



Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

1 There are two zones in the **pelagic environment**, the neritic zone and the oceanic zone. It is common to find dolphins, whales, and fish in the neritic zone. Which zone is most likely to have the **highest pressures and lowest temperatures** as well as **very little light**?



- A neritic zone
- B oceanic zone
- C sublittoral zone
- D intertidal zone

3 What conclusion can you draw about the life forms found in the **abyssal zone** if you know that this zone has **no sunlight**.

- A The fish are very small there.
- B It has a wide variety of plant and animal life.
- C It has a wide variety of plant life, but no

2 The shallowest of the zones of the benthic environment is called the **intertidal zone**. This zone is characterized by _____.



- A great stability of temperature and water pressure
- B exposure to air when the tide goes out
- C lack of sunlight
- D the absence of plants and most animals

4 A depression in ocean sediments in the intertidal zone which holds **ocean water** and supports life, even when the **tide goes out**, is known as a _____.



- A abyssal plain
- B marsh
- C tidal pool

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- B oceanic zone
- C abyssal zone
- D twilight zone



10 **Oil** and **natural gas** deposits are found deep under the ocean floor.

- A true; but only in very small amounts
- B false; they are only found under continental crust
- C true; in significant quantities
- D false; oil and natural gas are mostly recovered in the Middle East





ANSWER KEY

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- C It has a wide variety of plant life, but no animal life.
- D It has no plant life, and limited animal life.

(d)

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- D coral reef

(c)



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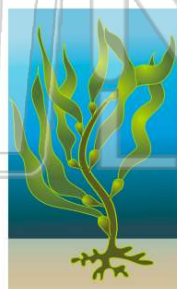
- C abyssal zone
- D twilight zone



- A intertidal
- B sublittoral
- C bathyal
- D abyssal



A common green plant that grows in abundance in the ocean is **seaweed**. Some varieties of seaweed are used as food. **Seaweed is a species of _____.**



- A fungus
- B fern
- C algae
- D coral

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