



Assessment Rubric

Module 5: Watershed Management

Question 1: How do you use natural resources in your daily life? Give at least two examples.

Rubric Score	Description
3	Student answer demonstrates a thorough understanding of natural resources (e.g., student identifies two natural resources and provides logical explanations for how they use the resources in their daily life).
2	Student answer demonstrates a basic understanding of natural resources (e.g., student identifies at least one natural resource and provides a mostly logical explanation for how they use it in their daily life).
1	Student answer demonstrates a minimal understanding of natural resources (e.g., student identifies one natural resource but does not provide an explanation for how they use it in their daily life.)
0	Student answer demonstrates no understanding of natural resources OR student did not answer the question.

Question 2: Why do people build dams?

Rubric Score	Description
3	Student chooses the correct answer (e) .
2	
1	
0	Student chooses an incorrect answer OR student did not answer the question.



Question 3: How might dams impact natural ecosystems? Give at least one example.

Rubric Score	Description
3	Student answer demonstrates a thorough understanding of how dams impact natural ecosystems (e.g., student provides a strong example and logical explanation).
2	Student answer demonstrates a basic understanding of how dams impact natural ecosystems (e.g., student provides a related example and mostly logical explanation).
1	Student answer demonstrates a minimal understanding of how dams impact natural ecosystems (e.g., student provides a somewhat related example and a fairly logical explanation).
0	Student answer demonstrates no understanding of how dams impact natural ecosystems OR student did not answer the question.

Question 4: What is one decision a land manager might have to make in a watershed?

Rubric Score	Description
3	Student answer demonstrates a thorough understanding of land management.
2	Student answer demonstrates a basic understanding of land management.
1	Student answer demonstrates a minimal understanding of land management.
0	Student answer demonstrates no understanding of land management OR student did not answer the question.



U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management

Question 5: What can you do to help your watershed?

Rubric Score	Description
3	Student answer demonstrates a thorough understanding of how they can positively impact their watershed.
2	Student answer demonstrates a basic understanding of how they can positively impact their watershed.
1	Student answer demonstrates a minimal understanding of how they can positively impact their watershed.
0	Student answer demonstrates no understanding of how they can positively impact their watershed OR student did not answer the question.