

GEOGRAPHY TRIVIA QUESTIONS XI



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1> What state has a region in a separate time zone that is known pejoratively as "South Alabama" and "the Redneck Rivera"?

- a. Florida
- b. Louisiana
- c. Texas
- d. Arkansas

2> On "You Bet Your Life," Groucho Marx often asked losers "Who is buried in Grant's Tomb?" so that they could get \$50. Which of these would be a wrong answer?

- a. Lou Grant
- b. Ulysses Grant
- c. Strictly speaking, nobody is "buried" in a tomb
- d. Julia Grant

3> It's just 33 miles to the east, and it's the closest state capital to the national capital. What is it?

- a. Annapolis
- b. Richmond
- c. Baltimore
- d. Dover

4> What US state has the longest land border with Canada?

- a. Montana
- b. Alaska
- c. New York
- d. Michigan

5> In 1821, American seal hunter John Davis became the first person known to have set foot on what territory?

- a. Pitcairn Island
- b. Easter Island
- c. Antarctic
- d. Greenland

6> Oman and Brunei are the only two countries in the world led by people with which title?

- a. Emir
- b. Ayatollah
- c. Sultan
- d. Duke

7> According to the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, what "fiery" place would be your safest bet if the world were consumed in a thermonuclear holocaust?

- a. Tierra del Fuego
- b. Pitcairn Island
- c. Fire Island, New York
- d. Easter Island

8> In world geography, the "U" in both the UAR and the UAE was for "United". What was the "A" for?

- a. Asian
- b. American
- c. Arab
- d. African

9> Imagine the UN takes a vote to decide which continent rocks hardest. Based on the number of countries per continent, who will win?

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

10> Victoria Falls is found on the Zambezi River, on the border of what two Z-countries?

- a. Zambia and Zaire
- b. Zimbabwe and Zambia
- c. Zimbabwe and Zaire
- d. Zambezi and Zaire

11> Excluding Macau, which is now part of China, what 2-sq-km country has the world's highest population density?

- a. Vatican City
- b. Monaco
- c. Singapore
- d. Malta

12> It seems Italy's flag was personally designed by somebody, who took France's flag and replaced the blue stripe with a green one. Who would this be?

- a. Napoleon
- b. Charlemagne
- c. Mussolini
- d. Michelangelo

13> What northernmost set of British islands is so far north that the inhabitants are the Scandinavians who ran the place until the 1400s?

- a. Orkneys
- b. Hebrides
- c. Shetlands
- d. Channel

14> Despite having no Indian reservations, what state has America's largest Indian population?

- a. Alaska
- b. California
- c. Oklahoma
- d. Arizona

15> In cartography, what is a bunny?

- a. A fake item on a map, used to protect copyright
- b. The compass that indicates north
- c. A feature with no established name
- d. That thing that indicates scale

Answers:

- 1> Florida - Archaeological research indicates that Florida was first inhabited by Paleo-Indians as early as 14 thousand years ago.
- 2> Lou Grant - Lou Grant was a fictional character played by Edward Asner in two separate television series.
- 3> Annapolis - At a population of just over 38,000, Annapolis is the capital of Maryland.
- 4> Alaska - Alaska was purchased from Russia and is the largest state in the United States by area.
- 5> Antarctic - The Antarctic region had no indigenous population when first discovered, and its present inhabitants comprise of a few thousand transient personnel working on various tours of duty.
- 6> Sultan - Oman is an absolute monarchy in which the Sultan of Oman has complete authority.
- 7> Tierra del Fuego - Tierra del Fuego is an archipelago off the southernmost tip of the South American mainland, across from the Strait of Magellan.
- 8> Arab - UAE oil reserves are ranked as the world's seventh-largest.
- 9> Africa - Africa is the world's second-largest and second-most-populous continent with about one billion people.
- 10> Zimbabwe and Zambia - While it is neither the highest nor the widest waterfall in the world, it is claimed to be the largest when width and height are calculated together.
- 11> Monaco - During World War II, an Italian army invaded and occupied Monaco, setting up a Fascist administration.
- 12> Napoleon - The flag of Italy is a tricolour featuring three equally sized vertical pales of green, white, and red.
- 13> Shetlands - The largest island, known simply as 'Mainland', has an area of 967 km.
- 14> Oklahoma - Twenty-four percent of Oklahoma consists of forests.
- 15> A fake item on a map, used to protect copyright - For example, Mount Richard was a fictitious peak on the Rocky Mountains' continental divide that appeared on a Boulder County, Colorado map in the early 1970s.