

2003 Iowa FFA Nursery/Landscape CDE
General Knowledge Assessment

Multiple Choice

Identify the letter of the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- ___ 1. Growth regulating substances in plants are called ____.
- a. particle streams
 - b. nitrates
 - c. residues
 - d. hormones
- ___ 2. What is the first stage of growth called after a cutting starts to grow?
- a. softwood formation
 - b. stem formation
 - c. scab formation
 - d. callus formation
- ___ 3. At what percentage should the humidity be kept for new cuttings?
- a. close to 100 percent
 - b. close to 50 percent
 - c. close to 25 percent
 - d. close to 10 percent
- ___ 4. The ____ or scaly bulb has no tough outer covering.
- a. tunicate
 - b. nontunicate
 - c. bulbets
 - d. laminate
- ___ 5. Tubers are distinguished by their ____.
- a. crowns
 - b. leaves
 - c. eyes
 - d. stems
- ___ 6. When grafting, what is the name of the newly installed shoot or top of the plant?
- a. tissue
 - b. rootstock
 - c. corm
 - d. scion
- ___ 7. Side veneer grafting in evergreens is used to produce the right ____.
- a. color
 - b. size
 - c. wood type
 - d. stems
- ___ 8. How soon after a T-budding should an inspection be made to see if the bud has taken?
- a. three days
 - b. one week
 - c. three weeks
 - d. eight weeks

Scantron Form B

- _____ 9. In general, a plant grown in a one-gallon container requires how much water each time it is watered?
- a. one gallon
 - b. one quart
 - c. one pint
 - d. two gallons
- _____ 10. When can container-grown plants be marketed and transplanted?
- a. anytime the ground is not frozen
 - b. summer
 - c. spring
 - d. all of the above
- _____ 11. Roots of many container-grown woody plants die when the soil drops below what temperature?
- a. 20°F
 - b. 40°F
 - c. 30°F
 - d. 50°F
- _____ 12. Perennials are transplanted in the _____
- a. winter and summer
 - b. fall and spring
 - c. winter, spring, summer, and fall
 - d. summer
- _____ 13. Which of the following is not a narrowleaf evergreen?
- a. yew
 - b. juniper
 - c. wisteria
 - d. red pine
- _____ 14. Which of the following is not a broadleaf evergreen?
- a. holly
 - b. magnolia
 - c. yew
 - d. boxwood
- _____ 15. Bare root trees are planted only when they are _____.
- a. brown
 - b. awake
 - c. dormant
 - d. wet
- _____ 16. The best time to plant bare root deciduous shrubs is when they are _____.
- a. green
 - b. brown
 - c. awake
 - d. dormant
- _____ 17. What time of year are deciduous shrubs generally fertilized?
- a. summer
 - b. spring
 - c. fall
 - d. winter

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- ___ 18. Most of the diseases that affect deciduous shrubs are caused by ___
- a. bacteria and fungi
 - b. fertilizer
 - c. water
 - d. ticks and mites
- ___ 19. Which ground cover needs moist soil high in organic matter, shade to grow, has a white flower and small, shiny, and green leaves?
- a. Evergreen candytuft
 - b. Creeping mahonia
 - c. Heath
 - d. Wintergreen
- ___ 20. At what angle should stems be cut for pruning?
- a. 45 degree angle
 - b. 90 degree angle
 - c. 20 degree angle
 - d. 180 degree angle
- ___ 21. Cutting off all the lateral roots of the plant in a circle around the stem is ___
- a. root pruning
 - b. lateral pruning
 - c. stem pruning
 - d. thinning
- ___ 22. For new lawns, how many inches of topsoil should be spread over the rough grade subsoil?
- a. ten
 - b. four
 - c. six
 - d. two
- ___ 23. If the slope of a lawn is greater than ___ percent, then it should be covered with plants that do not require mowing
- a. 15 percent
 - b. 5 percent
 - c. 10 percent
 - d. 25 percent
- ___ 24. What is a good pH level for most grasses?
- a. 7.0 to 7.5
 - b. 5.0 to 7.0
 - c. 4.5 to 5.0
 - d. 6.0 to 6.5
- ___ 25. What is the single most important factor in maintaining a good lawn?
- a. proper fertilizing and pH adjustment
 - b. proper watering
 - c. right amount of sun
 - d. weeding on time

Scantron Form B

Landscape -- Answer Section

1. D
2. A
3. A
4. B
5. C
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7. A
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10. A
11. A
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23. A
24. D
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Plant Disorders Practicum

Station #1

1. The plant disorder before you is most likely caused by:
 - a. A piercing/sucking insect.
 - b. Chemical damage.
 - c. Environmental conditions.
 - d. A nutritional deficiency.
 - e. None of these.

2. The best recommendation for the management/correction of this disorder would be:
 - a. A contact insecticide.
 - b. The addition of iron to the soil.
 - c. A preventative fungicide application prior to the onset of the disease.
 - d. Irrigation.
 - e. None of these.

Station #2:

3. The plant disorder before you is most likely caused by:
 - a. A bacterial pathogen.
 - b. Environmental conditions.
 - c. A nutrient deficiency.
 - d. A chewing insect.
 - e. A piercing insect.

4. The best recommendation for the management/correction of this disorder would be:
 - a. A contact insecticide following to the onset of symptoms.
 - b. A systemic insecticide.
 - c. A fungicide application prior to the onset of symptoms.
 - d. Soil aerification.
 - e. Nothing, let the disorder run its course.

Station #3:

5. The plant disorder before you is most likely caused by:
 - a. Environmental conditions.
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 - c. Soil compaction.
 - d. A nutrient deficiency.
 - e. Both c and d are correct.

6. The best recommendation for the management/correction of this disorder would be:
- Irrigation.
 - An application of an insecticide.
 - Aerification of the soil to reduce compaction and lower the pH.
 - The addition of iron to the soil.
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Station #4:

7. The plant disorder before you is most likely caused by:
- A fungal pathogen.
 - A chewing insect pest.
 - An egg laying insect pest.
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9. The plant disorder before you is most likely caused by:
- Herbicides.
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10. The best recommendation for the management/correction of this disorder would be:
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Problem Solving Activity

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- (a) \$292.13 (b) \$230.02 (c) \$233.63 (d) \$6309.12

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Assessment and Solutions Practicum

Question #51:

Using the attached 2 x 4 boards, figure the % slope for this grade. (Assume the board is level)

- a. 2 % b. 9% c. 12% d. 17%

Question #52:

This chain saw is not running properly. What is the problem?

- a. The chain saw is nearly out of gas.
- b. There isn't any sparkplug.
- c. The start switch is in the off position.
- d. The chain saw needs an overhaul

Question #53:

This tree needs to be tagged at the nursery. Your task is to use the caliper provided to measure the tree. What is the correct caliper size of this tree?

- a. 1/2 inch b. 1 inch c. 2 inches d. 3 inches

Question #54:

Approximately, how many bricks would you need for the area outlined by the connected 2 x 4's and the brick provided?

- a. 50 b. 75 c. 100 d. 125

Question #55:

Timber Pine Nursery has to plant a bed of hostas. What conditions are best for these plants?

- a. Full sun b. Full shade c. Partial shade d. None of these

Question #56:

What would you use this tool for?

- a. To transplant seedling plants
- b. To edge planting beds
- c. Root pruning a spirea
- d. Spreading mulch under a tree

Question #57:

This grass trimmer is not running properly. What is the problem?

- a. Out of gas
- b. Missing sparkplug
- c. Sparkplug wire not attached
- d. Is out of line

Question #58:

What would you use this tool for?

- a. Measure gap of sparkplug
- b. Time a lawn mower engine
- c. Install recoil of engine
- d. Tighten headbolts

Question #59:

What size container is the following plant in?

- a. Quart
- b. 1 gallon
- c. 2 gallon
- d. 5 gallon

Question #60:

Which of the following tools would be the most appropriate to use on the tree branch provided?

- a. Hand pruners
- b. Loppers
- c. Hedge shears
- d. Saw

Nursery/Landscape Landscaping Practicum – 2003

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- a. 4 to 5 feet
 - b. 6 to 7 feet
 - c. 8 to 9 feet
 - d. 10 to 11 feet
52. Area "Z" is an annual flower bed. How many square feet of annual area is there?
- a. 125 sq ft
 - b. 250 sq ft
 - c. 300 sq ft
 - d. 525 sq ft
53. How much sod will it take to cover the property in the front (west side) of the house marked Area "X"?
- a. 860 sq ft
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54. I want a brick patio and it will be located on the SE side of the house. How many bricks will I need to complete this project. The bricks will be 8 inches by 4 inches. (round up to the next whole number).
- a. 750 bricks
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55. How many cubic yards of mulch will I need to mulch the NE bed with hardwood mulch going 4 inches deep? (round to the nearest whole number)
- a. 264
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Scantron Form B

56. I want to plant annuals in the annual bed around the North and east sides of the house identified as Area "Z". These beds will be mulched to a depth of 4 inches with mulch costing \$18 per yard and there is a 6% sales tax rate. What will be my cost for mulch?
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 - c. \$115.50
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- a. \$562.50
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 - c. \$337.50
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59. What scale is this plan drawn in?
- a. 1" = 8'
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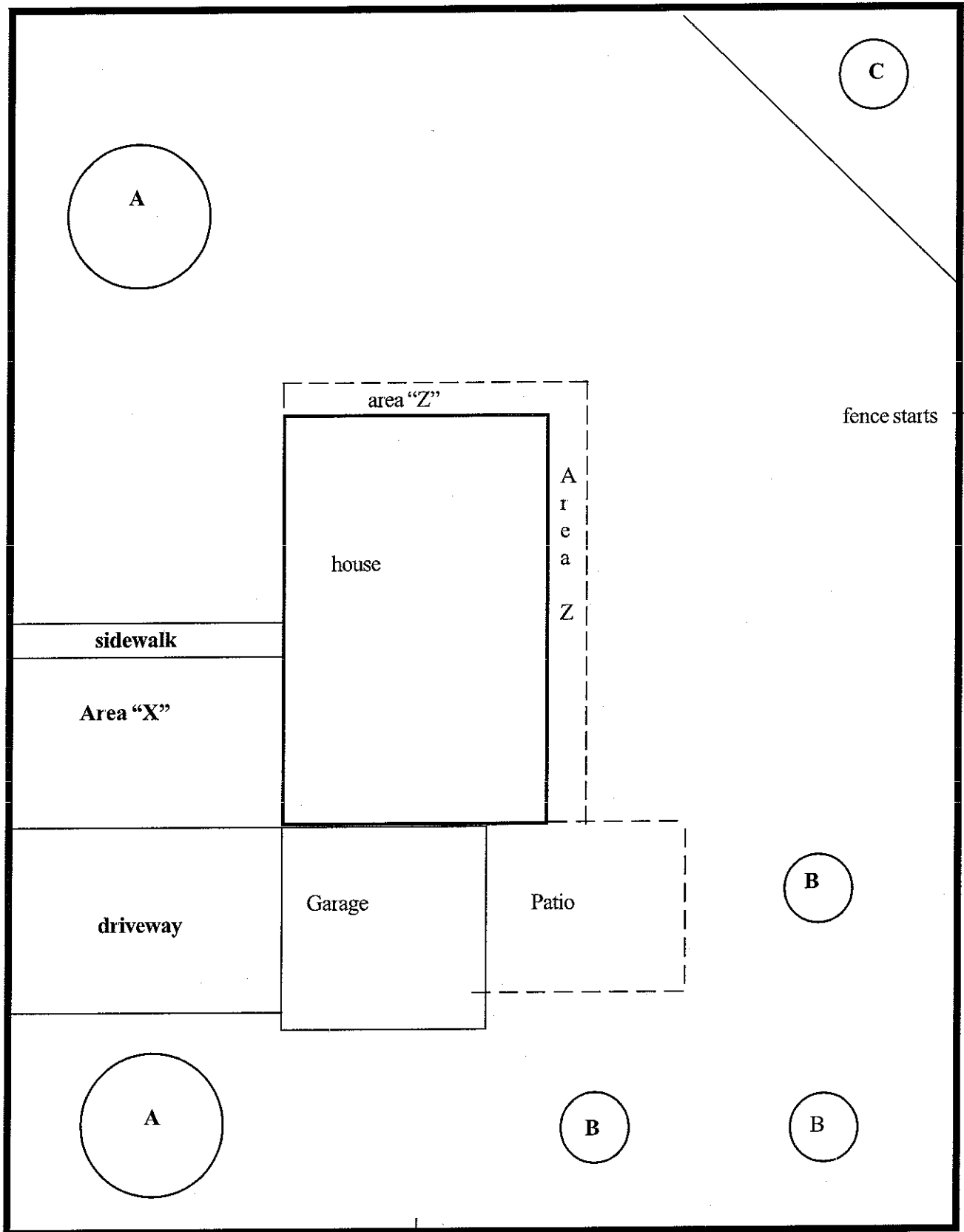
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A = Silver Maple

B = Autumn Purple Ash

C = Spring Snowcrab

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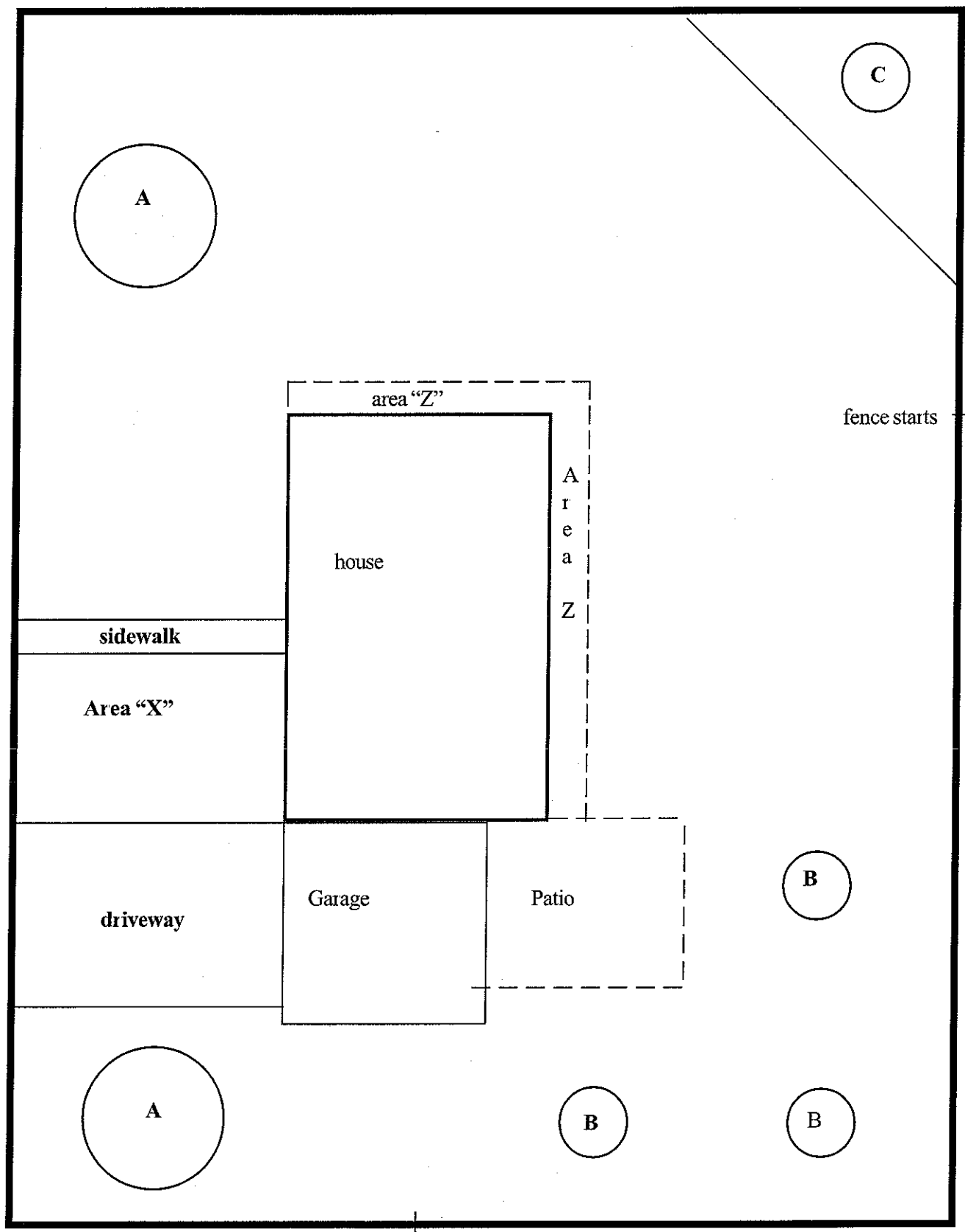
- a. Taylor
- b. **Thompson**
- c. Ankeny
- d. Can't tell from the plan

A = Silver Maple

B = Autumn Purple Ash

C = Spring Snowcrab

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Ankeny Scale: 1" = 20 '
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