

Agriculture

Agriculture is the production of food and goods through farming, agriculture was the key of development that led to the rise of human civilization, the study of agriculture science central to human society.

It distinguishes in a wide variety of specialties and techniques, including ways to expand the lands suitable for plant raising, by digging water channels and other forms of irrigation, cultivation of crops on arable land and pastoral herding remain at the foundation of agriculture.

Modern agronomy, plant, pesticides, fertilizers and technological improvements have increased from cultivation, and at the same time have caused widespread ecological damage and negative human health effects.

The major agriculture products can be broadly grouped into foods, fuels, and raw materials. Specific foods include vegetables, fruits and meats. Fibers include cotton wool, silk, raw materials include lumber bamboo.

Questions :

1/ Comprehension :

- a/ What is agriculture ?
- b/ What is the aim of agriculture ?
- c/ Give the definition of : digging, irrigation.
- d/ What is cultivation of crops ?
- e/ Has the modern agronomy included negative or positive effects on human being ?
- f/ What are the different categories of agriculture products ?

2/ Match each word with its definition :

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| 1-Lumber | a-to put natural or artificial substances on soil in order to make it more fertile |
| 2-Digging | b-to prepare and use land for growing crops |
| 3-To expand | c-a chemical that is used for killing animals or insects that eat food crops |
| 4-Irrigation | d-to become bigger |
| 5-Cultivation of crops | e-to supply land and crops with water by means of pipes channels |
| 6-Pesticides | f-wood that is going to be used for building timber –US |
| 7-Fertilize | g-to moove earth and make a hole, using your hands, tool or machine |
| 8-Fiber –US- | h-a tall tropical plant used for making furniture |
| 9-Bamboo | i-the thin threads which from a natural or artificial substances. |