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- 1. Which of the following levels of organization is/are correctly ordered?
 - A. populations, ecosystem, landscape, individuals, community
 - B. individuals, populations, community, ecosystem, landscape
 - C. biosphere, landscape, individuals, community, populations
 - D. ecosystem, landscape, region, biosphere, populations
 - E. individuals, community, populations, landscape, ecosystem
- 2. MacArthur's conclusions that warblers can coexist by feeding in different zones of a single tree was based on:
 - A. Lab experiments
 - B. Natural history
 - C. Quantitative observations
 - D. Field manipulations
 - E. None of these
- 3. Ecology is:
 - A. a science
 - B. a worldview
 - C. a philosophy
 - D. a lifestyle
 - E. All of these

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4. Which of the following is not true of a hypothesis?

7. Ecosystem ecology includes:

- A. Biological and physical processes and interactions
- B. Physical and chemical processes and interactions
- C. Biological, physical, and chemical processes
- D. Biological, physical, and chemical processes and interactions
- E. Populations and their environments

8. Physiological ecologists study:

- A. nutrient cycling and energy flow through ecosystems.
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- C. physiological and anatomical mechanisms by which organisms deal with variation in their physical and chemical environment.
- D. physiological and anatomical mechanisms by which organisms deal with variation in their social environment.
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- 9. Marie-Josée Fortin uses advanced statistical methods on empirical data to detect:
 - A. change caused by excess nutrients in lakes.
 - B. pollen from long ago in lake sediments.
 - C. declining populations of fish.
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 - E. spatial and temporal patterns in ecosystems.

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	B. the physical environment with which organisms interact.		
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	E. all of the individuals of a single species that live in an area and the physical environment with		
	which they interact.		
12.	The raw materials that an organism must acquire from the environment to live are called:		
	A. resources.		
	B. minerals.		
	C. reserves.		
	D. substrates.		
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	landscape of the Appalachian Mountains from 12,000 years ago until approximately 100 years			
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	times within trees.
	E. Increased primary productivity in freshwater lakes is driven by increased nitrogen.
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19. Wł	nich of the following is incorrect about the Experimental Lake Area?
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B.	It houses 46 lakes within 17 watersheds, many of which are used for whole lake manipulations.
	Dr. David Schindler was the leader of experimental investigations upon establishment of the facility.
D.	The first experiments in ELA were manipulations of whole lakes to determine which nutrients
	are linked to eutrophication effects.
	Dr. Schindler's research in ELA illustrated that phosphorus is the driver of eutrophication effects.
20. Po	ellen cores from lake sediments can be used to reconstruct the paleoecological record.
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21. Na	tural history is about knowing the history of a biome.
Tru	ue False
22. Ma	acArthur observed that warblers maintain differences in feeding zones.
Tru	ue False
23. Fie	eld studies and laboratory studies are mutually exclusive.
Tru	ue False
24. Th	e word ecology comes from the Greek word for world.
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25.	Stable	isotopes decay radioactively.
	True	False
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Bloom's: Comprehension

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20. Pollen cores from lake sediments can be used to reconstruct the paleoecological record.

TRUE

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21. Natural history is about knowing the history of a biome.

FALSE

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22. MacArthur observed that warblers maintain differences in feeding zones.

TRUE

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23. Field studies and laboratory studies are mutually exclusive.

FALSE

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available research tools

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24. The word ecology comes from the Greek word for world.

FALSE

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25. Stable isotopes decay radioactively.

FALSE

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26. Margaret Davis' studies on lake pollen sediments indicate that the forests of eastern North America did not change with the changing climate.

FALSE

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27. The scientific method deals with absolute truths.

FALSE

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28. Ecology can be defined as the study of the impact of human activity on the environment.

FALSE

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29. The Experimental Lakes Area (ELA) is like a real-world laboratory where the natural system can be manipulated.

TRUE

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30. David Schindler showed that the link between how natural lakes function and humans affect lakes with their waste water is often by adding excess nutrients.

TRUE

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31. The research done by Ryan Norris on American redstart indicated that sex and age are two important determinants of where an individual will overwinter in Jamaica.

TRUE

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