#### **APES STUDY GUIDE**

Test Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- Topics:
- I. Earth Systems and Resources (10–15%)
- II. The Living World (10-15%)
- **III. Population (10–15%)**
- IV. Land and Water Use (10-15%)
- V. Energy Resources and Consumption (10-15%)
- **VI. Pollution (25–30%)**
- VII. Global Change (10-15%)

#### I. Earth Systems and Resources

#### A. Earth Science Concepts

Geologic time scale; plate tectonics, earthquakes, volcanism; seasons; solar intensity and latitude

#### • B. The Atmosphere

Composition; structure; weather and climate; atmospheric circulation and the Coriolis Effect; atmosphere—ocean interactions; ENSO

#### C. Global Water Resources and Use

Freshwater/saltwater; ocean circulation; agricultural, industrial, and domestic use; surface and groundwater issues; global problems; conservation

#### D. Soil and Soil Dynamics

Rock cycle; formation; composition; physical and chemical properties; main soil types; erosion and other soil problems; soil conservation

- Geological Time Scale
  - Eon
  - Era
  - Period
  - Epoch
  - Age

Radiometric Dating & Half Life

Continental Drift & Seafloor Spreading

 Earth Structure- Diagram includes: crust (continental/oceanic), lithosphere, asthenosphere, mantle, inner core, outer core

3 types of plates/boundaries (tectonics)-

Convection Currents-

How do Earthquakes arise?

Body vs Surface Waves

What are Tsunamis?

How do volcanos work?

What are the effects of volcanos?

What are the factors that control seasons?

 What is the relationship between solar intensity and latitude?

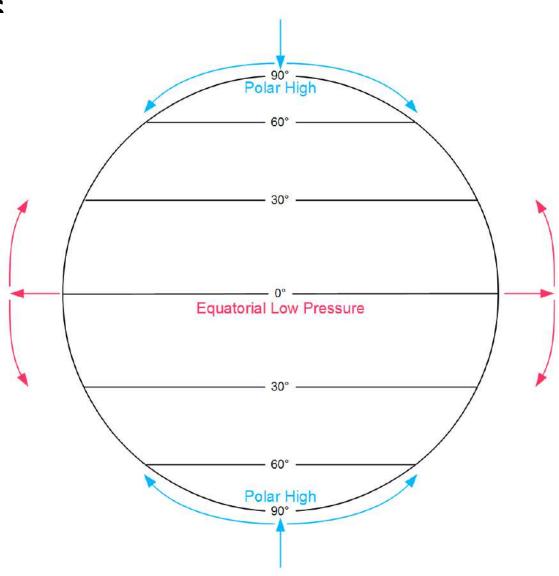
- Composition of Atmosphere
  - 7 different compounds, their formula & % composition

Structure/Layers of Atmosphere

Difference between weather and climate?

Factors that influence climate-

Air Circulation Cells



What is the relationship between atmospheric circulation and the Coriolis Effect?

El Nino (ENSO) vs La Nina

- Important Properties of Water
  - Solubility

Specific Heat

Adhesion

Cohesion

Density of Ice

Percent of Freshwater \_\_\_\_\_ Saltwater \_\_\_\_\_

How is the water in the oceans circulated?

List use & conservation in each sector.

Agricultural

Industrial

Domestic

- What are some issues facing water resources?
- Surface Issues

Ground water issues

- Global Water Problems
  - Subsidence vs. Sinkhole

Saltwater Intrusion

Water Shortages

– Dams

Water Case Studies

Case Study: Ogallala Aquifer

Case Study: Mexico City

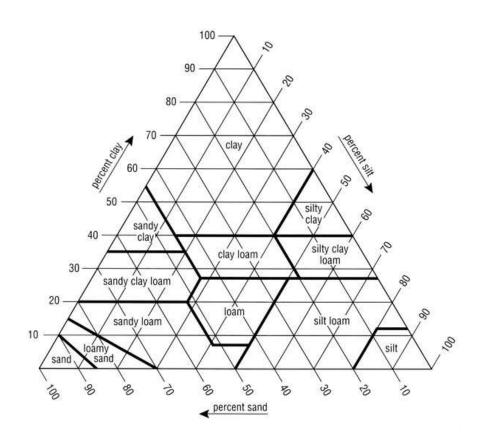
Case Study: Aswan High Damn

Case Study: California Water Project

• Rock Cycle - formation/composition, physical & chemical properties

Soil Composition (clay, gravel, loam, sand, silt)

Soil triangle



Soil Horizons

 What are some problems associated with soil and explain importance of soil management?

- Components of Soil Quality
  - Aeration
  - Compaction
  - Permeability
  - -pH
  - Nutrient-Holding
  - Water-Holding

- Soil Degradation
  - Desertification

- Salinization

Waterlogging

What are ways to conserve soil?

### **II. The Living World**

#### A. Ecosystem Structure

Biological populations and communities; ecological niches; interactions among species; keystone species; species diversity and edge effects; major terrestrial & aquatic biomes

#### B. Energy Flow

Photosynthesis and cellular respiration; food webs and trophic levels; ecological pyramids

#### C. Ecosystem Diversity

Biodiversity; natural selection; evolution; ecosystem services

#### D. Natural Ecosystem Change

Climate shifts; species movement; ecological succession

#### • E. Natural Biogeochemical Cycles

Water, Carbon, Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Sulfur, Conservation of Matter

- Ecosystem Properties-
  - Define & list examples

Abiotic factors

Biotic factors

Difference between biological populations and communities

What are ecological niches?

- Population Distribution
  - Clumped

- Uniform

– Random

Population Density

- Species Interactions describe & provide an example
  - Commensalism
  - Ammensalism

- Mutualism

Parasitism

- Species Interactions describe & provide an example
  - Predation/Herbivory
  - Competition

– Saprotrophism

-Trophic Cascade

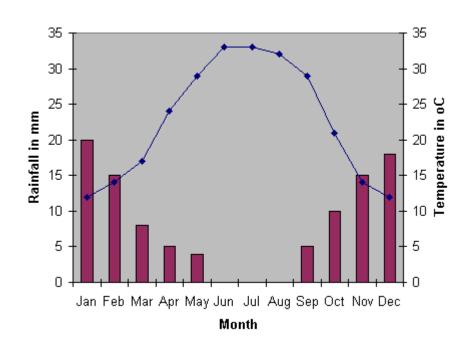
What are keystone species? List examples/why?

What are foundation species? List examples/why?

What are edge effects?

 What are factors that determine different Biomes?

Reading a Climatograph



- Aquatic Biomes
  - -Lentic vs Lotic

–Zones of Freshwater/Lakes

Zones of Saltwater/Marine

- Aquatic Biomes
  - Wetlands
  - -Coral Reefs

Lakes

- Rivers & Stream

- Terrestrial Biomes Major Properties
  - Savanna

Taiga

Temperate Deciduous Forests

Temperate/Tropical Forests

- Terrestrial Biomes Major Properties
  - Chaparral

Coniferous Forest

- Tundra

Desert

- Terrestrial Biomes Major Threats
  - Savanna

Taiga

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## **SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS**

### Feedback Loops- explain and give an example

Positive (enhance flow)

Negative (inhibit flow)

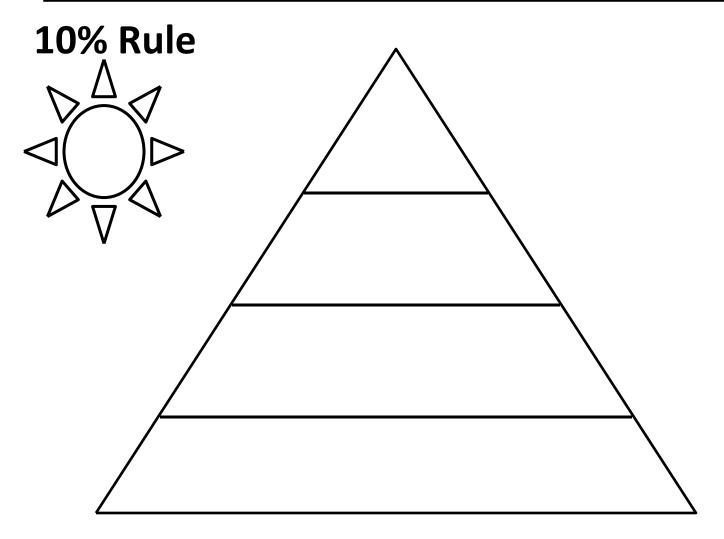
## **B. Energy Flow**

What is the initial source(s) of all energy?

Relationship between Photosynthesis and Cellular respiration (include equations)

## **B.** Energy Flow

**Ecological Pyramids/Trophic Levels (label for each)** 



What is Biomass?

What is Productivity?

How is it measured?

What is Biodiversity?

How is it measured?

 Relationship between Evolution & Natural Selection (provide an example)

What is extinction?

What makes species vulnerable to extinction?

What services do ecosystems provide?

## D. Natural Ecosystem Change

How can climate shifts impact ecosystems?

Factors that influence species movement.

## D. Natural Ecosystem Change

### **Ecological Succession**

– Primary Succession:

Secondary Succession:

## D. Natural Ecosystem Change

- Characteristics of succession within plant communities-
  - structure
  - diversity
  - net primary productivity
  - nutrient cycling by decomposers
  - photosynthesis efficiency

### E. Biogeochemical Cycle

Explain the statement: "Energy Flows, Matter Cycles"

What is a reservoir?

## E. Biogeochemical Cycle

- Explain the role of each in the human body
  - Water
  - Carbon
  - Nitrogen
  - Phosphorus
  - Sulfur

### E. Biogeochemical Cycle: WATER

#### Include-

- Precipitation, Condensation, Evaporation,
  Transpiration, Infiltration, Percolation, Runoff,
  Surface Water, Groundwater
- Human impact on the water cycle
  - withdrawing from lakes, aquifers, and rivers,
  - clearing land for agriculture and urbanization
  - destruction of wetlands, pollution of water
  - resources, sewage runoff, building of industry

## E. Biogeochemical Cycle: WATER

## E. Biogeochemical Cycle: CARBON

#### Include-

- Release of carbon back into the atmosphere
- Carbon sink
- Trapping carbon
- Releasing carbon
- Human impact on the carbon cycle

## E. Biogeochemical Cycle: CARBON

## E. Biogeochemical Cycle: NITROGEN

#### Include-

- \*\*FNAAD  $\rightarrow$  ANPAN\*\*
- Nitrogen Fixation
- Nitrification
- Assimilation
- Ammonification
- Denitrification
- Impacts of excess nitrogen in water and in the air
- Human impact on the nitrogen cycle

## E. Biogeochemical Cycle: NITROGEN

<b>PROCESS</b>	$\rightarrow$	PRODUCT(S)
F		A
N		N
Α		P
Α		A
D		N

## E. Biogeochemical Cycle: NITROGEN

## E. Biogeochemical Cycle: PHOSPHOROUS

 How does the absence/presence affect productivity in an ecosystem?

- ONLY cycle WITHOUT a GAS phase
- Human impact on the phosphorous cycle

## E. Biogeochemical Cycle: PHOSPHOROUS

## E. Biogeochemical Cycle: SULFUR

- Include- Sulfur, Sulfates, & Sulfur Dioxide
- Sulfur release/trapping
- Human impacts on the sulfur cycle

## E. Biogeochemical Cycle: SULFUR

## III. Population

#### A. Population Biology Concepts

Population ecology; carrying capacity; reproductive strategies; survivorship

#### B. Human Population

#### 1. Human population dynamics

Historical population sizes; distribution; fertility rates; growth rates and doubling times; demographic transition; age-structure diagrams

#### 2. Population size

Strategies for sustainability; case studies; national policies

#### 3. Impacts of population growth

Hunger; disease; economic effects; resource use; habitat destruction

### **A. Population Biology Concepts**

J curve vs. S curve

Boom/Bust Cycles- Overshoot vs. Dieback

- Factors that limit population growth
  - Abiotic

Biotic

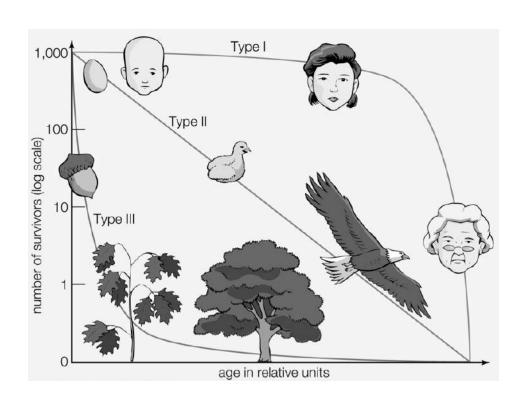
### **A. Population Biology Concepts**

What is carrying capacity (K) and what factors affect it?

• Reproductive strategies

K- adapted	<u>r-adapted</u>

#### • Survivorship Curves-



- Factors regulate population growth
  - Measures of Birth Rate:
    - Natality
    - Fecundity
    - Fertility
  - Immigration
  - Emigration
  - Measures Longevity:
    - Mortality
    - Survivorship

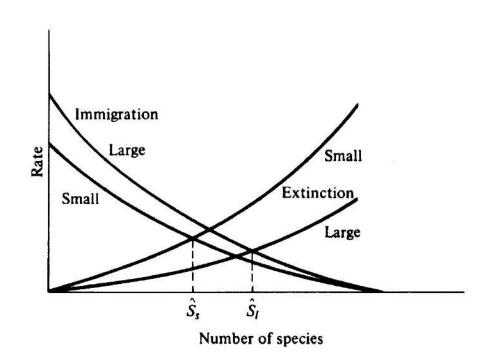
- Factors regulate population growth
  - Abiotic Factors

Biotic Factors

Density Dependent Factors

Density Independent Factors

The Theory of Island Biogeography



## **B. HUMAN POPULATION**

Historical Population Growth

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    Human Demography
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Total population=

**US Population =** 

DEVEOPLED	DEVELOPING

URBAN	RURAL

Population Momentum

Replacement Fertility

Zero Population Growth

Doubling Times

Calculate Growth Rate (r) –provide equation

Crude Birth/Death Rate (per thousand)

• <u>Demographic Transition-</u> Graph & explain 4 stages (pre-industrial, transitional, industrial, post-indust.)

Draw Age Structure Diagrams- 3 types

- Population size
  - Strategies for Sustainability

Case studies/national policiesChina

India

- Impacts of population growth
  - Hunger/disease

Economic effects

Resource use/habitat destruction

### IV. Land and Water Use

#### A. Agriculture

#### 1. Feeding a growing population

Human nutritional requirements; types of agriculture; Green Revolution; genetic engineering and crop production; deforestation; irrigation; sustainable agriculture

#### 2. Controlling pests

Types of pesticides; costs and benefits of pesticide use; integrated pest management; relevant laws

#### **B.** Forestry

Tree plantations; old growth forests; forest fires; forest management; national forests

#### C. Rangelands

Overgrazing; deforestation; desertification; rangeland management; federal rangelands

#### IV. Land and Water Use

#### D. Other Land Use

#### 1. Urban land development

Planned development; suburban sprawl; urbanization

#### 2. Transportation infrastructure

Federal highway system; canals and channels; roadless areas; ecosystem impacts

#### 3. Public and federal lands

Management; wilderness areas; national parks; wildlife refuges; forests; wetlands

#### 4. Land conservation options

Preservation; remediation; mitigation; restoration

#### 5. Sustainable land-use strategies

#### E. Mining

Mineral formation; extraction; global reserves; relevant laws and treaties

#### F. Fishing

Fishing techniques; overfishing; aquaculture; relevant laws and treaties

#### G. Global Economics

Globalization; World Bank; Tragedy of the Commons; relevant laws & treaties

Human Nutritional Requirements

Undernutrition vs Malnutrition vs Overnutrition

Kwashiorkor & Marasmus

#### Types of agriculture-

- Alley cropping
- Crop rotation
- Intercropping
- Low-till/No-till
- Monoculture
- Polyculture
- Subsistence agriculture

First Green Revolution

Second Green Revolution

Genetic engineering (GMOs) & Crop production
 Pros vs Cons

- Fertilizers-
- Organic vs. inorganic fertilizers
- Common forms
- Advantages
- Disadvantages
- Eutrophication

Deforestation

Irrigation

Methods of sustainable agriculture

## A. Pest Control

Pests & Types of Pesticides

# A. Pest Control

Pesticide Use	
PROS/BENEFITS	CONS/COSTS

## A. Pest Control

Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

#### Relevant laws

- Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Control Act (FIFRA)
- Federal Environmental Pesticides Control Act
- Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA)

### B. FORESTRY/LAND USE

Tree plantations- pros vs cons

Old growth forests- characteristics

 Forest fires- crown vs. ground vs surface fires, ecological importance and methods to control fires

### B. FORESTRY/LAND USE

- Methods of Tree Harvesting & Pros/Cons
  - Clear-Cutting

High Grading

Strip Cutting

- Tree Plantation

## C. Rangelands

What are Rangelands?

- Major Impacts Consequences & Mitigations
  - Overgrazing

Desertification

#### Urban land development

Planned development; suburban sprawl; urbanization, smart growth

Urbanization		
PROS/BENEFITS	CONS/COSTS	

#### Transportation infrastructure

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Land conservation options

**Preservation** 

Remediation

Mitigation

Restoration

# E. Mining

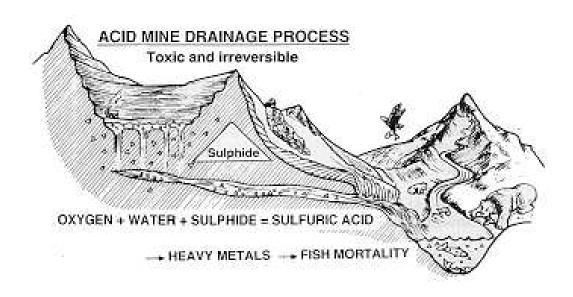
- Methods of Extraction
  - Surface Mining

Underground Mining

In situ Leaching

# E. Mining

Acid Mine Draining / Acid Rock Drainage



# E. Mining

Location & Supply (%)

#### **Global reserves-**

- Oil reserves
- Coal reserves
- Natural gas reserves
- Global mineral reserves

#### **Relevant laws and treaties**

# F. Fishing

Fishing techniques Bottom Trawling

**Drift Net** 

**Long Line** 

**Purse Seine** 

Bycatch –

# F. Fishing

Overfishing- remediation techniques

Aquaculture- pros vs. cons

Relevant laws and treaties

### **G.** Global Economics

Significance-

Globalization

**World Bank** 

**International Monetary Fund** 

**World Trade Organization** 

# **G.** Global Economics

Tragedy of the Commons – summary & examples

#### V. Energy Resources & Consumption

#### A. Energy Concepts

Energy forms; power; units; conversions; Laws of Thermodynamics

#### • B. Energy Consumption

1. History

Industrial Revolution; exponential growth; energy crisis)

- 2. Present global energy use
- 3. Future energy needs

#### C. Fossil Fuel Resources and Use

Formation of coal, oil, and natural gas; extraction/purification methods; world reserves and global demand; synfuels; environmental advantages/disadvantages of sources)

### V. Energy Resources & Consumption

#### D. Nuclear Energy

Nuclear fission process; nuclear fuel; electricity production; nuclear reactor types; environmental advantages/disadvantages; safety issues; radiation and human health; radioactive wastes; nuclear fusion

#### E. Hydroelectric Power

Dams; flood control; salmon; silting; other impacts

#### F. Energy Conservation

Energy efficiency; CAFE standards; hybrid electric vehicles; mass transit

#### G. Renewable Energy

Solar energy; solar electricity; hydrogen fuel cells; biomass; wind energy; small-scale hydroelectric; ocean waves and tidal energy; geothermal; environmental advantages/disadvantages

# A. ENERGY CONCEPTS

### **Laws of Thermodynamics**

-1<sup>st</sup> Law:

-2<sup>nd</sup> Law:

# A. ENERGY CONCEPTS

Potential vs. Kinetic Energy

- Give an example of each energy form:
  - Mechanical -
  - Thermal -
  - Chemical -
  - Electrical -
  - Nuclear -
  - Electromagnetic -

# A. ENERGY CONCEPTS

- Units of Energy/Conversions-
- Power-
  - BTU
  - Horsepower
  - Watt
  - Calorie

# **B. ENERGY CONSUMPTION**

History

- Industrial Revolution

Exponential growth

Energy crisis

# **B. ENERGY CONSUMPTION**

Present U.S. & global energy use

Future energy needs

# C. Fossil Fuel Resources & Use: COAL

Formation of Coal

Extraction methods

Environmental advantages/disadvantages

World reserves and global demand

## C. Fossil Fuel Resources & Use: COAL

- Methods to Reduce Pollutants from Coal
  - Beneficiation
  - Filters

Scrubbers

Electrostatic Precipitators

# C. Fossil Fuel Resources & Use: OlL

Formation of Oil

Extraction methods

Environmental advantages/disadvantages

World reserves and global demand

#### C. Fossil Fuel Resources & Use: Natural Gas

Formation of Natural Gas

Extraction methods

Environmental advantages/disadvantages

World reserves and global demand

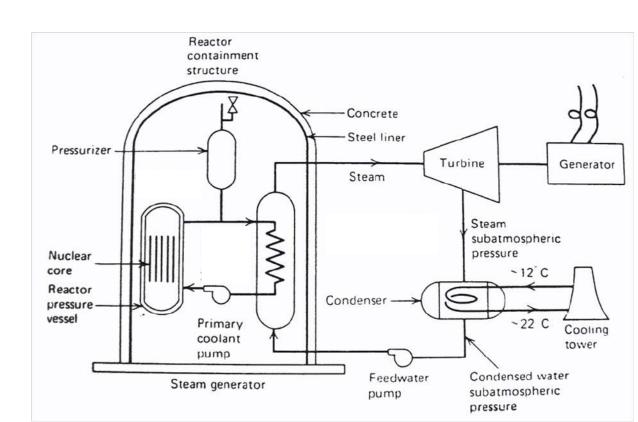
Nuclear Fission process

Fertile vs Fissile

• Nuclear Fuel → U-235,U-238, Pu-239

- Uranium Fuel Cycle
  - 1. Mining
  - 2. Milling
  - 3. Conversion
  - 4. Enrichment
  - 5. Fuel Fabrication
  - 6. Nuclear Reactor
  - 7. Spent Fuel Reprocessing

Electricity production process



Environmental advantages/disadvantages

Safety issues

## \* Other Nonrenewable Energy Sources

Methane Hydrates

Oil Shale

Oil Sands / Tar Sands

Synfuels

# E. HYDROELECTRIC POWER

Energy Generation Process

Advantages/Disadvantages to Dams

# E. HYDROELECTRIC POWER

- Flood Control Methods
  - Channelization

Dams

Levees or Floodwalls

### F. ENERGY CONSERVATION

List 5 conservation methods-

1.

2.

**3.** 

4.

**5.** 

# F. ENERGY CONSERVATION

Smart Grids

CAFÉ Standards

Environmental Advantages of Mass Transit

- Describe & Provide Advantages/Disadvantages
  - Passive Solar

Active Solar

Photovoltaic Cells

- Describe & Provide Advantages/Disadvantages
  - Biogas (Ethanol & Biodiesel)

- Biomass

Biofuel

- Describe & Provide Advantages/Disadvantages
  - Geothermal

Wind

- Describe & Provide Advantages/Disadvantages
  - Ocean Waves & Tidal Energy

Small-Scale Hydroelectric

- Describe & Provide Advantages/Disadvantages
  - Passive Solar

Active Solar

Photovoltaic Cells

# VI. Pollution

#### A. Pollution Types

#### 1. Air pollution

Sources — primary and secondary; major air pollutants; measurement units; smog; acid deposition — causes and effects; heat islands and temperature inversions; indoor air pollution; remediation and reduction strategies; Clean Air Act and other relevant laws

#### 2. Noise pollution

Sources; effects; control measures)

#### 3. Water pollution

Types; sources, causes, and effects; cultural eutrophication; groundwater pollution; maintaining water quality; water purification; sewage treatment/septic systems; Clean Water Act and other relevant laws

# **VI. Pollution**

#### 4. Solid waste

Types; disposal; reduction

#### B. Impacts on the Environment and Human Health

1. Hazards to human health

Environmental risk analysis; acute and chronic effects; dose-response relationships; air pollutants; smoking & other risks

2. Hazardous chemicals in the environment

Types of hazardous waste; treatment/disposal of hazardous waste; cleanup of contaminated sites; biomagnification; relevant laws

#### C. Economic Impacts

Cost-benefit analysis; externalities; marginal costs; sustainability

- Primary Sources Cause & Effects
- CO

• CO<sub>2</sub>

• SO<sub>2</sub>

NO

• NO<sub>2</sub>

- Primary Sources Cause & Effects
- VOCs

PM<sub>X</sub> (PM<sub>10</sub>)

• Lead (Pb)

Mercury (Hg)

- Secondary Sources Cause & Effects
- SO<sub>3</sub>
- H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>

• HNO<sub>3</sub>

PANs

Tropospheric O<sub>3</sub>

 Industrial vs Photochemical Smog Formation & Health Effects-

Indoor air pollution: sources of contaminants

 Remediation and reduction strategies for indoor/outdoor air pollution

Catalytic Converters

Thermal Inversion

Clean Air Act and other relevant laws

## A. POLLUTION TYPES: NOISE

Sources & Effects

Sources & Effects

Cultural Eutrophication

Groundwater Pollution

Urban Runoff

Water quality and purification processes

Clean Water Act and other relevant laws-

- Sewage treatment/septic systems-
- Primary treatment

Secondary treatment

Tertiary treatment

# A. POLLUTION TYPES: WATER

Water Quality Tests	
Test	Impact
Temperature	
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Hardness	
Dissolved Oxygen	
Biological Oxygen Demand	
Fecal Coliform	
Turbidity	
Nitrate, Nitrite, & Phosphates	

- Types & Disposal
  - Organic
  - Radioactive
  - Soiled
  - Toxic
  - Recyclable

Reduction

- Reduction Strategies Pros vs Cons
- Composting
- Remanufacturing
- Detoxifying
- Exporting
- Anaerobic Digestion

- Reduction Strategies Pros vs Cons
- Land-disposal- (sanitary landfills & open dumping)

Ocean dumping

Recycling& Reuse

Incineration

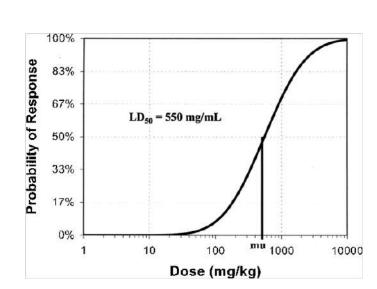
- Relevant Laws:
- RCRA

CERCLA

Environmental Risk Analysis

Acute vs. Chronic Effects

 Dose-response relationships-TD-50 vs LD-50



- Hazardous chemicals in the environment
  - Corrosive
  - Ignitable
  - Toxic
  - Radioactive
  - Mutagen
  - Carcinogen
  - Teratogen

• Brownfield -

- Cleanup of contaminated sites-
  - Bioremediation

Phytoremediation

- Incineration
- Storage Surface Impoundments & Deep Well Injection

Persistent Organic Pollutants

Bioaccumulation vs. Biomagnification

Cost-benefit Analysis

• Externalities: Positive (external benefits) and Negative (external costs)

Marginal Costs

• Sustainability: common threads, EPA

# VII. Global Change

#### A. Stratospheric Ozone

Formation of stratospheric ozone; ultraviolet radiation; causes of ozone depletion; effects of ozone depletion; strategies for reducing ozone depletion; relevant laws and treaties

#### B. Global Warming

Greenhouse gases and the greenhouse effect; impacts and consequences of global warming; reducing climate change; relevant laws and treaties)

#### C. Loss of Biodiversity

- 1. Habitat loss; overuse; pollution; introduced species; endangered and extinct species
- 2. Maintenance through conservation
- 3. Relevant laws and treaties

### A. STRATOSPHERIC OZONE

Formation of stratospheric ozone

- Ultraviolet radiation-
  - UVA

- UVB

- UVC

### A. STRATOSPHERIC OZONE

Cause & Effects of Ozone Depletion

Include Equations →

## A. STRATOSPHERIC OZONE

Strategies for Reducing Ozone Depletion

Relevant laws and treaties:

**Montreal Protocol** 

# **B. GLOBAL WARMING**

What is the Greenhouse Effect?

Identify & Describe the Sources of the Major GHGs

# **B. GLOBAL WARMING**

List Impacts & Consequences of Global Warming

## **B. GLOBAL WARMING**

Mitigating Factors for Climate Change

Relevant laws and treaties

# **BENEFITS TO BIODIVERSITY**

Identify the factor and describe how it is harming biodiversity

- 1. H
- 2. I
- 3. P
- 4. P
- **5. C**
- 6. C

Endemic Species –

Threatened Species –

Endangered Species –

 Characteristics that have contributed to endangerment or extinction

What is a biodiversity hotspot?

 Identify & Describe the Major Methods to Maintain Biodiversity

 Introduced Species/Invasive Species: definition, types, consequences, examples

### **Relevant Laws and Treaties:**

CITES

Endangered Species Act

# ADDITIONAL: Experimental Design

- Identify Question
- Hypothesis (If...Then statement)
- Procedures (list)
- Data/results
- Analysis Conclusion