

GEOGRAPHY SOLVED QUESTION BANK

Complete 50 High-Yield MCQs for PPSC, FPSC, CSS, and Competitive Exams

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Q1. Which strait separates Asia from North America?

✓ A. Bering Strait

B. Strait of Gibraltar

C. Malacca Strait

D. Bosphorus Strait

CORRECT ANSWER: A — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

The Bering Strait connects the Pacific and Arctic oceans and separates Russia (Asia) from Alaska (North America) at its narrowest point of about 82 kilometers.

Q2. The Equator does NOT pass through which of the following countries?

A. Ecuador

B. Colombia

C. Brazil

✓ D. Peru

CORRECT ANSWER: D — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

While the Equator passes through Ecuador, Colombia, and Brazil in South America, it runs just north of Peru's borders.

Q3. Which atmospheric layer contains the ozone layer that absorbs harmful ultraviolet rays?

A. Troposphere

✓ B. Stratosphere

C. Mesosphere

D. Thermosphere

CORRECT ANSWER: B — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

The stratosphere houses the ozone layer (ozonosphere) between roughly 15 to 35 km above Earth's surface, protecting life from celestial UV radiation.

Q4. What is the capital of Kazakhstan, which was renamed back from Nur-Sultan in 2022?

A. Almaty	✓ B. Astana
C. Tashkent	D. Bishkek

CORRECT ANSWER: B — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

Astana was renamed Nur-Sultan in 2019 but was restored to its previous name, Astana, in September 2022 by a presidential decree.

Q5. The 'Durand Line' forms the international boundary between which two nations?

A. Pakistan and India	✓ B. Pakistan and Afghanistan
C. India and China	D. Pakistan and Iran

CORRECT ANSWER: B — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

Established in 1893 between Sir Mortimer Durand and Amir Abdur Rahman Khan, the Durand Line defines the border between Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Q6. Which is the deepest ocean trench on Earth?

A. Puerto Rico Trench	B. Java Trench
✓ C. Mariana Trench	D. Sunda Trench

CORRECT ANSWER: C — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

The Mariana Trench, located in the western Pacific Ocean, contains Challenger Deep, which reaches an astounding depth of nearly 11,000 meters.

Q7. Which river is known as the 'Sorrow of China' due to its devastating floods?

A. Yangtze River	✓ B. Yellow River (Huang He)
C. Mekong River	D. Pearl River

CORRECT ANSWER: B — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

The Yellow River (Huang He) earned this moniker because of periodic catastrophic flooding caused by massive silt accumulations that raise the riverbed.

Q8. The world's highest uninterrupted waterfall, Angel Falls, is located in which country?

A. Brazil	✓ B. Venezuela
C. Zambia	D. Canada

CORRECT ANSWER: B — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

Angel Falls (Salto Ángel) plunges 979 meters from a table mountain (tepui) in the Canaima National Park, Venezuela.

Q9. Which of the following mountain passes connects Pakistan with China?

A. Khyber Pass	B. Bolan Pass
✓ C. Khunjerab Pass	D. Tochi Pass

CORRECT ANSWER: C — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

The Khunjerab Pass is a high mountain pass in the Karakoram Mountains, sitting at an elevation of 4,693 meters, connecting Pakistan and China.

Q10. The planet's largest non-polar desert is:

A. Gobi Desert	B. Kalahari Desert
✓ C. Sahara Desert	D. Atacama Desert

CORRECT ANSWER: C — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

The Sahara is the largest hot/non-polar desert on Earth, spanning over 9 million square kilometers across North Africa. (Antarctica and the Arctic are larger but classified as polar deserts).

Q11. Which country is popularly known as the 'Land of White Elephants'?

✓ A. Thailand	B. India
C. Kenya	D. Sri Lanka

CORRECT ANSWER: A — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

Thailand is culturally associated with white elephants, which are considered sacred symbols of royal power and good fortune.

Q12. The Suez Canal connects which two bodies of water?

A. Mediterranean Sea and Black Sea	✓ B. Mediterranean Sea and Red Sea
C. Red Sea and Arabian Sea	D. Persian Gulf and Arabian Sea

CORRECT ANSWER: B — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

Opened in 1869, the Suez Canal artificial waterway cuts through Egypt to link the Mediterranean Sea directly to the Red Sea, enabling direct maritime transit between Europe and Asia.

Q13. Which is the largest landlocked country in the world?

A. Mongolia	✓ B. Kazakhstan
C. Bolivia	D. Chad

CORRECT ANSWER: B — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

Kazakhstan is the largest country by area that does not have direct open access to the world's oceans, making it the supreme landlocked state.

Q14. Great Bear Lake and Great Slave Lake are located in which country?

A. United States	B. Russia
✓ C. Canada	D. Sweden

CORRECT ANSWER: C — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

Both massive freshwater lakes are located entirely within the Northwest Territories of Canada.

Q15. The highest peak of the Hindu Kush mountain range is:

A. K2	B. Nanga Parbat
✓ C. Tirich Mir	D. Broad Peak

CORRECT ANSWER: C — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

Tirich Mir is the highest mountain of the Hindu Kush range, standing at 7,708 meters, located in the Chitral District of Pakistan.

Q16. Which European river flows through four national capitals (Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest, Belgrade)?

A. Rhine	✓ B. Danube
C. Volga	D. Seine

CORRECT ANSWER: B — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

The Danube is Europe's second-longest river and holds the world record for crossing or bordering the most countries and passing through four capital cities.

Q17. The phenomenon of Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights) occurs primarily in which layer?

A. Troposphere	B. Stratosphere
C. Mesosphere	✓ D. Thermosphere / Ionosphere

CORRECT ANSWER: D — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

Auroras are caused by collisions between electrically charged particles from the sun and gas molecules in the thermosphere/ionosphere near the magnetic poles.

Q18. Which of the following is the largest island in the world?

A. New Guinea	B. Madagascar
✓ C. Greenland	D. Borneo

CORRECT ANSWER: C — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

Greenland is the world's largest island that is not a continent, covering over 2.1 million square kilometers.

Q19. The 'Panama Canal' officially opened for commercial traffic in which year?

A. 1901	✓ B. 1914
C. 1920	D. 1945

CORRECT ANSWER: B — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

The Panama Canal, which revolutionized global shipping by cutting through the Isthmus of Panama to link the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, was opened in August 1914.

Q20. Which country is known as the 'Horn of Africa' due to its shape?

✓ A. Somalia	B. South Africa
C. Egypt	D. Nigeria

CORRECT ANSWER: A — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

The Horn of Africa region includes Somalia, Ethiopia, Eritrea, and Djibouti. Somalia forms the core wedge-like 'horn' shape sticking into the Arabian Sea.

Q21. The 'Pothohar Plateau' is located in which province of Pakistan?

A. Sindh	B. Balochistan
C. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	✓ D. Punjab

CORRECT ANSWER: D — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

The Pothohar (or Potwar) Plateau is an extensive tableland located in northern Punjab, bounded by the Indus and Jhelum rivers.

Q22. Which unique sea has no land boundaries and is defined entirely by ocean currents?

✓ A. Sargasso Sea	B. Caribbean Sea
C. Tasman Sea	D. Mediterranean Sea

CORRECT ANSWER: A — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

The Sargasso Sea is located in the North Atlantic Ocean and is bounded by four currents forming an ocean gyre, instead of terrestrial coastlines.

Q23. What line separates North Korea and South Korea?

A. 17th Parallel	✓ B. 38th Parallel
C. 49th Parallel	D. Radcliffe Line

CORRECT ANSWER: B — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

The 38th Parallel north was chosen as the initial army boundary line dividing the Soviet and American occupation zones in Korea post-WWII.

Q24. Which city is the southernmost capital city in the world?

A. Canberra	✓ B. Wellington
C. Buenos Aires	D. Santiago

CORRECT ANSWER: B — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

Wellington, the capital of New Zealand, sits at approximately 41 degrees South latitude, making it the most southern national capital.

Q25. The 'Atacama Desert', one of the driest places on Earth, is situated in which continent?

A. Africa	B. Asia
C. Australia	✓ D. South America

CORRECT ANSWER: D — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

The Atacama Desert is a cool, virtually rainless plateau stretching across northern Chile along the Pacific coast of South America.

Q26. Which river is the longest in the world?

A. Amazon River	✓ B. Nile River
C. Yangtze River	D. Mississippi River

CORRECT ANSWER: B — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

The Nile River is traditionally recognized as the longest river in the world, stretching approximately 6,650 kilometers through northeastern Africa.

Q27. The lake that separates Peru and Bolivia in the Andes Mountains is:

A. Lake Maracaibo	✓ B. Lake Titicaca
C. Lake Superior	D. Lake Baikal

CORRECT ANSWER: B — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

Lake Titicaca is renowned as the highest commercially navigable lake in the world, sitting on the border between Peru and Bolivia.

Q28. Which country possesses the longest coastline in the world?

✓ A. Canada	B. Russia
C. Australia	D. Indonesia

CORRECT ANSWER: A — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

Canada's coastline is the longest of any country globally, measuring over 202,000 kilometers across three oceans.

Q29. The 'Roaring Forties' refers to a specific type of:

A. Oceanic currents	✓ B. Westerly winds
C. Mountainous passes	D. Tidal waves

CORRECT ANSWER: B — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

The Roaring Forties are powerful, persistent westerly winds found in the Southern Hemisphere, generally between latitudes 40 and 50 degrees.

Q30. Which of these lakes is the oldest and deepest freshwater lake on Earth?

A. Lake Tanganyika	B. Lake Victoria
✓ C. Lake Baikal	D. Lake Michigan

CORRECT ANSWER: C — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

Located in Siberia, Russia, Lake Baikal is the deepest (1,642m) and oldest (25 million years) lake in the world, holding about 20% of Earth's unfrozen surface freshwater.

Q31. The administrative center and capital of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) is:

A. Mirpur	✓ B. Muzaffarabad
C. Rawalakot	D. Kotli

CORRECT ANSWER: B — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

Muzaffarabad is the official capital city of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, situated at the confluence of the Jhelum and Neelum rivers.

Q32. Which imaginary line corresponds to 180 degrees longitude?

A. Prime Meridian	B. Equator
✓ C. International Date Line	D. Tropic of Cancer

CORRECT ANSWER: C — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

The International Date Line functions on the opposite side of the Earth from the Prime Meridian, tracking the 180-degree meridian to delineate calendar date shifts.

Q33. The 'Strait of Malacca' provides a critical maritime pathway between which two oceans?

A. Atlantic and Pacific	✓ B. Indian and Pacific
C. Indian and Atlantic	D. Arctic and Atlantic

CORRECT ANSWER: B — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

The Strait of Malacca runs between Indonesia, Malaysia, and Singapore, linking the Indian Ocean to the South China Sea (Pacific Ocean).

Q34. Which state is known as the 'Sugar Bowl of the World'?

✓ A. Cuba	B. Brazil
C. India	D. Egypt

CORRECT ANSWER: A — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

Cuba historically earned the title 'Sugar Bowl of the World' due to its massive sugar export economy, though Brazil and India have since overtaken it in sheer production volume.

Q35. What type of rock is formed by the cooling and solidification of molten magma or lava?

A. Sedimentary	B. Metamorphic
✓ C. Igneous	D. Calcite

CORRECT ANSWER: C — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

Igneous rocks (derived from the Latin word for fire) develop when molten magma or lava cools, crystalizes, and hardens.

Q36. The 'Karakoram Highway' links Pakistan with China via which major administrative region of Pakistan?

A. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	✓ B. Gilgit-Baltistan
C. Azad Kashmir	D. Balochistan

CORRECT ANSWER: B — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

The Karakoram Highway (KKH) crosses through the stunning valleys of Gilgit-Baltistan to link Pakistan to Xinjiang, China via the Khunjerab Pass.

Q37. The strip of land that connects North America and South America is the Isthmus of:

A. Suez	✓ B. Panama
C. Kra	D. Corinth

CORRECT ANSWER: B — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

The Isthmus of Panama is a narrow land bridge that bridges North and South America, separating the Caribbean Sea from the Pacific Ocean.

Q38. Which country is completely encircled by South Africa?

A. Swaziland (Eswatini)	✓ B. Lesotho
C. Namibia	D. Botswana

CORRECT ANSWER: B — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

Lesotho is an independent enclaved nation entirely surrounded by the territory of South Africa.

Q39. What is the phenomenon called when the moon passes directly between the sun and the Earth?

A. Lunar Eclipse	✓ B. Solar Eclipse
C. Equinox	D. Solstice

CORRECT ANSWER: B — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

A solar eclipse occurs when the Moon casts its shadow onto Earth by blocking out sunlight along its linear path.

Q40. Which river is the largest in Pakistan by volume and length?

A. Jhelum River	B. Chenab River
✓ C. Indus River	D. Ravi River

CORRECT ANSWER: C — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

The Indus River is the longest and largest river in Pakistan, acting as the primary hydrological lifeline for agricultural systems nationwide.

Q41. The standard metric unit to measure atmospheric barometric pressure is:

A. Anemometer	✓ B. Millibar / Hectopascal
C. Hygrometer	D. Celsius

CORRECT ANSWER: B — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

Meteorologists use millibars (mb) or hectopascals (hPa) to quantify atmospheric pressure using instruments like barometers.

Q42. Which mountain range separates Europe from Asia?

A. Alps Mountains	B. Andes Mountains
✓ C. Ural Mountains	D. Pyrenees Mountains

CORRECT ANSWER: C — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

The Ural Mountains run north-to-south through western Russia and form a major part of the traditional geographic boundary between Europe and Asia.

Q43. What type of forest is characterized by evergreen coniferous trees and is also known as Taiga?

✓ A. Boreal Forest	B. Tropical Rainforest
C. Deciduous Forest	D. Savanna

CORRECT ANSWER: A — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

Boreal forests (or taiga) represent a massive subarctic biome dominated by cold-tolerant conifers like pines, spruces, and larches across northern latitudes.

Q44. The 'Strait of Gibraltar' connects the Atlantic Ocean with which sea?

A. Red Sea	B. Black Sea
✓ C. Mediterranean Sea	D. Caribbean Sea

CORRECT ANSWER: C — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

The Strait of Gibraltar is a narrow maritime chokepoint connecting the Atlantic Ocean directly into the Mediterranean basin.

Q45. Which city is known as the 'City of Skyscrapers'?

A. London	✓ B. New York City
C. Tokyo	D. Paris

CORRECT ANSWER: B — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

New York City is iconic for its pioneering architectural grid and high concentration of famous, early-twentieth-century skyscrapers.

Q46. The 'Khyber Pass' cuts through which mountain range?

A. Karakoram Range	B. Himalaya Range
✓ C. Safed Koh Range	D. Sulaiman Range

CORRECT ANSWER: C — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

The Khyber Pass winds through the Spin Ghar (Safed Koh) mountains, historically linking Peshawar in Pakistan to Jalalabad in Afghanistan.

Q47. Which country is the world's leading producer of coffee?

A. Colombia	B. Vietnam
✓ C. Brazil	D. Ethiopia

CORRECT ANSWER: C — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

Brazil has maintained its status as the world's premier producer and exporter of coffee beans for over a century.

Q48. The 'Dead Sea' is situated between which two countries?

A. Egypt and Israel	✓ B. Jordan and Israel
C. Syria and Jordan	D. Iraq and Iran

CORRECT ANSWER: B — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

The hypersaline Dead Sea lake sits nestled within the Jordan Rift Valley, bordered by Jordan to the east and Israel/West Bank to the west.

Q49. Which line separates India and China?

A. Radcliffe Line	✓ B. McMahon Line
C. Durand Line	D. 24th Parallel

CORRECT ANSWER: B — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

The McMahon Line is the effective boundary line negotiated between Great Britain and Tibet in 1914, named after Sir Henry McMahon, separating British India from China.

Q50. What is the largest salt lake in the world, often classified as the world's largest inland body of water?

✓ A. Caspian Sea	B. Aral Sea
C. Lake Superior	D. Lake Huron

CORRECT ANSWER: A — DETAILED EXPLANATION:

The Caspian Sea is an endorheic lake containing brackish water, widely ranked as the largest enclosed inland body of water by area globally.