EXERCISE ON METHOD OF OBSERVATION

Please, indicate:

**1 - which method(s) of observation are not appropriate (-) and**

**2 – which method(s) of observation are probably most appropriate (+/++)**

MG: single measurement of a group of plants or parts of plants

MS: measurement of a number of individual plants or parts of plants

VG: visual assessment by a single observation of a group of plants or parts of plants

VS: visual assessment by observation of individual plants or parts of plants

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| **Exercise 1** |
| Background information |
| Crop: cross pollinated grass |
| Number of Growing Cycles:The minimum duration of tests should normally be two independent growing cycles. |
| Test Design: Each test should be designed to result in a total of at least 60 spaced plants which should be divided between at least 2 replicates.  |
| Characteristic: **Plant: natural height at inflorescence emergence** |
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| **Exercise 2** |
| Background information |
| Crop: vegetatively propagated ornamental variety |
| Number of Growing Cycles: The minimum duration of tests should normally be a single growing cycle. |
| Test Design: each test should be designed to result in a total of at least 10 plants. |
| Characteristic:  **Plant: height** |
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| **Exercise 3** |
| Background information |
| Crop: vegetatively propagated ornamental variety |
| Number of Growing Cycles: The minimum duration of tests should normally be a single growing cycle.  |
| Test Design: Each test should be designed to result in a total of at least 10 plants. . |
| Characteristic:  **Plant: type with states deciduous (1) – evergreen (2)** |
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| **Exercise 4** |
| Background information |
| Crop: cross-pollinated varieties |
| Number of Growing Cycles: The minimum duration of tests should normally be two independent growing cycles |
| Test Design: Each test should be designed to result in a total of at least 60 plants, which should be divided between two or more replicates. |
| Characteristic: **Time of beginning of flowering** |
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