

Environmental and Animal Ethics Facts

Ethics · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. Which river was the first in the world to be granted the same legal rights as a human being in 2017?

- A) The Ganges River, India
- B) The Whanganui River, New Zealand**
- C) The Amazon River, Brazil
- D) The Rhine River, Germany

2. Who authored the 1975 book 'Animal Liberation', often cited as a foundational text for the modern animal rights movement?

- A) Tom Regan
- B) Arne Næss
- C) Peter Singer**
- D) Aldo Leopold

3. The 2012 'Cambridge Declaration on Consciousness' specifically identified which invertebrate as possessing the neurological substrates for consciousness?

- A) The Giant Squid
- B) The Honeybee
- C) The Common Octopus**
- D) The Box Jellyfish

4. Which country became the first to include the 'Rights of Nature' (Pachamama) in its national constitution in 2008?

- A) Bolivia
- B) Ecuador**
- C) Costa Rica
- D) Norway

5. What is the primary focus of the 1973 CITES international agreement?

- A) Reducing carbon emissions
- B) Regulating trade in endangered species**
- C) Banning commercial whaling
- D) Protecting the ozone layer

6. In 2013, which intergovernmental organization implemented a total ban on the sale of cosmetics that have been tested on animals?

- A) ASEAN
- B) The African Union
- C) The European Union**
- D) Mercosur

7. The concept of 'Deep Ecology', which argues that all living things have inherent value regardless of their utility to humans, was coined by which philosopher?

- A) John Muir
- B) Arne Næss**
- C) Henry David Thoreau
- D) Rachel Carson

8. In 2008, the environmental committee of which nation's parliament became the first to vote in favor of granting legal rights to great apes?

- A) The Netherlands
- B) Spain**
- C) Switzerland
- D) New Zealand

9. Which ethical framework, established by Aldo Leopold in 'A Sand County Almanac', posits that 'a thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community'?

- A) Biocentrism
- B) The Land Ethic**
- C) Utilitarianism
- D) Virtue Ethics

10. Principle 15 of the 1992 Rio Declaration on Environment and Development codified which ethical guideline for managing environmental risk?

- A) The Polluter Pays Principle
- B) The Precautionary Principle**
- C) The Principle of Intergenerational Equity
- D) The Common Heritage of Mankind