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17. What develops a pattern of many complex channels that divide and rejoin and when the sediment load is considerably larger in relationship to the volume of water?
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18. Below ground, water moves through soils and rocks by a process known as
  - A. Infiltration.
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19. All other factors being equal, the risk of stream flooding is probably greatest
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  - C. In an area that receives its rain mostly in a few intense storms.
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20. A hydrograph is:
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22. A region has just had a 100-year flood. That means that
  - A. A flood event of that size has a 1 percent probability of occurrence in the next year.
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  - A. Does not occur because it would be unsafe.
  - B. Reduces flood hazards by preventing infiltration.
  - C. Has no effect on flood hazards.
  - D. Increases flood hazards by reducing floodplain storage capacity and increasing surface runoff.
24. Tile drainage systems and city storm sewers
  - A. Reduce flood hazards by removing water quickly.
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  - D. Reduce flooding where they are installed but may increase it along a stream into which the discharge flows.
25. Strategies designed to reduce damage to structures in floodplains include
  - A. Planting vegetation within the stream channel.
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29. Artificial levees built along a stream
- A. Effectively stop all flooding, as along the Mississippi River.
  - B. May, if breached, trap floodwaters behind them.
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30. An increase in sedimentation along a stream can be caused by
- A. A recent forest fire.
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31. Hazards regarding floods can be greatly reduced where open lands are available by using
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32. A flood stage is reached when the stream stage supersedes the
- A. Bank width.
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  - C. Bank height.
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33. When a stream carrying suspended sediment enters a reservoir,
- A. It deposits its suspended sediment load.
  - B. Scouring by the suspended sediment carves the reservoir deeper.
  - C. The sediment stays suspended in the reservoir water and pollutes it.
  - D. The suspended sediment stays in suspension and is released below the dam, polluting water downstream.
34. The U.S. Geological Survey and the National Weather Service work together to
- A. alert the public about impending flash flooding by using drainage basin characteristics (USGS) and meteorological events (NWS) to predict areas and timing where rapid water level rise may occur.
  - B. Judge the amount of sedimentation that will fill a river channel in a year and thus help in flood forecasting.
  - C. Keep public officials informed about the narrowing or widening of the 100-year floodplain in upstream drainage basins.
  - D. Inform insurance companies that provide flood insurance to individuals about locations where flooding is most probable.
35. Saltation is a process by which streams dissolve soluble minerals and become saltier.
- True    False
36. A stream's base level is the lowest level to which it can cut down or erode its channel.
- True    False

37. Stream-deposited sediments are often well sorted because the size of particles moved is a function of stream velocity, quantity of water, and discharge.  
True False
38. Once formed, meanders enlarge downward only, cutting deeper and deeper over time.  
True False
39. A cut bank is the outside bank of a meander that is subject to erosion.  
True False
40. Highly porous and permeable soils would reduce flooding.  
True False
41. Floods only occur where human activities tamper with natural stream systems.  
True False
42. Maximum stage is used to describe the magnitude of the flood and when the maximum stage is reached the stream is said to trough.  
True False
43. Only surface runoff reaches streams; subsurface water is stagnant and does not move.  
True False
44. Plants can reduce the risk of flooding by consuming water, keeping soil loose and permeable and slowing surface runoff.  
True False
45. Streams respond quickly to water input, so once a heavy rainstorm has stopped, floodwaters will rise no higher.  
True False
46. Because upstream floods affect localized areas, they are more likely to be brief than are downstream floods.  
True False
47. The height of the surface of the water at any given point is indicated by the stage of the stream.  
True False
48. A flash flood is a variety of upstream flood.  
True False
49. The difference of time between a precipitation event and peak flood discharge is termed as peak lag time.  
True False
50. The term "flood-frequency curve", though in common use, may be misleading in that it implies that floods of certain sizes recur at regular intervals.  
True False
51. Concern about floods is such that accurate flood-hazard maps are now available for all streams in the United States.  
True False
52. Most human activities tend to reduce flood hazards, so the frequency of floods of a given size has been decreasing for nearly all streams.  
True False
53. Infiltration of water below an artificial reservoir can induce earthquakes.  
True False

54. Constructing levees may increase the amount of property at risk from future flooding by encouraging floodplain development.  
True False
55. A diversion channel is used to shorten a stream and increase its gradient.  
True False
56. Use of dams to form reservoirs for water supply may conflict with the flood-control functions of the dam/reservoir system.  
True False
57. Unlike streams, lakes do not flood because runoff does not drain into lakes.  
True False
58. When flood recurrence intervals are estimated from historic records, the estimated intervals depend strongly on the length of time represented by the records.  
True False
59. After disastrous natural floods in the Grand Canyon in 1942 and 1996, the Glen Canyon Dam was built to control those floods.  
True False
60. Flash floods may be especially likely where runoff water is confined to a narrow valley.  
True False
61. The Aswan High Dam in Egypt has resulted in diminished crop production in the Nile River floodplain downstream because annual flooding no longer brings new and fertile soil.  
True False
62. To minimize the disturbance to a stream spanned by a bridge, supports for the bridge should be founded within the stream and made as wide as possible.  
True False
63. The Glen Canyon Dam, built on the Colorado River between 1956 and 1966 forming Lake Powell is now considered by many to be an environmental liability.  
True False

## 6 Key

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Montgomery - Chapter 06 #1

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D. The amount by which a delta increases in size in a year.

Montgomery - Chapter 06 #2

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A. Includes the area from which surface water flows into a stream segment.  
B. For a river includes all the drainage basins for that river's tributaries.  
C. Increases in size and proportion to the size of the stream or river it feeds, for the same climate.  
**D.** All of the choices are correct.

Montgomery - Chapter 06 #3

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Montgomery - Chapter 06 #4

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Montgomery - Chapter 06 #5

6. If the width of the stream is 20 feet, the depth 5 feet, and velocity 10 feet per second, then the discharge is  
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Montgomery - Chapter 06 #6

7. The total amount of material transported by the stream is called  
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Montgomery - Chapter 06 #7

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Montgomery - Chapter 06 #8

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*Montgomery - Chapter 06 #9*

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*Montgomery - Chapter 06 #10*

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*Montgomery - Chapter 06 #11*

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*Montgomery - Chapter 06 #12*

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*Montgomery - Chapter 06 #13*

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*Montgomery - Chapter 06 #14*

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*Montgomery - Chapter 06 #15*

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*Montgomery - Chapter 06 #16*



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Montgomery - Chapter 06 #17

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Montgomery - Chapter 06 #18

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Montgomery - Chapter 06 #19

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Montgomery - Chapter 06 #20

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Montgomery - Chapter 06 #21

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Montgomery - Chapter 06 #22

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Montgomery - Chapter 06 #23

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Montgomery - Chapter 06 #24

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Montgomery - Chapter 06 #25

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Montgomery - Chapter 06 #26

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Montgomery - Chapter 06 #27

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Montgomery - Chapter 06 #28

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Montgomery - Chapter 06 #29

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Montgomery - Chapter 06 #30

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Montgomery - Chapter 06 #31

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Montgomery - Chapter 06 #32

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Montgomery - Chapter 06 #33

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Montgomery - Chapter 06 #34

35. Saltation is a process by which streams dissolve soluble minerals and become saltier.  
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Montgomery - Chapter 06 #35

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Montgomery - Chapter 06 #36

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Montgomery - Chapter 06 #37

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Montgomery - Chapter 06 #38

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Montgomery - Chapter 06 #39

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**TRUE**

Montgomery - Chapter 06 #40

41. Floods only occur where human activities tamper with natural stream systems.  
**FALSE**

Montgomery - Chapter 06 #41

42. Maximum stage is used to describe the magnitude of the flood and when the maximum stage is reached the stream is said to trough.  
**FALSE**

Montgomery - Chapter 06 #42

43. Only surface runoff reaches streams; subsurface water is stagnant and does not move.  
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Montgomery - Chapter 06 #43

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Montgomery - Chapter 06 #44

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59. After disastrous natural floods in the Grand Canyon in 1942 and 1996, the Glen Canyon Dam was built to control those floods.

**FALSE**

*Montgomery - Chapter 06 #59*

60. Flash floods may be especially likely where runoff water is confined to a narrow valley.

**TRUE**

*Montgomery - Chapter 06 #60*

61. The Aswan High Dam in Egypt has resulted in diminished crop production in the Nile River floodplain downstream because annual flooding no longer brings new and fertile soil.

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*Montgomery - Chapter 06 #61*

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*Montgomery - Chapter 06 #63*

## 6 Summary

<u>Category</u>	<u># of Questions</u>
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