

Cloze Practice 2

Read the passage carefully and write a suitable answer in the space provided. (10 x 1 = 10 marks)

There are many reasons why plants are grown. They are grown to **1** _____ the surroundings, purify the air, provide shade and reduce wind speed. **2** _____ of land are likely to increase in value when beautiful plants are being grown. However, it is not **3** _____ to cultivate and maintain plants. Planting requires great skills and efforts to ensure that the plants grow well and are healthy.

Before beginning to plant any plants, you need to **4** _____ the reasons for the use of that particular type of plant. You must take into consideration the weather and soil conditions, the amount of exposure to the environment and the maintenance that is required during the selection.

In the **5** _____, plants are transplanted with a ball of soil wrapped around it. To allow easier maintenance of plants, they are now directly grown in large containers. But certain kind of plants like roses are either grown in cardboard **6** _____ wrapped in plastic instead.

Planting can be done at any time of the year and on any kind of soil, **7** _____ that it is not frozen or dry. However, some plants are best grown at a certain time of the year. Knowing the kind of soil to use, the right arrangement of soil materials and the depth **8** _____ to plant a plant are critical.

To have healthy plant growth, dead, diseased, broken or twisted roots should be **9** _____ when spotted. There should be enough space, and sufficient water **10** _____ and sunshine for growth. Adding supports, pesticides and fertilizers help the plants to grow better too.

Answers:
1. beauty
2. plots
3. easy
4. identify
5. past
6. or
7. provided
8. necessary
9. removed
10. supply