

FRQ Friday #24

The table above shows how much each organism in an aquatic ecosystem relies on various food sources. The rows represent the organisms in the ecosystem, and the columns represent the food source. The percentages indicate the proportional dietary composition of each organism. High percentages indicate strong dependence of an organism on a food source.

DIETARY COMPOSITION OF ORGANISMS IN AN AQUATIC ECOSYSTEM

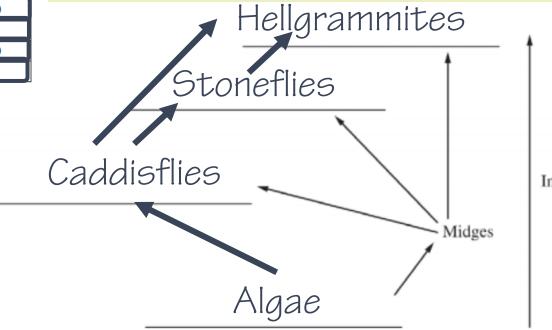
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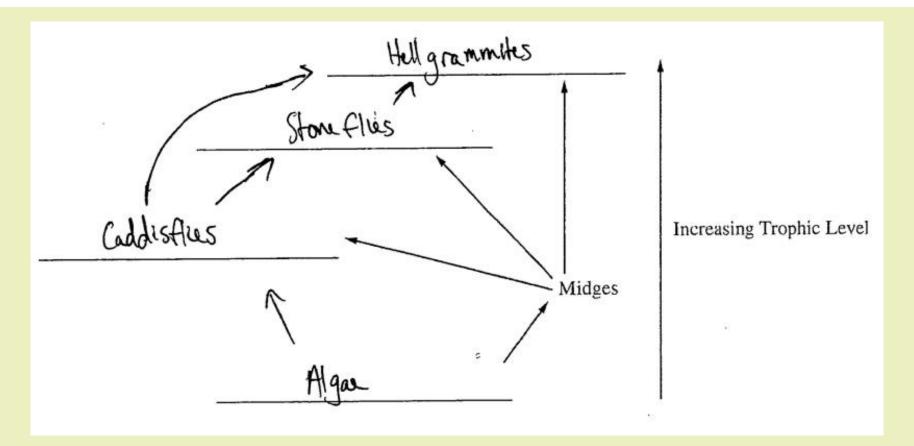
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Increasing Trophic Level

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Prediction (1 point)

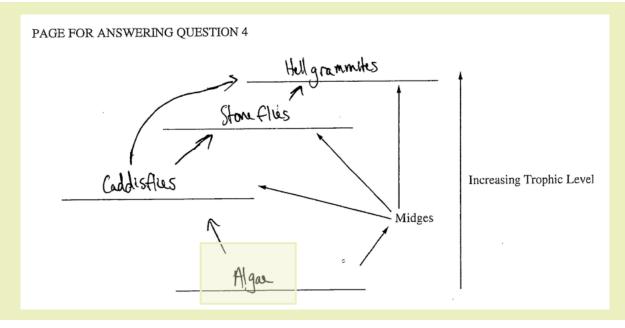
Stoneflies

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b) The spraying of the fungus would have the greatest short-term impact on the storeflus. This is because 90% of the storeflus' det uses the midges as the the food source. So, the storeflus are more dependent on midges than either the coddisflus (30%) or the hellgrammites (10%).

