

GEOGRAPHY MCQs — SET 2 | Solved Answer Key

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Section 1 — Climate, Weather & Environment

1 Which gas is most abundant in Earth's atmosphere?

(A) Oxygen

(B) Carbon Dioxide

(C) Nitrogen ✓

(D) Argon

2 The Coriolis effect influences the direction of?

(A) Ocean tides

(B) Wind & ocean currents ✓

(C) River flow

(D) Earthquake waves

3 Which layer of the atmosphere contains the ozone layer?

(A) Troposphere

(B) Mesosphere

(C) Stratosphere ✓

(D) Thermosphere

4 El Niño is a warming of which ocean's surface?

(A) Atlantic

(B) Indian

(C) Pacific ✓

(D) Arctic

5 Which type of rainfall is caused by mountains?

(A) Convectional

(B) Frontal

(C) Relief (Orographic) ✓

(D) Cyclonic

6 The hottest temperature ever recorded on Earth was in?

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| (A) Saudi Arabia | (B) Death Valley, USA |
| (C) Lut Desert, Iran ✓ | (D) Sahara, Libya |

7 Which biome covers the most land area on Earth?

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| (A) Tropical rainforest | (B) Savanna |
| (C) Taiga (Boreal Forest) ✓ | (D) Desert |

8 Acid rain is primarily caused by emissions of?

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| (A) CO ₂ and methane | (B) SO₂ and NO_x ✓ |
| (C) Ozone and CFCs | (D) Dust and smoke |

9 Which wind blows from sea to land during daytime?

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| (A) Land breeze | (B) Sea breeze ✓ |
| (C) Trade wind | (D) Monsoon |

10 The Beaufort Scale measures?

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| (A) Earthquake magnitude | (B) Wind speed ✓ |
| (C) Ocean depth | (D) Rainfall intensity |

Section 2 — World Political Geography

11 Which country has the most official languages?

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| (A) India | (B) South Africa ✓ |
| (C) Switzerland | (D) Belgium |

12 The Bosphorus Strait divides which city into two continents?

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| (A) Athens | (B) Cairo |
| (C) Istanbul ✓ | (D) Tehran |

13 Which country is both an island and a continent?

(A) New Zealand

(B) Greenland

(C) Australia ✓

(D) Madagascar

14 Which is the only country that borders both the Atlantic and Indian Oceans?

(A) Namibia

(B) Angola

(C) South Africa ✓

(D) Mozambique

15 The Maldives is located in which ocean?

(A) Atlantic

(B) Pacific

(C) Arctic

(D) Indian ✓

16 Which country has the most time zones?

(A) Russia

(B) USA

(C) China

(D) France ✓

17 Which two continents does Egypt belong to?

(A) Asia & Europe

(B) Africa & Asia ✓

(C) Africa & Europe

(D) Europe & Americas

18 The city of Jerusalem is claimed by which two peoples?

(A) Turks & Arabs

(B) Israelis & Palestinians ✓

(C) Jews & Christians

(D) Arabs & Persians

19 Which country is called the 'Land of a Thousand Hills'?

(A) Uganda

(B) Ethiopia

(C) Kenya

(D) Rwanda ✓

20 Which nation has the world's largest democracy?

(A) USA

(B) Brazil

(C) India ✓

(D) Indonesia

Section 3 — Oceans, Seas & Water Bodies

21 What is the average salinity of ocean water?

(A) 2.5%

(B) 3.5% ✓

(C) 4.5%

(D) 5.0%

22 The Mariana Trench is located in which ocean?

(A) Atlantic

(B) Indian

(C) Arctic

(D) Pacific ✓

23 Which is the world's largest gulf?

(A) Gulf of Mexico ✓

(B) Persian Gulf

(C) Gulf of Guinea

(D) Hudson Bay

24 The Great Barrier Reef is the world's largest structure built by?

(A) Humans

(B) Coral polyps ✓

(C) Algae

(D) Volcanic activity

25 Which strait connects the Black Sea to the Sea of Marmara?

(A) Bosphorus ✓

(B) Dardanelles

(C) Hormuz

(D) Malacca

26 The deepest point on Earth, Challenger Deep, is approximately?

(A) 7 km

(B) 9 km

(C) 11 km ✓

(D) 13 km

27 Which ocean is shrinking due to plate tectonics?

(A) Atlantic

(B) Indian

(C) Pacific ✓

(D) Arctic

28 The Strait of Hormuz connects the Persian Gulf to?

(A) Red Sea

(B) Arabian Sea ✓

(C) Gulf of Aden

(D) Caspian Sea

29 Which sea is known for its extremely high salinity?

(A) Caspian Sea

(B) Aral Sea

(C) Dead Sea ✓

(D) Red Sea

30 The Bay of Bengal is part of which ocean?

(A) Pacific

(B) Atlantic

(C) Arctic

(D) Indian ✓

Section 4 — South Asia & Pakistan Geography

31 The Indus River originates from?

(A) Hindu Kush mountains

(B) Karakoram range

(C) Tibetan Plateau ✓

(D) Himalayas of Nepal

32 Which pass connects Chitral with Gilgit in Pakistan?

(A) Khyber Pass

(B) Lowari Pass ✓

(C) Bolan Pass

(D) Shandur Pass

33 The Thar Desert spans across which two countries?

(A) Pakistan & Afghanistan

(B) India & Bangladesh

(C) India & Pakistan ✓

(D) Nepal & India

34 Which river is called the 'Father of Punjab'?

(A) Chenab

(B) Jhelum

(C) Indus ✓

(D) Ravi

35 The K2 mountain is part of which range?

(A) Himalayas

(B) Hindu Kush

(C) Karakoram ✓

(D) Sulaiman Range

36 Which city is called the 'City of Saints' in Pakistan?

(A) Lahore

(B) Multan ✓

(C) Peshawar

(D) Quetta

37 The Makran Coast lies along which sea?

(A) Arabian Sea ✓

(B) Bay of Bengal

(C) Red Sea

(D) Persian Gulf

38 Which is the largest province of Pakistan by area?

(A) Punjab

(B) KPK

(C) Sindh

(D) Balochistan ✓

39 The Manchar Lake, largest freshwater lake in Pakistan, is in?

(A) Punjab

(B) Sindh ✓

(C) Balochistan

(D) KPK

40 Which mountain range forms the western border of Pakistan?

(A) Karakoram

(B) Sulaiman Range ✓

(C) Hindu Kush

(D) Salt Range

Section 5 — Economic & Human Geography

41 Which country is the world's largest exporter of oil?

(A) Iraq

(B) Iran

(C) Russia

(D) Saudi Arabia ✓

42 The 'Silicon Valley' of the world is located in?

(A) New York, USA

(B) Tokyo, Japan

(C) California, USA ✓

(D) London, UK

43 Which continent has the highest urbanisation rate?

(A) Asia

(B) Europe

(C) North America ✓

(D) South America

44 The world's busiest shipping lane is?

(A) Strait of Malacca

(B) English Channel ✓

(C) Strait of Gibraltar

(D) Suez Canal

45 Which country produces the most wheat in the world?

(A) USA

(B) India

(C) Russia

(D) China ✓

46 The Trans-Siberian Railway connects Moscow to?

(A) Beijing

(B) Tokyo

(C) Vladivostok ✓

(D) Almaty

47 Which country has the highest Human Development Index (HDI)?

(A) USA

(B) Norway ✓

(C) Switzerland

(D) Denmark

48 The 'Fertile Crescent' region covers modern-day?

(A) Egypt & Libya

(B) Iraq, Syria & Turkey ✓

(C) India & Pakistan

(D) Iran & Afghanistan

49 Which country is the world's largest producer of rice?

(A) India

(B) Bangladesh

(C) Vietnam

(D) China ✓

50 The Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) is based at which observatory?

(A) Paris Observatory

(B) Berlin Observatory

(C) Royal Observatory, Greenwich ✓

(D) Vatican Observatory