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# Agriculture and Rural Development Questions for NABARD Exam.

## ARD Quiz 2

**Direction:** Study the following questions carefully and choose the right answer.

**1. Which among the following crops is under the highest irrigation in India?**

- A. Wheat                      B. Rice                      C. Maize                      D. Banana                      E. Sugarcane

**2. Which among the following is observed as the World Forestry Day every year?**

- A. March 25                      B. March 22                      C. March 23                      D. March 26                      E. March 21

**3. The first ever livestock census in India was conducted in which year?**

- A. 1939                      B. 1956                      C. 1989                      D. 1919                      E. None of these

**4. The first ever Krishi Vigyan Kendra was set up in India in which among the following places?**

- A. Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh                      B. Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh                      C. Alwar, Rajasthan  
D. Jaipur, Rajasthan                      E. Puducherry

**5. Which among the following is the maximum temperature that can be tolerated by the rice crops? (In Celsius)**

- A. 40 degrees                      B. 30 degrees                      C. 25 degrees                      D. 45 degrees                      E. None of these

**6. The Micro Irrigation Fund proposed to be created with NABARD will have an initial corpus of -**

- A. Rs 1000 crores                      B. Rs 2500 crores                      C. Rs 3500 crores                      D. Rs 4500 crores                      E. Rs 5000 crores

**7. The maximum premium payable by farmers for annual horticulture crops under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana is -**

- A. 2%                      B. 3%                      C. 5%                      D. 7.5%  
E. The full amount will have to be borne by the farmers

**8. Which among the following is the main partner of the Government of India in the National Agriculture Higher Education Project launched by Indian Council of Agriculture Research?**

- A. International Monetary Fund                      B. World Economic Forum                      C. World Bank  
D. Japan International Cooperation Agency                      E. None of these

**9. H-4 was the first ever successfully developed commercial hybrid variety of which among the following crops?**

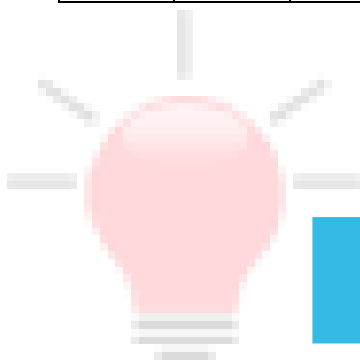
A. Wheat                      B. Barley                      C. Rice                      D. Maize                      E. None of these

**10. Which among the following is known as 'Queen of Fruits'?**

A. Apple                      B. Pineapple                      C. Guava                      D. Orange                      E. None of these

**Correct Answers:**

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
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## Explanations:

1. In India, the crop that gets the highest amount of land area under irrigation is wheat and it is followed by rice. Both these crops account for around 50 percent of the total land area under irrigation in the country. Sugarcane is the crop that has the highest percentage of area under irrigation and the net sown area, which is around 93%. It is followed by wheat at around 85%.

Hence, option A is correct.

2. The World Forestry Day is observed every year on March 21 in order to celebrate the contribution of forests and trees outside forests, in the development of mankind and its future generations. It was first observed in the year 2007 and is observed every year by the United Nations Framework on Climate Change. Every year, a lot of activities are carried out in different countries such as tree plantation etc. to commemorate this particular day.

Hence, option E is correct.

3. The livestock census is conducted every year by the Government of India in order to keep a count of the livestock animals in the country so that proper policy can be formulated for them. It was first conducted in the year 1919. At present, the Department of Animal Husbandry under the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, oversees this exercise every five years. The 19th Livestock Census of India was conducted in the year 2012.

Hence, option D is correct.

4. The first ever Krishi Vigyan Kendra in India was set up in Puducherry with the objective of developing research based agriculture infrastructure in various parts of the country. The first such centre was established in the year 1974. These centres serve as the ultimate link between the farmers and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research. At present, there are around 700 KVKs functioning in all over the country.

Hence, option E is correct.

5. The cultivation of rice requires hot and humid climate. The minimum temperatures required for germination, flowering and grain formation are 10, 23 and 20-21 degrees Celsius respectively. The optimum temperatures for growth, flowering and grain formation are 21-36, 25-29 and 20-25 degrees Celsius respectively. The requirement of rainfall for the cultivation of rice is around 100-150 cm and the maximum temperature that can be tolerated by the rice plant is 40 degrees Celsius.

Hence, option A is correct.

- 6.** The government has decided to set up the Micro Irrigation Fund to be administered by NABARD for an initial corpus of Rs 5000 crores. The main objective of the fund is to encourage public and private investment towards micro irrigation in India. It will incentivize the states for mobilizing resources towards micro irrigation and also will cover new areas through special programmes of the state governments.

Hence, option E is correct.

- 7.** The Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana was launched by the government in order to make sure that more farmers are brought under the insurance coverage for their crops. The maximum premium payable by farmers is 2% for Kharif crops, 1.5% for Rabi crops and 5% for annual commercialized / horticulture crops. The rest of the premium will be borne by the State Government and the Central Government on equal basis. The claims must be settled within two months of the harvest subject to the timely production of both yield data and share of premium subsidy by the state governments.

Hence, option C is correct.

- 8.** The ICAR has recently launched the Rs 1100 crores ambitious National Agriculture Higher Education Project (NAHEP). The main objective is to engage more Indian universities in imparting quality education to the agriculture students in the country. It is funded equally by the central government and the World Bank. A four-year degree in agriculture, horticulture, fisheries and forestry has also been declared as a professional degree under this programme.

Hence, option C is correct.

- 9.** Chandrakant T Patel developed the first ever commercial hybrid cotton seed named as Hybrid – 4 (Sankar -4) in 1970 and it was later cultivated successfully in Gujarat and Maharashtra. It was a huge success in Central India and its fiber properties made it a very popular variety in India. This literally changed the cotton farming landscape in India.

Hence, option E is correct.

- 10.** Pineapple is known as the queen of fruits whereas mango is known as the king of fruits. Apple is known as the King of Temperate fruits.

Hence, option B is correct.

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