

GEOGRAPHY TRIVIA QUESTIONS XV



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1> The ABC islands of Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao were found in which country's Antilles?

- a. British
- b. Dutch
- c. French
- d. American

2> Confining ourselves to city limits, France's second-largest city is what major port in its lowest southeastern corner, in the Provence-Alpes-Cote d'Azur region?

- a. Marseilles
- b. Nice
- c. Lyon
- d. Toulouse

3> Walvis Bay is Namibia's only deepwater harbor. But until 1994, the enclave actually belonged to what country, which controlled the whole country until 1990?

- a. Great Britain
- b. South Africa
- c. France
- d. Portugal

4> Mt. Acha in the Spanish enclave of Ceuta was one of the Pillars of Hercules. What was the other?

- a. Gibraltar
- b. Mount Olympus
- c. Mount Sinai
- d. Matterhorn

5> What country makes up the western third of the island of Hispaniola?

- a. Cuba
- b. Dominican Republic
- c. Haiti
- d. Puerto Rico

6> In Rio De Janeiro, who or what are the favelas?

- a. Beach hustlers
- b. Hillside slums
- c. Samba musicians
- d. Renegade filmmakers

7> In 1914, the first ship to cross through this body of water was the Cristobal, but the first ship to make the trip officially was the Ancon. What body of water is this?

- a. Suez Canal
- b. Erie Canal
- c. Panama Canal
- d. St Lawrence Waterway

8> In 2000, this country's mayors elected model Laetitia Casta as the new Marianne, the cap-wearing symbol of what country?

- a. Switzerland
- b. France
- c. Italy
- d. Greece

9> Kazakhstan has begun to reverse the ecological damage to what lake, now reduced to two salty bodies a quarter of the former size and incapable of sustaining life?

- a. Aral Sea
- b. Lake Baikal
- c. Caspian Sea
- d. Lake Ural

10> The Prince of Wales is the heir apparent to the British throne. The Prince of Asturias is the heir to what country's throne?

- a. Sweden
- b. Netherlands
- c. Spain
- d. Denmark

11> Even though, it's just 230 miles long, it's the longest river in the British Isles. What is it?

- a. Thames
- b. Shannon
- c. Liffey
- d. Severn

12> What pigeon-infested London square holds a Fourth Plinth on which a statue of William IV was never built?

- a. Trafalgar Square
- b. Piccadilly Circus
- c. Trafalgar Square
- d. Charing Cross

13> Until the birth of Prince Hisahito in 2006, there hasn't been a boy born into this country's royal family since 1965, leading some to say that Princess Aiko could be the first female emperor in 1300 years of what country?

- a. China
- b. Japan
- c. Korea
- d. Thailand

14> Jayapura (formerly Hollandia) is the capital of Papua, formerly Irian Jaya, formerly Dutch New Guinea, in what country?

- a. Angola
- b. Indonesia
- c. Surinam
- d. Bahamas

15> For which prime minister is Toronto's international airport named?

- a. Pierre Trudeau
- b. Lester Pearson
- c. WLM King
- d. John A Macdonald

Answers:

1> Dutch - Until it was dissolved, the Dutch Antilles included three groups of islands about 880 km north. Saba, St. Eustatius and St. Maarten.

2> Marseilles - Counting metro areas, Lyon is France's #2 city.

3> South Africa - It is named for the whales found there. Walvis Bay had technically been part of the old Cape Colony but is now a crucially important port for Namibia.

4> Gibraltar - Morocco wants Ceuta back from Spain. And Spain wants Gibraltar back from Britain.

5> Haiti - The other side of the island is the Dominican Republic.

6> Hillside slums - About a fifth of the population lives in them.

7> Panama Canal - Going through the 51-mile Panama Canal saves 3000 miles on a trip from the Caribbean to the Pacific, but oddly enough, you would make that trip southeast.

8> France - Official busts of Marianne have been based on Brigitte Bardot, Catherine Deneuve and Laetitia Casta.

9> Aral Sea - It was once the world's fourth largest inland body of water, but irrigation projects have sunk it by as much as 40% since the 1960s.

10> Spain - The monarch's kids are called the infante or infanta, depending on whether they are boys or girls.

11> Shannon - It is in Ireland.

12> Trafalgar Square - This was originally going to be called King William the Fourth's Square, but George Ledwell Taylor suggested its current name.

13> Japan - In the 1800s, the Japanese adapted agnatic primogeniture, which is the idea that the inheritance goes to the oldest surviving male child.

14> Indonesia - It's the western half of the island of New Guinea. The rest is the country called Papua New Guinea.

15> Lester Pearson - It is coded YYZ.