

Skills Worksheet

Concept Review**MATCHING**

In the space provided, write the letter of the description that best matches the term or phrase.

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| _____ 1. organism that causes disease | a. toxicology |
| _____ 2. study of the harmful effects of substances on organisms | b. dose |
| _____ 3. study of the spread of disease | c. dose-response curve |
| _____ 4. particles in the air that are small enough to breathe into the lungs | d. epidemiology |
| _____ 5. amount of a particular chemical to which a person is exposed | e. risk assessment |
| _____ 6. transmitter of a disease to people | f. particulates |
| _____ 7. organism in which a pathogen lives all or part of its life | g. pathogen |
| _____ 8. estimate of the risk posed by an action or substance | h. host |
| _____ 9. previously unknown cause of disease | i. vector |
| _____ 10. shows the relative effect of various doses of a drug or chemical on an organism | j. emerging virus |

MULTIPLE CHOICE

In the space provided, write the letter of the term or phrase that best completes each statement or best answers each question.

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| _____ 11. Which of the following pollutants is used in agriculture and landscaping and might cause nerve damage, birth defects, and cancer in humans?
a. particulate matter
b. lead
c. pesticides
d. bacteria | _____ 12. Which of the following pollutants is found in old paint and gasoline and can cause brain damage and learning problems?
a. particulate matter
b. lead
c. coal dust
d. pesticides |
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Concept Review *continued*

- _____ **13.** Toxicology is used to determine
- a.** the classification of a pathogen.
 - b.** the vectors of a disease.
 - c.** how poisonous a substance is.
 - d.** what emerging viruses cause disease.
- _____ **14.** After an outbreak of an illness, scientists use epidemiology to try to find
- a.** the origin of the disease.
 - b.** how the disease spreads.
 - c.** how to prevent the disease from spreading.
 - d.** All of the above
- _____ **15.** Radon, a pollutant that causes cancer, comes from
- a.** cigarette smoke.
 - b.** granite bedrock.
 - c.** processed foods.
 - d.** drinking water.
- _____ **16.** What percentage of commercial chemicals have been tested for toxicity?
- a.** 10 percent
 - b.** 30 percent
 - c.** 50 percent
 - d.** 90 percent
- _____ **17.** Which of the following statements is correct?
- a.** Landfills solved pollution problems caused by waste disposal.
 - b.** Wastewater from cities no longer carries toxic chemicals into waterways.
 - c.** Laws regulating waste disposal have put an end to pollution problems caused by wastes.
 - d.** Much of the pollution in our environment is a byproduct of inadequate waste disposal.
- _____ **18.** The environment is an important factor in the spread of cholera and dysentery because
- a.** air can carry the pathogens.
 - b.** water provides a habitat in which the pathogens breed.
 - c.** the pathogens reproduce in soil.
 - d.** the disease is transmitted by mosquitoes.
- _____ **19.** Which of the following environmental changes is most likely to lead to the spread of parasites such as hookworm?
- a.** overuse of pesticides
 - b.** global warming
 - c.** overuse of antibiotics
 - d.** soil erosion
- _____ **20.** Which of the following is an emerging virus?
- a.** West Nile
 - b.** measles
 - c.** diphtheria
 - d.** schistosomiasis