

Mid-term Review Unit 1 - Scientific Method

1. List the steps of the scientific method in order.
 - 1) observe
 - 2) collect data
 - 3) formulate a question
 - 4) collect data
 - 5) test hypothesis
 - 6) formulate hypothesis
 - 7) conclusion
2. Define the term scientific theory.

A tested, possible explanation of a natural event.
3. Define the term scientific law.

A summary of an observed natural event.
4. Describe the term variable as it pertains to an experiment.

Anything that can change in an experiment.
5. Why do scientists test only one variable at a time?

Because you cannot find out with 1 variable what caused the experiment.
6. Compare and contrast the terms dependent and independent variables.

An independent variable is the factor that is manipulated in an experiment. The dependent variable is measured to determine the change. Both are used to determine the change.
7. On a graph, which axis would contain the dependent variable? The independent variable?

X = independent variable y = dependent variable
8. List the three main branches of science and give a sub-branch of each.
 - a. Biology - Botany
 - b. Earth Science - Meteorology
 - c. Physical Science - Chemistry

Name: _____

Experiments: Identifying Variables and Groups

In each of the examples, identify the independent variable and dependent variable as well as which participants make up the experimental group and which make up the control group.

Remember:

Independent Variable = What the investigator manipulates; the particular treatment or condition the investigator is most interested in the effects of

Dependent Variable = What is measured or observed; the "data" collected in the experiment

Experimental Group = Those participants exposed to the independent variable

Control Group = Those participants treated just like the experimental group EXCEPT they are not exposed to the independent variable; the group with which the experimental group can be compared

1) Of 100 individuals with moderate depression, 50 receive 8 weeks of a new cognitive-behavioral therapy, while the other 50 are placed on a waiting list for 8 weeks. At the end of the 8 weeks all 100 are given psychological tests to assess their level of depression.

Independent Variable: given therapy Dependent Variable: level of depression

Experimental Group: A - given therapy Control Group: B - group on waiting list

2) A biopsychologist is studying the effects of anabolic steroids on the aggressive behavior of female rats. 24 female rats receive daily injections of a placebo (fake drug), while 24 others receive daily injections of the steroid. Round-the-clock videotapes of the communal cages of all rats allow all aggressive encounters to be counted and timed.

Independent Variable: given anabolic steroid Dependent Variable: aggression level

Experimental Group: A - given steroid Control Group: B - given placebo

3) An industrial psychologist is interested in whether lowering the temperature in a packing room will increase productivity (number of products packed). Workers in two equivalent packing rooms participate in the study. One room is maintained at 65 degrees, the other room is left at the usual company temperature of 76 degrees.

Independent Variable: room temperature Dependent Variable: productivity

Experimental Group: A - lower temp room Control Group: B - given 76 room

9. Read the experiments below and identify the parts of the experiment.

Chapter 1

STUDY GUIDE

● Solving Problems

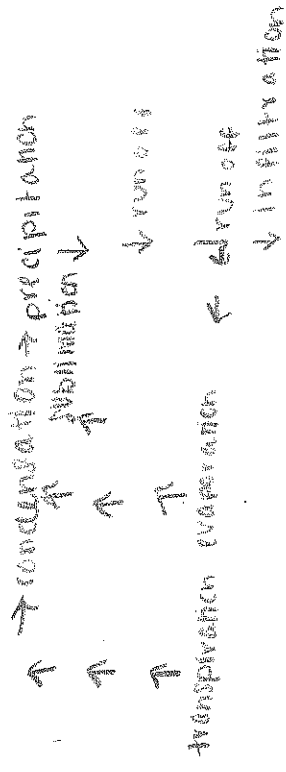
In the blank, write the letter of the term or phrase that best completes each statement.

- B 1. The first step in any problem-solving strategy is to _____.
a. collect information about the problem b. identify the problem
- B 2. The method used by scientists for solving problems is known as the _____.
a. control b. scientific method
- A 3. A prediction about a problem that can be tested is a _____.
a. hypothesis b. conclusion
- B 4. A _____ is a standard for comparison in an experiment.
a. variable b. control
- A 5. An explanation backed by results obtained from repeated tests or experiments is a _____.
a. theory b. variable
- B 6. A process that uses certain skills to solve problems is called _____.
a. theory b. critical thinking
- A 7. A _____ is a changeable factor in an experiment.
a. variable b. control
- A 8. The best experiments test only one _____ at a time.
a. variable b. control
- B 9. If a conclusion does not support a hypothesis, the _____.
a. experiment did not work properly b. hypothesis should be revised
- A 10. If a hypothesis is supported by new data gathered over a period of time, it may become a _____.
a. control b. theory
- A 11. Making lists, drawing graphs, making a model, and eliminating possibilities are all _____ for solving problems.
a. strategies b. variables
- B 12. If a hypothesis has been backed by results from repeated tests or experiments, it becomes a _____.
a. variable b. theory

Unit 2 Review - Hydrogeology

Name: 1

1. Diagram the water cycle - include all the places water can be and the processes it goes through to get from one place to another.



2. What powers the water cycle? the sun

3. Does water follow a set path through the water cycle? Explain your answer.

No because it can be going through different phases at different times

4. How long does it take for water to circulate through the water cycle?

10,000 years

5. How are the following terms related?

a. Aquifer & groundwater

Both include water in the ground.

b. Aquifer & water table

Both are levels of water underground.

c. Transpiration & precipitation

Phases in the water cycle.

6. What is recharge?

The replenishment of an aquifer's ground water.

7. What is residence time?

Residence time is an expression that says how fast something moves through a system in equilibrium.

8. How does groundwater move?

It infiltrates in the ground.

9. List at least three things that can contaminate groundwater.

- oil
- pesticides
- fertilizer
- vegetation
- no waste near water
- don't litter

11. What percentage of earth's water is freshwater and what percent is salt water?

F = 2%, S = 97%

12. Where is most of the freshwater on earth stored?

glaciers

13. Define point and nonpoint source pollution.

Point is directly from a pipe.

Non-point is pollution that doesn't come from a pipe.

14. Define the term "best management practice."

EMP are one of the best ways to help pollution in our groundwater.

15. Define the term permeable. What type of earth material is most permeable? Clay, sand, gravel.

Circle one.

Remember measure how much space

is in between the particles or an

object.

-tion words

infiltration - to go into the ground.

precipitation - Any form of water that falls back to earth's surface from clouds.

condensation - the change of a substance

from a gas to a liquid.

swellmation - the change of a substance

from a solid to gas.

transpiration - the evaporation of water

through pores in a plant's leaves.

