# N.V.S Judges Exam 2021

## Answers

Section A

1. Insecticide
2. More expensive
3. Cauliflower
4. Morning Star
5. Broad beans
6. Bottom heat
7. Peas & beans
8. Tomatoes
9. 3 – 4weeks.
10. Inform someone that he/she has arrived
11. Potatoes
12. Base fertiliser with N.P.K. & trace elements
13. Onions
14. Early May

Section B

1 Spring cabbage – early offenham, harbinger etc.

Summer – greyhound, primo etc.

Winter – savoy, January king.

2 Pest – Thrips, red spider. Disease – Rust, basal rot at root plate.

3 Parsnips – Gladiator, tender & true, Viking, victor, duchess etc.

4 Straight fertiliser – one element only, e.g., dried blood only nitrogen.

Compound fertiliser – contains all 3 major elements, e.g., growmore.

5a Show leeks – Welsh seedling, Pendle, Berwick,

b Show carrots – New red intermediate, St Valery, Sweet candle,

6a Cucumber pests – red spider – leaf mottling, silk web.

Whitefly – leaf mottling.

Disease – mosaic virus – stunted plants, mottled fruit.

Fungal foot rot – dead plants!

7a early potato – home guard, arran pilot, Casablanca, duke of York.

Second early – kestrel, charlotte, craigs royal etc.

Main crop – Desiree, Pentland crown, king Edward.

b Show potatoes – sherine, Nadine, amour, Maxine etc.

Section C

1 Pages 118-119 of judge’s guide.

2a Blanch celery, and self-blanching celery. Blanch – 20 points, self- blanching – 18 points.

2b Inner stems deteriorating, split or rotting, heart rot, seeding, poor blanch, yellow leaves, non-turgid, damage by slugs, dirty.

3a Note that the exhibit is sadly N.A.S. (Not according to schedule)

b Simply down point on condition.

c Ask steward to check correct placement, if correct has to be N.A.S

d Point entries as seen; 20-point vegetables will have advantage.

e Down-point on condition.

f Down- point on condition.

4a 1 Bulbous – defective attribute used to describe the swollen base of a leek.

2 Handle – relates to the portion of the cucumber fruit closest to the stem.

3 Button – A membrane where the outermost leaf divides on the barrel of a leek.

4 Flag – The leaf of a leek.

5 Blanch – The part of a stem which is devoid of chlorophyll due to the exclusion of light. The term is used when referring to leeks and celery.

6 Eyes – Small buds or indentations on potatoes.

5a) Higher points are awarded to vegetables which require a greater degree of difficulty to grow and exhibit.

b) Onions – large exhibition.

Long leeks.

Potatoes.

Parsnips.

Cauliflower.

Carrots – long.

6a) Three.

b) Tomatoes – medium – 18 points.

Tomatoes – large(beefsteak) – 15 points.

Tomatoes – small fruited – 12 points.

c) Fresh clean skinned, no blemishes, ripe but firm, fresh calyces, good colour. Size dependant on cultivar – medium approx. 60mm diameter, large not less than 75mm. diameter, small should not exceed 35mm. diameter.

7a) Tomatoes – can be prevented with potash feed.

b) Turnips belong to the Brassica family and exhibit club root. Short gnarled lumpy distorted roots.

c) Dry, slightly raised greyish areas on the shoulders of beetroot.

d) Ghost spots are found on tomatoes, caused by botrytis.

e) Leaf bracts are found in cauliflower, growing through the curd. Caused by high temperatures or drought.

f) White tip is a disease of leeks, caused by the Phytophthora fungal organism.

8a) Exhibitor

b) Judge

c) Steward.

d) Steward

e) Exhibitor

f) Show manager.

g) Judge

h) Show manager

I) Judge.

j) Show secretary

k) Judge

9 Carrots, parsnips, potatoes, turnip, sweet potato, beetroot, kohlrabi, garlic, horseradish, Jerusalem artichokes, salsify, scorzonera.

10a) Condition – Merits- Large, long, fresh, smooth skinned with bloom intact, un blemished. Defects – Over mature, wrinkly, exhibiting mildew marks, spoiled bloom or other marks.

Uniformity – Merits – uniform in size, shape, length, width and colour. Defects – different size, shape or colour.

Size – merits – Large long pods, good width. Defects – Small pods, flat appearance.

Fulness of pod – Merits - hold up to the light, or open at least one pod, should be full with mature peas, normally at least 10-11.

Defects – Gaps in the pod, missing peas, small immature peas, possible pea moth damage.

Colour – merits- good dark green colour with bloom intact.

Defects – light green colour, shiny, no natural bloom.

10b) Variety – Show Perfection, Stalley long pod, Turners.

11a) Quietly inform the steward that it is your job to award prizes, and not to interfere.

b) If you think that the entries merit a first prize then you should go ahead, but if the entries are very poor, then you take his advice.

c) Simple answer is yes, he should weigh and note weights on exhibitors’ card, you can then check and confirm places.

12a) No it is not acceptable; you have to point out to the secretary that that the N.V.S has certain criteria for making this award.

b) The award must be given to the most meritorious exhibit in the vegetable section of the schedule.

c) A tie is unacceptable, so you must reassess your pointing, and if this does not affect the tied result, then points out of 5 can be given for presentation to give a clear first, second and third.