

# Unit 8

# Study Guide

Name

Date

Period

Directions: There are 5 major sections for this unit. Fill in the following information below as a study guide for your unit 8 exam on \_\_\_\_\_. You will receive 5 extra credit points on your test if you turn this in 100% completed on the day of the exam. Your responses need to be close to the real answer and all questions must be answered to receive credit.

## **PART 1: Ecological Relationships (Lesson 8.1):**

1. Describe parasitism.
2. Describe commensalism.
3. Describe mutualism.
4. What is a symbiotic relationship?
5. Give an example of two organisms in each type of relationship:
  - a. parasitism
  - b. commensalisms
  - c. mutualism
  - d. predator-prey

## **PART 2: Food Webs (Lesson 8.2):**

6. What are decomposers (detrivores)?
7. What is the role of decomposers in an ecosystem?
8. Explain the difference between a producer and a consumer.
9. Why is a food web a better representation of the eating patterns than a food chain?
10. Explain the difference between a heterotroph and an autotroph.
11. Define detritus.
12. Draw a food chain and label the where to find decomposers (detrivores), producers (autotrophs) and consumers (heterotrophs – both herbivores and carnivores).

**PART 3: Population Dynamics (Lesson 8.3):**

13. What are abiotic factors? Give 2 examples of abiotic factors in a desert ecosystem.

14. What are biotic factors? Give 2 examples of biotic factors in a desert ecosystem.

**PART 4: Cycling of Matter, Energy, Water, Carbon and Nitrogen (Lesson 8.4 and 8.5)**

15. Explain the difference between a primary consumer and a secondary consumer.

16. Draw a sample biomass pyramid in the space below. Label the location of the producers, primary consumers, secondary consumers, and top-consumers.

17. Which level has the greatest biomass?

18. Which level on your pyramid has the greatest amount of stored energy?

19. Describe what happens during the following stages of the water cycle:

- a. Evaporation:
- b. Condensation:
- c. Transpiration:
- d. Precipitation:

20. Draw a brief sketch of the carbon cycle below. Include *examples* of carbon going to the atmosphere and coming to land

**PART 5: Watershed (Lesson 8.6):**

21. Define Watershed

22. What determines the boundaries of a watershed?

23. What do watersheds provide?

24. List 3 types of pollution that get into our waterways and the source of each.

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25. What is an Ocean Dead Zone?

26. What is responsible for causing the dead zone?

27. Why is this a concern?

**PART 6: Cane Toads (Lesson 8.7):**

28. What is an invasive species?