

# **National Vegetable Society**

## **Judges Examination 2021**

### **Instructions to candidates**

Answer all questions in section A, each question is worth 1 mark.  
There are 14 questions in all. Total 14 marks  
Tick the correct answer'(s)

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Answer all questions in section B, each question is worth 2 marks.  
There are 7 questions in all. Total 14 marks  
Write short answers to these questions,

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#### Section C

Answer all questions in this section.

Each question is worth 6 marks, total 72 marks.  
Write full explanations to the questions in this section.

This section carries the most marks, full marks can only be  
Awarded to answers with complete and detailed answers.

If a question is in more than one part, then all parts must be answered  
to obtain full marks.

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The total marks for this examination is 100. The pass mark is 75

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Time Allowed 2 hours

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### Section 'A'- tick the correct answer or answers

**Aphids can be controlled by using a:-**

Fungicide.

Insecticide.

Herbicide.

**ii) F1 Hybrid Seeds are generally:-**

More expensive than open pollinated seed.

About the same price as open pollinated seed.

Cheaper than open pollinated seed.

**iii) Which of the following are awarded the highest points:-**

Cabbages.

Cauliflower.

Brussels Sprouts.

**iv) Which one of the following is a variety of Celery :-**

Goldstar.

Polar Star.

Morning Star.

**v) Chocolate spot is a disease that affects:-**

Peas.

Runner Beans.

Broad Beans.

**vi) A soil warming cable is used to:-**

Provide bottom heat under seed trays.

Sterilise soil.

Thaw out frozen soil.

**vii) Legumes is the collective name for :-**

Peas & Beans

Carrots, Beetroot & Parsnips

Cauliflowers, Brussels Sprouts & Cabbages

**viii) Potato are in the same family as:-**

Tomatoes.

Onions

Melons

**ix) Approximately how long would you need to allow for Onions to ripen for Showing :-**

3 to 4 weeks.

7 to 8 weeks.

10 to 11 weeks.

**x) When a judge arrives at a show he/she should:-**

Walk into the show hall and tell the show secretary that he/she has arrived.

Sit outside till the show secretary comes out.

Ask someone to tell the show secretary that he/she have arrived.

**xi) On which of the following vegetables could you find the diseases Dry Rot, Scurf & Scab:-**

Potatoes.

Beetroot.

Lettuce.

**xii) Vitax Q4 is a:-**

Base Fertiliser containing N.P.K.

Base Fertiliser containing N.P.K. & Trace elements.

Base Fertiliser containing N.P.K. & systemic insecticide.

**xiii) Which of the following vegetables is most likely to take the longest to mature:-**

Lettuce.

Onions.

French Beans.

**xiv) A good time to sow runner bean seeds would be:-**

Early March.

Early May.

Early July.

## Section B

1 **Name** a variety of Spring Cabbage, a variety of Summer heading Cabbage and A cabbage for winter heading.

ans. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Name one pests & one disease seen on Blanch Leeks on the show bench.

ans. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. (a) Can you List **Three** popular varieties of **Parsnips** for exhibition purposes.

(a) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Can you explain the difference between a straight fertiliser and a compound fertiliser.

Ans, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. (a) Can you name **2 varieties of Leeks often seen at** vegetable shows, (b) and **2 varieties of Carrots that are often seen at shows.**

(a) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) \_\_\_\_\_

6. (a) List **one pest** and (b) **one disease** often found on **Cucumbers**. Describe the **damage** they cause.

(a). \_\_\_\_\_

(b) \_\_\_\_\_

7. (a) **Name one early potato. One second early potato and one main-crop potato**  
(b) **Name three varieties of Potatoes seen at shows.**

(a) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) \_\_\_\_\_

## Section C

**Question 1.** Describe in full how you would judge a collection of six kinds of vegetables, including the pre-judging procedure right through to the awarding of prizes. Give a full and descriptive answer step by step how you would complete this task.

Ans

**Question 2.** (a) Celery are divided into two categories. What are they called. What Is the Maximum points that can be awarded to each.

Ans. Names of the two types of celery: -

Ans. Points for each: -

(b) List the common faults often found on Celery.

Ans.

**Question 3.** If you were judging vegetables at a show and the following happened what would you do.(What action can you take)

(a) A class for 9 Shallots pickling has one bulb that will not pass through the 30mm ring.

Ans.

(b) An entry in the Parsnip class has canker around the stalk.

Ans.

(c) In the class for Potatoes coloured, one exhibit has tubers that are completely white.

Ans.

(d) In a class for a mini collection of three kinds of vegetables, two specimens of each. Some entries have 18 point vegetables and some have 20 point vegetables. How would you judge this class

Ans.

(e) In a class for turnips one exhibit has marks from cabbage rootfly maggots.

Ans.

(f) An exhibit of celery has signs of seed heads visible.

Ans.



**Question 4.** . (a) Can you **explain** what is meant by the following terms found in the **Judges Guide**.

Ans.

1. Bulbous:-

2. Handle:-

3. Button:-

4. Flag:-

5. Blanch:-

6. Eyes:-

(b) Why do you think the points for condition are often higher than those for other criteria like size, shape, uniformity etc of most vegetables in the judges and exhibitors guide.

Ans.

(c) Name three vegetables that can be grown from a method other than seed.

Ans.

**Question 5.** (a) Why are some vegetables allocated more points than others in the Judges guide.

Ans.

(b) Can you name six Vegetables all carrying 20 points

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

- Question 6.** (a) How many categories of Tomatoes are listed in the Judges Guide  
(b) State what they are called, and the maximum amount of points that can be awarded for each type  
(c) Describe what Judges are looking for when judging Tomatoes

Ans (a)  
(b)  
(c)

- Question 7.** a) If a judge finds **Greenback** on a vegetable when judging, what vegetable is he/she likely to be judging.

Ans.

- (b) You are unlikely to see **Club Root** on a Cabbage or Cauliflower when judging because the stems will be cut above the root system, however there are some vegetables where Club Root can be seen at shows. Can you name one and describe what the disease looks like.

Ans.

- (c) Can you describe what Corking on beetroot looks like.

Ans.

- (d) If a judge finds **Ghost Spots** on a vegetable when judging what vegetable is he/she likely to be judging.

Ans

- (e) If a judge finds **Leaf Bracts** on a vegetable when judging what vegetable is he/she likely to be judging.

- (f) If a judge finds **White Tip** on the leaves of a vegetable when judging what vegetable is he/she likely to be judging.

**Question 8. Five important people at a vegetable show are the, Judge, Show Secretary, Show Manager, Steward, and Exhibitor**

Listed below are various duties. Enter the name of the person responsible for each, from the five listed above.

Naming of exhibits\_\_\_\_\_

Deciding which exhibits are awarded prizes\_\_\_\_\_

Relaying the judging decisions to the show office\_\_\_\_\_

Ensuring all prize cards are present and correct ready for the show to open.\_\_\_\_\_

Ensuring all exhibits conform to the schedule\_\_\_\_\_

Allocating space, and setting out the classes\_\_\_\_\_

Deciding if exhibits conform to the N.V.S. handbook\_\_\_\_\_

Ensuring that exhibits are clean and well presented.\_\_\_\_\_

Ensuring that sufficient room is available for each exhibit.\_\_\_\_\_

Providing a measuring ring for Shallots.\_\_\_\_\_

Providing cards for naming exhibits\_\_\_\_\_

Making sure that exhibits are left in a neat presentable state after judging\_\_\_\_\_

**Question 9. Can you name 9 root vegetables.**

Ans.

- |    |    |
|----|----|
| 1. | 2. |
| 3. | 4. |
| 5. | 6. |
| 7. | 8. |
| 9. |    |

**Question 10.** When Judging **Peas**. Under the five headings listed in (a). Give a description of what merits you would be looking for, and defects you often find

Ans (a) **Condition.** Merits

Defects

**Uniformity.** Merits

Defects

**Size.** Merits.

Defects.

**Fullness of pod.** Merits

Defects.

**Colour.** Merits

Defects

(b) State a popular variety of Pea often seen at shows.

Ans.

**Question 11** Judging at a show the following situations happen. What would do.

(a) The steward makes suggestions to you about which exhibits should be given prizes.

Ans.

(b) The secretary suggests to you that you might withhold the first prize in a class because there are only two entries.

Ans.

(c) Time is running out and the show is due to open, there are classes for heavyweight vegetables. Can you allow the steward to weigh the vegetables.

Ans.

**Question 12.** At a show that you are judging the secretary asks you to award the **N.V.S. silver medal** to the winner of the class for Large Onions because it is sponsored by the president of the society, or the winner of the Runner Bean class because it always has a lot of entries. (a) **Is this acceptable.**

Ans. (a)

(b)What is the criteria for awarding the N.V.S Medal.

Ans. (b)

(c) When you total up the points after judging each dish of vegetables in the class for a collection of 6 kinds, you find that two entries have the same points. What would you do to resolve the problem.

Ans. (c)