

## **BIOLOGY**

## **BOOKS - TARGET PUBLICATION**

## **ENERGY FLOW IN AN ECOSYSTEM**

Exercise

1. Primary consumers are directly dependent

on \_\_\_\_.

| A. secondary consumers   |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| B. carnivores            |          |
| C. autotrophs(producers) |          |
| D. decomposers           |          |
|                          |          |
| Answer: C                |          |
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|                          |          |
| <b>2.</b> Butterfly is a | consumer |
| A. primary               |          |

- B. secondary
- C. tertiary
- D. None of these

#### **Answer: A**



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**3.** Which of the following animals is an examples of omnivorous animal?

A. cow

| C. caterpillar                                    |
|---|
| D. sparrow  |
|   |
| Answer: D   |
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|   |
|   |
| 4. In food chain, first trophic level is occupied |
| by  |
| A. carnivores                                     |

B. grasshopper

- B. herbivores
- C. decomposers
- D. producers

#### **Answer: D**



- **5.** In food chain, frog is \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. primary consumer
  - B. secondary consumer

C. tertiary consumer

D. producers

**Answer: B** 



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**6.** Which of the following animals is an aquatic food chain would contain maximum kcal of energy?

A. humans

- B. phytoplanktons
- C. fishes
- D. zooplanktons

### **Answer: B**



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**7.** Identify the primary consumer among the following.

A. Tiger

- B. frog
- C. squirrel
- D. eagle

#### **Answer: C**



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8. If decomposers had been absent

A. it would not have any difference.

B. there would have been heaps of garbage.

C. no garbage would have been left.

D. nutrients would have been throughly mixed with soil.

### Answer: B



9. Complete the paragraph

Fill in the blanks by selecting the correct word from the bracket and complete the given paragraph.

(plants, animals, trophic, apex, decomposer, energy, phytoplanktons, carbon, nitrogen, increases, primary, decreases)

Each level of the food chain is called a\_\_\_\_level. The amount of matter and energy gradually\_\_\_\_ from producers to consumers. After the death of consumers, their energy becomes

available to \_\_\_\_\_ which decompose bodies of dead animals and convert them into simple compounds. These compounds are then incorporated into the food chain by . .



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**10.** Name the following

The consumers which use herbivores as their food.



## 11. Name the following

The consumers which feed on both herbivores as well as carnivores.



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12. Name the following

Each level in a food chain.



## 13. Name the following

The process by which plants convert carbon dioxide into carbohydrates.



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## 14. Name the following

The element involved in the formation of ozone.



### 15. Name the following

Microbes which do not need oxygen for respiration.



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## 16. Name the following

The process of nitrogen cycle by which nitrogen compounds are converted into gaseous nitrogen.



The amount of matter and energy gradually increases from producers at lowest level to consumers at the higest level.



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#### 18. True or false

The number of organisms increases from the lowest trophic level to highest trophic level.



After the death of apex consumers their energy becomes available to the secondary consumers.



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### 20. True or false

Fungi and other micro-organims decompose dead bodies of animals hence they are called as decomposers.



Decomposers dissipate some amount of energy in the form of heat.



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22. True or false

The cyclic flow of nutrients within an ecosystem is called the bio-geo-chemical cycle.



The gaseous type of bio-geo-chemical cycle cannot be completely separated from each other.



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24. True or false

The cycle of gases and the sedimentary cycle

cannot be completely separated from each other.



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### 25. True or false

During carbon cycle, abiotic carbon atoms are circulated and recyled into biotic form mainly through photosynthesis and respiration.



Micro -organism which use oxygen for respiration are known as anaerobes.



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**27.** Correct and write the following statements and justify your corrections:

Carnivores occupy the second trophic level in the food chain.



**28.** Correct and write the following statements and justify your corrections:

The flow of nutrients in an ecosystem is considered to be a one way transport.



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**29.** Correct and write the following statements and justify your corrections:

Plants in an ecosystem are called primary consumers.



30. Odd one out

Grasshopper, Frog, Squirrel, Elephant



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31. Odd one out

Frog, Tiger, Lion, Humans



32. Odd one out

Respiration, Photosynthesis, Decomposition,

Ammonification



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33. Odd one out

Iron, Phosphorous, Nitrogen, Calcium



**34.** Complete the analogy

Elephant: Primary consumer :: Owl:\_\_\_\_\_



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**35.** Complete the analogy

Flow of nutrients: Cyclic :: Flow of energy:\_\_\_\_



**36.** Complete the analogy

Oxygen cycle: :: Phosphorus cycle:

Sedimentary cycle



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**37.** Complete the analogy

Oxygen is released: Photosynthesis::\_\_\_\_:

Combustion



38. Complete the analogy

Oxygen: 21% :: Nitrogen:\_\_\_\_



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**39.** Complete the analogy

Nitrogen fixation: Nitrogen to nitrates and nitrites ::\_\_\_\_\_ : Ammonia into nitrite and then nitrate



40. Match the following

Match the trophic levels given in Group 'A' with their examples given in Group 'B'.

|               | G (A)               | 100             | Group 'B'          |
|---------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| i.            | Group 'A' Secondary | a. Bear, humans |                    |
|               | consumers           | b.              | Tiger, lion        |
| ii. Omnivores |                     | C.              | Elephant, squirrel |
|               |                     | d.              | Frog, owl          |



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41. Answer the following

How are organisms classified on the basis of mode of nutrition?



**42.** Define the following:

**Food Chain** 



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43. What is food web?



**44.** What is the difference between food chain and food web?



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**45.** Answer the following question:

Explain in detail the interrelationship between the food chain and food webs.



46. Answer the following question:

What type of changes occur in the amount of energy during its transfer from plants to apex consumers?



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**47.** Answer the following question:

What are the differences between flow of matter and of energy in an ecosystem? Why?



48. Answer the following

How do decomposers play significant role in food chain?



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**49.** What is Bio-geo-chemical cycle?



50. Answer the following question:

What would you do to help maintain the equilibrium in the various bio-geochemical cycles? Explain in brief.



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51. Answer the following question:

State the different types of bio-geochemical cycles and explain the importance of those cycles.



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52. True or false

The cycle of gases and the sedimentary cycle cannot be completely separated from each other.



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53. Answer the following

Explain the following cycles in your own words with suitable diagram **Carbon cycle.** 



54. Answer the following

Explain the following cycles in your own words with suitable diagram Nitrogen cycle.



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55. Answer the following

Explain the following cycles in your own words with suitable diagram Oxygen cycle.



56. Answer the following

Give the chemical equations representing



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main process in the carbon cycle.

57. Answer the following

Complete the following table (carefully study

# the carbon, oxygen and nitrogen cycles).

|      | Bio-geo-<br>chemical cycles | Biotic<br>processes | Abiotic processes |
|------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| i.   | Carbon cycle                |                     |                   |
| ii.  | Oxygen cycle                |                     |                   |
| iii. | Nitrogen cycle              |                     |                   |



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58. Energy flow through an ecosystem is 'one way'.



#### 59. Give reasons:

Equilibrium is necessary in the various biogeochemical cycle.



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#### 60. Give reasons:

The flow of nutrients through an ecosystem is cyclic.



61. Difference between gaseous cycle and sedimentary cycle.



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62. Question based on diagram

Draw a pyramid representing various trophic levels.



63. Question based on diagram

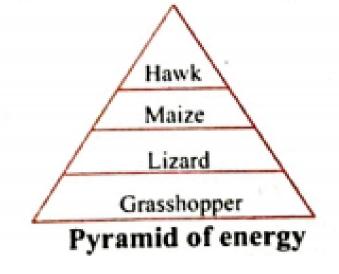
Draw 'pyramid of energy in an aquatic ecosystem'.



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64. Question based on diagram

Correct and explain the given diagram.





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65. Question based on paragraph

A class of students was taken on an excursion by the school to the banks of a river. They were explained that energy can be transferred from phytoplanktons to humans. This pattern of energy in the ecosystem could be explained as a 'pyramid of energy'. The pyramid of energy consists of phytoplanktons at the bottom, followed by three successive trophic levels consisting of zooplanktons, fishes and humans respectively. There is a gradual decrease of energy and number of organisms from the base to the apex of the pyramid. The passage of energy is referred to as 'one way' transport. Based on the above passage, answer the question Name the apex consumers and primary producers in the given paragraph.

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Based on the above passage, answer the question

What would happen if the population of primary producers is drastically reduced?



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base to the apex of the pyramid. The passage of energy is referred to as 'one way' transport.

Based on the above passage, answer the question

Why is the pyramid of energy always upright?



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68. Question based on paragraph

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concentrated by phytoplanktons, how much energy will be transferred to humans?



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Why is the flow of energy through the ecosystem considered as one way transport?



## 70. What is meant by 'ecosystem?



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71. What do you mean by ecosystem?



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72. Enlist different types of ecosystem?



73. How do the interactions take place in the biotic and abiotic factors of ecosystem?



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74. Observe figure 7.1 given on page no. 81 of your textbook and explain the relationship between the given components.



75. Construct food chains like the one shown in figure 7.1



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76. Give the food chains of various ecosystems.



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77. Make a list of the various consumers of the ecosystems, classify them according to mode

of nutrition.



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78. Pictures of various organisms are given in figure 7.2 on page no. 82 of your textbook.

Construct a food web from those pictures.



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79. Is the number of consumers in a food web fixed?



80. Use your brain power

What will be the effect on an ecosystem if only one type of organism in it forms the food for several different consumers in that ecosystem?



81. Use your brain power

Why is balance or equilibrium necessary in a food web?



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82. Which problems will arise if there is either increase or decrease in number of any component of food chain or food web?



83. Make some interesting observations while having a meal at home. Identify the trophic level of the various food items in your dish. Identify your own level in the chain.



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84. What happens to the energy during its transfer from producers to apex consumers?



85. Energy does it remain trapped in the apex consumer?



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86. Does it (energy) remain in the body of apex consumer till its death?



87. What would happen if the energy remains trapped in the body of apex consumers even after their death?



88. What happens if there are no decomposers on the Earth?



89. Use your brain power

Why are the number of tertiary consumers

(apex carnivores) always less than those of other consumers?



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90. Study the various compoents given in figure 7.5 on pages no . 84 your textbook and explain the bio-geo -chemical cycle in your own words.



91. The carbon cycle is very effective in the temperate region. Why is it so?



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92. Use your brain power

Even through the carbon content on earth is constant, why is there a rise in temperature due to carbon dioxide?



93. What is the relationship between carbon in the air and the rise in atmospheric temperature.



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94. Write a short note on nitrogen fixation?



95. Enlist microbes which are responsible for nitrogen fixation?



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96. Who keep balance between the oxygen cycle and carbon cycle?



97. Enlist biotic and abiotic components of ecosystem.



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98. Write a paragraph on 'Balance in a Ecosystem'.



All producers in the ccosystem are

A. carnivores

**B.** omnivores

C. autotrophs

D. heterotrophs

**Answer:** 



Who are an apex consumer in aquatic ecosystem?

- A. Humans
- **B. Zoopanktons**
- C. fishes
- D. Phytoplanktons

**Answer:** 



Oxygen Is released during which of the following processes?

- A. Corrosion
- **B. Photosynthesis**
- C. Ammonification
- D. Respiration

**Answer:** 



\_\_\_\_are directly dependent on autotrophs (producers)?

- A. Secondary consumers
- **B.** carnivores
- C. Primary consumers
- D. decomposers

#### **Answer:**



103. Name the following

Complete the given analogy.

Oxygen: 21% of the atmosphere:: \_\_\_\_:

78% of the atmosphere



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104. Name the following

The graphical model/pattern of energy exchange in an ecosystem.



## 105. Name the following

#### Match the columns:

| - Contractor | Group 'A' |     | Group 'B'      | -    | Group 'C'            |
|--------------|-----------|-----|----------------|------|----------------------|
|              | Producers | 1.  | Humans         | i.   | Second trophic level |
| b.           | Omnivores | 1 2 | Phytoplanktons | ii.  | Third trophic level  |
|              | Ommvoics  | 3   | Fishes         | iii. | First trophic level  |
|              |           | 1   | Zooplanktons   | iv.  | Fourth trophic level |



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## 106. Name the following

True or False. If false, write the correct sentence.

The flow of nutrients in an ecosystem is considered to be a 'one way' transport.



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107. Give scientific reasons.

The nutrients are supplied to organisms for their growth and development through the ecosystem in a cyclic manner.



108. Give scientific reasons.

The amount of energy decreases from the bottom to the apex of an energy pyramid.



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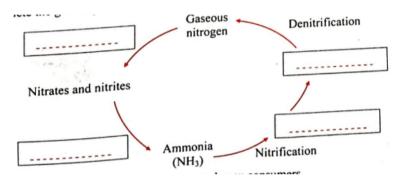
109. Answer the following

What are decomposers? Give examples.



## 110. Answer the following

Complete the given cyclic representation of nitrogen cycle.





## 111. Answer the following

Differentiate between primary consumers and

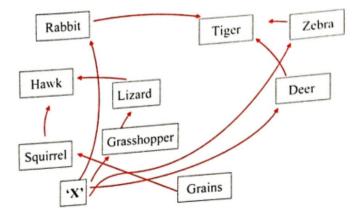
apex consumers.



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### 112. Answer the following

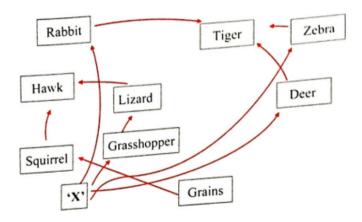
Observe the given food web and answer the questions given below it.



Identify 'X' in the given food web.



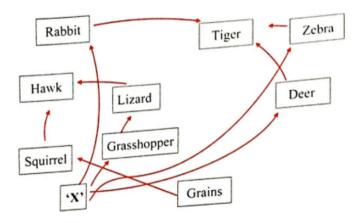
Observe the given food web and answer the questions given below it.



Mention the apex consumers in the given food web.



Observe the given food web and answer the questions given below it.



What would be the trophic level of zebra?



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Suggest measures that should be employed to maintain the equilibrium of various bio-geochemical cycles.



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116. Answer the following

Write note on recycling carbon.



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With the help of a suitable diagram explain recycling of oxygen in the biosphere.



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118. Answer the following

Read the paragraph and answer the questions given below it.

A biotic carbon atoms are circulated into the biotic form through processes like photosynthesis and respiration. Green plants

convert carbon dioxide into carbohydrates and also produce carbon compounds like proteins and fats. Biotic compounds are transported from plants to apex consumers through intermediate trophic levels. After the death of all types of consumers, carbon is recycled by biotic decomposition. The carbon recycled in this way goes into the atmosphere and can be taken up by living organisms thus ensuring circulation and recycling of carbon in the biosphere. Which bio-geo-chemical cycle is described in

the given paragraph?

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By which process do green plants convert atmospheric carbon into carbohydrates?



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What process plays a significant role to ensure that carbon is available to living organisms even after the death of apex consumers?



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Draw a simple food chain to show transfer of carbon from plants to decomposers.



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122. Mention two processes that contribute to the release of carbon into the atmosphere.

