

Water, Climate Change, and Water Scarcity in Africa

10 Key Facts

1. Algal blooms result from fertilizer runoff and reduce water quality.
2. Economic water scarcity affects Sub-Saharan Africa due to poor infrastructure.
3. Glacier melt from warming increases sea levels and contaminates freshwater.
4. Climate change is already affecting water access worldwide.
5. Water stress includes water quality, availability, and access issues.
6. Solutions to water scarcity include conservation, wastewater reuse, and desalination.
7. About 4 billion people experience water scarcity for at least one month a year.
8. Increasing global temperatures intensify rainfall and droughts.
9. Desalination provides freshwater but is costly and energy-intensive.
10. Runoff caused by rain can carry pollutants into freshwater systems.

50 Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)

1. What is one major effect of climate change on water access?
 - A. More snowfall
 - B. Decreased global temperature
 - C. Increased rainfall and droughts
 - D. Less ocean water

Answer: C

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2. What causes algal blooms in water bodies?

- A. Saltwater
- B. Snowmelt
- C. Wind currents
- D. Fertilizer runoff

Answer: D

3. Why are algal blooms dangerous?

- A. They clean the water
- B. They release toxins
- C. They reduce rainfall
- D. They fertilize plants

Answer: B

4. What process removes salt from water?

- A. Irrigation
- B. Distillation
- C. Filtration
- D. Desalination

Answer: D

5. Where is desalination commonly used?

- A. South America
- B. Southeast Asia
- C. Middle East and North Africa
- D. Europe

Answer: C

6. Why does snowmelt matter for water access?

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- C. It warms the air
- D. It pollutes the ocean

Answer: B

7. What is a major cause of physical water scarcity?

- A. Too much rain
- B. Lack of water in dry regions
- C. Poor education
- D. Cold weather

Answer: B

8. What is a symptom of water scarcity?

- A. Overpopulation
- B. Water stress
- C. Snowfall
- D. Desalination

Answer: B

9. How many people face severe water scarcity at least once a year?

- A. 500,000
- B. About 4 billion
- C. 10 billion
- D. 1 million

Answer: B

10. What is one solution to water scarcity?

- A. Melting icebergs
- B. Wastewater reuse
- C. Cutting trees
- D. Throwing waste into rivers

Answer: B

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C. Southeast Asia

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