Worksheet on “An Introduction to Ecosystem Services”

1. What is an ecosystem?
2. Briefly describe/explain how looking at an ecosystem through an ecosystem services lens is different than looking at it through a different lens.
3. What is the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA)?
4. List and briefly characterize the four (4) categories of ecosystem services that are distinguished in the MA:
5. Which one of these services do you as an individual rely on the most and why?
6. What would happen if your local ecosystem collapsed?
7. What would happen if the bees died off?
8. List off 4 organism groups (ex the bees above) that play an important role in ecosystem services and what would happen with their collapse or disappearance..