

# GEOGRAPHY TRIVIA QUESTIONS IX



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1> What is the only European country that still has territory on the South American continent?

- a. France
- b. Great Britain
- c. The Netherlands
- d. Portugal

2> Of the "lower 48", which American state's Smith County is smack dab in the middle at the geographic center?

- a. Iowa
- b. Kansas
- c. Indiana
- d. Nebraska

3> The US may be the land of the free, but what country's name was changed in 1939 to a name meaning "land of the free"?

- a. Taiwan
- b. Sri Lanka
- c. Thailand
- d. Congo

4> What tiny Caribbean country has produced two Nobel Prize winners, writer Derek Walcott and economist Arthur Lewis?

- a. Jamaica
- b. Trinidad and Tobago
- c. St. Lucia
- d. Antigua

5> What is the only Central American country in which you cannot go for a swim in the Caribbean?

- a. El Salvador
- b. Costa Rica
- c. Guatemala
- d. Nicaragua

6> Naturally enough, you'd find a radio station called WING in what home to the Wright Brothers?

- a. Erie, Pennsylvania
- b. Dayton, Ohio
- c. Kitty Hawk, North Carolina
- d. Omaha, Nebraska

7> England, Scotland and Wales are Great Britain. Lesser Britain is better known as Brittany. Where is Lesser Britain?

- a. Ireland
- b. Germany
- c. France
- d. Norway

8> What place's name may mean "place of drunkenness," in reference to a supposed incident in which Henry Hudson got wasted with the local chiefs?

- a. Tallahassee
- b. Manhattan
- c. Chicago
- d. Toronto

9> Until 2011, what had been the only nation with a monochrome flag? (It was solid green.)

- a. Libya
- b. Uzbekistan
- c. Nepal
- d. South Africa

10> Little Diomedede Island is an American island, and it is less than three miles from which country?

- a. Canada
- b. Russia
- c. Cuba
- d. Mexico

11> What continent's only real river is the Onyx River, which feeds Lake Vanda?

- a. Africa
- b. Australia
- c. Antarctica
- d. South America

12> What country occupies 80 percent of the Iberian Peninsula?

- a. Denmark
- b. Scotland
- c. Spain
- d. Greece

13> Known locally as the Coat Hanger, what city's Harbor Bridge had future movie star Paul Hogan as one of its welders?

- a. Sydney
- b. San Francisco
- c. New York City
- d. London

14> Apulia is the "heel" and Calabria is the "toe" of what peninsula?

- a. Greece
- b. Italy
- c. Denmark
- d. Crimea

15> What country turned the G7 into the G8?

- a. Italy
- b. Russia

- c. Canada
- d. Japan

### **Answers:**

- 1> France - That would be French Guiana, which is part of France the way Hawaii is part of the US.
- 2> Kansas - It is near the town of Lebanon on the Nebraska border. The geographic centre of North America is next door in Osborne County, to the south.
- 3> Thailand - It had been called Siam.
- 4> St. Lucia - Arthur Lewis won the 1979 Nobel Prize for Economics, while in 1992 Derek Walcott won the Nobel Prize for Literature.
- 5> El Salvador - It does border the Pacific, though, so you can swim there.
- 6> Dayton, Ohio - It's the seat of Montgomery County.
- 7> France - Once a kingdom and a duchy, it is found on a French peninsula and is clinging to Breton, a dying Celtic language.
- 8> Manhattan - That was back in 1610.
- 9> Libya - In 2011, the country brought back the 1950s flag of the Kingdom of Libya.
- 10> Russia - Russia's Big Diomedes Island is just 2.5 miles from Alaska's Little Diomedes, which are also on opposite sides of the International Date Line.
- 11> Antarctica - It is said to be the only river in world flows inland from the sea.
- 12> Spain - Portugal is the rest. The peninsula is separated from the rest of Europe by the Pyrenees Mountains.
- 13> Sydney - Sydney Harbour Bridge is often lit up as New Year's Eve fireworks go off, producing a spectacular sight, given the nearby opera house.
- 14> Italy - Apulia, or Puglia in Italian, is so strategically important it has made it a target for invaders for centuries.
- 15> Russia - It joined in 1997.

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