1. **Define integrated pest management (IPM).**
   IPM is a strategy to prevent and suppress pests with minimum impact on human health, the environment, and non-target organisms (pp. 439).

2. **Why do you believe the integrated pest management system was developed, and what do you see as its major benefits and problems?** *
   IPM is partly a response to concerns about the effects of chemicals on humans and the environment. It also addresses the need to find more economical approaches to controlling pests. IPM can help gardeners reduce their use of synthetic chemicals and can maintain a more balanced ecosystem in their yard. One potential problem is that success with IPM requires careful monitoring to detect problems early and ongoing attention to keep damage at acceptable levels.

3. **When should you start thinking about using IPM in your yard?**
   Before you even choose plants. Selecting pest-resistant plants and putting plants in the right location are the first steps to a successful IPM strategy.

4. **Which of the following are cultural methods of IPM? (Mark all correct answers.)**
   (a) Choosing the correct plant for the site (pp. 441-443)
   (c) Choosing plants based on resistance to problems (p. 441-443)
   (d) Maintaining plant health from the first day (p. 441-443)
   (f) Sanitation (pp. 441-443)
   (g) Rotation (p. 441-443)
   (h) Diversification of plantings (pp. 441-443)

5. **Put the following techniques into the order in which they usually are used in an IPM program:** *
   4 Using chemicals (organic or nonorganic) (pp. 450-452)
   3 Physically blocking, removing, or trapping pests (pp. 442-445)
   1 Using resistant, adapted plants and keeping them healthy (pp. 439-440)
   2 Enhancing biological systems for a well-balanced ecosystem (pp. 445-449)

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6. In many cases, insects are given a "bad rap." But most plant problems are due to nonliving factors. Name some of these factors.
   - Lack of fertilizer (p. 438)
   - Poor water management (p. 438)
   - Inappropriate soil (p. 438 and Chapter 2)
   - Weather-related factors such as wind, sunburn, frost, or too much or too little rain (pp. 198-201, 438)
   - Mechanical injury (pp. 202, 438)

7. What is the best way to build populations of beneficial insects?
Create a habitat for them. Buying insects is much less satisfactory (pp. 449-450).

8. If you must use a chemical (organic or synthetic), how do you choose it? How do you apply it?
   - Try to use the least toxic effective material (pp. 453, 455).
   - Spot spray only (p. 453, 455).
   - Read the label and follow all suggested safety practices (pp. 453, 455).

9. If you are helping a client develop a solution to a pest problem (weed, insect, or disease), how can you lead her to use an IPM approach? *
   - Make sure the pest is identified properly so the correct control can be applied.
   - Help the gardener determine her own tolerance for damage from the pest, suggesting that zero damage is not necessarily the only or best goal.
   - Explain how to monitor the pest's population so controls are applied only when appropriate.
   - Suggest cultural, biological, and mechanical controls first.
   - If pesticides are needed, recommend the least toxic materials.

10. How would an IPM strategy apply to a household pest?*
    - Many household pests can be managed by exclusion and sanitation; for example, by sealing entry points such as screen windows and by eliminating sources of food.
    - On houseplants, hand picking often is a good method of pest management since the area involved is small and easily visible.
    - If chemicals are used inside the home, it's especially important to use least toxic materials.

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11. Are you a meticulous gardener or are you willing to tolerate some damage? Establish your tolerance level for the 12-spotted cucumber beetle. What is an acceptable injury level for you? Are you familiar with this pest? If not, look it up. (What reference did you use?) What host plants does it feed on? Is your tolerance of its presence greater on some plants and less on others?

Cucumber beetles are about 5-7 mm long, yellowish-green, with 12 black spots. They commonly are mistaken for lady beetles. They feed on petals of many flowers including dahlias, daisies, and iris, and on leaves of cucumbers, beans, and corn. On some plants, they spread disease. You might have more tolerance for beetles on cucurbits but less on flowers, which are enjoyed for their cosmetic beauty. Perhaps you tolerate 1 per plant or 10 per flower, or are unwilling to tolerate them at all (p. 439).

12. What would your pest management strategy be for preventing slugs or snails from becoming a problem in your garden?

- Keep the garden weed-free to remove food, shelter, and places to breed (p. 444-445).
- Use copper strips (p. 444-445).
- Use diatomaceous earth or iron phosphate granules around plants (pp. 444-445).
- Use beer traps (p. 444-445).
- Place shingles in the garden and collect slugs from beneath them in the morning.
- Use drip irrigation and water early in the day.

13. Name five soft-bodied pests found in greenhouses.

- Aphids (pp. 444)
- Whiteflies (p. 313)
- Scales (p. 444, 448, 452)
- Thrips (p. 296)
- Mealybugs (p. 295)

Why are they called soft-bodied?
The exoskeleton or outer cuticle (skin) layers of soft-bodied insects are softer and thinner than those of insects such as beetles.

Name three ways of suppressing them.

- Insecticidal soaps (pp. 298, 451)
- Horticultural oils (p. 451)
- Botanical insecticides such as Neem (p. 452)
- Blue and yellow sticky traps (p. 444)
- Vacuuming (p. 444)
- Biological control methods such as parasitic wasps, predatory lady beetles, and commercially available pathogens such as the fungus Beauveria bassiana (pp. 445-450).

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14. If you plan to plant rhododendrons, what insect pest might you encounter?
   Root weevils (p. 382)

   How might you prevent or discourage it?
   - Choose a resistant or tolerant variety (p. 439).
   - Make sure the potting mix does not contain larvae or adults (p. 440).
   - Make a sticky barrier around the main stem to catch adults climbing up (p. 443).
   - Apply nematodes to the soil (p. 450).
   - Capture adults at night when they are actively feeding (p. 442).