

## Very Short Answer Type Questions

**Q. 1. Name the cells that regulates the opening and closing of stomata.**  
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**Ans.** Guard cells.

**Q.2. Define tissues.**

**Ans.** These are groups of cells having a common origin and common function. e.g., parenchyma, xylem.

**Q.3. Which industry depends on the knowledge of wood anatomy?**

**Ans.** Plywood industry.

**Q. 4. Which meristem leads to growth in length?**

**Ans.** Primary meristem.

**Q.5. What is axillary bud?**

**Ans.** Each leaf primordia has an axillary zone of meristematic activity called axillary meristem or axillary bud.

**Q.6. What are the meristematic regions that arises from root apical meristem?**

**Ans.** The meristematic regions that arises from root apical meristems are:  
(i) Protoderm, (ii) Procambium, (iii) Ground meristem.

**Q. 7. From where does the lateral root originate?**

**Ans.** Pericycle of mature zone.

**Q. 8. Name the tissues which provides mechanical strength to the plant organs.**

**Ans.** Sclerenchyma tissues.

**Q. 9. What is conjunctive tissue?**

**Ans.** It is a narrow strip of tissue (parenchyma or sclerenchyma) that lies between xylem and phloem bundles of root.

**Q. 10. What is the economic use of phloem fibres?**

**Ans.** They are used for making threads, ropes and coarse textiles.

**Q. 11. Name the tissue represented by the jute fibres that are used for making the ropes.**

**Ans.** Bast fibre (Phloem fibre).

**Q. 12. What are stomata?**

**Ans.** Minute pores present on the surface of leaves are called stomata. They are meant for exchange of gases.

**Q. 13. What are cotton fibres?**

**Ans.** Cotton fibres are unicellular epidermal hair of seed of *Gossypium* sps.

**Q. 14. What is a bark?**

**Ans.** Bark is the dead tissue, lying outside the cork cambium.

**Q. 15. Define promeristem.**

**Ans.** It is a part of apical meristem made up of actively dividing cells and their immediate derivatives.

**Q. 16. Why is the root apical meristem sub-terminal?**

**Ans.** Root apical meristem is sub-terminal because of the presence of a protective terminal root cap over it.

**Q. 17. Name two types of parenchyma present in leaf?**

**Ans.** Palisade and spongy parenchyma.

**Q. 18. Name the cells that surround vascular bundles in dicot leaf. [DDE Practice Paper]**

**Ans.** Vascular bundles are surrounded by a bundle sheath of parenchymatous cells.

**Q. 19. Define calyptragen.**

**Ans.** It is a special meristematic region at the end of the root that gives rise to cap.

**Q. 20. What is quiescent centre?**

**Ans.** It is a small region with low mitotic activity in the centre of the root apex.

**Q. 21. What are casparian strips?**

**Ans.** These are the thickenings of lignin and suberin formed around the anticlinal walls of endodermis to prevent plasmolysis.

**Q. 22. What is an annual ring?**

**Ans.** It is also called growth ring. A single growth ring formed each year is called annual ring.

**Q. 23. What is the function of cork in plants?**

**Ans.** Cork insulates the tree against heat and cold.

**Q. 24. When do you refer a vascular bundle as a closed bundle?**

**Ans.** When cambium is absent.

**Q. 25. What forms the cambial ring in a dicot stem during the secondary growth?**

**Ans.** Fascicular and interfascicular strips of meristems.

**Q. 26. What are collateral vascular bundles?**

**Ans.** Conjoint bundles with xylem towards the inner side and phloem towards the outer side.

**Q. 27. Name the plant in which bicollateral vascular bundles are found.**

**Ans.** *Cucurbita maxima* (Kaddu).

**Q. 28. What are the cells included in a stele?**

**Ans.** The cells included in a stele are Pericycle, vascular strands and pith.

**Q. 29. What is the function of pith cells?**

**Ans.** Pith cells store food in the form of starch.

**Q. 30. What is Lysogineous cavity?**

**Ans.** In a mature vascular bundle, some of the protoxylem vessels and the xylem parenchyma cells dissolve or separate to form a water containing cavity Lysogineous cavity.