

GARDEN CARE AND MAINTENANCE PART 1 QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1) **True or False: Garden Care and Maintenance Theory is not an important part of the training. You can leave the Reel Easy Guide to Growing with the people you have trained and they can go over it when they have time.**

Answer: False

Explanation: This is a very important part of the training as it will teach you how to care for your garden in the months after it is planted. It is at this stage that you are likely to face many challenges and the theory you learn at this stage will equip you with the knowledge to overcome those challenges. It is important to go over this theory during your training and emphasise its importance. You can not simply leave the Reel Easy Guide for your partners to go over when they have time.

- 2) **True or False: Crop Rotation is the practice of digging up and moving plants around the garden every few weeks to ensure maximum access to sunlight.**

Answer: False

Explanation: You should never dig up growing plants and move them around the garden every few weeks. Rather, Crop Rotation is the practice of changing which vegetable variety you plant in a specific part of the garden every season. If you planted tomatoes this season, you should plant another vegetable variety next season. This is due to the fact that some vegetables are heavy feeders and take a lot of nutrients out of the soil while others are light feeders and don't take much nutrients out of the soil. By alternating between heavy and light feeders each season you are preventing the soil from becoming depleted.

- 3) **Which of the following is NOT a beneficial bug?**

Answer: Snail

Explanation: A snail is very harmful to your garden as it will eat the leaves of your vegetables. You will know you have a snail in the garden by the leaf damage and a shiny trail left on your plants.

- 4) **Select all correct answers: What do earthworms do to help us in the garden?**

Answer: Clean the soil
Keep the soil aerated and drained
Build soil fertility

Explanation: Earthworms will never eat plants. They only eat decomposed organic matter. Therefore they won't help you control weeds in your garden.

- 5) **Select all correct answers: What does Reel Gardening suggest you do to prevent pests from entering your garden in the first place?**

Answers: Plant a border of lavender
Place broken egg shells around the garden
Companion Planting

Explanation: Reel Gardening will never recommend that you use a chemical pesticide in your garden. Rather consult the Reel Easy Guide to Growing to learn how to make a natural pesticide using ingredients you already have in your garden and in your kitchen.

- 6) **True or False: The Reel Gardening homemade pesticide should be applied no more than once a week.**

Answers: False

Explanation: The Reel Gardening Pesticide will wash off your plants with heavy rains or when you water on the plant. You will need to reapply the pesticide once it has washed off the plants. This can be as many times a week as is necessary.

- 7) **True or False: Aphids love nasturtiums. We include these companion plants in our vegetable gardens to attract aphids to the nasturtiums and away from our vegetables.**

Answers: True

Explanation: Nasturtiums act as a 'trap crop'. This means that we include them in our vegetable gardens to 'trap' pests or attract pests away from our vegetables. They are sacrificial plants that we include in our gardens to protect our vegetables.

- 8) **True or False: Orange ladybugs will eat your plants.**

Answers: False

Explanation: Mexican Bean Beetles may look similar to ladybugs, but they are not. Ladybugs will never eat your plants. Mexican Bean Beetles will eat your plants.

- 9) **Which of the following is NOT a Reel Gardening suggested method of bird control?**

Answer: Playing loud music in the garden

Explanation: Playing loud music in the garden may scare away pesky birds, but it will also anger your neighbors and give you a head ache. This is not a sustainable way to prevent birds from attacking your garden.

- 10) **True or False: All worms are good for your garden.**

Answer: False

Explanation: Whilst earthworms are very beneficial for your vegetable garden, there are a number of worms that will cause a lot of damage. Cut worms, caterpillars and carrot worms are all harmful.