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**MASTER GARDNER HOMEWORK DUE AUGUST 23, 2010**

Topic: Lawn/Turf Grass, Selecting, Planting and Care  
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Reading Assignment: **Texas Master Gardener Handbook**, Chapter 8: Pages 8-1 through 8-29.  
Lone Star Gardening: *Worry-free wildflowers that will flourish in the city*

1. List 5 of the functions of turf grass described in the TMGH: (2 points each)
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. All turf grasses spread in one or more of the following three ways:
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. A stolon is an \_\_\_\_\_ ground lateral stem and a \_\_\_\_\_ is a below ground lateral stem.
  
4. The choice of turf grass depends on: (2 points each)
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_

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5. The disadvantages of hybrid Bermuda grasses are that they require more \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ than do the common Bermuda grasses.
6. Perhaps the single most important cultural practice associated with lawn maintenance is \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Contrary to popular belief, clippings do not contribute to thatch. There is no need to \_\_\_\_\_ under a reasonable mowing program.
8. Deep watering encourages the development of an \_\_\_\_\_.
9. The best way to control weeds is by proper \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The major insects affecting Texas lawns are:
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_,
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ and
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_.