BRITISH COLUMBIA PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY 12 (MPGEO12) · UNIT B · 25 QUESTIONS

The Hydrosphere and Biosphere — Practice Test

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1 **The hydrosphere is best defined as all of the water on Earth, including water in**



A oceans, lakes, rivers, ice, groundwater and the atmosphere

B rocks only

C living things only

D the atmosphere only

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2 **About what share of Earths surface is covered by oceans**



A 50 percent

B 71 percent

C 90 percent

D 30 percent

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3 **The largest ocean on Earth is the**



A Atlantic Ocean

B Indian Ocean

C Pacific Ocean

D Arctic Ocean

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4 **Evaporation in the water cycle is the process by which liquid water changes into**



A ice on the ground

B salt in the ocean

C liquid water underground

D water vapour and rises into the atmosphere

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5 **Condensation in the water cycle is the process by which water vapour changes into**

A liquid droplets that form clouds

B ice only at the poles

C salt crystals

D groundwater directly

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6 **Precipitation returns water from the atmosphere to Earths surface as**

A wind only

B rain, snow, sleet or hail

C sunlight

D ocean currents

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7 **Infiltration is the process by which water on the surface**

A flows only into oceans

B evaporates instantly

C soaks into the soil and rock below

D freezes on contact

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8 **Runoff is water that flows over the land surface toward**

A the centre of Earth

B the upper atmosphere only

C underground oceans only

D streams, rivers and lakes

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9 **Groundwater is water stored in pore spaces and cracks in rock and soil, often in a layer called an**

A aquifer

B glacier

C estuary

D watershed divide

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10 **A warm ocean current is a flow of ocean water that carries relatively warm water toward**



A the ocean floor only

B the equator from the poles

C higher latitudes

D landlocked lakes

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11 **A cold ocean current is a flow of ocean water that carries relatively cold water toward**

A the poles only

B the ocean floor only

C inland deserts

D lower latitudes

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12 **The Gulf Stream is best described as a warm current in the Atlantic Ocean that flows**

A northward along the east coast of North America

B southward along the west coast of Africa

C eastward across the Pacific

D only within the Arctic Ocean

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13 **The Labrador Current is best described as a cold current that flows southward near**

A the west coast of Mexico

B Atlantic Canada

C Australia only

D the Mediterranean Sea

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14 **Upwelling is important for marine life because it brings cold water that is rich in nutrients from**

A the atmosphere to the seafloor

B rivers to the desert

C deep water up to the surface

D glaciers to the tropics

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15 **The biosphere is best defined as the part of Earth where life exists, including parts of the**

A inner core only

B atmosphere only

C deep mantle only

D atmosphere, hydrosphere and upper geosphere

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16 **A biome is best defined as a large region with a similar climate and similar types of**

A vegetation and animal life

B rock age only

C ocean depth only

D human language only

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17 **The tundra biome is best described as a cold and treeless region with**

A tall broadleaf forests

B permafrost and low growing plants

C year round hot deserts

D dense coral reefs

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18 **The boreal forest biome that covers much of Canada is dominated by**

A palm trees

B cactus only

C coniferous trees such as spruce and pine

D deciduous trees only

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19 **The temperate rainforest of coastal British Columbia is characterised by high rainfall and**

A treeless frozen ground

B sandy dunes only

C grassland with no trees

D dense coniferous forest with mosses and ferns

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20 **The grassland biome of the Canadian Prairies is dominated by grasses with relatively few trees because of**



A moderate rainfall and frequent fire and grazing

B year round freezing

C daily ocean flooding

D complete lack of soil

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21 **A desert biome is best described as a region with very low rainfall and plants and animals adapted to**

A permanent flooding

B dry conditions

C freezing oceans

D dense forest shade

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22 **Biodiversity is best defined as the variety of genes, species and ecosystems in an area, and high biodiversity generally makes an ecosystem**

A less stable in all cases

B dependent on one species only

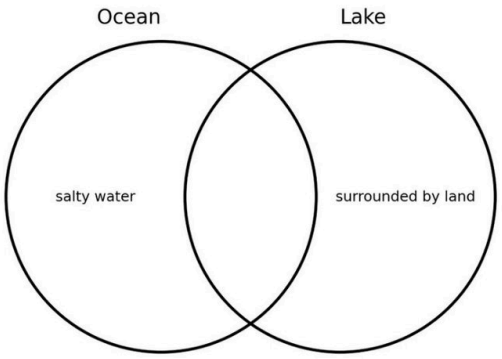
C more resilient to change

D unable to change

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C) is surrounded by land

D) is frozen all year

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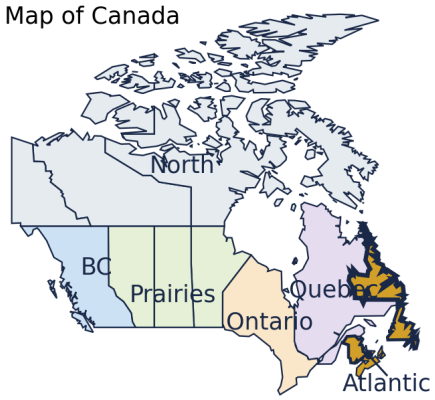
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24 **The schematic map of Canada highlights one region. The highlighted region has a coastal climate that is moderated mainly by the**



A Prairie grasslands

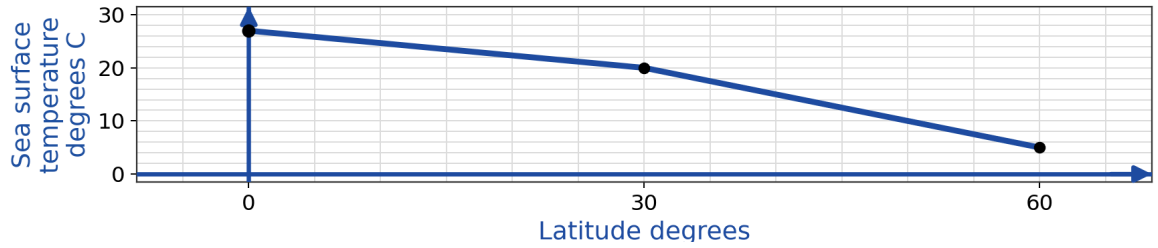
B Atlantic Ocean

C Rocky Mountains

D Arctic ice cap only

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25 **The graph shows sea surface temperature against latitude in one ocean. The sea surface temperature at 60 degrees latitude, in degrees, is**



A 27

B 20

C 5

D 15

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ANSWER KEY

1. A
2. B
3. C
4. D
5. A
6. B
7. C
8. D
9. A
10. C
11. D
12. A
13. B
14. C
15. D
16. A
17. B
18. C
19. D
20. A
21. B
22. C
23. A
24. B
25. C

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