

ANTARCTICA TRIVIA QUIZ

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1> As of the start of 2014, the Geographic South Pole is approximately how many miles from the Magnetic South Pole?

- a. 800
- b. 1800
- c. 400
- d. 1200

2> Where does Antarctica rank in size of the continents?

- a. Third
- b. Sixth
- c. Fifth
- d. Fourth

3> What is the highest volcano in Antarctica?

- a. Mount Frakes
- b. Mount Berlin
- c. Mount Sidley
- d. Mount Erebus

4> Which is the only species of penguin that breeds during the winter in Antarctica?

- a. Gentoo
- b. Macaroni
- c. King
- d. Emperor

5> What was the name of the ship on the expedition led by Roald Amundsen in 1911?

- a. Aurora
- b. The Antarctic
- c. Amundsen
- d. Fram

6> In which decade did anyone next set foot on the South Pole after 1912?

- a. 1940s
- b. 1950s
- c. 1920s
- d. 1930s

7> The Antarctic continent has about what percentage of the world's ice?

- a. 70 Percent
- b. 30 Percent
- c. 50 Percent
- d. 90 Percent

8> Queen Maud Land is claimed by which country?

- a. France
- b. Russia
- c. United Kingdom
- d. Norway

9> What is the highest mountain in Antarctica?

- a. Vinson Massif
- b. Mount Tyree
- c. Mount Menzies

d. Mount Gardner

10> What is the largest research station in Antarctica?

- a. Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station
- b. Canada Antarctic Station
- c. McMurdo Station
- d. Dumont d'Urville Station

Answers:

- 1> 1800 - The Geographic South Pole is the site of Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station.
- 2> Fifth - Europe and Australia are the only continents that are smaller.
- 3> Mount Sidley - Mount Erebus is second highest, but the highest active volcano in Antarctica.
- 4> Emperor - The Emperor Penguin treks up to 75 miles over the ice to breeding colonies, which may include thousands of individuals.
- 5> Fram - Fram is preserved at the Fram Museum in Oslo, Norway.
- 6> 1950s - It was not until 1956 that humans again set foot at the South Pole, when a party led by Admiral George J. Dufek of the US Navy landed there.
- 7> 90 Percent - If all of this ice were melted, sea levels would rise about 200 feet.
- 8> Norway - The territory comprises one-sixth of the total area of Antarctica and lies between the British Antarctic Territory to the west and the Australian Antarctic Territory to the east.
- 9> Vinson Massif - The highest point of Vinson Massif is Mount Vinson at 16,050 feet.
- 10> McMurdo Station - McMurdo Station is a U.S. Antarctic research center located on the southern tip of Ross Island, which is in the New Zealand-claimed Ross Dependency on the shore of McMurdo Sound.