

Chapter 01

Essentials of World Regional Geography

Multiple Choice Questions

1. The prime meridian passes through:

- A. Paris, France.
- B. New York City.
- C. Greenwich, England.
- D. the Indian Ocean.

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Section 1.01

Topic: Spatial Terms

2. Transform faults are typically found in regions where tectonic plate boundaries are moving parallel to one another, and are the site of frequent earthquakes. A good example of such a location is:

- A. the San Andreas Fault.
- B. Iceland.
- C. the Mid-Atlantic Ridge.
- D. the Andes Mountains.

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Section 1.03

Topic: Physical Systems

3. The pampas region of Argentina would be an example of which of the following biomes?

- A. desert biome
- B. forest biome
- C. polar biome
- D. grassland biome

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Section 1.03

Topic: Physical Systems

4. The majority of speakers of Altaic languages are found on which continent?
- A. Africa
 - B. Asia**
 - C. North America
 - D. South America

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Topic: Cultures

5. A cultural hearth is a region from which technologies, ideologies, and material goods diffused over time to surrounding regions. An example of a very early cultural hearth is
- A. Amazonian South America.
 - B. Mesopotamia.**
 - C. coastal Australia.
 - D. Easter Island.

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Section 1.04
Topic: Cultures

6. The infant mortality rate for a country is defined as:
- A. the percentage of infants who perish at birth.
 - B. the number of female infants killed, due to preference for males.
 - C. the number of abortions, stillbirths, and accidental deaths in a given year.
 - D. the number of infant deaths per 1000 live births during the first year of life.**

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Section 1.05
Topic: Populations

7. An example of a nongovernmental organization (NGO) is:

- A. the U.S. Department of State.
- B. Exxon Mobile Petroleum Corporation.
- C. Greenpeace.**
- D. Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

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Section 1.06

Topic: Economics

8. When a country has a single city that has several times the population of any other city, it is called the (a):

- A. megalopolis.
- B. primate city.**
- C. capital city.
- D. growth pole.

Bloom's Level: Remember

Section 1.05

Topic: Settlements

9. Among the following organizations devoted to fostering trade, the one with the largest number of member states is:

- A. ASEAN.
- B. EU.**
- C. NAFTA.
- D. APEC.

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Section 1.06

Topic: Political Geography

10. The Grameen Bank, a highly successful microcredit institution, was founded in:

- A. Germany.
- B. Brazil.
- C. Bangladesh.
- D. Japan.

Bloom's Level: Remember

Section 1.08

Topic: Economics

11. The Kyoto Protocol is an international agreement designed to address the issue of:

- A. the spread of AIDS.
- B. global poverty and underdevelopment.
- C. the emission of greenhouse gases.
- D. the militarization of space.

Bloom's Level: Remember

Section 1.03

Topic: Environment

12. Language is frequently a key component of identity for many people. The Quebecois, an ethnic group in Quebec, speak what language that differentiates them from most other Canadians?

- A. French
- B. German
- C. Spanish
- D. Italian

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Section 1.04

Topic: Cultures

13. The energy that allows tectonic plates to interact on the earth's surface is supplied by:
- A. the sun.
 - B. the molten interior.**
 - C. greenhouse gases.
 - D. ocean currents.

Bloom's Level: Remember
Section 1.03
Topic: Physical Systems

14. Hurricanes and cyclones originate:
- A. in the tropics.**
 - B. in temperate latitudes.
 - C. near the poles.
 - D. in the center of large land masses.

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Section 1.03
Topic: Physical Systems

15. Which of the following scenarios represents the activities of a universalizing religion?
- A. A Peace Corps volunteer in Haiti befriends a Vodou practitioner and is asked to join a ceremony.
 - B. A Buddhist seminary actively recruits students on its web site.**
 - C. An American businessman working in India marries a Hindu woman in a traditional ceremony.
 - D. A western anthropologist doing research in a Congo jungle participates in an animistic ritual.

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Topic: Cultures

16. The best way to decrease the Total Fertility Rate in less developed countries (assuming that it is culturally feasible) may be

- A. to send male politicians through gender sensitivity courses.
- B. to give women more work to do.
- C. to ensure that females have equal access to education as males.
- D. to restructure the economy from one based on agriculture to one based on industry.

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Section 1.04

Topic: Populations

17. Taiwan is self-governing, has sovereignty over its citizens, and has all of the emblems of an independent country, including its own currency, flag and diplomatic corps. Why, then is it not recognized as an independent, sovereign country?

- A. Its residents speak the same language as the people of China.
- B. Taiwan has an isolationist policy that restricts its contact with foreign governments.
- C. Taiwan has never applied for membership in the United Nations.
- D. The People's Republic of China claims it as a territory, which affects how other countries relate to Taiwan.

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Section 1.06

Topic: Political Geography

18. By the Human Development Index (HDI), India is ranked 134 (middle of the Medium Human Development category). Yet we frequently hear about India's dynamic economy and hi-tech industries. What seems to be holding the country back from a higher ranking?

- A. less than 50% of the female population is literate
- B. the fastest growing industries are urban-based
- C. the summer monsoon rains shut down industry for several months each year
- D. sectarian violence between Muslims and Hindus

Blooms Level: Apply

Section 1.07

Topic: Economics

19. One way to study development is by proportion of economic activity in "sectors." The sector concerned with information based services is referred to as

- A. primary
- B. secondary
- C. tertiary
- D.** quaternary

Bloom's Level: Remember

Section 1.07

Topic: Physical Systems

20. A map of global city-regions reveals

- A. equal numbers of Alpha cities north and south of the equator.
- B.** some of the largest cities in the world do not rank as Alpha cities.
- C. Tokyo, despite its size, is ranked Beta.
- D. there are more Beta cities than Gamma cities.

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Figure 1.25

Section 1.07

Topic: Settlements