

QUESTION POOL FOR SUSTAINABILITY SURVEY

KNOWLEDGE ASSESSMENT (10)

1. Sustainable development is meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. True or false?
2. Which every day item takes the longest to break down in the environment?
 - a) Plastic water bottles (450 years; CORRECT)
 - b) Banana peels (2 to 10 days)
 - c) Aluminum cans (80-200 years)
 - d) Milk cartons (3 months)
 - e) Do not know
3. In Nova Scotia, on average, approximately how much waste is produced by each person every year?
 - a) 10kg
 - b) 25kg
 - c) 100kg
 - d) 400kg (CORRECT)
 - e) Do not know
4. Wetlands help purify surface water and groundwater by filtering out sediment, organic waste and pollutants before discharging to nearby lakes and streams. True or false?
5. What is the most abundant greenhouse gas generated by human activities?
 - a) Water vapour
 - b) Methane gas
 - c) Carbon dioxide (CORRECT)
 - d) Ozone

e) Do not know

6. What is the name of the most recent international agreement surrounding climate change?

- a) The Luxembourg Litigation
- b) The Paris Agreement (CORRECT)
- c) The Kyoto Protocol
- d) The Montreal Protocol
- e) Do not know

7. How often does NSCC publish a Sustainability Report?

- a) Annually (CORRECT)
- b) Every 6 months
- c) Once a week
- d) Every two years
- e) Do not know

8. The three pillars of sustainability are people, planet, and profits. True or false?

9. On average, how much waste do NSCC campuses currently divert from landfills (i.e. recycle, compost, or repurpose)?

- a) 0-24%
- b) 25-49%
- c) 50-74% (CORRECT)
- d) 75-100%
- e) Do not know

10. What source of greenhouse gas emissions represents NSCC's biggest opportunity for emission reduction?

- a) Electricity (CORRECT)
- b) Oil

- c) Natural gas
- d) Propane
- e) Do not know

SUSTAINABILITY CULTURE ASSESSMENT (7)

11. Which of the following best describes your identity in relation to the environment?

- a) Environmentally Aware
- b) Environmentally Concerned
- c) Environmental Activist

12. When you chose your program at NSCC, did you consider its relation to sustainability/the environment?

- a) Yes
- b) No

13. Environmental/sustainability-related issues affect my daily life and habits.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- b) Somewhat Disagree
- c) Neither agree nor disagree
- d) Somewhat Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

14. Where do you get most of your information on sustainability?

- a) Social Media
- b) News media
- c) NSCC campus
- d) Family and friends
- e) NSCC courses
- f) I have not heard anything about sustainability
- g) Other:

15. How willing are you to participate in sustainability activities on campus?

- a) Very Willing
- b) Somewhat Willing
- d) Not Willing

16. Before coming to NSCC, how often did you participate in sustainability-related activities?

- a) Participated on a regular basis (daily, weekly)
- b) Participated often (monthly)
- c) Participated occasionally (every few months)
- d) Participated infrequently (once or twice a year)
- e) Didn't participate at all

17. Are you aware of any of the following sustainable infrastructure initiatives NSCC currently participates in? Check any that you have heard of.

- a) BOMA BEST
- b) LEED
- c) STARS