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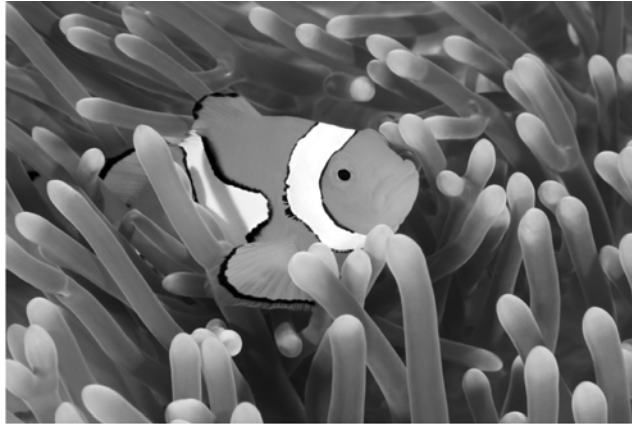
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1 Expectation: B.12(A)

Look at the photograph and information below regarding the clown anemonefish.



Facts About Clown Anemonefish

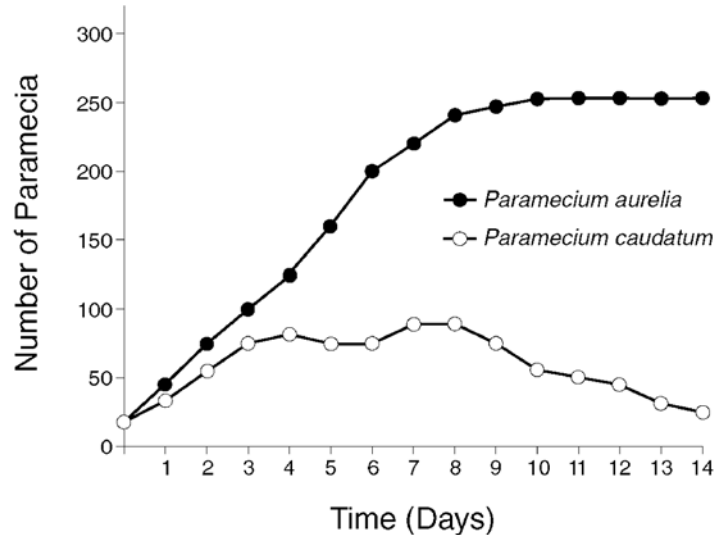
- The clown anemonefish nests close to some species of sea anemones.
- The clown anemonefish is covered in mucus that protects it from the sting of sea anemone tentacles.
- Sea anemones eat parasites on clown anemonefish, and clown anemonefish eat algae and the dead tentacles of sea anemones.

Which of the following statements is true?

- A** Clown anemonefish have a predator-prey relationship with sea anemones.
- B** Clown anemonefish have a competitive relationship with sea anemones.
- C** Clown anemonefish have a mutualistic relationship with sea anemones.
- D** Clown anemonefish have a parasite-host relationship with sea anemones.

2 Expectation: B.12(A)

The graph below shows the growth of two populations of paramecia grown in the same culture dish for 14 days.



Which ecological concept is best represented by the graph?

- F Decomposition
- G Mutualism
- H Competition
- J Equilibrium

3 Expectation: B.12(E)

The action of decomposers in the nitrogen cycle facilitates the —

- A restoration of nitrogen compounds to the soil.
- B synthesis of proteins from nitrates.
- C fixation of atmospheric nitrogen.
- D removal of nitrogen compounds from the atmosphere.

4 Expectation: B.6(F)

Baldness is a dominant trait that is influenced by an individual's sex. A man will become bald if he has the genotype BB or Bb. A man who is bb will not become bald. A woman will have thinning hair, but not become totally bald, if she is BB. A woman will not become bald if she is Bb or bb. What will be the outcome if a woman who is XXbb produces a child with a man who is XYBb?

- F** There is a 100% chance that the child will become bald.
 - G** There is a 25% chance that the child will not become bald.
 - H** There is a 75% chance that the child will not become bald.
 - J** There is a 50% chance that the child will become bald.
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5 Expectation: B.11(D)

In the Edwards Aquifer of south central Texas, salamanders live both below ground and above ground. One day, a ceiling of a limestone cave in the aquifer collapses, filling in the cave below. A sinkhole forms in the grassland above. With the next rain, the sinkhole fills with fresh water. How will this series of events most likely affect the population of salamanders in the region?

- A** The series of events will only increase the salamander population.
- B** The series of events will only decrease the salamander population.
- C** The series of events will first increase, then decrease the salamander population.
- D** The series of events will first decrease, then increase the salamander population.

6 Expectation: B.9(B)

A student sets up an experiment to compare the amounts of products generated by a single mustard plant engaged in photosynthesis and a single fly engaged in cellular respiration over a 24-hour period. In order to create a data table, the student must —

- F** monitor how much ATP the plant produces and how much water the fly produces.
 - G** monitor how much carbon dioxide the plant produces and how much nitrogen gas the fly produces.
 - H** monitor how much water the plant produces and how much oxygen the fly produces.
 - J** monitor how much oxygen the plant produces and how much carbon dioxide the fly produces.
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7 Expectation: B.12(F)

Louis Agassiz, a Swiss geologist of the 19th century, was the first person to propose that Earth had undergone an ice age. Agassiz noted that a drop in temperature could impact many ecosystems by —

- A** causing large lakes to freeze into icebergs, thus increasing the stability of the ecosystem.
- B** causing seas and oceans to alternately freeze and melt, thus increasing the stability of the ecosystem.
- C** causing blocks of ice to form in barren areas, thus maintaining the stability of the ecosystem.
- D** causing large sheets of ice to form over mountain ranges, thus decreasing the stability of the ecosystem.



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1	Reporting Category 5	Readiness	B.12(A)	B.2 (G)	C
2	Reporting Category 5	Readiness	B.12(A)	B.2 (G)	H
3	Reporting Category 5	Supporting	B.12(E)		A
4	Reporting Category 2	Readiness	B.6(F)		H
5	Reporting Category 5	Readiness	B.11(D)		D
6	Reporting Category 4	Supporting	B.9(B)	B.2 (E)	J
7	Reporting Category 5	Readiness	B.12(F)	B.3 (F)	D

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