

# GEOGRAPHY TRIVIA QUESTIONS XVI



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1> The San used to be called the Bushmen. Where do they live?

- a. Australian Outback
- b. Kalahari Desert
- c. Great Rift Valley
- d. Amazon Jungle

2> The international terminal at what airport is named for Tom Bradley, the city's first black mayor?

- a. LAX
- b. O'Hare
- c. JFK
- d. Logan

3> Also, the "capital" of the Italian Riviera, what capital of Liguria is now Italy's largest port?

- a. Milan
- b. Genoa
- c. Venice
- d. Naples

4> The Northwest Angle is the only part of the Lower 48 north of the 49th parallel. What state is it in?

- a. Minnesota
- b. Maine
- c. Washington
- d. New York

5> Frederick Law Olmstead's career in park design began with his work on what 843-acre expanse, whose real estate value today is a half trillion dollars?

- a. Mount Royal Park in Montreal
- b. Central Park in Manhattan
- c. Prospect Park in Brooklyn
- d. Jackson Park in Chicago

6> As of 2009, only two nations have square flags. What country borders both of them?

- a. El Salvador
- b. Italy
- c. Russia
- d. Niger

7> Formerly known for their headhunting, the Dayak are largely Hindu these days, and live on which island?

- a. Borneo
- b. Sri Lanka
- c. Madagascar
- d. Tahiti

8> At which city's Century 21 world's fair in 1962 would you ride the monorail to the Space Needle?

- a. Montreal, Quebec
- b. Seattle, Washington
- c. Osaka, Japan
- d. Sydney, Australia

9> What "devilish" island is separated from Australia by the Bass Strait?

- a. Tasmania
- b. New Guinea
- c. Borneo
- d. New Zealand

10> Located on a key trade route, the Tuareg nomads founded the fabled city of Timbuktu in what present-day country?

- a. Yemen
- b. Iran
- c. Mali
- d. India

11> Devout visitors slip sheets of paper in the cracks of which famous structure?

- a. Wailing Wall
- b. Blarney Castle
- c. Taj Mahal
- d. Forbidden Palace

12> As the story goes, Finn MacCool built the Giant's Causeway, a set of rocky stepping stones made of basalt, off the North Antrim Coast of Ireland, so that he could walk to what country?

- a. Ulster
- b. Scotland
- c. Wales
- d. England

13> What former member of the Hanseatic League is Germany's second largest city and its principal port?

- a. Hamburg
- b. Cologne
- c. Frankfurt
- d. Dresden

14> Home to about a million Mexican free-tailed bats, Carlsbad Caverns is in what state?

- a. Kentucky
- b. New Mexico
- c. California
- d. Texas

15> The Saami used to be known as something else, something they now consider derogatory. What would this be?

- a. Laplanders
- b. Eskimos
- c. Gypsies
- d. Hottentots

## Answers:

- 1> Kalahari Desert - However, the San have no collective word for all their tribes and many San prefer 'Bushmen' since San means 'outsider' in the language of their rivals, the Khoikhoi.
- 2> LAX - He was re-elected four times.
- 3> Genoa - Columbus was from Genoa.
- 4> Minnesota - It's separated from the US by the Lake of the Woods and fixes a problem with the 1783 Treaty of Paris, which thought the Mississippi extended further north.
- 5> Central Park in Manhattan - Other Olmstead projects include Montreal's Mount Royal Park, Brooklyn's Prospect Park and Chicago's Jackson Park, which was the site of the 1893 World's Fair.
- 6> Italy - The countries are Switzerland and Vatican City.
- 7> Borneo - Physically, they are an admixture of Chinese, Malay and Negrito peoples. The Iban, known as Sea Dayak, were infamous pirates.
- 8> Seattle, Washington - It was also the first world's fair to earn a profit in its first season.
- 9> Tasmania - It was named by Matthew Flinders for his ship's doctor. The State of Victoria is on the other side.
- 10> Mali - It was one of the many destinations of Ibn Battuta, the Arab Marco Polo.
- 11> Wailing Wall - About a million notes a year are placed in the wall's cracks, which are later buried on the Mount of Olives.
- 12> Scotland - The 40,000 basalt columns were actually created by lava flow.
- 13> Hamburg - Europe's third busiest port, it is officially called the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg and as such it is the second smallest of Germany's 16 states.
- 14> New Mexico - Found in the foothills of the Guadalupe Mountains, it is famous for its breathtaking stalactites and stalagmites, which lead one to imagine Chinese temples, heavy pillars and lacy icicles.
- 15> Laplanders - The original occupants of the area, the Saami speak a language related to Finnish, and are called Finns in Norway.