

30 Multiple Choice Questions

1. Climate change effects the evapotranspiration cycle by
 - A. creating more potable water
 - B. reducing the likeliness of draught
 - C. raising sea levels
 - D. none of the above
2. A National Geographic Magazine photo-essay revealed the highest water use was by
 - A. a Bolivian family of 6
 - B. a Jordanian family of 6
 - C. an Indian family of 8
 - D. a Myanmar family of 4
3. Which water scarcity problem in the western U.S. led to the use of xeriscaping?
 - A. frequent draughts
 - B. excessive ground water extraction
 - C. pressing ecological issues
 - D. none of the above
4. Typical domestic water use patterns changed from 1979 to 2015 in that
 - A. a smaller percentage of water is used outdoors
 - B. a smaller percentage of indoor use goes to toilets
 - C. a larger percentage of indoor use goes to showers and baths
 - D. all of the above
5. Rain water harvesting is legal
 - A. in all US states
 - B. in most US states
 - C. in some US states
 - D. in no US states
6. Regional reservoirs can
 - A. suffer significant evaporative losses
 - B. be depleted by draught
 - C. entail energy use for pumping and delivery
 - D. all of the above



*"Yes, I did say I wanted a 'green' home.
But not in the literal sense."*

7. Bioswales are used to manage storm water runoff
 - A. at Village Homes in Davis, CA
 - B. in UI's Sweet Avenue parking lot
 - C. at the Portland Water Pollution Control Laboratory
 - D. all of the above

8. Scuppers at the Portland Water Pollution Control Laboratory are similar in that the both
 - A. direct stormwater to a bioswale
 - B. filter the water before it enters the cistern
 - C. allow the initial polluted run-off to be retained
 - D. all of the above

9. Sadly, the UI SUB green roof has been dismantled, so now
 - A. our only green roof is above the entry to the Commons food court
 - B. our largest green roof is on the IRIC
 - C. only the Commons and IRIC have green roofs
 - D. none of the above

10. Waste water sent off-site for treatment
 - A. must be handled by a mechanized waste water plant
 - B. can be purified by biological means
 - C. can never become potable
 - D. none of the above

11. Which of the following can be treated on site through biological means
 - A. black water
 - B. gray water
 - C. storm water
 - D. all of the above

12. An example of a building that treats gray water for potable uses is
 - A. Jim Davis' Paws Inc. studio in Muncie, IN
 - B. John Lyle's Center for Regenerative Studies
 - C. Mike Reynolds earthships
 - D. all of the above

13. My research shows that public toilets in Copenhagen and Cusco are similar and are
 - A. of a sleek modern design
 - B. Victorian ensembles
 - C. primitive trough urinals
 - D. both B. and C. above

14. Low-flush toilets' performance
 - A. simply meets code
 - B. is proven to handle average loads in all cases
 - C. is so questionable that they are rarely installed
 - D. all of the above

15. The most recent concern in public bathroom design is
- A. meeting ADA requirements
 - B. providing all gender facilities
 - C. solving public urination problems
 - D. all of the above
16. Paradise Creek is purest
- A. in the farmlands upstream from Moscow
 - B. in the Sweet Avenue creek restoration area
 - C. just downstream from the Moscow Waste Water Treatment Plant
 - D. no difference in any of the above
17. The first phase of the Sweet Avenue/University of Idaho Paradise Creek restoration project is successful in
- A. providing beaver habitat
 - B. mitigating downstream flooding
 - C. greatly reducing contamination from parking lot storm water
 - D. all of the above



18. Since 1960 US municipal solid waste recycling was never over 10% until
- A. 1980
 - B. 1985
 - C. 1990
 - D. 2000
19. A beneficial side effect of waste water treatment and solid waste landfills is
- A. adding green space to the landscape
 - B. keeping wastes out of view
 - C. methane harvesting for fuel
 - D. all of the above

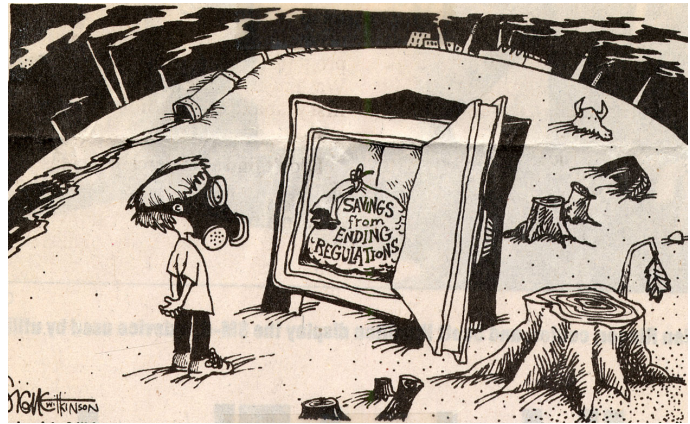
20. The handful of European countries that send less than 10% of their solid wastes to landfill
- A. have aggressive recycling programs
 - B. incinerate a high percentage of trash, often for energy production
 - C. do both of the above
 - D. recycle and compost more than 90% of potential solid waste



21. The new building that is best for the planet
- A. is rated LEED Platinum
 - B. meets the Living Building Challenge
 - C. is sustainable
 - D. is regenerative at both building and site scales
22. The architectural idea that makes London City Hall an exceptional high-performance building is
- A. making it sphere-like to reduce building skin area
 - B. creating overhanging floors to provide self-shading
 - C. using an all-glass envelope to indicate government transparency
 - D. none of the above
23. London City Hall is seen as less than sustainable by
- A. art students from Oberlin College
 - B. London's Guardian newspaper
 - C. its Display Energy Certificate
 - D. all of the above
24. The best way to assure that a building meets its energy-savings and performance goals is to
- A. achieve LEED Platinum
 - B. do energy performance modeling before its design is finalized
 - C. conduct and respond to on-going post-occupancy evaluation
 - D. all of the above
25. A 2007 study found that cost per square foot of academic building was always highest for
- A. LEED Gold
 - B. LEED Silver
 - C. uncertified buildings
 - D. none of the above
26. Multiple sources indicate the biggest advantage in green buildings is
- A. energy savings
 - B. reduced maintenance and operating costs
 - C. increased worker productivity
 - D. reduced emissions

27. The major contribution that LEED has made to the building industry is
- A. energy savings
 - B. job creation
 - C. market transformation toward green products
 - D. all of the above

28. Viewing the cost of energy in terms of dollars is short-sighted because
- A. environmental, health, and social costs are not included
 - B. energy costs do not consider future scarcities
 - C. investment capital for future generation isn't included
 - D. all of the above



29. Ground-source heat pumps have a first law efficiency of
- A. <100% like all other devices
 - B. are best so they rate 100%
 - C. <100% for heating and >100% for cooling
 - D. achieve >100% by using high grade energy to amass low-grade energy for space heating and cooling
30. Life cycle costing analysis
- A. calculates energy savings over time
 - B. is impacted by building life expectancy
 - C. normalizes costs to a fixed dollar value
 - D. all of the above

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