

Biological Diversity Unit Test

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Examining Diversity

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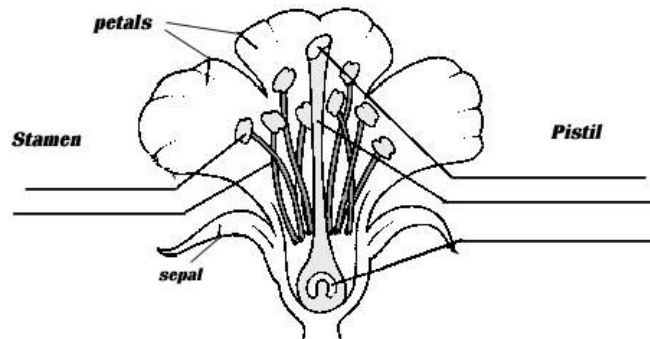
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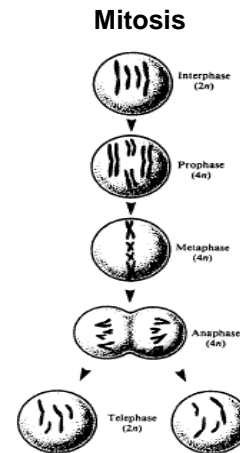
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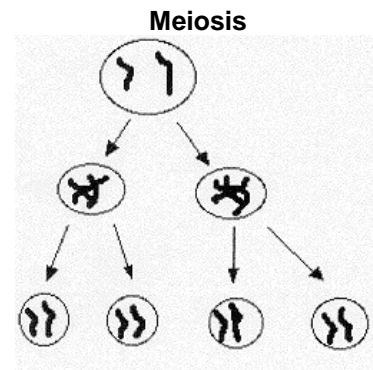
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- A. law
 - B. treaty
 - C. arrangement
 - D. proclamation

42. Conservation of biological diversity around the world requires the elimination or reduction of adverse impacts to biological diversity resulting from human activity. **A Biodiversity Strategy** usually focuses on ...
- A. ex-situ and out-situ management
 - B. in-situ and out-situ conservation
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 - B. government agency
 - C. municipal committee
 - D. not-for-profit charity
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- A. thistle purge
 - B. leafy spurge
 - C. weedy purge
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- A. WWE
 - B. WWF
 - C. ESCC
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- A. Biodiversity Conservation Genetic Bank
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NUMERICAL RESPONSE Questions

47. Sandy worked at the **Enterprise Animal Research Center**, where there are many scientific concepts that must be fully comprehended. She developed a system to learn these concepts by making observations for each of the concepts. These are his observations:

Observation 1	Butterflies match colors for protection.
Observation 2	Some organisms can only be found in one particular type of habitat
Observation 3	Some invertebrates have specialized structures, which help them exist in fast-flowing streams
Observation 4	Some organisms exist only because of their unique relationship with another organism

Sandy's observations match with the scientific concepts she was studying, as follows:

- ___ symbiosis
- ___ food-source dependence
- ___ environmental adaptation
- ___ mimicry

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48. As a result of **Natural Selection**, species develop adaptations that suit their habitat. Sandy observed organisms high on the mountainside near the Research Center and recorded some of the adaptations she observed:



padded paws
1.



thick fur
2



quick reflexes
3.



.acute hearing
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Match the number of the adaptation observed by Peter with the corresponding condition within the natural habit of these organisms.

- ___ cold climate
- ___ rocky terrain
- ___ sparse vegetation
- ___ landscape enhances echoes

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50. The reduction of diversity has resulted in species being listed on **Protection Lists**. Match the threat to a species population with the term it describes

- 1. none in a local area
- 2. none in the world
- 3. few left in a local area
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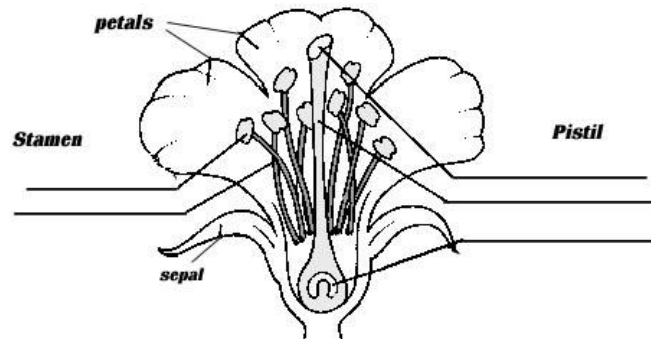
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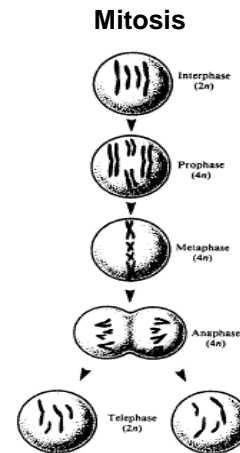
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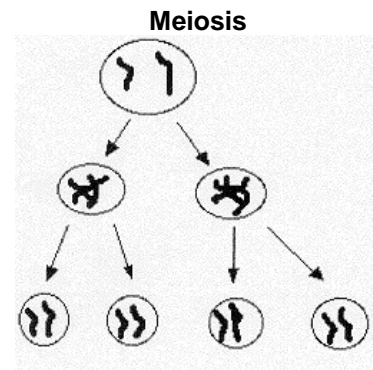
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 - C. Vitamin C
 - D. Vitamin E

Reducing Our Impact on Biological Diversity

41. International recognition of biological diversity was achieved at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992. *The United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity* outlined the importance of preserving diversity on a global scale. This document is a ...
- A. law
 - B. treaty**
 - C. arrangement
 - D. proclamation

42. Conservation of biological diversity around the world requires the elimination or reduction of adverse impacts to biological diversity resulting from human activity. **A Biodiversity Strategy** usually focuses on ...
- A. ex-situ and out-situ management
 - B. in-situ and out-situ conservation
 - C. in-situ and ex-situ conservation
 - D. ex-situ and in-situ management
43. **The Nature Conservancy** acquires land or raises money to ensure the continued protection of natural area, by working with local conservation groups, private citizens and corporations. **The Nature Conservancy** is dedicated to preserving ecologically significant areas is a ...
- A. provincial association
 - B. government agency
 - C. municipal committee
 - D. not-for-profit charity
44. **“Purge the Spurge”** refers to a volunteer activity that occurs every year in July. Volunteers gather to pull a non-native noxious weed that threatens to take over the park and destroy wildlife habitat. The weed is called ...
- A. thistle purge
 - B. leafy spurge
 - C. weedy purge
 - D. thorny spurge
45. The identification of **species-at-risk** in the United States is made by ...
- A. WWE
 - B. WWF
 - C. ESCC
 - D. EPA
46. The conservation of genetic material began with seed banks, between farmers. It has grown to worldwide preservation banks of genetic material that is administered by a group of scientists known as the ...
- A. Biodiversity Conservation Genetic Bank
 - B. International Seed Bank Conservation Group
 - C. International Plant Genetics Resources Institute
 - D. World Seed and Genetic Material Institute of Conservation

NUMERICAL RESPONSE Questions

47. Sandy worked at the **Enterprise Animal Research Center**, where there are many scientific concepts that must be fully comprehended. She developed a system to learn these concepts by making observations for each of the concepts. These are his observations:

Observation 1	Butterflies match colors for protection.
Observation 2	Some organisms can only be found in one particular type of habitat
Observation 3	Some invertebrates have specialized structures, which help them exist in fast-flowing streams
Observation 4	Some organisms exist only because of their unique relationship with another organism

Sandy's observations match with the scientific concepts she was studying, as follows:

- __4__ symbiosis
- __3__ food-source dependence
- __2__ environmental adaptation
- __1__ mimicry

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48. As a result of **Natural Selection**, species develop adaptations that suit their habitat. Sandy observed organisms high on the mountainside near the Research Center and recorded some of the adaptations she observed:



padded paws
1.



thick fur
2



quick reflexes
3.



.acute hearing
4.

Match the number of the adaptation observed by Peter with the corresponding condition within the natural habit of these organisms.

- __2__ cold climate
- __1__ rocky terrain
- __3__ sparse vegetation
- __4__ landscape enhances echoes

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49. Interdependence of species within the environment is necessary for survival. **Symbiosis** is an association between members of different species.

- 2- one organism benefits the other doesn't
- 2- one organism benefits, the other is harmed
- 3- one organism appears to be like another organism
- 4- both organisms benefit

___1___ commensalism ___4___ mutualism ___2___ parasitism ___3___ mimicry

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50. The reduction of diversity has resulted in species being listed on **Protection Lists**. Match the threat to a species population with the term it describes

- 5. none in a local area
- 6. none in the world
- 7. few left in a local area
- 8. numbers are being reduced

___2___ Endangered ___1___ Extirpated ___4___ Threatened ___3___ Declining

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