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B.E. / B.Tech. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2024

One Credit Course

Agriculture Engineering

21UAG862 - VERMICOMPOSTING TECHNOLOGY

(Regulations 2021)

Duration: 1.30 hours

Maximum: 50 Marks

Answer ALL Questions

PART A - (10 x 1 = 10 Marks)

1. Topsoil dwelling earthworms _____ CO1 -U
(a) Endogeic species (b) Anecic species (c) a only (d) Both (a) & (b)
2. Vermicomposting, temperatures are kept generally kept below CO1 -U
(a) 35°C (b) 24⁰ C (c) 23⁰ C (d) 25⁰ C
3. Deep burrowing earthworms called CO1 -U
(a) Endogeic species (b) Anecic species (c) b only (d) Both (a) & (b)
4. Vermicomposting require moderate temperatures range from CO1 -U
(a) 10-15⁰ C (b) 30-35⁰ C (c) 10-35⁰ C (d) 20-25⁰ C
5. Earthworm requires plenty of moisture for their growth and survival CO1 -U
(a) 60-75 %. (b) 60-85% (c) 70-80% (d) above 60%
6. Mesophiles means _____ CO1 -U
(a) low temperature microbes (b) medium temperature microbes
(c) high temperature microbes (d) none of the above
7. Example of Rice husk is called _____ CO1 -U
(a) Rice husk, cereal residues (b) Millet straw (c) Wheat bran (d) all of the above
8. Earthworms are pH sensitive ranging from. CO1 -U
(a) 4.5 to 9 (b) 5 to 7 (c) 7 to 8 (d) None of the above

9. Psychrophiles means _____ CO1 -U
(a) low temperature microbes (b) medium temperature microbes
(c) high temperature microbes (d) none of the above
10. _____ is the Food processing waste CO1 -U
(a) Canning industry waste (b) breweries waste
(c) dairy industry waste (d) all of the above

PART – B (2 x 20 = 40 Marks)

11. (a) Elucidate the preparation of Coimbatore method of composting Windrow compost making give elaborately with suitable diagram CO1 -U (20)
Or
(b) Give the detailed information about Earthworms for bioconversion, Fragmentation and breakdown. CO1 -U (20)
12. (a) Explain the Vermicomposting Acceleration of composting and enrichment of compost with bio-inoculants give elaborately. CO1 -U (20)
Or
(b) Write the common problems you may experience while working with your vermicomposting systems and the solutions. CO1 -U (20)