

Plant Growth and Development

- 1. Assertion (A):** Plants show open form of growth.
Reason (R): Plants retain their meristematic activity at certain locations, throughout their life.

 - (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
 - (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
 - (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
 - (4) Both (A) and (R) are false
- 2. Assertion (A):** Swelling of piece of wood when placed in water is not a growth.
Reason (R): Swelling of piece of wood when placed in water is an imbibition.

 - (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
 - (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
 - (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
 - (4) Both (A) and (R) are false
- 3. Assertion (A):** A sigmoid curve is characteristic of plants growing in natural environment.
Reason (R): In natural conditions generally food and space start to act as limiting factor.

 - (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
 - (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
 - (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
 - (4) Both (A) and (R) are false
- 4. Assertion (A):** Plant growth and development is intimately linked with the water status of plant cell.
Reason (R): Water provides the medium for enzymatic activities.

 - (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
 - (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
 - (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
 - (4) Both (A) and (R) are false
- 5. Assertion (A):** Environmental signals such as light and gravity also affect certain phases or stages of growth.
Reason (R): Gravity and light leads to differential auxin concentration which is responsible for differential growth.

 - (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
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 - (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
 - (4) Both (A) and (R) are false
- 6. Assertion (A):** The act leading to maturation is known as differentiation.
Reason (R): Differentiation leads to structural and functional maturation of cells from meristematic cells.

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 - (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
 - (4) Both (A) and (R) are false
- 7. Assertion (A):** Secondary xylem and secondary phloem both are redifferentiated tissue.
Reason (R): Both of the tissue once again lose the capacity to divide, but mature to perform specific functions.

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 - (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
 - (4) Both (A) and (R) are false
- 8. Assertion (A):** Callus arise from parenchymatous cells under controlled laboratory conditions, is dedifferentiated mass of cells.
Reason (R): In callus arise from parenchymatous cells, cells regain ability of further division and lost specific shape and functions.

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 - (4) Both (A) and (R) are false



- 9. Assertion (A):** Development is a broad and extensive aspect of the life of an organism.
Reason (R): Development includes all changes that an organism goes through during its life cycle from birth to death.
 (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
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 (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
 (4) Both (A) and (R) are false
- 10. Assertion (A):** Growth regulators are intrinsic and intercellular factors which control development of plants.
Reason (R): Growth regulators are produced by plant cells themselves and work in cells other than those in which they synthesise.
 (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
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 (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
 (4) Both (A) and (R) are false
- 11. Assertion (A):** Auxins are widely used for plant propagation.
Reason (R): Auxins inhibit preharvesting fruit drop.
 (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
 (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
 (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
 (4) Both (A) and (R) are false
- 12. Assertion (A):** By spray of gibberellin, the market period of fruits can be extended longer.
Reason (R): Somehow gibberellins delay senescence.
 (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
 (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
 (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
 (4) Both (A) and (R) are false
- 13. Assertion (A):** Gibberellin application increases sugarcane yield as much as 20 tonnes per acre.
Reason (R): Gibberellin leads to bolting in sugarcane.
 (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
 (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
 (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
 (4) Both (A) and (R) are false
- 14. Assertion (A):** Kinetin is a synthetic cytokinin.
Reason (R): Kinetin was obtained from herring sperm DNA.
 (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
 (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
 (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
 (4) Both (A) and (R) are false
- 15. Assertion (A):** Ethylene increases the yield of deep water rice.
Reason (R): In deep water rice, ethylene leads to elongation of either internode or petiole, hence the plant becomes able to overcome the limiting effect of light.
 (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
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 (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
 (4) Both (A) and (R) are false
- 16. Assertion (A):** Abscisic acid helps in the making of seed as a perennation structure.
Reason (R): Abscisic acid promotes dormancy so that the seed can tolerate desiccation and other factors.
 (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
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 (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
 (4) Both (A) and (R) are false



17. **Assertion (A):** In day neutral plants there is no correlation between exposure to light duration and flowering response.

Reason (R): In Day neutral plant there is no specific requirement of light and dark hours.

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- (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
- (4) Both (A) and (R) are false

18. **Assertion (A):** Flowering in plants depends only on a combination of light and dark exposure.

Reason (R): Flowering is not dependent on relative duration of light and dark hours.

- (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
- (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
- (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
- (4) Both (A) and (R) are false

19. **Assertion (A):** Vernalisation prevents precocious reproductive development till the plant matures.

Reason (R): Vernalisation leads to reduction in vegetative life of plant.

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- (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
- (4) Both (A) and (R) are false

20. **Assertion (A):** Winter varieties of wheat & rye are planted in autumn not in spring.

Reason (R): If winter varieties planted in spring normally they fail to flower or produce mature grain within a span of flowering season.

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21. **Assertion (A):** Growth, at cellular level, is measured by a variety of parameters some of which are: increase in fresh weight, dry weight, length, area, volume and cell number.

Reason (R): Growth, at a cellular level, is principally a consequence of increase in the amount of protoplasm and increase in protoplasm is difficult to measure directly.

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- (4) Both (A) and (R) are false

22. **Assertion (A):** A sigmoid curve is a characteristic of living organism growing in a natural environment.

Reason (R): It is typical for all cells, tissues and organs of a plant.

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23. **Assertion (A):** Plant growth is intimately linked to the water status of the plant while development is not.

Reason (R): The plant cells grow in size by cell enlargement which in turn requires water.

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24. **Assertion (A):** Apical dominance is most likely adaptive.

Reason (R): It is important for the plant to devote energy to growing upward so that it can get more light to undergo **photosynthesis**.

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- (4) Both (A) and (R) are false

25. **Assertion (A):** Gibberellins are used to increase the length of grape stalks.

Reason (R): Gibberellins help overcome apical dominance.

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- (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
- (4) Both (A) and (R) are false

26. **Assertion (A):** Spraying sugarcane crop with gibberellins increases the yield by as much as 20 tonnes per acre.

Reason (R): Spraying sugarcane crop with gibberellins increases the length of the stem.

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- (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
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27. **Assertion (A):** The most widely used compound as source of ethylene is ethephon.

Reason (R): Ethephon in an aqueous solution is readily absorbed and transported within the plant and releases ethylene slowly.

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28. **Assertion (A):** Plants retain the capacity for unlimited growth throughout their life.

Reason (R): Meristems are present at certain locations in plant body.

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29. **Assertion (A):** 2, 4-D is used to prepare weed-free lawns by gardeners.

Reason (R): 2, 4-D, widely used to kill monocotyledonous weeds, does not affect mature dicotyledonous plants.

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30. **Assertion (A):** Spraying gibberellins on the tree can extend the market period for fruits.

Reason (R): Gibberellins delay senescence.

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31. **Assertion (A):** GA₃ is used in brewing industry.

Reason (R): GA₃ speeds up the malting process.

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32. **Assertion (A):** Spraying juvenile conifers with GAs delays seed production.

Reason (R): Spraying juvenile conifers with GAs delays the onset of maturity period.

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33. **Assertion (A):** ABA is also called the stress hormone.

Reason (R): ABA plays an important role in seed development, maturation and dormancy.

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- (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
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Directions: In the following questions, a statement of assertion is followed by a statement of reason.

Mark the correct choice as:

- (a) If both Assertion and Reason are true and Reason is the correct explanation of Assertion.
- (b) If both Assertion and Reason are true but Reason is not the correct explanation of Assertion.
- (c) If Assertion is true but Reason is false.
- (d) If both Assertion and Reason are false.

34. **Assertion:** Both at the root apex and the shoot apex, the constantly dividing cells show the meristematic phase of growth.

Reason: The cells of this region are rich in protoplasm and lacks nuclei.

35. **Assertion:** Sigmoid growth curve consists of four parts.

Reason: Lag phase is also known as grand phase of growth.

36. **Assertion:** Due to environment, the difference in shapes of leaves produced in air and those produced in water in buttercup represent the heterophyllous development.

Reason: The phenomenon of heterophylly is an example of plasticity.

37. **Assertion :** Auxins help to prevent fruit and leaf drop at early stages.

Reason : Auxins promote the abscission of older mature leaves and fruits.

38. **Assertion:** Gibberellins are used in fruits like apple to elongate and improve its shape.

Reason: To speed up the malting process in brewing industry GA₃ is used.

39. **Assertion :** Ethylene causes climacteric ripening of fruits.

Reason : Climacteric fruits show a rise in respiration at the time of ripening.

40. **Assertion:** Abscisic acid (ABA) is also known as stress hormone.

Reason: ABA increases the tolerance of plants to various kinds of stresses.

41. **Assertion :** The pigment which causes photoperiodic stimulus is called phytochrome.

Reason: Chemically phytochrome is a starch.

42. **Assertion :** Vernalization is acceleration of subsequent flowering by low temperature treatment.

Reason: Site of vernalization is apical meristem.

43. **Assertion:** The sum of growth and differentiation is development.

Reason: Development in plants is under the control of extrinsic factors only.

44. **Assertion:** Secondary roots and shoots are plagio geotropic.

Reason: Plagio geotropic roots are those which develop at an angle of 45° from the vertical axis.

45. **Assertion:** Stratification of seeds may promote their germination.

Reason: Stratification is promoted by gibberellin and cytokinins.

46. **Assertion:** “Touch” responses in Mimosa is an example of such movement

Reason: In the direction of stimulus, nastic movements occur.

47. **Assertion:** Floral initiation is done by florigen.

Reason: Florigen is translocated from flowers to leaves.



ANSWER KEY

Que.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Ans.	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	2	1	1	1	4	1	1
Que.	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33							
Ans.	1	2	4	1	3	1	1	1	3	1	1	4	2							

34.	35.	36.	37.	38.	39.	40.	41.	42.	43.	44.	45.	46.	47.			
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