Bioaccumulation in Killer Whales Test Possible marks are given in brackets ( ).

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## Part A:

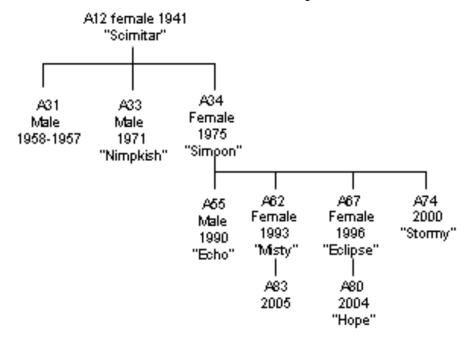
Fill in the blanks from a word in the box. Each word can only be used once. Some words won't be used. (Worth 1 point each = 9)

Cetacean Bioaccumulation Of special concern Nutrients Omnivore Zooplankton Predator Energy **Toxins** Extirpated Photosynthesis Prey Extinct Scavengers Phytoplankton Echolocation Threatened Decomposers Energy Herbivore 1. The arrows in a food chain show the flow of \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Planktonic plants are called 3. An animal that feeds on other animals is called a 4. This is the word for when toxins get more and more concentrated as you go up the food chain 5. An animal that only eats producers is known as a \_\_\_\_\_ 6. This means that a species no longer exists in the wild in Canada, but does exist elsewhere in the wild. 7. This is the term for when it is recognized that an organism no longer exists \_\_\_\_\_ 8. PCBS, dioxins, furans and DDT are examples of persistent 9. These are organisms that feed on dead organisms or waste. They grow in them and recycle the nutrients. Part B: There are three different kinds (ecotypes) of killer whale in British Columbia that make up four populations. These populations are: northern residents; southern residents; transients; offshores Answer the following questions (16). Realize that there can be more than one answer for each question. Which of these populations: 10. Are listed as threatened? 11. Are listed as endangered? \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Are listed as of "special concern"? 13. Eat marine mammals? 14. Have a diet that is about 98% salmon? 15. Had only about 86 members in their population in 2006? \_\_\_\_\_

16. Are very quiet, stealthy hunters?

- 17. Have three different acoustic clans or dialects?
- 18. Are most often found far off the British Columbia shoreline?
- 19. Are often found around the city of Victoria?
- 20. Are known to travel in matrilines, with males never leaving the family group?
- 21. Rub themselves on black smooth rocks as a cultural behaviour? (Hint: They do this in areas like the Robson Bight, Michael Bigg Ecological Reserve near Telegraph Cove)
- 22. Rarely use echolocation?

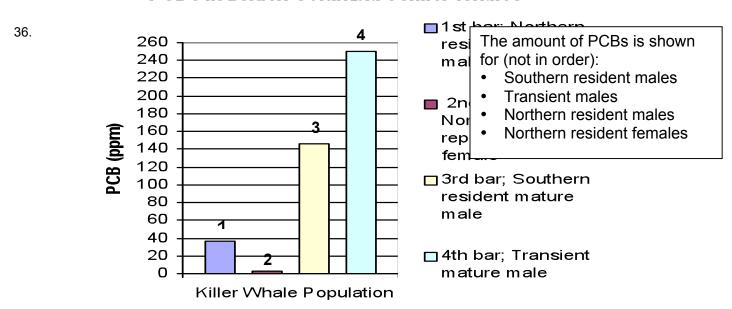
Part B: Questions 23 to 28 are about the following matriline.



- 23. Even though A31's body was never found, how is it known that he is dead? (1)
- 24. What is the relationship between A34 and A74? (1)
- 25. How many grand-calves does A12 have? (1)
- 26. How old is A12? (1)
- 27. Is A33 likely to become as old as A12? Why? (1)
- 28. Why isn't it known if A80 is male or female? There are 3 possible reasons and you should give 2 (2)

Part C: Short Answers. You do not need to answer in sentences.

- 29. Persistent toxins can cause death and birth defects. Name one other problem they can cause. (1)
- 30. Name two examples of decomposers (2)
- 31. What two parts of a killer whale are used to identify it as an individual; to tell it apart from other killer whales? Dr. Michael Bigg proved that you could use this method. (2)
- 32. Name an example of a cetacean (1)
- 33. What does S.A.R. A. stand for? (1)
- 34. Name 5 threats to marine mammals that are the result of things we humans do (5)
- 35. a. Draw the food chain for a transient orca (1)
  - b. Draw the food chain for a resident orca (1)
  - c. In these two food chains:
    - Put a square around the producers (2)
    - Put a star above the 4<sup>th</sup> level consumer(s) (2)
    - Put a circle around the prey of the small fish (2)
      PCBs in British Columbia's Killer Whales



- a. Which bar (number 1, 2, 3, or 4) likely represents the amount of toxins in northern resident females of reproductive age? (1)
- b. Which bar likely represents the amount of toxins in transients? (1)
- c. How many more toxins are there in 4<sup>th</sup> bar than in the 1<sup>st</sup> bar? (1)

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37.	
	Blue whales are the largest creatures that ever lived. They can be 30 metres long. They feed on huge amounts of all kinds of plankton. Make a food web for the following organisms: phytoplankton, zooplankton, blue whale, herring, salmon, humans. Let's assume that humans do not eat blue whales! Make sure you do not cross your arrows. (4)
b. c.	How many food chains in this food web? (1) Name all the 2 <sup>nd</sup> order consumers in this food web (1)
38. Name 4 (4)	things that we can do in our everyday lives that would lessen the amount of chemicals in the ocean.
39. The foo	d chain below is for Lake Victoria in Africa
Plankton→ Tilapia fish → Lung fish → Crocodiles	
a. What wo	ould happen to the number of lung fish if all the crocodiles had been killed by hunters? (1)
b. What wo	ould happen to the number of Tilapia fish if all the crocodiles had been killed by hunters? (1)
Part D: Answer in sentences. Look at how much the question is worth to get an idea of how detailed your answer should be.	
40. Which h	nas more energy available to it, herbivores or carnivores? Explain! (2)
	how resident killer whales can recognize who is family and who is not. State why it is so important y are able to do this. (2)
42. Do tran	sient or resident orca have more persistent toxins in their blubber? Why? (2)
43. Why is (2)	there such concern about the group of chemicals known as the brominated fire retardants or PBDEs?

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