

Sugar and Spice and Everything Nice: Trivia I

1. What migrant workers, named for the Tamil word for “unskilled worker”, often worked on plantations, growing sugar cane and rubber?
2. Early experimenters with vanilla in the Industrial and Imperial Era revealed that what insect was responsible for pollinating the vanilla orchid?
3. European botanists discovered that growing vanilla on smaller, tropical islands would involve what special process, requiring a person to physically take pollen from the male plant and place onto the female plant?
4. In the Yunnan province in China, during the Medieval Era, what road was used for trading sugar, salt and tea to Tibet and India?
5. Ibn Battuta described sugar-cane planting along what coast as “unexcelled in the rest of the country”?
6. The increased growing of sugar cane throughout Southern Africa in the Industrial and Imperial Era led to the increase in demand for what two drinks and what one food?
7. Sugar-cane is a type of what plant?
8. Sugar originated from what location, reaching India around 1000BCE?