



Test your knowledge on the ozone layer, ozone depleting substances and synthetic greenhouse gases

1. Which of the following are ozone depleting substances?

- a. Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs)
- b. Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs)
- c. Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs)
- d. Carbon dioxide (CO₂)
- e. Both a. and c.



2. What is an ozone molecule formed from?

- a. 3 oxygen atoms
- b. 3 carbon dioxide atoms
- c. 2 carbon dioxide atoms
- d. 2 hydrogen atoms and 1 oxygen atom

3. What is the name of the international agreement committing parties to phasing out ozone depleting substances and phasing down hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs)?

- a. Vienna Protocol
- b. Montreal Protocol
- c. Paris Agreement
- d. Antarctic Convention

4. What is global warming potential (GWP)?

- a. The effectiveness of an air conditioning system. The higher the global warming potential, the better the system at heating a room but the worse at cooling a room.
- b. A measure of the amount of heat trapped in the atmosphere by a certain mass of gas compared to the amount of heat trapped by a similar mass of carbon dioxide.
- c. The net contribution of Antarctic wildlife to synthetic greenhouse gas emissions.
- d. The global temperature rise scientists predict would occur without the phase-down of synthetic greenhouse gases.



5. What is the (approximate) global warming potential (GWP) of hydrofluorocarbon HFC-134a?

- a. 130
- b. 2200
- c. 1430
- d. HFC-134a does not have a global warming potential.



6. Which of the following have ozone depleting substances and synthetic greenhouse gases commonly been used for?

- a. Asthma puffers
- b. Refrigerators and air conditioners
- c. Propellants in aerosol products
- d. All of the above

7. What is the difference between synthetic greenhouse gases and other greenhouse gases?

- a. Greenhouse gases are found in greenhouses, synthetic greenhouse gases are not.
- b. Greenhouse gases occur naturally and through human activity, synthetic greenhouse gases only occur through human activity.
- c. Synthetic greenhouse gases all contain silicon, other greenhouse gases do not.
- d. Both a. and b.

8. How much ozone can one kilogram of halon 1211 destroy?

- a. 1 kilogram
- b. 100 tonnes
- c. 50 kilograms
- d. 50 tonnes

9. Which of the following can still legally be produced in Australia?

- a. Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs)
- b. Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs)
- c. Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs)
- d. Both a. and b.

10. When do scientists predict the ozone layer will heal and return to pre-1980 levels?

- a. Between the years 2050 and 2065
- b. By the year 2030
- c. Between the years 2080 and 2090
- d. By the year 3000



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Answers: 1e, 2a, 3b, 4b, 5c, 6d, 7b, 8d, 9a, 10a.