Cymbidium Questions:

1. Which of the following two species out the top five species used for hybridization were NOT used to make Cym. Alexanderi.
a. Cym. eburneum
b. Cym. hookerianum
c. Cym. insigne
d. Cym. lowianum
e. Cym. sanderae
Answer: b. and e.
2. What is the most influential single Cymbidium hybrid (bonus point for cultivar)?
Answer: Cym. Alexanderi ‘Westonbirt’
3. What is the Cymbidium type species?
Answer: Cym. aloifolium
4. From what region of the world do Cymbidiums originate?
Answer: Himalayan mountains to Japan to Australia (Southeast Asia and Australia)
5. What is the predominate feature of the Cym. devonianum inflorescences?
Answer: Pendulate
6. What species has been used the most in breeding?
Answer: Cym. insigne
7. Which of the following climates does not contain native cymbidium species?
a. Cool to cold mountains
b. Tropical
c. Subtropical
d. Arid environments
e. All above
Answer: e. All above
8. What business / trade was the major driver of the cymbidium breeding?
Answer: Cut flower industry
9. Which of the following patterns does NOT occur in cymbidiums sepals and petals:
a. Uniform color
b. Strips
c. Spots
d. Peloria
e. Feathered pattern
f. Tessellation
Answer: Tessellation
10. What regions/climates are best suited for classical cymbidium hybrids?
Answer: Many answers, such as Mediterranean, California, Southern Australia, New Zealand, etc. (but not Texas)