

Corrigendum/Explanation SFG 2026 Level 1 Test 8

There are no changes to the solutions/answers. Explanations have been provided for the students who have raised doubts.

Q.3) There was a mismatch in one of the options in the question and the solution provided.

Exp) There is no change in the answer. Cabbage was also introduced in India by the Portuguese. The word “cabbage” is derived from the French word “coboche”, which means head. The head may be conical, round or flat round with smooth leaves. It is cultivated as an annual crop. It appears to have been introduced by the Portuguese, though the crop became popular during British rule. The seeds of cabbage used to be imported from Europe and the attempts to produce seeds were undertaken during the Second World War when the supply was cut off.

For Future Reference

Q.3) Consider the following crops:

- I. Cashew
- II. Cabbage
- III. Chilli

Which of the above crops were introduced in India by the Portuguese?

- a) I and II only
- b) II and III only
- c) I, II and III
- d) I and III only

Ans) c

Exp) Option c is the correct answer.

Option I is correct: Cashew (*Anacardium occidentale* L.) is indigenous to Central and South America, notably northeastern Brazil, where it is called by its Portuguese name Caju (the fruit) or Cajueiro (the tree). Portuguese and Spanish explorers who reached the New World, spread the tree to the tropical countries of the world. The **crop was introduced in India from Brazil by the Portuguese during the later half of the 16th century** mainly for afforestation and soil conservation. It is now widely grown in tropical climates, including parts of Africa and Asia, for its cashew “nuts” and “cashew apples”.

Option II is correct: Cabbage was also introduced in India by the Portuguese. The word “cabbage” is derived from the French word “coboche”, which means head. The head may be conical, round or flat round with smooth leaves. It is cultivated as an annual crop. It appears to have been introduced by the Portuguese, though the crop became popular during British rule. The seeds of cabbage used to be imported from Europe and the attempts to produce seeds were undertaken during the Second World War when the supply was cut off.

Option III is correct: Chillies originated in the Americas and were introduced to India by the Portuguese. Before their arrival, Indian cuisine relied primarily on black pepper for pungency. Chillies quickly gained popularity due to their intense heat and ease of cultivation, becoming a hallmark of Indian spice blends.

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Topic:) Advent of Europeans

Subtopic:)