Sustainability Survey

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Quiz Instructions

Cornell would like to gauge student knowledge of sustainability and climate change before you start classes here. This survey includes 20 questions, which we will ask again in the future to see what students have learned over time at Cornell.

We are looking to understand current levels of knowledge, so please respond based on what you already know. All responses are helpful!

Your responses to these questions will be anonymous and will be aggregated into data that will be shared among the Campus Sustainability Office, the Sustainable Cornell Council, and faculty conducting research on the sustainability curriculum.

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Question 1 — 0 pts

Please indicate your year at Cornell

- First year
- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior
- Graduate & Professional Student
- Faculty
- Staff

Question 2 — 0 pts

In which college are you enrolled?

- College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
- College of Architecture, Art and Planning
- College of Arts and Sciences
- Cornell SC Johnson College of Business
- College of Engineering
- College of Human Ecology
- School of Industrial and Labor Relations
- Graduate & Professional School
- Staff

Question 3 — 0 pts

If you were to give a comprehensive definition of sustainability, which of the following would you include? (Choose all that apply)

- Social factors
- Economic factors
- Environmental factors

Question 4 — 0 pts

What are the potential effects of global climate change? (Choose all that apply)

- Mass human migration
- More severe weather
- Increase in glacier ice
- Increase in sea level

Question 5 — 0 pts

Which of the following is a renewable energy resource? (Choose all that apply)

- Oil
- Solar
- Wind
- Coal

Question 6 — 0 pts

Which of the following household wastes is considered a hazardous waste?

- Plastic packaging
- Glass
- Batteries
- Spoiled food

Question 7 — 0 pts

Many economists argue that electricity prices in the U.S. are too low because...

- They do not reflect the costs of pollution from generating the electricity
- Too many suppliers go out of business
- Electric companies have a monopoly in their service areas
- Consumers spend only a small part of their income on energy

Question 8 — 0 pts

Which of the following makes up the smallest percentage of the power generated in New York state?

- Natural gas
- Nuclear power
- Hydroelectricity
- Coal

Question 9 — 0 pts

In which way(s) can forests be managed to help mitigate and reduce the impacts of climate change? (Choose all that apply)

- Can be cleared to provide agricultural land
- Provide shelter for keystone species
- Absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere that would otherwise contribute to atmospheric warming
- Provide resources for indigenous populations

Question 10 — 0 pts

Which of the following foods is the most carbon-intensive to produce?

- Cheese
- Fish
- Beef
- Nuts

Question 11 — 0 pts

Which of the following is a commonly used definition of sustainable development?

- Creating an economic system that ensures universal access to education, health care, and social services
- Meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs
- Setting aside resources for preservation, never to be used
- Building a community that is both economically and socio-demographically diverse

Question 12 — 0 pts

A life cycle analysis refers to evaluating the ...

- Economic changes over the course of a generation
- Environmental and other impacts of a product or service from conception to end of use
- Changes in human life expectancy
- Likelihood products will be reused

Question 13 — 0 pts

Of the following, which would reduce your carbon footprint the most?

- Avoiding one cross-country airplane trip
- Keeping the light in your bedroom turned off for a full day
- Riding a bike for a five-mile errand instead of driving
- Avoiding eating one cheeseburger

Question 14 — 0 pts

Of the following, which waste management practice is the most sustainable?

- Reduce consumption of goods
- Reuse goods
- Recycle & compost goods
- Send goods to landfill

Question 15 — 0 pts

Which of the following are ways to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions? (Choose all that apply)

- Make buildings more energy efficient
- Increase access to and use of reliable public transportation
- Ensure access to education and family planning resources for girls and women
- Use more renewable energy

Question 16 — 0 pts

To the best of your knowledge, which do you think is the largest contributor to Cornell's greenhouse gas emissions?

- Transportation
- Land management
- Heating, cooling, and powering campus buildings
- Waste management

Question 17 — 0 pts

According to the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), governments must take "rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society" by what date in order to avoid disastrous levels of global warming?[1]

- 2030
- 2040
- 2050
- 2100

Question 18 — 0 pts

According to the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), how many animal and plant species are now threatened with extinction, many within the next few decades, unless transformative changes are made to conserve, restore, and use nature sustainably?[2]

- 9,000
- 100,000
- 1 million
- 1 billion

Question 19 — 0 pts

Of the following, which issues do you consider urgent to address? (Choose all that apply)

- Economic Inequality
- Health Care
- Climate Change
- Racial Justice
- Immigration Issues
- Voting Rights
- None of these - I don't think these are urgent issues

Question 20 — 0 pts

Which of these motivate you to engage in sustainable behaviors? (Choose all that apply)

- Friends
- Family
- Protecting human health & well-being
- Protecting animals & ecosystems
- Saving money
- Influencing systems to change

- [ ] Supporting social justice
- [ ] Concerns about my future
- [ ] Concerns about the future of others
- [ ] It's the right thing to do to make the world a better place
- [ ] None of these - I'm really just not interested in sustainability
- [ ] Other - something not listed

[1,2] References provided at the end of the module

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