

GEOGRAPHY TRIVIA QUESTIONS XIII



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1> What Arab nation has the highest percentage of Christians?

- a. Lebanon
- b. Iraq
- c. Egypt
- d. Syria

2> Named by explorer John Walter Gregory, the Great Rift Valley is found at the juncture of two tectonic plates tearing apart what continent?

- a. Europe
- b. Asia
- c. Africa
- d. North America

3> What country's flag is also known as the Tiranga, from the Sanskrit for "tricolor"?

- a. India
- b. France
- c. China
- d. Egypt

4> The Dutch monarch lives at Huis Ten Bosch Palace (literally, "The House in the Forest") in what city?

- a. The Hague
- b. Amsterdam
- c. Brussels
- d. Bern

5> Czech it out! Named for Charles IV, Charles Bridge crosses the Vltava River in what city?

- a. Vienna
- b. Prague
- c. Budapest
- d. Bucharest

6> The Portuguese seemed to have named "Los Barbados" for the island's fig trees. What does "Barbados" mean?

- a. Leafy
- b. Tall
- c. Bearded
- d. Green

7> In terms of fatalities, history's three worst earthquakes were in 1556, 1976 and 1920. Where?

- a. India
- b. China
- c. Japan
- d. Italy

8> Named for the silver coin foundry built there in 1612, the Ginza is now an entertainment and shopping district in what city?

- a. Bangkok
- b. Beijing
- c. Tokyo
- d. Kuala Lumpur

9> What is the only country with coasts on both the Ionian and Tyrrhenian seas, which meet at the Strait of Messina?

- a. Turkey
- b. Italy
- c. Greece
- d. Spain

10> Puerto Rico is a commonwealth, but not a state. However, four states are

both commonwealths and states! Which of these states is not one of them?

- a. Virginia
- b. Kentucky
- c. New Hampshire
- d. Pennsylvania

11> What country was once known as Lan Zang, which literally means "Kingdom of a Million Elephants"?

- a. Taiwan
- b. Laos
- c. Bhutan
- d. Nepal

12> St Stephen was this country's first Christian king, and in this city's Cathedral of St Stephen, you can visit his mummified right hand. Where are we?

- a. Prague, Czech Republic
- b. Budapest, Hungary
- c. Vienna, Austria
- d. Frankfurt, Germany

13> Formally known as the Castaic-Tejon Route, where was the Ridge Route?

- a. Texas
- b. Mexico
- c. California
- d. Florida

14> From the title of a 1972 novel by Austin Mitchell, what country sometimes calls itself "The Half Gallon Quarter Acre Pavlova Paradise"?

- a. Ireland
- b. Wales
- c. New Zealand
- d. Hong Kong

15> In this country, they call themselves Kartvelebi and their country Sakartvelo, for Kartlos, the local pagan god. Our name for them is based on a Persian word. What country is this?

- a. Armenia
- b. Ukraine
- c. Georgia
- d. Lithuania

Answers:

- 1> Lebanon - Lebanon is the smallest country in continental Asia.
- 2> Africa - The Great Rift Valley runs through Kenya from north to south.
- 3> India - India is the second-most populous country in the world with over 1.2 billion people.
- 4> The Hague - The Hague is the capital city of the province of South Holland in the Netherlands.
- 5> Prague - At 270 miles long, the Vltava is the longest river in the Czech Republic.
- 6> Bearded - Barbados has a population of approximately 284,000 people.
- 7> China - China is the world's second-largest country by land area and the world's most populous country, with a population of over 1.3 billion.
- 8> Tokyo - Ginza is now considered an upscale area of Tokyo.
- 9> Italy - A whirlpool within the strait has been linked by locals to the Greek legend of Scylla and Charybdis.
- 10> New Hampshire - New Hampshire was named after the southern English county of Hampshire.
- 11> Laos - Laos is a landlocked country in Southeast Asia.
- 12> Budapest, Hungary - History approximates Stephen's story around 34-35 A.D., shortly after Jesus was crucified.
- 13> California - Most of the road was bypassed in 1933 by what is now called the Interstate 5.
- 14> New Zealand - Most of New Zealand's population is of European descent with the indigenous Maori being the largest minority.
- 15> Georgia - Georgia is a state located in the Caucasus region of Eurasia.