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# **Radiocarbon Dating Quiz PDF**

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#### What is the approximate half-life of carbon-14?

○ 1,000 years

○ 10,000 years

○ 50,000 years

○ 5,730 years

#### Explain how carbon-14 is formed in the atmosphere.

#### What happens to carbon-14 in an organism after it dies?

◯ It increases

- It remains constant
- It transforms into carbon-12
- ◯ It decays

In which of the following fields is radiocarbon dating commonly used? (Select all that apply)

- Geology
- Biology
- Astronomy

Archaeology

#### What are some challenges in radiocarbon dating? (Select all that apply)

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□ Fluctuating carbon-14 levels

High cost

Requires radioactive samples

Limited dating range

#### What are some limitations of radiocarbon dating? (Select all that apply)

- Limited to organic materials
- Effective for dating recent materials only
- Requires large sample sizes
- Affected by atmospheric changes

#### What type of material cannot be dated using radiocarbon dating?

- ⊖ Wood
- ⊖ Bone
- Charcoal
- Metal

#### What advancements have been made to improve the accuracy of radiocarbon dating?

# Describe the process of how radiocarbon dating is used to determine the age of an archaeological sample.

#### Why is calibration necessary in radiocarbon dating, and how is it performed?

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Discuss the impact of radiocarbon dating on the field of archaeology.

What are some alternative dating methods used to complement radiocarbon dating?

How do atmospheric variations affect the accuracy of radiocarbon dating results?

What is the primary element used in radiocarbon dating?

○ Carbon-12

○ Carbon-14

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○ Carbon-15

○ Carbon-13

## Which of the following is NOT a factor affecting the accuracy of radiocarbon dating?

- Sample contamination
- Atmospheric variations
- Color of the sample
- Sample size

#### Which field commonly uses radiocarbon dating?

- Physics
- $\bigcirc$  Archaeology
- ◯ Astronomy
- Chemistry

### Radiocarbon dating is most effective for dating materials up to how many years old?

- 5,000 years
- 10,000 years
- 100,000 years
- 50,000 years

Which of the following are necessary steps in the radiocarbon dating process? (Select all that apply)

Sample collection

- Measuring carbon-14 decay
- Using a microscope
- Calibrating results

Radiocarbon dating can be used to date which of the following materials? (Select all that apply)

- Charcoal
- Bone
- Plastic
- Shell

Which factors can affect the accuracy of radiocarbon dating? (Select all that apply)

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□ Sample preservation

- Age of the sample
- Atmospheric variations

Contamination

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