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1. What was the name of the team that Almanzo was allowed to drive in the fields?
 - a) Star and Bright
 - b) Bess and Beauty
 - c) Star and Beauty
 - d) Bess and Bright

2. Last fall, the fields had been plowed and covered with manure. Not, the fields need to be _____.

3. **T F True or False:** Almanzo had to harrow each of the fields 1 time in a single direction to prepare the soil for the seeds.

4. How did Mother call the men from the field in to dinner?
 - a) she carried dinner to them
 - b) big tin dinner-horn
 - c) a metal triangle and drumstick
 - d) she sent the girls to fetch them

5. How can you tell if a horseman is a "good horseman"?
 - a) he feeds his horses good grain
 - b) he talks to his horses
 - c) he always cares for his horses before he eats or rests
 - d) he takes care of his own health before his horses

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6. Which part of the potatoes do the boys cut out for seeds to plant the fields?

7. What part of the plant does the potato come from?

8. Father marked the field to show where the potatoes were to be planted. How far apart are the rows?

a) 5 feet

c) 3 1/2 feet

b) 1 1/2 feet

d) 2 feet

9. **Fill in the Blank:** "Father marked the field lengthwise and _____, so that the furrows made little squares."

10. How many pieces of potato went in each corner of the squares?

a) 3

c) 1

b) 5

d) 2

11. Did Almanzo like planting potatoes?

12. How many types of grain did Father sow?

a) 3

c) 1

b) 2

d) 6

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13. Which is **NOT** a type of grain that Father sowed?
- a) rye
 - b) oats and Canada peas
 - c) wheat
 - d) alfalfa and Canada peas
14. In Father's story, what happened to the field that the lazy boy sowed quickly so that he could go swimming?
- a) an abundant crop
 - b) weeds took the field
 - c) seeds blew away
 - d) nothing grew
15. What did they plant after the grain?
- a) onions
 - b) cabbage
 - c) carrots
 - d) lettuce
16. How far apart did they plant the carrot seeds?
- a) 18 inches
 - b) 2 feet
 - c) 1 foot
 - d) 8 inches
17. Why doesn't Alice want to be a boy?
- a) boys have to wear pants
 - b) boys can't learn to cook
 - c) boys have too many chores
 - d) boys can't wear ribbons
18. **Fill in the Blank:** "Corn-planting time is when the _____ leaves are as big as squirrel's ears."
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19. What do you call a baby squirrel? _____

20. Which marker did Father use to mark the corn field for planting?

a) peas marker

c) carrot marker

b) potato marker

d) grain marker

21. **T F True or False:** Almanzo made a hole, dropped in two grains of corn, and then covered and patted the hole.

22. **Fill in the Blank:** "He knew he would plant corn as fast as anybody, when _____."

a) he was as tall as father

c) his legs were longer

b) he turned 15

d) he could train the young fowls

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