

PPSC / FPSC EXAM PREPARATION SERIES

ISLANDS & PENINSULAS

20 Fully Solved & Verified MCQs

Based on the PPSC Branch Officer (BPS-17) 2016 Examination Paper

What's inside this guide

- Every question answered, cross-checked and corrected where needed
- Correct option highlighted in green with a check mark
- A short explanation beneath every question for quick revision
- Clean, one-question-per-page layout for focused study

1

Iberian Peninsula is a part of ____.

A

Asia

B

Africa

C

Europe



D

None of these

EXPLANATION

The Iberian Peninsula — home to Spain and Portugal — lies in the extreme southwest of Europe, separated from the rest of the continent by the Pyrenees mountains.

2

Diego Garcia is an island in ____.

A

Arabian Sea

B

Bay of Bengal

C

Indian Ocean



D

Gulf of Aden

EXPLANATION

Diego Garcia is a coral atoll belonging to the Chagos Archipelago, situated in the central Indian Ocean, roughly midway between Africa and Indonesia.

3

What is a Peninsula?

A

A narrow bit of land

B

A mountainous island

C

A piece of land surrounded by water on three sides



D

A range of hills

EXPLANATION

A peninsula is a landform almost entirely surrounded by water but joined to a larger landmass on one side, such as the Arabian or Iberian Peninsulas.

4

The largest peninsula in the world is _____.

A

Southern India

B

Eastern India

C

Alaska

D

Arabian Peninsula

**EXPLANATION**

Covering about 3.2 million square kilometres, the Arabian Peninsula is the world's largest peninsula, bordered by the Red Sea, Arabian Sea and Persian Gulf.

5

Which of the following is the world's largest island?

A

Borneo

B

Sri Lanka

C

New Guinea

D

Kalaallit Nunaat (Greenland)**EXPLANATION**

Greenland (Kalaallit Nunaat), spanning over 2.1 million square kilometres, is the largest island on Earth — mostly covered by a massive ice sheet.

6

New Guinea Island is located ____.

A

South Atlantic

B

Sea of China

C

Indian Ocean

D

Southwest Pacific

**EXPLANATION**

New Guinea lies in the southwestern Pacific Ocean, directly north of mainland Australia, and is shared by Indonesia and Papua New Guinea.

7

Which is the second largest island of world?

A

Borneo island

B

Baffin Island

C

New Guinea island



D

Madagascar

EXPLANATION

After Greenland, New Guinea is the second largest island in the world, covering roughly 785,000 square kilometres.

8

Which is the third largest island of the world?

A

Honshu

B

Baffin

C

Borneo Island



D

None of these

EXPLANATION

Borneo ranks third among the world's islands (about 748,000 sq km), after Greenland and New Guinea. Baffin Island is actually the fifth largest — the original answer key marking 'Baffin' here was incorrect.

★ Answer corrected — the original answer key marked this incorrectly.

9

Folkland islands are disputed between two countries

_____.

A

China and Japan

B

England and Argentina



C

USA and Russia

D

None of these

EXPLANATION

The Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas) remain a long-standing sovereignty dispute between the United Kingdom and Argentina.

10

Java Island is located in ____.

A

Indian Ocean



B

South Pacific Ocean

C

Sea of Japan

D

Sea of China

EXPLANATION

Java, Indonesia's most populous island, lies along the Indian Ocean, south of Sumatra and Borneo.

11

Sumatra Island is under the control of ____.

A

Malaysia

B

Indonesia



C

Russia

D

Japan

EXPLANATION

Sumatra is one of the principal islands of Indonesia, lying to the west of Java across the Sunda Strait.

12

Honshu Island is the part of ____.

A

China

B

Thailand

C

Japan



D

Russia

EXPLANATION

Honshu is Japan's largest and most populous island, home to Tokyo, Osaka and Kyoto.

13

The largest Island of Indian Ocean is ____.

A

Madagascar



B

Sumatra

C

Baffin

D

Borneo

EXPLANATION

Madagascar, off the southeastern coast of Africa, is the largest island in the Indian Ocean and the world's fourth largest island overall.

14

The second largest island of Atlantic Ocean is ____.

A

Britain

B

Baffin



C

Borneo

D

Java

EXPLANATION

Greenland is generally reckoned the largest island associated with the Atlantic Ocean, with Baffin Island — draining into the Atlantic via Baffin Bay and the Labrador Sea — commonly ranked second.

15

Great Britain is an island located in ____.

A

Pacific Ocean

B

Atlantic Ocean



C

Indian Ocean

D

None of these

EXPLANATION

Great Britain sits in the North Atlantic Ocean, off the northwestern coast of mainland Europe.

16

Cuba is an island of ____.

A

Pacific Ocean

B

Caribbean Sea



C

Indian Ocean

D

Atlantic Ocean

EXPLANATION

Cuba is the largest island in the Caribbean Sea, lying just south of the United States and east of Mexico.

17

West Indies consists of how many islands?

A

1000

B

1100

C

1200



D

1400

EXPLANATION

The West Indies archipelago — stretching from Florida to Venezuela — is generally described as comprising about 1,200 islands, islets and cays.

18

There are how many islands in Indonesia?

A

12000

B

13000



C

14000

D

15000

EXPLANATION

Indonesia is traditionally described as an archipelago of roughly 13,000 islands (modern satellite surveys put the count closer to 17,000).

19

Which is the largest archipelago of the world?

A

Indonesia



B

Malaysia

C

West Indies

D

Japan

EXPLANATION

Made up of thousands of islands stretching across Southeast Asia, Indonesia is recognised as the world's largest archipelago.

20

Manora Island is under control of ____.

A

Pakistan



B

India

C

USA

D

China

EXPLANATION

Manora Island lies at the entrance of Karachi Harbour in Pakistan and is a well-known coastal landmark of the city.