

A-Level Biology

Name: _____ Score: _____

1. The biological species concept defines a species as a group whose members:
 - ☐ can breed together to produce fertile offspring
 - ☐ simply look alike
 - ☐ live in the same place
 - ☐ have the same number of cells
2. The smallest, most specific group in the taxonomic hierarchy is the _____.

3. An ecosystem is:
 - ☐ all the living things in an area together with their non-living surroundings
 - ☐ a single species
 - ☐ only the non-living environment
 - ☐ a type of sampling
4. Which is a cause of extinction?
 - ☐ loss and damage of a species' habitat
 - ☐ higher biodiversity
 - ☐ random sampling
 - ☐ a larger gene pool
5. A group whose members can breed together to produce fertile _____ is a biological species.

6. Which level is the smallest, most closely related group?
 - ☐ species
 - ☐ kingdom
 - ☐ phylum
 - ☐ class
7. Biodiversity is measured at three levels: ecosystems/habitats, species/abundance, and:
 - ☐ genetic variation within each species
 - ☐ the number of atoms

☐ the temperature

☐ the soil pH

8. Two organisms in the same genus are more closely related than two that only share the same class.

☐ True ☐ False

9. Conserving a species in its natural habitat (e.g. a nature reserve) is called _____ conservation.

10. Random sampling is used so the sample is not biased and fairly represents the whole area.

☐ True ☐ False

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1. can breed together to produce fertile offspring

The biological concept uses interbreeding to produce fertile offspring; other concepts use appearance or ecological role.

2. species

Domain → kingdom → phylum → class → order → family → genus → species.

3. all the living things in an area together with their non-living surroundings

An ecosystem includes the living community and the abiotic surroundings; a niche is a species' role within it.

4. loss and damage of a species' habitat

Habitat loss (plus climate change, competition and hunting) can drive a species extinct.

5. offspring

A mule (horse × donkey) is sterile, so horses and donkeys are different species.

6. species

Species is the most specific level; kingdom is the broadest.

7. genetic variation within each species

The three levels are ecosystem diversity, species diversity (and abundance), and genetic diversity.

8. True

The further down the hierarchy two organisms still match, the more closely related they are.

9. in situ

In situ = in place (the habitat); ex situ = off-site (zoos, seed banks).

10. True

Picking spots by chance (e.g. with coordinates) stops you only choosing the interesting-looking places.