Warm-up questions - Landslides

1. L1a (Points: 0.25)

Based on the case history of the Portuguese Bend landslide near Los Angeles, California, indicate whether the following statement is true (T) or false (F):

Only fast moving landslides pose a hazard to infrastructure and communities.

True False

Save Answer

2. L1b (Points: 0.25)

Based on the case history of the Portuguese Bend landslide near Los Angeles, California, indicate whether the following statement is true (T) or false (F):

There were no indications of a potential landslide problem at Portuguese Bend before construction began.

True False

Save Answer

3. L1c (Points: 0.25)

Based on the case history of the Portuguese Bend landslide near Los Angeles, California, indicate whether the following statement is true (T) or false (F):

Removal of water from a landslide through drainage helps to stabilize slopes.

○ True ○ False

Save Answer

4. L1d (Points: 0.25)

Based on the case history of the Portuguese Bend landslide near Los Angeles, California, indicate whether the following statement is true (T) or false (F):

Ancient landslides that have since become stable may reactivate due to urban development and human activity.

○ True ○ False

Save Answer

5. L2 (Points: 1)

Rockfalls refer to:

- a. large blocks of bedrock sliding on an inclined surface
- b. a flow of weathered rock
- c. individual rocks that free fall from the face of a cliff
- d. a cement like mixture of rock, soil and water that travels rapidly down a stream channel
- e. fragmented rock that flows at very high velocities for long distances

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6. L3 (Points: 1)

If the driving forces acting on a landslide are two times greater than the resisting forces opposing such movement, its factor of safety is (write your answer numerically):

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7. L4 (Points: 1)

Which of the following factors does not play a role in landslide activity:

- a. wind
- b. water
- c. tree roots
- d. geology
- e. weathering

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8. L5 (Points: 1)

Quick clay problems are common in what part of Canada?

a) b)

c) d)

- e)
- 1. British Columbia
- 2. Alberta
- 3. Manitoba
- 4. Quebec
- 5. all of the above

Save Answer

9. L6 (Points: 1)

According to the textbook, on average how many people in North America are killed by landslides each year?

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10. L7 (Points: 1)

Which of the following factors is expected to lead to increased landslide activity and fatalities with time:

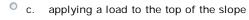
- a. deforestation in landslide-prone areas
- b. changing global climate patterns
- c. increasing population density in mountainous areas
- d. expanding development onto undeveloped slopes
- e. all of the above

Save Answer

11. L8 (Points: 1)

An unstable slope may be stabilized by _____.

- a. removing material from the toe of the slope
- b. steepening the slope



- d. draining the slope
- e. all of the above

Save Answer

12. L9 (Points: 1)

Put these types of landslides in order of increasing velocity of their movement:



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