

Garden Centre Management

Assignment 3

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Question 1

Take photographs of two (2) plants either for sale, or recently purchased (one which you consider good quality; the other of poor quality). Prepare a written assessment of the quality of these two plants and submit the assessments with your photos.

Rate each of these plants and submit your rating - indicate your assessment for each aspect of the plant's quality (cultural perfection, size of plant, size of bloom).

Question 2

What are the major categories of nursery plants which are sold in your locality (e.g. bare rooted trees, seedlings, etc)?

For each category:

- Indicate the way the plant comes (in a pot, what type of pot, bare rooted packed in straw, in a plastic bag etc).
- Give two examples of plant species which are found in that group.

Question 3

Prepare guidelines for maintenance of plants in the nursery/garden centre you work in. (If you don't work in a nursery, prepare a program for a local nursery which you are familiar with).

These guidelines may follow a format similar to that outlined below:

Job	Time of the Month (when it should be done)
Watering (automatic)	Daily
Watering (hand)	Every 3 rd day
Feeding (quick release)	Bi-monthly in winter
Feeding (slow release)	Monthly in summer
Pruning	Summer and winter
	Etc.

NOTE: The type of work and frequency will vary greatly from place to place.

Question 4

Prepare a set of guidelines to be followed for disposing of surplus and rundown stock in a nursery.

- At what point should the decision be made to clear?
- When should it be sold cheap?
- When should it be thrown out?
- Should it be re-potted and recycled?
- What should be done about these things?

Write no more than one (1) page.

Question 5

Remember to submit your plant review worksheets.