Module 10: Commercial Fertilizers and Amendments

SELF-STUDY EXAMINATION—ROCKY MOUNTAIN CCA

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QUESTIONS
1. A 150-pound bag of 6-24-24 contains how many pounds of K<sub>2</sub>O?
   [ ] a. 12 pounds  [ ] b. 18 pounds  [ ] c. 24 pounds  [ ] d. 36 pounds

2. Of the following fertilizers, which provides the highest analysis for N?
   [ ] a. UAN  [ ] b. Ammonium nitrate  [ ] c. Urea  [ ] d. MAP

3. What is the approximate percentage of elemental P (not P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>) in 18-46-0?
   [ ] a. 20  [ ] b. 46  [ ] c. 92  [ ] d. 105

4. Ammonium phosphate-sulfate is a carrier of

5. The primary product of N fixation via the Haber-Bosch process is
   [ ] a. NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>  [ ] b. NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>  [ ] c. NH<sub>3</sub>(g)  [ ] d. N<sub>2</sub>(g)

6. Monoammonium phosphate (MAP) is a

7. Compared to larger fertilizer particles, finer particles will generally
   [ ] a. React more slowly in the soil  [ ] b. React more quickly in the soil  [ ] c. Provide more nutrient content  [ ] d. Provide less nutrient content

8. By which process does Na<sup>+</sup> worsen soil structure and permeability?
   [ ] a. Leaching  [ ] b. Dissolution  [ ] c. Flocculation  [ ] d. Dispersion

9. Organic amendments improve the permeability of sodic soils through the process of
   [ ] a. Soil aggregation  [ ] b. Chelation  [ ] c. Dispersion  [ ] d. Na<sup>+</sup> fixation

10. Which of the following fertilizers is least likely to cause salt burn?
    [ ] a. KCl  [ ] b. Urea  [ ] c. MAP  [ ] d. AA

11. The application of NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>-based fertilizers can cause soil pH to
    [ ] a. Increase  [ ] b. Decrease  [ ] c. Remain the same  [ ] d. Initially increase, then decrease

12. Total P solubility is measured as
13. If a liquid fertilizer contains 20% K₂O, it is most likely a
   [ ] a. Solution fertilizer  [ ] c. Low K solubility fertilizer
   [ ] b. Suspension fertilizer  [ ] d. Coated fertilizer

14. Which of the following fertilizers has the highest equivalent acidity?
   [ ] a. MAP  [ ] c. Potassium chloride
   [ ] b. Ammonium nitrate  [ ] d. Urea

15. AA retention is greatest in

16. Ammonia volatilization after application of urea can be minimized by
   [ ] a. Applying urea with DAP  [ ] c. Incorporating urea into the soil
   [ ] b. Broadcasting urea  [ ] d. Applying urea on dry, windy days

17. Fertilizer P availability may be increased when applied with a source of
   [ ] a. S  [ ] b. NO₃⁻  [ ] c. K  [ ] d. NH₄⁺

18. Which of the following fertilizer materials typically contain the highest heavy metal concentrations?

19. Under ARM 4.12.620, what is the maximum allowable As concentration for 18-46-0 fertilizer?
   [ ] a. 180 ppm  [ ] b. 234 ppm  [ ] c. 460 ppm  [ ] d. 598 ppm

20. Urease activity is greatest
   [ ] a. Below 50°F  [ ] c. Under dry soil conditions
   [ ] b. Between 50°F and 100°F  [ ] d. Below pH 6.5

21. From information given in the text, should a farmer expect dust control coatings on granular fertilizers to decrease
    nutrient availability and why?
   [ ] a. Yes, nutrients are unable to diffuse through the coating, making them less available
   [ ] b. No, nutrients are able to diffuse through the coating, making them available
   [ ] c. Yes, a function of dust control coatings is to limit nutrient availability over an extended period
   [ ] d. No, dust control coatings are not used on granular fertilizers

22. Salt-affected soils are most often found in areas with
   [ ] a. High precipitation (humid)  [ ] c. Excessive fertilizer use
   [ ] b. Low precipitation (arid)  [ ] d. No-till systems

23. For effective use, it is recommended that micronutrient fertilizers contain at least ___% micronutrient solubility.
   [ ] a. 20%  [ ] b. 50%  [ ] c. 70%  [ ] d. 90%

24. RP is treated with acid or heat to improve its
   [ ] a. P content solubility  [ ] c. Granular size
   [ ] b. Rate of P volatilization  [ ] d. Alkalinity effect

25. Agronomically, at the same nutrient rate, placement and timing, crop response to liquid fertilizers compared to solid
    fertilizers is generally
   [ ] a. Greater  [ ] c. Equal
   [ ] b. Less  [ ] d. Variable
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