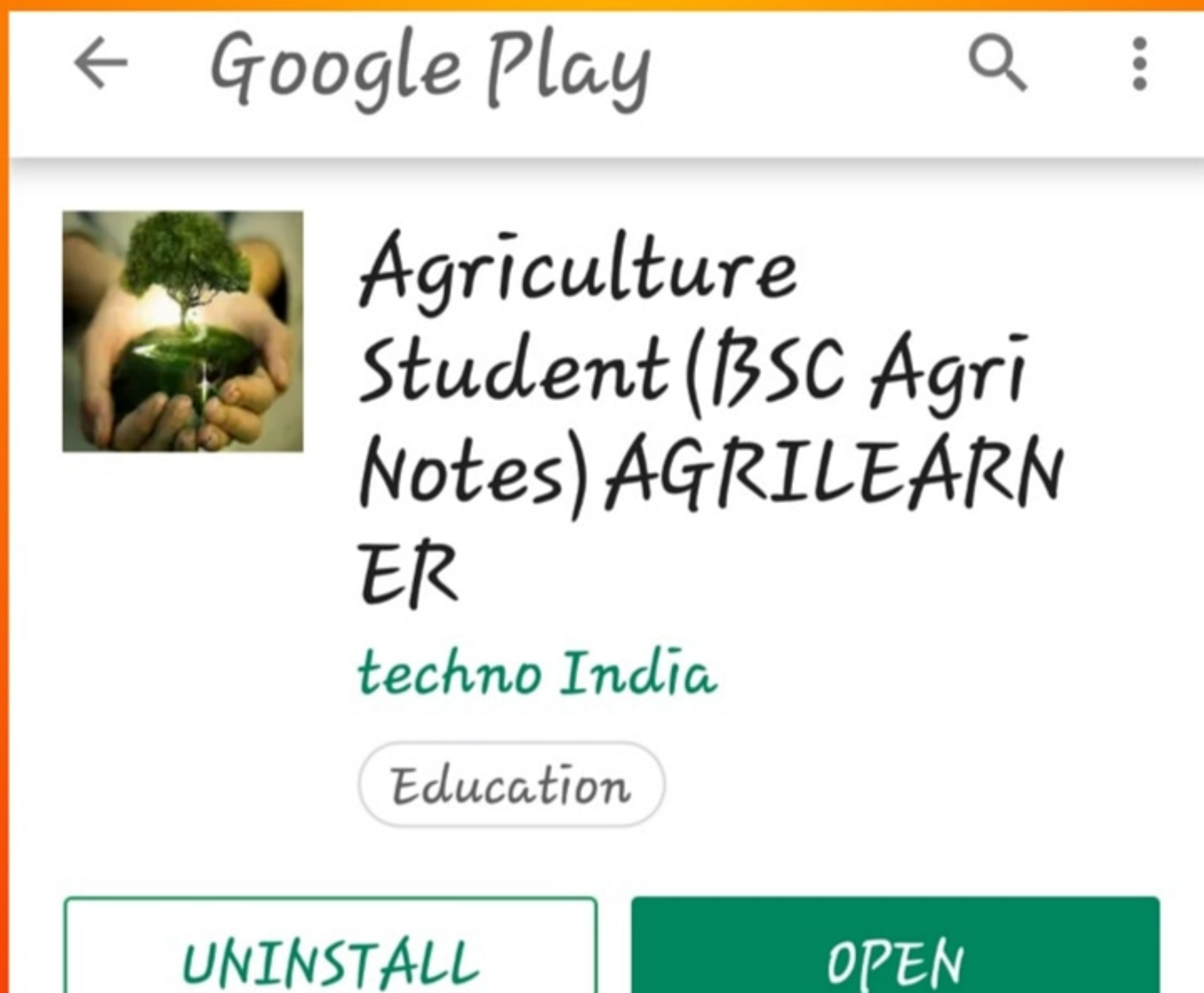


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Q.1) The process of removal of the tip of the shoot alone with a view to stimulate mildly the lateral growth is known as:

*[1] Pinching and Topping

[2] Disbudding or Rubbing off

[3] Heading Back

[4] Thinning out

[5] None of the above

[Answer] Pinching & Topping

[Explanation]

- **Meaning (Pruning):** removal of any excess or undesirable/unproductive branches, shoots or any other parts of plants so as to allow the remaining part to grow normally or according to desire of pruner is called pruning.
- **Methods of Pruning:**
 - Thinning Out**
 - Heading Back**
 - Disbudding or Rubbing off**
 - Pinching & Topping**
- **Thinning out:** This refers to the removal of the branches entirely from its base leaving no stubs
- **Heading Back:** This refers to pruning or cutting of main stem or all or few of the branches leaving a basal portion.
- **Disbudding or rubbing off:** In this the young buds are nipped without giving them the chance to sprout. The buds may be either vegetative or reproductive.
- **Pinching and topping:** It refers to the removal of the tip of the shoot alone with a view to stimulate mildly the lateral growth; this is practiced regularly in coffee to remove the apical dominance and to allow the side branches to grow vigorously. E.g. Deshi Cotton



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