1. **What are some of the important factors to consider when choosing a turfgrass for your yard?**
   - Soil characteristics (p. 271)
   - Amount of sunlight (p. 263)
   - Drainage conditions (p. 266)
   - Expected use (p. 266)

2. **What is the best turfgrass for lawns expected to be used extensively for heavy play?**
   Turf-type perennial ryegrass (p. 266)

3. **Why is it important to prepare soil properly and take good care of a newly established lawn, regardless of whether it was established from seed or sod?**
   The better the preparation and care, the better the lawn's performance and appearance (pp. 271-272).

4. **What are some cultural practices that will increase a lawn's longevity?**
   - Proper fertilization (p. 274)
   - Proper watering (pp. 273-274)
   - Correct mowing height (pp. 272-273)
   - Dethatching (pp. 275-276)
   - Over-seeding as needed (pp. 281-282)
   - Aeration (pp. 274-275)

5. **Excessive removal of the leaf blade can weaken turfgrasses and reduce a lawn's life. How can you avoid this problem?**
   Maintain proper mowing height. Each type of turfgrass has a specific mowing height (pp. 272-273).

6. **Over- or under-watering can cause many problems with a lawn. What is a good way to avoid this problem?**
   Monitor turf closely and determine when to irrigate by feeling the soil in the root zone and observing the appearance of the grass (p. 273).
7. **What are the benefits of fertilizing a lawn?**
   - It increases the lawn's competitiveness with weeds and moss (*pp. 276-277*).
   - It improves the lawn's ability to ward off certain diseases (*pp. 278-279*).
   - It reduces thatch development (*pp. 274-275*).

8. **What is thatch?**
   Thatch is a layer of living and dead grass stems, roots, and leaves that develops at the soil surface beneath actively growing grass (*p. 275*).

9. **What cultural practices can minimize weed problems in a lawn?**
   - Proper fertilization (*pp. 274-276*)
   - Proper mowing (*pp. 272-273, 276*)
   - Proper watering (*pp. 273-274, 276*)

10. **When are the best times to do total lawn renovation?**
    Spring, late summer, or early fall (*p. 281*)