

15 Multiple choice questions

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What hypothesis relates to oxygen availability in polar gigantism?

- ☐ High oxygen coupled with lower metabolic rates.
- ☐ The phenomenon of larger body sizes in polar organisms.
- ☐ Stable oxygen with fluctuating metabolic rates.
- ☐ Variable oxygen with increased metabolic rates.

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What is the term for the invasion of polar seas by giants from the deep sea?

- ☐ Abyssal gigantism
- ☐ High sea-ice years
- ☐ Digging and bioturbation
- ☐ Benthic-Pelagic Processes

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What type of sediment is found in Arctic benthic communities?

- ☐ Giant kelp
- ☐ Ice
- ☐ Soft sediment
- ☐ Hard bottom

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What is a primary factor for macrofauna in Arctic environments?

- ☐ Digging and bioturbation
- ☐ Benthic-Pelagic Processes
- ☐ High sea-ice years
- ☐ Low sea-ice years

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What is the coupling between surface and seafloor in polar regions called?

- ☐ Benthic-Pelagic Processes
- ☐ Low Sea-ice Years
- ☐ High Sea-ice Years
- ☐ Abyssal Gigantism

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What favors krill in the Antarctic Ocean?

- ☐ High sea-ice years
- ☐ Low sea-ice years
- ☐ Fish
- ☐ Hard bottom

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What type of bottom is found in Antarctic benthic communities?

- ☐ Bikini bottom
- ☐ Hard bottom
- ☐ Vegetated soft bottom
- ☐ Unvegetated soft bottom

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Are Antarctic food webs dependent on krill?

- ☐ True
- ☐ Ice
- ☐ Krill
- ☐ Fish

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What is the role of brine channels in pack ice?

- ☐ They stabilize the ice structure.
- ☐ They create a variable substrate for communities.
- ☐ They regulate ice melting rates.
- ☐ They provide a uniform habitat for life.

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What affects calcifying organisms in polar waters?

- ☐ More soluble CO₂ in colder waters.
- ☐ Increased calcium carbonate levels in colder waters.
- ☐ Reduced CO₂ Absorption in polar waters.
- ☐ Higher salinity in warmer waters.

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What favors salps in the Antarctic Ocean?

- ☐ Soft sediment
- ☐ High sea-ice years
- ☐ Fish
- ☐ Low sea-ice years

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What are Arctic food webs based on?

- ☐ Mammals
- ☐ Fish
- ☐ Insects
- ☐ Ice

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What are Antarctic food webs based on?

- ☐ Plankton
- ☐ Krill
- ☐ Jellyfish
- ☐ Fish

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What is polar gigantism?

- ☐ The phenomenon of larger body sizes in polar organisms.
- ☐ The increase in polar organism diversity over time.
- ☐ The phenomenon of smaller body sizes in polar organisms.
- ☐ The adaptation of polar organisms to warmer climates.

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What is a major disturbance factor in polar communities?

- ☐ Salt Water
- ☐ Fish
- ☐ Hot Springs
- ☐ Ice