

GEOGRAPHY TRIVIA QUESTIONS VII



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- 1> The locals call this ex-Soviet republic Sakartvelo, but in the United States it has the same name as which Peach State?
- 2> What museum complex is named for a British mineralogist and chemist who is now entombed in its main building?
- 3> At 1,050 feet, or 321 m, the highest point in what 'Low Country' is Vaalserberg Hill?
- 4> What river carved out one wonder of the world, the Grand Canyon, and powers another, the Hoover Dam?
- 5> British explorers called an extinct volcano Diamond Head because they thought the volcanic crystals were diamonds. What island were they on?
- 6> Found in the Piazza dei Miracoli, where would you find the world's most famous off-kilter 185-foot, 14,700-tonne campanile?
- 7> Once a bay of the Pacific Ocean, what largest lake in Central America is the world's only freshwater lake with sharks?
- 8> What mountain, the world's second highest, was once named after surveyor Henry Haversham Godwin Austen?
- 9> How would you pronounce the "!" in the name of the African language !Kung?
- 10> What country is nearest to the point where the equator and the prime meridian meet?
- 11> The world's smallest republic is too small to have a capital city. And its economy depends on phosphates from bird poo. What is it?
- 12> Once you exclude Australia and Antarctica, which are really continents, the largest island in the world is Greenland. Which island is number two?

13> Manitoulin is the largest island in a freshwater lake and Lake Manitoulin is the largest lake in a lake. What lake?

14> As of 2009, eight of the 10 largest hotels in the world were all in which city?

Answers:

1> Georgia - The US state was named for George II, while the former Soviet republic may get its name from either the Arabic word for 'wolf' or the Greek for 'cultivated earth'.

2> Smithsonian - A mineralogist and chemist, James Smithson left \$508,318 for a museum designed for the 'increase and diffusion of knowledge'.

3> Netherlands - Half the nation is less than 1 m above sea level.

4> Colorado - A mile deep, the Grand Canyon is often noticeably colder at the bottom than at the top.

5> Oahu - It looks down on sunbathers on Waikiki Beach.

6> Pisa - The Tower of Pisa is known locally as la Torre Pendente.

7> Lake Nicaragua - The lake was originally going to be part of the canal that the Americans would eventually build in Panama.

8> K2 - K2 was his original alpha-numeric designation for it when he surveyed it. It is still called Dapsang by the locals.

9> By clucking your tongue - Zulu is the most spoken click language.

10> Ghana - Zero degrees latitude meets zero degrees longitude in the Gulf of Guinea. The closest bit of land to this spot is Cape Three Points in Ghana.

11> Nauru - Bird poo has made it one of the richest nations per capita in the world, but the industry has made 80 percent of the island environmentally uninhabitable.

12> New Guinea - The next few largest islands, in order, are Borneo, Madagascar, Baffin Island, Sumatra, Honshu, Great Britain, Ellesmere Island and Victoria.

13> Lake Huron - This 2,766-square-kilometre island is legally part of Ontario.

14> Las Vegas - The very largest, the Venetian/Palazzo Megacenter, had more than 8100 rooms.

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