



## MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVEL - CLASSES VI to VIII - ANSWER KEY

Time to be allotted for the test: 15 minutes

Dear Teacher,

Each correct answer gets one point. In case of a tie, the student with the maximum number of correct answers to the questions marked with an asterisk (\*) will be the highest scorer.

After conducting this round of the quiz, and selecting the highest scorers, please could you share the correct answers with the students. This will help prepare them for the next level, and in general, will increase their knowledge and interest in the wonders of nature – this is one of WWF's main objectives for conducting the Wild Wisdom Quiz.

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Thanking you

WWF-India Wild Wisdom Quiz Team

\*1. This soil layer is of great value to life on earth. It is usually rich in humus and other minerals. Name it.

**Topsoil**

2. Arachnids have eight legs, how many legs do insects have?

**Six**

3. Introduced to the island by humans in the 1940s, birds of Guam had no experience or fear of this animal which caused the extinction of about 9 native birds – which creature is this?

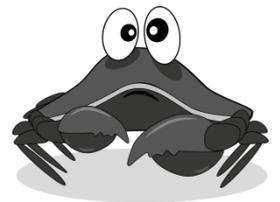
**Brown Tree Snake**

\*4. Which of these is not a parasite, but an epiphyte, that is, it grows harmlessly on another organism and obtains its own nutrition?

**Orchid**

5. Which of these major rivers flows entirely in India?

**Narmada**



\*6. Like your first name and surname, scientific or Latin names of living things have two names -what do these denote?

**Genus and Species**

\*7. Which of these snakes has adapted to digging?

**Shieldtails**

8. To encourage people of all ages to learn more about insects, which country celebrates National Insect Week once every two years?

**United Kingdom**

9. Of these herbivores, all except one are mainly grazers – which one is a browser?

**Giraffe**

10. Which of these animals, also found in India, is the largest wild mountain goat species in the world?

**Markhor**



11. Which protected area in the Indian sub-continent is no longer on the IUCN 'List of World Heritage in Danger' because of successful conservation action?

**Manas WLS, India**

\*12. How many species of mammals are found in India?

**Between 350-450**

13. A baleen whale feeds by taking water into its mouth and filtering it out through the baleen which traps small animals like krill – what is baleen made of?

**Keratin**

\*14. Now extinct, Martha was the last living individual of this once abundantly found North American bird – it is said a flock of these birds took around 3 days to pass overhead – which species is this?

**Passenger Pigeon**

\*15. Marble, quartzite, slate and schist, which form due to extreme heat and pressure, are types of which kind of rock?

**Metamorphic**

\*16. An important factor that affects soil formation is the shape and features of the landscape, also known as -

**Topography**

17. What is the term used for a group of turtles?

**Bale**

\*18. Exceptionally adaptable, leopards coexist with tigers and can live in almost all types of habitats – which tiger habitat in India has no leopards?

**Sundarban**

\*19. Which of these is the largest Indian Deer? An adult male can weigh up to 270 kg.

**Sambar**

20. Related to whales and dolphins, which of these is the only porpoise species found in Indian waters?

**Finless Porpoise**

21. The colour of the bald head and neck of the critically endangered Red-headed Vulture ranges from deep red to red-orange - what is this bird also known as?

**All of these**

\*22. Many species of animals including birds, bats, monkeys and deer practice geophagy, which is the practice of eating earth for digestive benefits – which type of soil is preferred by them?

**Clay**

\*23. To assist in the ongoing battle against wildlife crime in India, which animal has recently joined the ranks of the Special Armed Forces?

**Dogs**

24. Under which tree species did Mahavir, the 24<sup>th</sup> Tirthankar of the Jains attain enlightenment?

**Sal**

25. Often made of Limestone, what is the rock formation that hangs from the ceiling of caves called?

**Stalactite**