Oceanography for Kids

Oceanography · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. What is the largest ocean on Earth?

A) Atlantic Ocean
B) Indian Ocean
C) Pacific Ocean
D) Arctic Ocean

2. Which layer of the ocean receives the most sunlight?

A) Sunlight Zone
B) Twilight Zone
C) Midnight Zone
D) Abyssal Zone

3. What is the primary substance that makes ocean water taste salty?

A) Sugar
B) Sodium chloride
C) Calcium
D) Magnesium

4. What are the rhythmic movements of ocean water caused by the wind called?

A) Tides
B) Currents
C) Waves
D) Tsunamis

5. Which of these is the deepest part of the world's oceans?

A) The Great Barrier Reef
B) The Mariana Trench
C) The Mid-Atlantic Ridge
D) The Sargasso Sea

6. What force is mainly responsible for the rising and falling of ocean tides?

A) The wind
B) The Earth's core
C) The Moon's gravity
D) Volcanoes

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7. Which of these is a microscopic organism that forms the base of the ocean food web?

A) Phytoplankton
B) Coral
C) Jellyfish
D) Seaweed

8. What is a continuous, directed movement of seawater called?

A) An eddy
B) A current
C) A swell
D) A surge

9. Which gas do marine animals like fish use to breathe underwater through their gills?

A) Carbon dioxide
B) Nitrogen
C) Helium
D) Oxygen

10. Which of these is considered the largest mammal in the ocean?

A) Great White Shark
B) Blue Whale
C) Bottlenose Dolphin
D) Walrus

11. Approximately what percentage of the Earth's surface is covered by oceans?

A) 50%
B) 70%
C) 30%
D) 90%

12. What are structures built by tiny animals called polyps?

A) Sand dunes
B) Coral reefs
C) Atolls
D) Sea mounts

13. Which instrument is used to measure the depth of the ocean?

A) Thermometer
B) Sonar
C) Barometer
D) Compass

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14. What do you call the boundary where the ocean meets the land?

A) The coast
B) The abyss
C) The shelf
D) The vent

15. Which of these is a large, rotating storm system that forms over warm ocean waters?

A) Tornado
B) Cyclone
C) Blizzard
D) Drought

16. The study of the ocean's physical and chemical properties is called what?

A) Biology
B) Geology
C) Oceanography
D) Meteorology

17. What is the name of the process by which liquid water becomes water vapor?

A) Condensation
B) Precipitation
C) Evaporation
D) Freezing

18. Which zone of the ocean is completely dark because no sunlight reaches it?

A) The Sunlight Zone
B) The Twilight Zone
C) The Midnight Zone
D) The Intertidal Zone

19. What are the massive underwater mountain ranges found on the ocean floor called?

A) Mid-ocean ridges
B) Trench systems
C) Continental shelves
D) Ocean basins

20. Which of these animals lives on the ocean floor?

A) Dolphin
B) Starfish
C) Tuna
D) Manta Ray

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