

Norman Borlaug Test

1. Norman Borlaug's _____ urged him to attend college after he graduated.
 - A. father
 - B. grandfather
 - C. teacher
 - D. uncle
2. His first job after finishing college was working for _____.
 - A. the Forestry Service
 - B. Du Pont
 - C. his father
 - D. the Rockefeller Foundation
3. After hearing a professor speak about plant diseases he decided to study _____.
 - A. world famine
 - B. forestry
 - C. plant pathology
 - D. medicine
4. His work in Mexico concerned _____.
 - A. changing the government there
 - B. improving the crops there
 - C. digging for ancient ruins
 - D. improving education for children
5. When wheat grows on tall stalks it _____.
 - A. produces a better crop
 - B. gets more sunlight
 - C. is easier to harvest
 - D. sometimes falls to the ground
6. Borlaug concentrated his work on the countries of _____.
 - A. Mexico, India, and Pakistan
 - B. Ethiopia, Mexico, and India
 - C. Germany, India, and Pakistan
 - D. Mexico, Sudan, and India
7. The grain he developed could feed more people because _____.
 - A. they were given new recipes
 - B. the women did not waste it
 - C. the heads of grain contained more seed
 - D. there was more rain
8. According to the yield chart the greatest yield gain was in _____.
 - A. Pakistan
 - B. Mexico
 - C. Ethiopia
 - D. India
9. By looking at the chart we learned that the yield in India was _____.
 - A. greater than the yield in Pakistan
 - B. less than the yield in Pakistan
 - C. greater than the yield in Mexico
 - D. equal to the yield in Pakistan
10. Triticale is a cross between _____.
 - A. oats and rye
 - B. wheat and rye
 - C. rye and barley
 - D. barley and wheat

11. Borlaug's program was successful because he _____.

- A. sent them a lot of emails
- B. wrote long letters explaining it
- C. assumed the farmers already knew how to farm
- D. went to the countries and trained the people

12. The word "dwarf" as applied to plants means _____.

- A. not very tall
- B. very tall
- C. disease resistant
- D. subject to disease

13. "Deforestation" means _____.

- A. love of the forest
- B. cutting down trees to gain farmland
- C. planting trees
- D. building stations in the forest

14. The "slash-and-burn" method causes _____.

- A. soil erosion
- B. people to get burned
- C. wars
- D. greater forest land

15. "Agronomy" concerns _____.

- A. a study of the planets
- B. psychology
- C. raising crops and caring for the soil
- D. caring for animals

16. Some people opposed Borlaug because they thought _____.

- A. his goal was to become famous
- B. his methods cost too much money
- C. he should not work in other countries
- D. his grain would make people sick

17. "Bioengineered" food is food that has been _____.

- A. made by engineers
- B. genetically altered
- C. made specifically to harm people
- D. developed outside the United States

18. Norman Borlaug received many awards, among them the _____.

- A. Congressional Gold Medal
- B. Olympic Gold Medal
- C. Pulitzer Prize
- D. Congressional Medal of Honor

19. In 1970 Borlaug received the Nobel _____.

- A. Prize in Chemistry
- B. Prize in Physics
- C. Peace Prize
- D. Prize in Economics

20. Norman Borlaug continued working and researching until _____.

- A. he was 65
- B. he was 80
- C. he lost his job at the university
- D. his death in 2009