

INTERNAL-1 QUESTION BANK OF MSC ZOOLOGY 1ST YEARS  
ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSERVATION BIOLOGY [ PAPER – 2]

CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWERS

1. What is a macronutrient that provides energy? [ c ]

- a) Vitamin
- b) Mineral
- c) Carbohydrate
- d) Protein

2. Which micronutrient is essential for healthy red blood cells? [ b ]

- a) Calcium
- b) Iron
- c) Potassium
- d) Magnesium

3. Which macronutrient is crucial for building and repairing tissues? [ c ]

- a) Carbohydrate
- b) Fat
- c) Protein
- d) Fiber

4. Which vitamin is important for immune function? [ c ]

- a) Vitamin A
- b) Vitamin B
- c) Vitamin C
- d) Vitamin D

5. Which mineral is vital for bone health? [ d ]

- a) Iron
- b) Calcium
- c) Potassium

d) Sodium

6. What is eutrophication? [ c ]

- a) A process that increases biodiversity
- b) A process that decreases nutrient levels in water
- c) A process that leads to excessive algal growth due to excess nutrients
- d) A process that reduces water pollution

7. What is the primary cause of eutrophication? [ b ]

- a) Climate change
- b) Excessive nutrients from fertilizers and sewage
- c) Overfishing
- d) Industrial pollution

8. What is a consequence of eutrophication? [ c ]

- a) Increased oxygen levels in water
- b) Decreased algal growth
- c) Dead zones in water bodies
- d) Improved water quality

9. Which of the following is a symptom of eutrophication? [ b ]

- a) Clear water
- b) Algal blooms
- c) Increased aquatic life
- d) Decreased nutrient levels

10. How can eutrophication be controlled? [ b ]

- a) By increasing fertilizer use
- b) By reducing nutrient input from fertilizers and sewage
- c) By introducing non-native species
- d) By increasing water temperature

11. What is a biogeochemical cycle? [ b ]

- a) The movement of energy through an ecosystem
- b) The cycling of nutrients and elements between living and non-living components of the environment
- c) The process of photosynthesis
- d) The water cycle

12. Which of the following is an example of a biogeochemical cycle? [ d ]

- a) Carbon cycle
- b) Water cycle
- c) Nitrogen cycle
- d) All of the above

13. What is the primary reservoir of carbon in the Earth's biogeochemical cycle? [ b ]

- a) Atmosphere
- b) Oceans
- c) Soil
- d) Living organisms

14. Which process is crucial for returning nitrogen to the atmosphere in the nitrogen cycle?  
[b]

- a) Nitrogen fixation
- b) Denitrification
- c) Ammonification
- d) Nitrification

15. What is the role of decomposers in biogeochemical cycles? [ c ]

- a) To produce nutrients
- b) To consume nutrients
- c) To break down organic matter and release nutrients
- d) To fix nitrate

16. Which of the following is an inorganic pollutant? [ b ]

- a) Pesticides
- b) Heavy metals
- c) Oil spills
- d) Plastics

17. Which heavy metal is commonly associated with Minamata disease? [ b ]

- a) Lead
- b) Mercury
- c) Arsenic
- d) Cadmium

18. What is the primary source of lead pollution in the environment? [ d ]

- a) Industrial emissions
- b) Vehicle exhaust
- c) Agricultural runoff
- d) All of the above

19. Which of the following is a harmful effect of nitrate pollution in water? [ c ]

- a) Eutrophication
- b) Blue baby syndrome
- c) Both a and b
- d) None of the above

20. Which inorganic pollutant can cause bone disease and kidney damage? [ d ]

- a) Cadmium
- b) Lead
- c) Mercury
- d) Arsenic

## FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. The phase where the population grows slowly due to limited resources is called the \_\_\_\_\_ phase [ Stationary phase]
2. The phase of the growth curve population is adapting to the environment and growth is slow is called the \_\_\_\_\_ phase. [ Lag phase]
3. In a growth curve, population declines due to factors like resource called the \_\_\_\_\_ phase [ Decline phase]
4. The population growth in a limited environment is known as the \_\_\_\_\_ growth curve [logistic (or S-shaped)]
5. The process by which nitrogen is converted into a usable form for plants is called \_\_\_\_\_. [ Nitrogen fixation]
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ cycle involves the movement of carbon between the atmosphere and living organisms. [ Carbon]
7. In the water cycle, the process by which plants release water vapor into the atmosphere is called \_\_\_\_\_. [ Transpiration]
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ cycle involves the conversion of living organisms. [ Nitrogen]
9. Phosphorus is an essentially stored in \_\_\_\_\_. [ Rocks and sediments]
10. The sigmoid growth curve is also known as the \_\_\_\_\_ growth curve.  
[ Logistic]
11. The J-shaped growth curve represents \_\_\_\_\_ growth in a population  
[Exponential ]
12. In a sigmoid growth curve, the population growth rate slows down as it approaches the \_\_\_\_\_. [ Carrying capacity]
13. The J-shaped curve is \_\_\_\_\_ resources on growth. [ Unlimited ]
14. The S-shaped curve is a more realistic model of population growth in environments with \_\_\_\_\_ resources. [ Limited ]
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ ecosystem is characterized by trees and a diverse range of plant and animal species. [ Forest ]
16. \_\_\_\_\_ ecosystems are dominated by grasses and herbaceous plants, with few trees [Grassland ]
17. \_\_\_\_\_ ecosystems are cold, treeless regions found in Arctic and Antarctic areas. [ Tundra ]

18. \_\_\_\_\_ ecosystems are found in freshwater environments like rivers, lakes, and ponds. [Freshwater]

19. \_\_\_\_\_ ecosystems are characterized by high temperatures, high humidity, and heavy rainfall, and are often found near the equator. [ Tropical rainforest]

20. \_\_\_\_\_ ecosystems are found in coastal areas where freshwater and saltwater mix. [ Estuarine]

21. \_\_\_\_\_ ecosystems are dry, arid regions with very little rainfall and sparse vegetation. [ Desert]

#### ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

- 1.micronutrients and macronutrients
- 2.growth curves
- 3.eutrofication
- 4.biogeochemical cycles of NO<sub>2</sub> & CO<sub>2</sub>
- 5.population characteristics