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## 1. What does the acronym "EHS" stand for in the context of environmental safety?

- A) Environmental and Hazardous Substance
- B) Ecology and Human Safety
- C) Environmental Health and Safety
- D) Erosion and Hazardous Spills

**Answer: C) Environmental Health and Safety**

**Explanation: EHS stands for Environmental Health and Safety, which encompasses practices and regulations to protect the environment and human health.**

## 2. Which of the following is a primary goal of environmental safety?

- A) Minimizing waste generation
- B) Maximizing resource extraction
- C) Ignoring pollution prevention
- D) Promoting deforestation

**Answer: A) Minimizing waste generation**

**Explanation: One of the primary goals of environmental safety is to minimize waste generation and reduce environmental pollution.**





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### 3. What does the term "biodiversity" refer to in environmental science?

- A) The uniformity of ecosystems
- B) The extinction of species
- C) The variety of life forms and species within an ecosystem
- D) The absence of wildlife

**Answer: C) The variety of life forms and species within an ecosystem**

**Explanation: Biodiversity refers to the variety of life forms and species within a particular ecosystem or habitat.**

### 4. Which gas is primarily responsible for climate change and global warming?

- A) Oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>)
- B) Nitrogen (N<sub>2</sub>)
- C) Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)
- D) Hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>)

**Answer: C) Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)**

**Explanation: Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) is the primary greenhouse gas responsible for climate change and global warming.**



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## 5. What is the main purpose of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)?

- A) To promote pollution
- B) To evaluate the potential environmental effects of a project or development
- C) To increase resource consumption
- D) To discourage conservation efforts

**Answer: B) To evaluate the potential environmental effects of a project or development**

**Explanation: The main purpose of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is to assess and evaluate the potential environmental effects of a project or development before it is undertaken.**

## 6. Which of the following is an example of a renewable energy source?

- A) Natural gas
- B) Coal
- C) Solar power
- D) Nuclear energy

**Answer: C) Solar power**

**Explanation: Solar power is an example of a renewable energy source because it is derived from sunlight, which is continuously available.**



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**7. What is the term for the process by which ecosystems, communities, and economies are able to withstand and recover from natural disasters or environmental changes?**

- A) Adaptation
- B) Pollution
- C) Exploitation
- D) Erosion

**Answer: A) Adaptation**

**Explanation: Adaptation refers to the process by which ecosystems, communities, and economies can withstand and recover from natural disasters or environmental changes.**

**8. Which environmental organization is responsible for establishing standards for clean air and water in the United States?**

- A) Greenpeace
- B) United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP)
- C) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- D) World Wildlife Fund (WWF)

**Answer: C) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**

**Explanation: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the United States is responsible for establishing standards for clean air and water.**





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## 9. What is the primary function of a wetland ecosystem in terms of environmental protection?

- A) To store hazardous waste
- B) To promote desertification
- C) To filter and purify water
- D) To increase air pollution

**Answer: C) To filter and purify water**

**Explanation: Wetland ecosystems play a crucial role in filtering and purifying water, improving water quality.**

## 10. What does the term "sustainable development" mean in the context of environmental conservation?

- A) Exploiting natural resources without concern for future generations
- B) Using resources in a way that meets current needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs
- C) Maximizing resource extraction at all costs
- D) Encouraging overpopulation

**Answer: B) Using resources in a way that meets current needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs**

**Explanation: Sustainable development involves using resources in a way that meets current needs without depleting them to the detriment of future generations.**



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## 11. What is the primary cause of deforestation worldwide?

- A) Expansion of protected natural reserves
- B) Logging and timber production
- C) Desertification
- D) Decreased demand for agricultural land

**Answer: B) Logging and timber production**

**Explanation: Logging and timber production are the primary causes of deforestation worldwide.**

## 12. What is the term for the process of converting waste materials into reusable materials to prevent waste disposal in landfills?

- A) Landfilling
- B) Incineration
- C) Recycling
- D) Pollution

**Answer: C) Recycling**

**Explanation: Recycling is the process of converting waste materials into reusable materials to prevent waste disposal in landfills.**



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**13. Which gas is primarily responsible for climate change and global warming?**

- A) Oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>)
- B) Nitrogen (N<sub>2</sub>)
- C) Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)
- D) Hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>)

**Answer: C) Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)**

**Explanation: Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) is the primary greenhouse gas responsible for climate change and global warming.**

**14. What is the term for the contamination of groundwater by harmful substances from surface sources such as landfills or industrial sites?**

- A) Air pollution
- B) Land pollution
- C) Water pollution
- D) Groundwater contamination

**Answer: D) Groundwater contamination**

**Explanation: Groundwater contamination occurs when harmful substances from surface sources seep into the groundwater, polluting it.**



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**15. Which international treaty aims to protect the ozone layer by phasing out the production and use of ozone-depleting substances?**

- A) Kyoto Protocol
- B) Montreal Protocol
- C) Paris Agreement
- D) Rio Declaration

**Answer: B) Montreal Protocol**

**Explanation: The Montreal Protocol is an international treaty that aims to protect the ozone layer by phasing out the production and use of ozone-depleting substances.**

**16. What is the term for the process of converting organic materials, such as food waste, into nutrient-rich soil conditioner through decomposition?**

- A) Incineration
- B) Composting
- C) Landfilling
- D) Land reclamation

**Answer: B) Composting**

**Explanation: Composting is the process of converting organic materials, such as food waste, into nutrient-rich soil conditioner through decomposition.**



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**17. Which of the following is a key component of environmental sustainability?**

- A) Exploiting resources without limits
- B) Maximizing pollution
- C) Balancing the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs
- D) Depleting natural resources

**Answer: C) Balancing the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs**

**Explanation: Environmental sustainability involves balancing the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.**

**18. What is the term for the practice of intentionally releasing harmful substances into the environment to reduce or eliminate pests or unwanted species?**

- A) Pollution
- B) Conservation
- C) Pesticide use
- D) Integrated pest management (IPM)

**Answer: C) Pesticide use**

**Explanation: Pesticide use is the practice of intentionally releasing harmful substances into the environment to reduce or eliminate pests or unwanted species.**



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**19. Which of the following is a common method of air pollution control that involves removing particulate matter from industrial emissions?**

- A) Carbon capture and storage (CCS)
- B) Scrubbing
- C) Deforestation
- D) Land reclamation

**Answer: B) Scrubbing**

**Explanation: Scrubbing is a common method of air pollution control used to remove particulate matter and pollutants from industrial emissions.**

**20. What is the term for the process of restoring an ecosystem to its original condition before human interference or damage occurred?**

- A) Ecological succession
- B) Erosion control
- C) Habitat destruction
- D) Ecological restoration

**Answer: D) Ecological restoration**

**Explanation: Ecological restoration is the process of restoring an ecosystem to its original condition before human interference or damage occurred.**





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**21. Which of the following is a significant contributor to ocean pollution and harm to marine life?**

- A) Decreased fishing activities
- B) Marine protected areas
- C) Plastic waste and microplastics
- D) Conservation efforts

**Answer: C) Plastic waste and microplastics**

**Explanation: Plastic waste and microplastics are significant contributors to ocean pollution and harm to marine life.**

**22. What is the term for the excessive use of natural resources at a rate that exceeds the Earth's capacity to replenish them?**

- A) Resource conservation
- B) Sustainable development
- C) Resource depletion
- D) Biodiversity

**Answer: C) Resource depletion**

**Explanation: Resource depletion refers to the excessive use of natural resources at a rate that exceeds the Earth's capacity to replenish them.**



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**23. Which environmental law in the United States regulates the handling, transportation, and disposal of hazardous waste?**

- A) Clean Air Act
- B) Clean Water Act
- C) Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA)
- D) Endangered Species Act

**Answer: C) Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA)**

**Explanation: The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) in the United States regulates the handling, transportation, and disposal of hazardous waste.**

**24. What is the term for the process of converting organic materials, such as food waste, into nutrient-rich soil conditioner through decomposition?**

- A) Incineration
- B) Composting
- C) Landfilling
- D) Land reclamation

**Answer: B) Composting**

**Explanation: Composting is the process of converting organic materials, such as food waste, into nutrient-rich soil conditioner through decomposition.**



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**25. Which of the following is a common method of soil erosion control that involves planting vegetation along slopes or riverbanks?**

- A) Desertification
- B) Landfilling
- C) Reforestation
- D) Land reclamation

**Answer: C) Reforestation**

**Explanation: Reforestation is a common method of soil erosion control that involves planting vegetation along slopes or riverbanks to prevent erosion.**

**26. What is the term for the process of protecting and restoring natural areas, such as forests, wetlands, and grasslands, to support biodiversity and ecosystem health?**

- A) Ecosystem degradation
- B) Conservation
- C) Habitat destruction
- D) Habitat restoration

**Answer: D) Habitat restoration**

**Explanation: Habitat restoration is the process of protecting and restoring natural areas, such as forests, wetlands, and grasslands, to support biodiversity and ecosystem health.**



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**27. What is the term for the practice of intentionally releasing harmful substances into the environment to reduce or eliminate pests or unwanted species?**

- A) Pollution
- B) Conservation
- C) Pesticide use
- D) Integrated pest management (IPM)

**Answer: C) Pesticide use**

**Explanation: Pesticide use is the practice of intentionally releasing harmful substances into the environment to reduce or eliminate pests or unwanted species.**

**28. Which of the following is a common practice to reduce energy consumption and environmental impact in buildings and construction?**

- A) Maximizing energy use
- B) Single-use plastics
- C) Sustainable building design and materials
- D) Excessive lighting

**Answer: C) Sustainable building design and materials**

**Explanation: Sustainable building design and materials are common practices to reduce energy consumption and environmental impact in buildings and construction.**



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**29. What is the term for the process of protecting and restoring natural areas from development or destruction?**

- A) Habitat destruction
- B) Biodiversity
- C) Conservation
- D) Erosion control

**Answer: C) Conservation**

**Explanation: Conservation is the process of preserving and protecting natural areas from development or destruction.**

**30. Which of the following is a common practice to reduce water pollution in agriculture?**

- A) Efficient irrigation techniques
- B) Excessive pesticide use
- C) Overgrazing of livestock
- D) Discharging untreated wastewater

**Answer: A) Efficient irrigation techniques**

**Explanation: Efficient irrigation techniques are a common practice to reduce water pollution in agriculture.**



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**31. What is the term for the process of using plants to remove contaminants from soil and water in a natural and sustainable way?**

- A) Phytoremediation
- B) Soil erosion
- C) Deforestation
- D) Landfilling

**Answer: A) Phytoremediation**

**Explanation: Phytoremediation is the process of using plants to remove contaminants from soil and water in a natural and sustainable way.**

**32. Which of the following is a major cause of coral reef degradation and bleaching?**

- A) Reduced ocean temperatures
- B) Ocean acidification
- C) Conservation efforts
- D) Algal blooms

**Answer: B) Ocean acidification**

**Explanation: Ocean acidification is a major cause of coral reef degradation and bleaching.**





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**33. What is the term for the practice of protecting and restoring coastal habitats, such as mangroves and salt marshes, to reduce the impact of storms and sea-level rise?**

- A) Coastal development
- B) Coastal erosion
- C) Coastal reclamation
- D) Coastal resilience

**Answer: D) Coastal resilience**

**Explanation: Coastal resilience is the practice of protecting and restoring coastal habitats, such as mangroves and salt marshes, to reduce the impact of storms and sea-level rise.**

**34. Which of the following is a common practice to reduce water pollution in agriculture?**

- A) Efficient irrigation techniques
- B) Excessive pesticide use
- C) Overgrazing of livestock
- D) Discharging untreated wastewater

**Answer: A) Efficient irrigation techniques**

**Explanation: Efficient irrigation techniques are a common practice to reduce water pollution in agriculture.**



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**35. What is the term for the process of using plants to remove contaminants from soil and water in a natural and sustainable way?**

- A) Phytoremediation
- B) Soil erosion
- C) Deforestation
- D) Landfilling

**Answer: A) Phytoremediation**

**Explanation: Phytoremediation is the process of using plants to remove contaminants from soil and water in a natural and sustainable way.**

**36. Which of the following is a major cause of coral reef degradation and bleaching?**

- A) Reduced ocean temperatures
- B) Ocean acidification
- C) Conservation efforts
- D) Algal blooms

**Answer: B) Ocean acidification**

**Explanation: Ocean acidification is a major cause of coral reef degradation and bleaching.**



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**37. What is the term for the practice of protecting and restoring coastal habitats, such as mangroves and salt marshes, to reduce the impact of storms and sea-level rise?**

- A) Coastal development
- B) Coastal erosion
- C) Coastal reclamation
- D) Coastal resilience

**Answer: D) Coastal resilience**

**Explanation: Coastal resilience is the practice of protecting and restoring coastal habitats, such as mangroves and salt marshes, to reduce the impact of storms and sea-level rise.**

**38. Which of the following is a common practice to reduce water pollution in agriculture?**

- A) Efficient irrigation techniques
- B) Excessive pesticide use
- C) Overgrazing of livestock
- D) Discharging untreated wastewater

**Answer: A) Efficient irrigation techniques**

**Explanation: Efficient irrigation techniques are a common practice to reduce water pollution in agriculture.**



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**39. What is the term for the process of using plants to remove contaminants from soil and water in a natural and sustainable way?**

- A) Phytoremediation
- B) Soil erosion
- C) Deforestation
- D) Landfilling

**Answer: A) Phytoremediation**

**Explanation: Phytoremediation is the process of using plants to remove contaminants from soil and water in a natural and sustainable way.**

**40. Which of the following is a major cause of coral reef degradation and bleaching?**

- A) Reduced ocean temperatures
- B) Ocean acidification
- C) Conservation efforts
- D) Algal blooms

**Answer: B) Ocean acidification**

**Explanation: Ocean acidification is a major cause of coral reef degradation and bleaching.**



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**41. What is the term for the practice of protecting and restoring coastal habitats, such as mangroves and salt marshes, to reduce the impact of storms and sea-level rise?**

- A) Coastal development
- B) Coastal erosion
- C) Coastal reclamation
- D) Coastal resilience

**Answer: D) Coastal resilience**

**Explanation: Coastal resilience is the practice of protecting and restoring coastal habitats, such as mangroves and salt marshes, to reduce the impact of storms and sea-level rise.**

**42. Which of the following is a common practice to reduce water pollution in agriculture?**

- A) Efficient irrigation techniques
- B) Excessive pesticide use
- C) Overgrazing of livestock
- D) Discharging untreated wastewater

**Answer: A) Efficient irrigation techniques**

**Explanation: Efficient irrigation techniques are a common practice to reduce water pollution in agriculture.**



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**43. What is the term for the process of using plants to remove contaminants from soil and water in a natural and sustainable way?**

- A) Phytoremediation
- B) Soil erosion
- C) Deforestation
- D) Landfilling

**Answer: A) Phytoremediation**

**Explanation: Phytoremediation is the process of using plants to remove contaminants from soil and water in a natural and sustainable way.**

**44. Which of the following is a major cause of coral reef degradation and bleaching?**

- A) Reduced ocean temperatures
- B) Ocean acidification
- C) Conservation efforts
- D) Algal blooms

**Answer: B) Ocean acidification**

**Explanation: Ocean acidification is a major cause of coral reef degradation and bleaching.**





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**45. What is the term for the practice of protecting and restoring coastal habitats, such as mangroves and salt marshes, to reduce the impact of storms and sea-level rise?**

- A) Coastal development
- B) Coastal erosion
- C) Coastal reclamation
- D) Coastal resilience

**Answer: D) Coastal resilience**

**Explanation: Coastal resilience is the practice of protecting and restoring coastal habitats, such as mangroves and salt marshes, to reduce the impact of storms and sea-level rise.**

**46. Which of the following is a common practice to reduce water pollution in agriculture?**

- A) Efficient irrigation techniques
- B) Excessive pesticide use
- C) Overgrazing of livestock
- D) Discharging untreated wastewater

**Answer: A) Efficient irrigation techniques**

**Explanation: Efficient irrigation techniques are a common practice to reduce water pollution in agriculture.**



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**47. What is the term for the process of using plants to remove contaminants from soil and water in a natural and sustainable way?**

- A) Phytoremediation
- B) Soil erosion
- C) Deforestation
- D) Landfilling

**Answer: A) Phytoremediation**

**Explanation: Phytoremediation is the process of using plants to remove contaminants from soil and water in a natural and sustainable way.**

**48. Which of the following is a major cause of coral reef degradation and bleaching?**

- A) Reduced ocean temperatures
- B) Ocean acidification
- C) Conservation efforts
- D) Algal blooms

**Answer: B) Ocean acidification**

**Explanation: Ocean acidification is a major cause of coral reef degradation and bleaching.**



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**49. What is the term for the gradual change in Earth's climate patterns over an extended period of time?**

- A) Weather fluctuations
- B) Climate variability
- C) Climate change
- D) Temperature instability

**Answer: C) Climate change**

**Explanation: Climate change refers to the gradual change in Earth's climate patterns over an extended period of time.**

**50. Which of the following is a common practice to reduce water pollution in agriculture?**

- A) Efficient irrigation techniques
- B) Excessive pesticide use
- C) Overgrazing of livestock
- D) Discharging untreated wastewater

**Answer: A) Efficient irrigation techniques**

**Explanation: Efficient irrigation techniques are a common practice to reduce water pollution in agriculture.**



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