (C) Lamiaceae
- (D) Piperaceae

65. Which of the following is known as 'divine flower'?

- (A) Jasmine
- (B) Carnation
- (C) Gerbera
- (D) Anthurium

66. Consider the following :

Assertion (A) : Ginger is propagated vegetatively using rhizomes.

Reason (R) : Rhizome pieces containing viable buds can produce new plants.

(A) Both **Assertion (A)** and **Reason (R)** are true and **Reason (R)** explains **Assertion (A)**

(B) Both **Assertion (A)** and **Reason (R)** are true but **Reason (R)** does not explain **Assertion (A)**

(C) **Assertion (A)** is true but **Reason (R)** is false

(D) **Assertion (A)** is false but **Reason (R)** is true

67. Match the following :

(Crop)	(Family)
(a) Tomato	(i) Fabaceae
(b) Cucumber,	(ii) Solanaceae
(c) Cabbage	(iii) Cucurbitaceae
(d) Pea	(iv) Brassicaceae

(a) (b) (c) (d)

(A) (iv) (i) (iii) (ii) ✗

(B) (iii) (ii) (i) (iv) ✗

✓ (C) (ii) (iii) (iv) (i)

(D) (iii) (iv) (ii) (i) ✗

68. _____ is used to induce off-season flowering in pineapple.

(A) NAA@300 ppm

(B) Ethrel@100 ppm

(C) NAA@100 ppm

(D) Ethrel@300 ppm

69. The chromosome number of

* coriander is

* Cumin

* (A) $2n = 22$

Umbelliferae

(B) $2n = 24$

(C) $2n = 20$

(D) $2n = 18$

70. The maturity index of muskmelon is

(A) netting

(B) full-slip stage

(C) tapping

✓ (D) Both (A) and (B)

71. Which of the following is the main pungent principle of black pepper?

(A) Capsaicin

(B) Piperine

(C) Curcumin

(D) Gingerol

72. Which of the following is a monocotyledonous vegetable?

(A) Carrot

(B) Onion

(C) Tomato

(D) Cabbage

73. The scion used for grafting tomatoes is

(A) *Citrullus lanatus*

(B) *Cucumis melo*

(C) *Cucurbita* spp.

(D) *Luffa aegyptiaca*

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→ capsicum

74. In *Capsicum annuum*, the in vitro technique used is

(A) callus regeneration ✓

(B) direct regeneration

(C) anther culture

(D) meristem culture

75. Modified atmosphere packaging primarily involves

(A) alteration of packaging gas composition ✓

(B) increasing field temperature

(C) increasing fruit respiration

(D) increasing water loss

76. Which of the following belongs to the Fabaceae family?

(A) Tomato

(B) Cucumber

(C) Garden pea ✓

(D) Cabbage

83. The principal pungent alkaloid of hot pepper is

(A) anthocyanin

~~(B) piperine~~

☒ (C) capsaicin

(D) capsanthin

84. Respiration rate of harvested produce is generally measured as

☒ (A) CO_2 produced or O_2 consumed

(B) ethylene absorbed

(C) water absorbed

(D) sugar consumed only

85. Match the following :

(Crop)	(Botanical name)
(a) Tomato	☒ (i) <i>Solanum lycopersicum</i>
(b) Brinjal	☒ (ii) <i>Momordica charantia</i>
(c) Bitter Gourd	☒ (iii) <i>Solanum melongena</i>
(d) Cucumber	☒ (iv) <i>Cucumis sativus</i>

(a) (b) (c) (d)

(A) (ii) (i) (iv) (iii)

☒ (B) (i) (iii) (ii) (iv)

(C) (iii) (iv) (i) (ii)

(D) (iv) (i) (ii) (iii)

86. Consider the following :

Assertion (A) : Maximum application of phosphatic fertilizers decreases the availability of zinc.

Reason (R) : Application of phosphatic fertilizers reduces the availability of micronutrients.

☒ (A) Both **Assertion (A)** and **Reason (R)** are true and **Reason (R)** explains **Assertion (A)**

(B) Both **Assertion (A)** and **Reason (R)** are true but **Reason (R)** does not explain **Assertion (A)**

(C) **Assertion (A)** is true but **Reason (R)** is false

(D) **Assertion (A)** is false but **Reason (R)** is true

87. Shade nets manufactured using HDPE (high-density polyethylene) have _____% shade.

☒ (A) 50 - 75

(B) 25 - 75

(C) 30 - 70

(D) 40 - 60

88. The vegetable crop that has a dioecious sex form and is cross-pollinated by insects is

(A) summer squash

(B) winter squash

☒ (C) ivy gourd

(D) bottle gourd

89. Zoning is a physiological disorder in garden beet due to

- (A) low warm weather
- ☒ (B) fluctuations in temperature
- (C) high warm weather
- (D) low temperature

90. The clonal name of UPASI-3 in Tea is

- (A) Jayaram
- (B) Pandian
- (C) Sundaram
- ☒ (D) Athrey

91. The phenomenon of development of fruits without fertilization is known as

- (A) polyembryony
- ☒ (B) parthenocarpy
- (C) apomixis
- (D) parthenogenesis

92. Which fruit crop is popularly known as the 'Queen of Fruits'?

- ☒ (A) Mangosteen
- (B) Pineapple
- (C) Longan
- (D) Strawberry

93. Consider the following:

Assertion (A): Marigold is widely used as a loose flower crop.

Reason (R): Its flowers are suitable for garlands and decoration.

- ☒ (A) Both **Assertion (A)** and **Reason (R)** are true and **Reason (R)** explains **Assertion (A)**
- (B) Both **Assertion (A)** and **Reason (R)** are true but **Reason (R)** does not explain **Assertion (A)**
- (C) **Assertion (A)** is true but **Reason (R)** is false
- (D) **Assertion (A)** is false but **Reason (R)** is true

94. Which fruit is generally considered as non-climacteric?

- (A) Mango
- (B) Banana
- ☒ (C) Grape
- (D) Papaya

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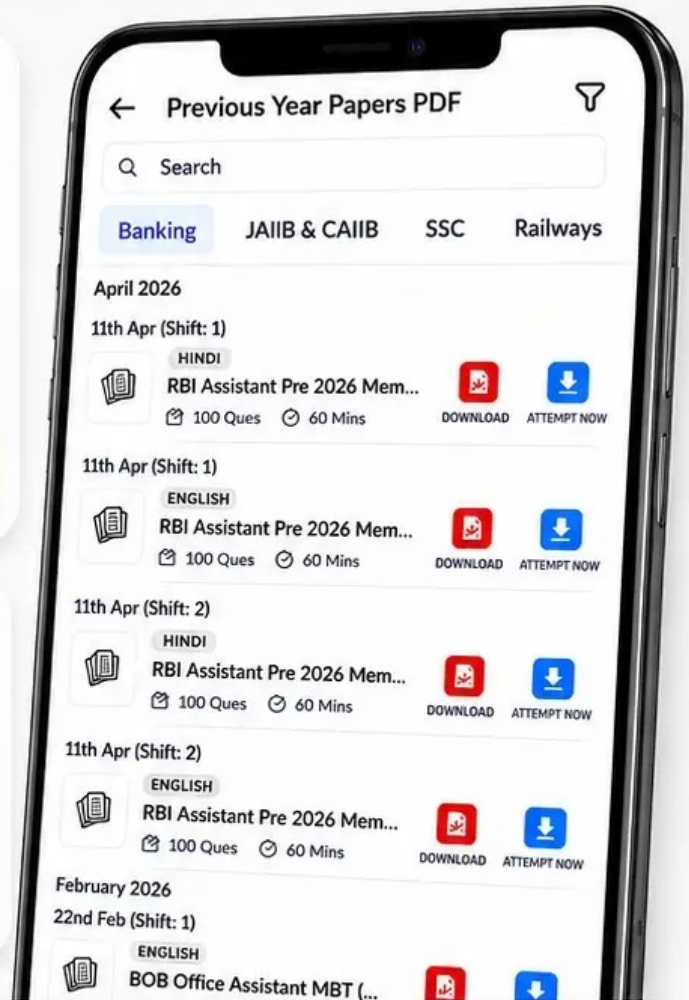
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Atul, SSC JE (ELCT)



Rahul, SSC JE (CIVIL)



Anand, SSC JE (ELCT)



Mohan, SSC JE (ELCT)



Saurabh, UGC NET



Ved, SSC JE (Mech)

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95. The bacterial biocontrol agents used are

- (A) *Aspergillus* spp.
- (B) *Cladosporium* spp.
- (C) *Pseudomonas* spp.
- (D) *Trichoderma* spp.

↳ fungal

96. Which fruit is called an evening flower scent-bearing fruit crop?

- (A) Custard apple
- (B) Ber
- (C) Dragon fruit
- (D) Durian

97. Which one of the following is a foliage anthurium?

- (A) *Anthurium andreanum*
- (B) *Anthurium regale*
- (C) *Anthurium digitatum*
- (D) *Anthurium robustum*

98. Defoliation causes

- (A) maleness
- (B) femaleness
- (C) Both (A) and (B)
- (D) flowering

99. PDSD in avocado was first reported by

- (A) Bergh in 1969
- (B) Elstrand in 1989
- (C) Bergh and Elstrand in 1969
- (D) Bergh and Elstrand in 1989

100. Which of the following belongs to the family Lauraceae?

- (A) Cardamom
- (B) Clove
- (C) Saffron
- (D) Cinnamon