

Wildfire: Test Your Knowledge

Wildfires are uncontrolled fires often caused by lightning, human mistakes, and arson in wildland areas. This situation can create terrible consequences for individuals in such regions. Test your knowledge of wildfires with these questions. Use another sheet of paper to respond to the free response questions and remember to provide support for your answers.

Multiple Choice

Please circle the correct answer.

1. What was the extent of the damage caused by the 2003 Cedar Fire in California?

- a. Burned 280,000 acres of land
- b. Burned 320,000 acres of land
- c. Burned 500,000 acres of land
- d. Burned 1,000,000 acres of land

2. The phenomenon that occurs when large wildfires create powerful winds by drawing in air from surrounding areas is called ____.

- a. Windstorm
- b. Firestorm
- c. Wind surge
- d. Air draw

3. Areas prone to wildfires are generally ____.

- a. Wet
- b. Moist
- c. Dry
- d. None of the Above

Short Answer

Please write the answers on a separate sheet of paper.

4. List and describe the three types of wildfires.

5. In what ways do wildfires adversely affect our environment?

6. Describe how citizens would create a “D-zone” to protect their property.

Abstract & Logic

Please note that abstract and logic questions do not have any right or wrong answer. These questions are best suited towards class discussions.

7. Do you believe fires are caused primarily by environmental factors or human acts? Defend your answer.

8. If you were the leader during a large scale fire, would you concentrate on stopping the flames or rescuing trapped people? Defend your answer.