

Quiz questions - ecology

1. A 'habitat' is:
 - A. A place to buy furniture and furnishings
 - B. The same as an ecosystem
 - C. A particular area inhabited by plants and animals
 - D. The number of different organisms living in a specific area

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2. How an organism is suited to live in a particular place is called:
 - A. Competition
 - B. Adaptation
 - C. Addition
 - D. Participation

B. Adaptation
3. 'Biodiversity' is described as:
 - A. The range of different species in an environment
 - B. The seasonal and daily changes in an environment
 - C. The way species differ from one another
 - D. The influence of physical factors on an environment

A. The range of different species in an environment
4. Which of these is a correct food chain?
 - A. Fish→chips→peas
 - B. Man→cow→grass
 - C. Cow→farm→supermarket
 - D. Grass→cow→man

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5. The arrows in a food chain show:
 - A. Who eats who
 - B. The route of food to the shops
 - C. The movement of energy between organisms
 - D. Where you need to go to get a meal

C. The movement of energy between organisms

6. All the energy in a food chain originates from:
- A. A plant
 - B. The farmer
 - C. The Sun
 - D. An electric socket
- C. The Sun
7. In the 1960's myxomatosis was 'accidentally' released killing approximately 90% of rabbits in the UK. What happened in the food chain below?
- Carrots→rabbits→foxes
- A. The number of carrots increased
 - B. The number of foxes increased
 - C. The number of carrots decreased and the number of foxes increased
 - D. The number of carrots increased and the number of foxes decreased
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8. Rabbits are important grazers, maintaining some important grassland habitats. If another catastrophe were to reduce rabbit populations what would happen?
- A. Important grassland butterflies would be lost
 - B. There would be more grass for the surviving rabbits
 - C. The grassland would be invaded by trees and shrubs
 - D. All of the above
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9. A food web:
- A. Is made by a spider
 - B. Shows how feeding relationships are interlinked
 - C. Shows the number of organisms in a habitat
 - D. Only shows important animals
- B. Shows how feeding relationships are interlinked
10. Which of these are **not** competed for by plants?
- A. Light
 - B. Minerals
 - C. Warmth
 - D. Water
- C. Warmth

11. Weeds compete with crops for resources. Farmers can get rid of weeds by using:
- A. Insecticide
 - B. Fungicide
 - C. Herbicide
 - D. Rodenticide
- C. Herbicide
12. Which of the following statements about pesticides is true?
- A. Spraying pesticides only affects the farmer's crops
 - B. There do not affect food chains
 - C. Without pesticides farmers could not grow crops
 - D. Pesticides can end up in rivers and streams
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13. Many pesticides are stored in an animal's body fat.
If a pesticide got into a lake, which organism would have the highest level?
- A. Osprey
 - B. Fish
 - C. Microscopic animals
 - D. Microscopic plants
- [microscopic → microscopic → fish → osprey]
plants animals
- A. Osprey
14. What do farmers using modern farming techniques rely on to ensure maximum crop yields?
- A. Pesticides
 - B. Fertilisers
 - C. Pesticides and fertilisers
 - D. Large machinery
- C. Pesticides and fertilisers
15. Fertilisers can be washed into rivers by the rain. This can cause:
- A. Bioaccumulation
 - B. Eutrophication
 - C. Biodegradation
 - D. Spontaneous combustion
- B. Eutrophication

16. Organic food is supposed to be better for you because:
- A. It relies on chemicals to improve the flavour
 - B. It is more expensive to buy
 - C. It is all grown in glasshouses, keeping it clean of environmental pollutants
 - D. It is grown without the use of artificial fertilisers and pesticides
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17. The biggest impacts are made on the environment by:
- A. The migration of organisms
 - B. Predation
 - C. Human interference
 - D. Competition
- C. Human interference
18. Sustainable development is:
- A. New building work to maintain jobs
 - B. Just a phrase used by environmentalists
 - C. Typical 21st century farming methods
 - D. Improving the lives of today's people, without damaging the quality of life of future generations
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19. Farming crises and food scares arise because:
- A. Animals are dirty
 - B. Some people don't cook their food properly
 - C. Man has interfered too much with natural food production
 - D. We eat too much fast food
- C. Man has interfered too much with natural food production
20. The Rio declaration on the Environment and development and Agenda 21 encouraged people to:
- A. Act local, think global
 - B. Act global, think local
 - C. Act as we are, think as we do
 - D. Not worry, the earth will go on forever
- A. Act local, think global