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Protists: The Unsung Heroes of Ecosystems

Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Explain how protists contribute to the diversity and stability of ecosystems through their interactions with other organisms.

2. Can you describe one method of monitoring protist populations to assess environmental health?

3. How might human activities impact protist communities and ecosystem functioning?

4. Describe one way in which protists influence the availability of nutrients for other organisms in ecosystems.

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