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Pyramid proceed through the various tropic levels as herbivores, then carnivores that eat herbivores, and so on). Consumers are those "who survive on the food produced by the plants i.e. producers"

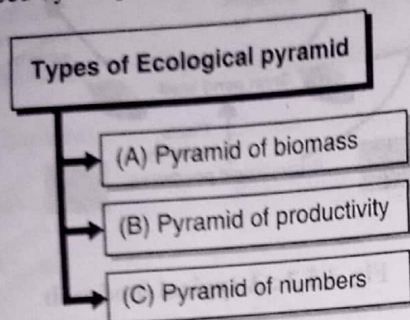


Fig. 3.5.4 : Types of Ecological pyramid

### Pyramid of biomass

Biomass is the amount of living or organic matter present in an organism. Biomass pyramids show how much biomass is present in the organisms in unit area at different tropic levels. Typical units for a biomass pyramid could be grams per meter<sup>2</sup>, or calories per meter<sup>2</sup>.

### Pyramid of productivity

An ecological pyramid of productivity shows the production or turnover of biomass at each tropic level. Productivity pyramids show the flow of energy through the food chain. Typical units would be grams per meter<sup>2</sup> per year or calories per meter<sup>2</sup> per year. As with the others, this graph begins with producers at the bottom and places higher tropic levels on top.

When energy is transferred to the next tropic level, typically only 10% of it is used to build new biomass, the rest going to metabolic processes. As such, in a pyramid of productivity each step will be 10% the size of the previous step (100, 10, 1, 0.1, 0.01).

### C) Pyramid of numbers

An ecological pyramid of numbers shows graphically the population of each level in a food chain.

## Review Questions

- Q. 1 Define terms Eco system (Refer Section 3.1)
- Q. 2 Define terms Biotic and abiotic (Refer Section 3.2)
- Q. 3 Explain the concept of an ecosystem. (Refer Section 3.2)
- Q. 4 Explain with schematic diagram, the energy flow in a typical ecosystem. (Refer Section 3.2)
- Q. 5 Give classification / Types of ecosystem. (Refer Section 3.3)
- Q. 6 List the major ecosystem in world. (Refer Section 3.3.1)
- Q. 7 Explain broad structure of ecosystem. (Refer Section 3.5)
- Q. 8 What are the functions of ecosystem ? (Refer Section 3.5)
- Q. 9 Explain energy flow in ecosystem. (Refer Section 3.5)
- Q. 10 Define terms : Producer and Consumer. (Refer Section 3.5.2)

## MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

- Q. 1 An \_\_\_\_\_ consists of biotic and abiotic components.
- (i) Environment (ii) ☒ Ecosystem  
(iii) Ecology (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (ii)

- Q. 2 Biotic and abiotic components together form an \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) ☒ Ecosystem (ii) Pond  
(iii) River (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (i)

- Q. 3 Community of living organisms make part of an \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) Environment (ii) Universe  
(iii) ☒ Ecosystem (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (iii)

- Q. 4 Non living organism community makes part of an \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) ☒ Ecosystem (ii) Ecology  
(iii) Environment (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (i)





Q. 5 Biotic and abiotic components are linked through \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) Energy flow (ii) Nutrient cycles  
☒ (iii) (i) and (ii) both (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (iii)

Q. 6 Energy flow in ecosystem links \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ together.

- ☒ (i) Biotic and abiotic components  
(ii) Organism and plants  
(iii) Fruits and flowers  
(iv) None of the above

Ans. : (i)

Q. 7 Nutrients cycles play important role in \_\_\_\_\_ together biotic and abiotic components.

- (i) Combining ☒ (ii) Linking  
(iii) Joining (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (ii)

Q. 8 Ecosystem can be of any \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☒ (i) Size (ii) Shape  
(iii) Type (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (i)

Q. 9 Energy flow in any ecosystem is primarily obtained from, \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) Coal (ii) Power  
☒ (iii) Sun (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (iii)

Q. 10 Energy flow involves all \_\_\_\_\_ to play role.

- ☒ (i) Components (ii) Trees  
(iii) Animals (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (i)

Q. 11 Producers in any ecosystem may be \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) Primary only  
(ii) Secondary only  
☒ (iii) All- primary/secondary/tertiary  
(iv) None of the above

Ans. : (iii)

Q. 12 Ecosystem consists of components which play role as \_\_\_\_\_ consumer.

- (i) Only primary (ii) Primary and tertiary  
☒ (iii) Primary / Secondary / Tertiary  
(iv) None of the above

Ans. : (iii)

Q. 13 Biotic and abiotic components in ecosystem interact \_\_\_\_\_ with each other.

- (i) Occasionally ☒ (ii) Continually  
(iii) Rarely (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (ii)

Q. 14 The dead organic matter from living organisms is part of \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) Soil (ii) Environment  
☒ (iii) Ecosystems (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (iii)

Q. 15 \_\_\_\_\_ organisms can exchange between soil and water.

- (i) Dead ☒ (ii) Living  
(iii) No (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (ii)

Q. 16 Ecosystem are of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ types.

- ☒ (i) Aquatic and Terrestrial  
(ii) Living and Nonliving  
(iii) Clean and unclean  
(iv) None of the above

Ans. : (i)

Q. 17 Coral reef is example of \_\_\_\_\_ type of ecosystem.

- ☒ (i) Terrestrial (ii) Aquatic  
(iii) Organic (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (i)

Q. 18 "Tundra" is example of \_\_\_\_\_ type ecosystem.

- (i) Marine ☒ (ii) Terrestrial  
(iii) Microbiological (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (ii)

Q. 19 The essential components of any ecosystem is, \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) Energy source (ii) Biotic and abiotic components  
☒ (iii) (i) and (ii) both (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (iii)

Q. 20 Biotic and abiotic components in ecosystem are linked through \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) Energy flow  
☒ (ii) Energy transformations  
(iii) Energy balances (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (ii)





Q. 21 Biotic and a biotic components involve \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) Biochemical composition
- ☒ (ii) Biochemical cycling
- (iii) Biochemical balances
- (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (ii)

Q. 22 \_\_\_\_\_ chain involves energy transformation.

- ☒ (i) Food
- (ii) Reactions
- (iii) Cyclisation
- (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (i)

Q. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ chain and \_\_\_\_\_ web involves energy transformation.

- ☒ (i) Food, food
- (ii) Producer, consumer
- (iii) Producer, food
- (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (i)

Q. 24 All ecosystems involve \_\_\_\_\_ transformations.

- (i) Ecology
- ☒ (ii) Energy
- (iii) Cycle
- (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (ii)

Q. 25 All ecosystems involve \_\_\_\_\_ cycling.

- (i) Biological
- (ii) Geological
- ☒ (iii) Biogeochemical
- (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (iii)

Q. 26 Biogeochemical cycling links \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ components in ecosystem.

- (i) Plants and animal
- ☒ (ii) Living and non-living
- (iii) Organic and Inorganic
- (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (ii)

Q. 27 Food chain and food web concept is associated with \_\_\_\_\_ transformations.

- (i) Chemical
- (ii) Ecological
- ☒ (iii) Energy
- (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (iii)

Q. 28 \_\_\_\_\_ eat plants and plant products.

- (i) Carnivores
- ☒ (ii) Herbivores
- (iii) Animals
- (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (ii)

Q. 29 \_\_\_\_\_ survive on herbivores.

- (i) Plants
- ☒ (ii) Carnivores
- (iii) Aquatics
- (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (ii)

Q. 30 Those which consume droppings of all of us.

- ☒ (i) Detritivores
- (ii) Herbivores
- (iii) Carnivores
- (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (i)

Q. 31 Dead tissues and waste products are used by \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☒ (i) Detritivores
- (ii) Metagens
- (iii) Soil
- (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (i)

Q. 32 Detritivores, Herbivores, Carnivores are part of \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☒ (i) Food chain
- (ii) World
- (iii) Ecosystem
- (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (i)

Q. 33 Energy flows from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☒ (i) Bottom, top
- (ii) Top, bottom
- (iii) Earth, moon
- (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (i)

Q. 34 Amount of energy \_\_\_\_\_ from bottom to top.

- (i) Increases
- ☒ (ii) Decreases
- (iii) Remains same
- (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (ii)

Q. 35 In food chain, Grass hopper is \_\_\_\_\_ consumer.

- ☒ (i) Primary
- (ii) Secondary
- (iii) Initial
- (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (i)

Q. 36 Snake is \_\_\_\_\_ consumer in food chain.

- ☒ (i) Secondary
- (ii) Tertiary
- (iii) Primary
- (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (i)

Q. 37 In the presence of sun and water, \_\_\_\_\_ produces food.

- (i) Decomposer
- ☒ (ii) Producer
- (iii) Consumer
- (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (ii)

Q. 38 Fungi act as \_\_\_\_\_ in food chain.

- ☒ (i) Decomposer
- (ii) Producer
- (iii) Consumer
- (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (i)

Q. 39 Decomposer helps to send \_\_\_\_\_ to producers.

- (i) Components
- ☒ (ii) Nutrients
- (iii) Constituents
- (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (ii)





Q. 40 Grass is categorized as \_\_\_\_\_ in grazer food chain.

- (i) Plant (ii) ☒ Producer  
(iii) Vegetable (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (ii)

Q. 41 Hawk act as \_\_\_\_\_ consumer in a grazer food chain.

- (i) Primary (ii) Secondary  
(iii) ☒ Tertiary (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (iii)

Q. 42 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are types of food chains.

- (i) ☒ Grazer, Detritus (ii) Natural, synthetic  
(iii) Organic, inorganic (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (i)

Q. 43 In \_\_\_\_\_ food chain, dead organic matter is serves as principal energy input.

- (i) ☒ Detritus (ii) Flowing  
(iii) Original (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (i)

Q. 44 Any food chain has no more than \_\_\_\_\_ links.

- (i) ☒ 4 to 5 (ii) 3  
(iii) 3 to 4 (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (i)

Q. 45 The interconnected food chains form \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) Ecosystem (ii) Environment  
(iii) ☒ Food web (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (iii)

Q. 46 In a food web, food chains are \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) ☒ Interconnected (ii) Cycled  
(iii) Joined (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (i)

Q. 47 Food webs are very \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) Simple (ii) Small  
(iii) ☒ Complicated (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (iii)

Q. 48 Most animals are part of more than \_\_\_\_\_ food chain.

- (i) ☒ One (ii) Two  
(iii) Three (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (i)

Q. 49 Any food web indicates that \_\_\_\_\_ is connected to \_\_\_\_\_ else.

- (i) ☒ Everything, Everything

(ii) Nothing, Everything

(iii) Everything, Nothing

(iv) None of the above

Ans. : (i)

Q. 50 Ecological pyramid is a \_\_\_\_\_ representation.

- (i) Geological (ii) Pyramidal  
(iii) ☒ Graphical (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (iii)

Q. 51 Ecological pyramid shows \_\_\_\_\_ productivity.

- (i) Biome (ii) ☒ Biomass  
(iii) Organic (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (ii)

Q. 52 In ecological pyramid primary producers are shown at \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) Top (ii) ☒ Base  
(iii) Periphery (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (ii)

Q. 53 Primary producers are followed by \_\_\_\_\_ consumers.

- (i) Secondary (ii) ☒ Primary  
(iii) All (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (ii)

Q. 54 Tertiary consumers are shown at \_\_\_\_\_ of ecological pyramid.

- (i) Base (ii) ☒ Top  
(iii) Corners (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (ii)

Q. 55 Ecological pyramid is \_\_\_\_\_ in shape.

- (i) Circular (ii) ☒ Triangular  
(iii) Oval (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (ii)

Q. 56 Ecological pyramid consists of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in sequence.

- (i) Plants, animals  
(ii) ☒ Producers, consumers  
(iii) Consumers, producers  
(iv) None of the above

Ans. : (ii)

Q. 57 \_\_\_\_\_ pyramids show amount of organic matter in an organism.

- (i) ☒ Biomass (ii) Biome  
(iii) Biotic (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (i)





Q. 58 Pyramid of \_\_\_\_\_ shows turnover of biomass at each trophic level.

- (i) Productivity (ii) Production  
(iii) Consumption (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (i)

Q. 59 Productivity pyramid shows flow of \_\_\_\_\_ in food chain.

- (i) Production (ii) Turnover  
(iii) Energy (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (iii)

Q. 60 Productivity is expressed as \_\_\_\_\_ unit.

- (i) Grams per meter<sup>2</sup> per year  
(ii) Calories per meter<sup>2</sup> per year  
(iii) Both above  
(iv) None of the above

Ans. : (iii)

Q. 61 In all ecological pyramids, producers are always at \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) Centre (ii) Bottom  
(iii) Top (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (ii)

Q. 62 \_\_\_\_\_% energy is used to build new biomass in ecological pyramid.

- (i) 25 (ii) 10  
(iii) 10 - 25 (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (ii)

Q. 63 In \_\_\_\_\_ pyramid, each step is 10% the size of previous step.

- (i) Productivity (ii) Ecological  
(iii) Biomass (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (i)

Q. 64 Pyramid of numbers is graphical representation of \_\_\_\_\_ at each level in food chain.

- (i) Production (ii) Population  
(iii) Consumer (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (ii)

Q. 65 The \_\_\_\_\_ itself is a major ecosystem.

- (i) Air (ii) Sun  
(iii) Earth (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (iii)

Q. 66 Island is example of \_\_\_\_\_ ecosystem.

- (i) Water (ii) Earth  
(iii) Ocean (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (iii)

Q. 67 Grass lands is example of \_\_\_\_\_ water ecosystem.

- (i) Fresh (ii) Waste  
(iii) Polluted (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (i)

Q. 68 Forests are part of \_\_\_\_\_ ecosystem.

- (i) Tropical (ii) Terrestrial  
(iii) Marine (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (ii)

Q. 69 Regional ecosystem governed by temperature and other atmospheric parameters is known as \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) Biomass (ii) Biome  
(iii) Biotic (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (ii)

Q. 70 Grass lands have \_\_\_\_\_ soil and \_\_\_\_\_ content of O<sub>2</sub>.

- (i) Rich, High (ii) Poor, High  
(iii) Poor, Low (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (i)

Q. 71 Grass lands have \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ grasses.

- (i) Thick, Thin (ii) Dense, Tall  
(iii) Dense, Thick (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (ii)

Q. 72 In Coniferous forest, \_\_\_\_\_ are cold.

- (i) Stones (ii) Winter  
(iii) Seasons (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (ii)

Q. 73 In Deciduous forest, \_\_\_\_\_ are warm.

- (i) Summer (ii) All seasons  
(iii) No seasons (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (i)

Q. 74 Short, strong, leafy, thorny plants are \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) Cacti (ii) Berry  
(iii) Legumes (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (i)

Q. 75 Chaparrals are found in \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) Austria (ii) Australia  
(iii) Africa (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (iii)

Q. 76 Ground is always frozen in \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) Tundra (ii) Forest  
(iii) Tropical (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (i)





Q. 77 \_\_\_\_\_ is just below Tundra.

- (i) Chaparral (ii) Rain forest  
(iii) Taiga (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (iii)

Q. 78 Biome above 10000 feet is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) Tundra (ii) Taiga  
(iii) Alpine (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (iii)

Q. 79 Biome just below Himalayan mountain is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) Alpine (ii) Wet lands  
(iii) Taiga (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (i)

Q. 80 Alpine is on \_\_\_\_\_ feet height.

- (i) 5000 (ii) 7000  
(iii) 10000 (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (iii)

Q. 81 Alpine has summer from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) March, May (ii) June, September  
(iii) April, June (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (ii)

Q. 82 \_\_\_\_\_ has drastic fluctuation.

- (i) Alpine (ii) Tundra  
(iii) Taiga (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (i)

Q. 83 Alpine region \_\_\_\_\_ animals have \_\_\_\_\_ lungs.

- (i) Large (ii) Small  
(iii) Normal (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (i)

Q. 84 In Alpine, October to May is \_\_\_\_\_ season.

- (i) Monsoon (ii) Winter  
(iii) Summer (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (ii)

Q. 85 In Alpine, animals are \_\_\_\_\_ in height.

- (i) Normal (ii) Short  
(iii) Average (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (ii)

Q. 86 In Alpine, animals have \_\_\_\_\_ legs.

- (i) Four (ii) Short  
(iii) Bent (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (ii)

Q. 87 In Alpine, animals have large lungs, to survive \_\_\_\_\_ pressure and \_\_\_\_\_ O<sub>2</sub> content.

- (i) High, Low (ii) Low, High  
(iii) High, High (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (i)

Q. 88 In Alpine, animals have \_\_\_\_\_ blood vessels.

- (i) More (ii) Large  
(iii) Thick (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (i)

Q. 89 Animals in Alpine region have \_\_\_\_\_ blood vessels to store more \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) More, Haemoglobin (ii) Thick, O<sub>2</sub>  
(iii) Large, blood (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (i)

Q. 90 In Alpine, \_\_\_\_\_ also have adaptations as animals.

- (i) Plants (ii) Humans  
(iii) Aquatics (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (ii)

Q. 91 Just like in Alpines, in \_\_\_\_\_ also have adaptations of lungs.

- (i) Nepal (ii) Canada  
(iii) India (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (i)

Q. 92 People in Nepal / Tibet are called \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) Sherapas (ii) Gorkha  
(iii) Himalayan (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (i)

Q. 93 About \_\_\_\_\_ % area of earth is Oceans.

- (i) 75 (ii) 40  
(iii) 30 (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (i)

Q. 94 Plants under ocean are \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) Aquatic (ii) Aquifers  
(iii) Oceanic (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (ii)

Q. 95 Aquifers prepare food by \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) Metabolism (ii) Photosynthesis  
(iii) Photolysis (iv) None of the above

Ans. : (ii)



**Q. 96** Nearly \_\_\_\_\_ % photosynthesis takes place in ocean by aquifers.

- (i) 75                      ☒ (ii) 40  
(iii) 100                  (iv) None of the above

**Ans. : (ii)**

**Q. 97** Access of  $O_2$  is more in \_\_\_\_\_ ocean water.

- (i) Deep                      ☒ (ii) Shallow  
(iii) Entire                  (iv) None of the above

**Ans. : (ii)**

**Q. 98** Photosynthesis does not take place in \_\_\_\_\_ ocean water.

- ☒ (i) Deep                      (ii) Shallow  
(iii) Both above              (iv) None of the above

**Ans. : (i)**

**Q. 99** Due to absence of photosynthesis, deep ocean is rich in \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☒ (i) Minerals                  (ii)  $O_2$   
(iii) Aquifers                  (iv) None of the above

**Ans. : (i)**

**Q. 100** Minerals / Oils / Salts mainly occurs in \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☒ (i) Deep ocean              (ii) Shallow ocean  
(iii) Air                          (iv) None of the above

**Ans. : (i)**

**Q. 101** Ocean ecosystem gives \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☒ (i) Minerals/oil/salt          (ii) Only minerals  
(iii) Only oil                      (iv) None of the above

**Ans. : (i)**

**Q. 102** Geographically ecological region with similarity in vegetation and climate is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) Abiotic                      ☒ (ii) Biome  
(iii) Biotic                      (iv) All of the above

**Ans. : (ii)**

**Q. 103** The variety of habitats is \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☒ (i) Ecosystem Diversity      (ii) Ecological Variation  
(iii) Biodiversity                  (iv) Diversity

**Ans. : (i)**

**Q. 104** A group of co-existing organisms which interact with the environment \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) Diversity                      ☒ (ii) Ecosystem  
(iii) Biodiversity                  (iv) Will

**Ans. : (ii)**

**Q. 105** A plant that can produce food is called \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) Provider                      ☒ (ii) Producer  
(iii) Consumer                  (iv) Developer

**Ans. : (ii)**

**Q. 106** Developmental action-meeting present requirements – not affecting future needs is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) Appropriate action  
(ii) Proper development  
☒ (iii) Sustainable Development  
(iv) Redevelopment

**Ans. : (iii)**