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Geological History and Evolution of Life-Revision Summary

GEOLOGIC TIME SCALE

What is geological time scale?

- The geologic time scale divides 4.6 billion years of Earth's history into time units
- The geological time scale is divided into time units of unequal length because changes didnot occur at regular intervals

Why geological time scale?

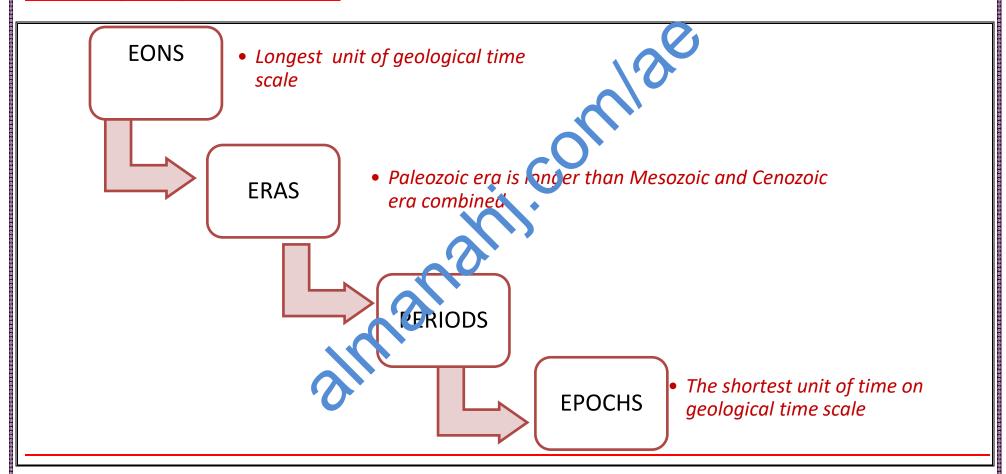
- It helps scientists describe and explain the ever cs that have occurred on Earth over time
- Geologists develop a time line of Earth's past to organize events of Earth's past.

How do scientists define divisions in geological time scale?

- They use sudden changes in the fossil record to define these divisions
- The formation of mountains is an example of a major event that would define a time division according to geological time scale

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Units of geological time scale



MASS EXTINCTION-Large number of species become extinct in a short period of time

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MASS EXTINCTION

Permian mass extinction is the most severe

Catastrophic events is a cause

Five major mass extinctions in Earth's history

rgest in raieozoic era

Examples are meteorite impacts, volcanic eruptions

Precambrian time

- This timeframe had very few multicellular organism
- Most of the organisms were single celled, like present day bacteria
- Hadean, Archean and Proterozoic are 3 eons of the Precambrian time
- Precambrian time is nearly 90% of Earth's history

Cambrian time

- The deden appearance of new and complex life forms is Cambrian explosion
- First period of Phanerozoic eon
- The Cambrian explosion marked the start of diversity of life

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Chapter 11.1 /11.2 Revision 2020

- 1- Which were the first organisms to inhabit land environments?
- A. amphibians
- **B.** plants
- C. reptiles
- D. trilobites
- 2- Which event(s) produced the Appalachian Mountains?
- A. breakup of Pangaea
- **B.** collisions of continents
- C. flooding of the continent
- D. opening of the Atlantic Ocean
- 3- What are the many divisions in the geological me scale based on?
- A. changes in the fossil record every billion years
- B. changes in the fossil record every nillion years
- C. gradual changes in the fossil record
- D. sudden changes in the fossil record
- 4-Which is **NOT** a cause of a mass extinction event?
- A. meteorite collision
- B. severe hurricane
- C. tectonic activity
- D. volcanic activity



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- 5-What is unrealistic about the picture on this stamp?
- A. Dinosaurs were not this large.
- B. Dinosaurs did not have long necks.
- C. Humans did not live with dinosaurs.
- D. Early humans did not use stone tools.
- 6-Which is the smallest unit of geologic time?
- A. Eon
- B. Era
- C. Epoch
- D. Period
- 7-Which is known as the age of invertebrates?
- A. Early Cenozoic
- **B. Early Paleozoic**
- C. Late Mesozoic
- D. Late Precambrian
- 8-What is the approximate age of the oldest fossils (fearly human ancestors?
- A. 10,000 years
- B. 6 million years
- C. 65 million years
- D. 3.5 billion years
- 9-Which was **NOT** an adaptation that an abled amphibians to live on land?
- A. ability to breathe oxygen
- B. ability to lay eggs on land
- C. strong limbs
- D. thick skin

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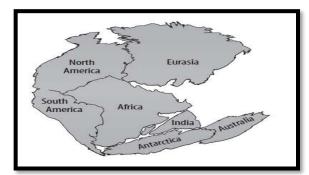
- 10-Which did **NOT** occur in the Paleozoic era?
- A. appearance of mammals
- B. development of coal swamps
- C. evolution of invertebrates
- D. formation of Pangaea

11. What characteristic of Precambrian life, shown in the figure, contributes to the fact that the Precambrian fossil record is so

- sparse?
- A- Organisms were multicolored.
- B- All living things were single-celled.
- C- All organisms lived on land.
- D- Many of the organisms had soft bodies.
- 12. What was Pangaea?
- A- the original name for North America

 B- a large, single landmass
- C- a type of trilobite D- a geologic era
- 13. What is meant by the term "age of inverted ?
- A- That is the time when snakes were the commant animal species.
- B- During that time coal was produced in the tar pits.
- C- All organisms present had the beginnings of a spinal column.
- D- The dominant organisms were without internal skeletons and lived in the oceans.





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14. The Appalachian Mountains, an old mountain range, was formed during what era?

A- Cenozoic

B- Paleozoic

C- Mesozoic

D- Precambrian

15. What occurs at the end of a geologic era?

A- a flood

B- an extinction C- a comet hitting Earth D- a mountain-building event

16. Pangaea was the name for which type of land mass?

A- supercontinent B- continental plate C- super volcano

D- continental drift

17. Which components are required to form a coal swamp?

A- saltwater and trees

B- oxygen-rich environment and saltwater

C- rich plant life and oxygen-poor environment

D- abundance of animals and tropical forests

18. Which era saw the extinction of up to 95% of making life forms?

A- Permian

B- Phanerozaic

C- Mesozoic

D- Pale ozpic

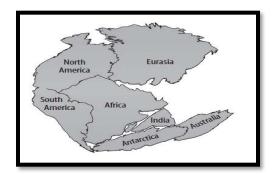
19.Life first appeared on land during the niddle part of the Paleozoic era. During which period did life first appear on land?

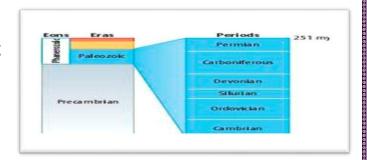
A- Cenozoic

B- Permian

C- Jurassic

D- Silurian





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