Quizlet

## 21 Multiple choice questions

- 1. the final most complex and stable stage in a vegetation community
  - a. disclimax vegetation
  - b. CORRECT: climax vegetation
  - c. bioaccumulation
  - d. bush regeneration
- 2. the living parts of an ecosystem such as its plants and animals
  - a. biomass
  - b. **CORRECT:** biotic
  - c. abiotic
  - d. biosphere
- 3. the increasing concentration over time of a substance in the body of an organism
  - a. biomass
  - b. **CORRECT:** bioaccumulation
  - c. boundaries
  - d. biomagnification
- 4. the small organisms in the ecosystem which cause the decay of organic matter and recycle nutrients e.g. fungi
  - a. biosphere
  - b. atmosphere
  - c. CORRECT: decomposers
  - d. biomass
- 5. artificial constraints placed on the natural world for simplicity e.g. the edges of a catchment area
  - a. biomass
  - b. carnivores
  - c. biosphere
  - d. **CORRECT:** boundaries

- 6. the non-living parts of an ecosystem e.g. rocksa. bioticb. CORRECT: abioticc. autotrophs
- 7. the weight of all living organisms supported at each level in an ecosystem
  - a. abiotic

d. biomass

- b. biosphere
- c. CORRECT: biomass
- d. biotic
- 8. the most common example of something, particularly used in terms of the most common vegetation in an ecosystem
  - a. biomass
  - b. **CORRECT:** dominant
  - c. biotic
  - d. community
- 9. the variety of living organisms on earth and the recognition of the need to maintain and protect this diversity
  - a. genetic diversity
  - b. biotic
  - c. CORRECT: biodiversity
  - d. biosphere
- 10. an Australian term used to describe the deliberate act of replacing exotic with native species over time
  - a. desertification
  - b. bioaccumulation
  - c. climax vegetation
  - d. **CORRECT:** bush regeneration

- 11. an area of land isolated so that it can be kept intact for future generations
  - a. carnivores
  - b. desertification
  - c. CORRECT: conservation area
  - d. atmosphere
- 12. the part of the biophysical environment above the lithosphere which provides the enveloping air surrounding our planet to sustain life
  - a. biosphere
  - b. autotrophs
  - c. CORRECT: atmosphere
  - d. decomposers
- 13. the numbers of different species in a location
  - a. decomposers
  - b. desertification
  - c. biodiversity
  - d. **CORRECT:** genetic diversity
- 14. the realm of earth that includes all plants and animal life forms
  - a. biotic
  - b. biomass
  - c. atmosphere
  - d. CORRECT: biosphere
- 15. animals or plants that eat the meat of other animals
  - a. biotic
  - b. **CORRECT:** carnivores
  - c. abiotic
  - d. boundaries

- 16. the expansion of desert areas into adjacent semi-arid areas
  - a. bush regeneration
  - b. bioaccumulation
  - c. CORRECT: desertification
  - d. biomagnification
- 17. the increasing concentration of some substance in increasing trophic levels of a food chain or web
  - a. bioaccumulation
  - b. climax vegetation
  - c. desertification
  - d. CORRECT: biomagnification
- 18. areas of land set aside for protection of the biosphere by governments so that they cannot be purchased or built on
  - a. biosphere
  - b. biodiversity
  - c. atmosphere
  - d. CORRECT: biosphere reserves
- 19. the primary producers in an ecosystem that manufacture food substances from solar energy, carbon dioxide and water e.g. all green plants
  - a. carnivores
  - b. abiotic
  - c. atmosphere
  - d. **CORRECT:** autotrophs
- 20. a stage in a vegetation community when something such as a natural disaster has resulted in a loss of equilibrium to the sustainable and balanced vegetation
  - a. biomagnification
  - b. bush regeneration
  - c. CORRECT: disclimax vegetation
  - d. climax vegetation

- 21. the populations of all the species in a selected area, both in the natural and human world
  - a. dominant
  - b. boundaries
  - c. **CORRECT:** community
  - d. decomposers