



RIGHT TO A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT QUIZ



1. The U.S. holds almost 5% of the world's population and produces what percentage of the world's fossil fuel emissions?
 - A. 95%
 - B. 15%
 - C. 25%
 - D. 5%
2. Which internationally recognized documents directly or implicitly guarantee the Right to a Clean Environment?
 - A. UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People
 - B. Universal Declaration of Human Rights
 - C. Convention on the Rights of the Child
 - D. All of the above
3. What fraction of U.S. counties are facing water shortages by the middle of this century because of decreasing supply of and increasing demand for clean water?
 - A. 1 in 10
 - B. 1 in 4
 - C. 1 in 3
 - D. 1 in 2
4. What is the biggest contributor to global warming pollution in the U.S.?
 - A. Heating and cooling buildings
 - B. Transportation
 - C. Deforestation
 - D. Methane gas from cows
 - E. Electricity generation
5. What percentage of the nation's lakes, ponds, and reservoirs were found to be polluted in 2013?
 - A. 7%
 - B. 23%
 - C. 53%
 - D. 68%
6. Each day, the average American consumes products equivalent to the weight of
 - A. A house cat
 - B. Her or his own body
 - C. A pig
 - D. A cow
7. Of the following diseases, which are either caused or exacerbated by environmental hazards?
 - A. Asthma
 - B. Birth defects
 - C. Cancer
 - D. Heart disease
 - E. All of the above
8. U.S. industries released toxic chemicals into the water in how many states in 2010?
 - A. 14
 - B. 32
 - C. 48
 - D. 50
9. Who owns U.S. national parks?
 - A. Oil, gas and timber companies
 - B. The President of the United States
 - C. The people of the United States
 - D. Park rangers
 - D. The United Nations
10. Climate change has been linked to which of the following?
 - A. Increased storm severity
 - B. Increased threat of tropical disease
 - C. Rising temperatures and sea levels
 - D. Threats to crops
 - E. All of the above



CLEAN ENVIRONMENT QUIZ ANSWERS



1. **C - 25%.** The 5% of people who live in the U.S. use a quarter of the world's fossil fuels.¹ This means that if the entire world burned as many fossil fuels per capita as the USA, worldwide emissions would be five times as high as they are.
2. **D - All of the above.** This means that every person has the right to clean environment, and this right is recognized across the globe. There are many cases, however, where the U.S. is falling behind in environmental health standards.²
3. **C - 1 in 3.** The combination of increasing water pollution³ and increasing population⁴ means increasing scarcity of water in the U.S.
4. **E - Electricity generation.** The burning of coal, gas, and oil for electricity produces over 8 times more CO2 emissions than any other source besides transportation.⁵
5. **D - 68%.** 53% of assessed rivers and streams, 68% of lakes, reservoirs, and ponds, and 66% of estuaries are polluted were found to be polluted in 2012.⁶
6. **B - Her or his own body.** Americans consume their body weight in products daily.⁷
7. **E - All of the above.** Cancer, heart disease, asthma, birth defects, behavioral disorders, and infertility are all diseases that are either caused or exacerbated by environmental hazards.⁸
8. **D - 50.** In 2010, U.S. industries dumped toxic chemicals in the water of every state.⁹
9. **C. The people of the United States.** The mission of the National Parks Service is to maintain and protect this public land for benefit of all Americans.¹⁰
10. **E - All of the above.** Scientists have connected an increase in severe weather events, such as heat waves, hurricanes, and downpours to global warming. In addition, rising temperatures are causing polar ice caps to melt and sea levels to rise. Scientists predict that increased flooding, droughts, and pests will pose a major threat to agriculture, and tropical diseases, such as malaria, will be able to travel to new areas, due to warming temperatures.¹¹

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