

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE • CSS EXAM PREP

RIVERS OF THE WORLD

53 Essential MCQs — Verified, Corrected & Explained

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53 QUESTIONS • FULLY SOLVED

Rivers of the World • A Complete Reference Booklet

Blue Nile originates from Lake Tana of Ethiopia; White Nile originates from Lake Victoria. The Blue and White Nile meet at ____ and make the longest river of the world.

A Cairo

B Khartoum



C Vienna

D Albania

EXPLANATION

The Blue Nile and White Nile converge at Khartoum, the capital of Sudan, forming the main course of the Nile.

The river Volga pours its water into the ____.

A Black Sea

B Caspian Sea



C Baltic Sea

D Arabian Sea

EXPLANATION

Europe's longest river, the Volga, drains into the landlocked Caspian Sea.

A broad channel where the waters of a river and a sea mingle is called:

A An estuary ✓

B Comets

C A strait

D A delta

EXPLANATION

An estuary is the tidal mouth of a river, where fresh river water mixes with seawater.

Which is the longest river in the world?

A Nile ✓

B Amazon

C Volga

D Mississippi

EXPLANATION

The Nile (about 6,650 km) is traditionally recognised as the world's longest river, though some modern studies argue the Amazon may in fact be longer.

The rivers Jhelum, Chenab, Ravi, Beas and Sutlej are tributaries of which river?

A Ganga

B Indus



C Yamuna

D Brahmaputra

EXPLANATION

These five rivers of the Punjab all merge into the Indus River, giving the region its name — 'Land of Five Rivers'.

Which of the following rivers does not flow in Africa?

A Nile

B Congo

C Zambezi

D Tigris



EXPLANATION

The Tigris flows through Turkey and Iraq in the Middle East, not Africa.

Which is the largest river of the world?

A Amazon ✓

B Nile

C Volga

D None of the above

EXPLANATION

Measured by water volume (discharge), the Amazon is the world's largest river, carrying more water than the next several largest rivers combined.

The river Jhelum has a length of about:

A 710 km

B 715 km

C 720 km

D 725 km



EXPLANATION

The Jhelum runs approximately 725 km from its source at Verinag spring to its confluence with the Chenab River.

World's largest river in terms of the volume of its flow is ____.

A Nile

B Amazon



C Congo

D Yangtze

EXPLANATION

The Amazon alone discharges about one-fifth of all the fresh water that enters the world's oceans — far more than any other river.

Which set of two rivers forms the world's largest delta before their waters flow into the sea?

A Rhine-Seine

B Nile-Euphrates

C Ganges-Brahmaputra



D Danube-Thames

EXPLANATION

The Ganges-Brahmaputra Delta (the Sundarbans) is the largest river delta on Earth.

Which of the following rivers crosses the Equator twice?

A Amazon

B Congo



C Nile

D Tigris

EXPLANATION

Thanks to its unusual curving course through central Africa, the Congo River crosses the Equator twice.

Which of the following rivers flowing through Pakistan has its source of origin in that country itself?

A Chenab

B Jhelum

C Ravi

D None of the above



EXPLANATION

The Chenab, Jhelum and Ravi all originate in Indian-administered territory (Himachal Pradesh / Kashmir); none of Pakistan's major rivers actually rise within Pakistan.

What is the length of the shortest river of the world, the "Roe River"?

A 61 m



B 65 m

C 69 m

D 71 m

EXPLANATION

Montana's Roe River is Guinness-recognised as the world's shortest river, at about 61 metres (201 feet).

On the bank of which river is New York situated?

A River Colorado

B River Hudson ✓

C River Mississippi

D River Amazon

EXPLANATION

New York City lies along the Hudson River, named after explorer Henry Hudson.

Darling is the name of a ____.

A River



B Country

C Lake

D None of these

EXPLANATION

The Darling River is one of Australia's major rivers, part of the Murray-Darling Basin.

River Skeena flows through ____.

A Asia

B Australia

C North America



D South America

EXPLANATION

The Skeena River flows through the province of British Columbia, Canada.

Rome, the capital of Italy, is located beside the river ____.

A Danube

B Rhine

C Tiber



D Po

EXPLANATION

Ancient Rome was founded on the banks of the Tiber River.

River Darling flows through

A Africa

B Australia ✓

C South America

D Asia

EXPLANATION

The Darling River flows through south-eastern Australia, joining the Murray River.

Red river is present in ____.

A USA



B Canada

C UK

D Mexico

EXPLANATION

The Red River flows along the Texas-Oklahoma border in the southern United States.

Which is the second longest river of the European continent?

A Danube



B Volga

C Saine

D Thames

EXPLANATION

The Volga is Europe's longest river; the Danube (about 2,850 km) ranks second.

 ANSWER KEY CORRECTED

Which is the second longest river of America?

A Missouri

B Mississippi 

C Red

D Colorado

EXPLANATION

Correction: the Missouri River (3,767 km) is actually the LONGEST river in North America; the Mississippi (3,730 km) is the second longest. The original answer key had these two reversed.

Don is a river of ____.

A Turkey

B Russia



C UK

D USA

EXPLANATION

The Don River flows through western Russia into the Sea of Azov.

Budapest, the capital of Hungary, is situated on the bank of ____.

A River Spree

B River Volga

C River Danube



D River Ob

EXPLANATION

Budapest straddles the Danube, which divides the city into Buda and Pest.

Paris, the capital of France, is situated on the bank of ____.

A Seine



B Po

C Thane

D Spree

EXPLANATION

Paris grew up along the Seine River, around the Île de la Cité.

Agra, very famous for the Taj Mahal, is situated on the bank of river ____.

A Brahmaputra

B Ganges

C Jumna



D None of these

EXPLANATION

The Taj Mahal and the city of Agra sit on the banks of the Yamuna (Jumna) River.

Oxus River flows between ____.

A Afghanistan and Russia

B Russia and Iran

C Russia and China

D Afghanistan and Tajikistan



EXPLANATION

The Oxus (Amu Darya) forms much of the border between Afghanistan and Tajikistan.

Which of the following is called the "Father of Rivers"?

A Indus



B Nile

C Amazon

D Congo

EXPLANATION

In Pashto the Indus is called "Abaseen," meaning "Father of Rivers" (by contrast, the Mississippi is nicknamed "Father of Waters").

What is the source of the Yellow River?

A Mt. Kunlun (China)



B Mt. Everest

C Victoria Lake

D None of these

EXPLANATION

The Yellow River rises in the Bayan Har Mountains, a spur of the Kunlun range, on the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau.

 ANSWER KEY CORRECTED

What is the total length of the Amazon River?

A 6,400 km



B 6,448 km

C 6,349 km

D 6,218 km

EXPLANATION

The most widely cited standard figure is 'at least 6,400 km' (Britannica and most reference sources), making the Amazon the world's second-longest river after the Nile.

Yangtze Kiang River is located in

A China



B Thailand

C Nepal

D Bhutan

EXPLANATION

The Yangtze is Asia's longest river, flowing entirely within China.

What is the source of the Volga River?

A Altai Mountain

B Valdai Plateau



C Himalayas range

D None of these

EXPLANATION

The Volga rises in the Valdai Hills, north-west of Moscow.

The outflow of the Indus River is into the ____.

A Black Sea

B Indus Sea

C Arabian Sea



D None of these

EXPLANATION

The Indus empties into the Arabian Sea near Karachi, Pakistan.

Which is the largest river of Asia?

A Yangtze Kiang ✓

B Indus

C Hawang Ho

D Ob

EXPLANATION

At about 6,300 km, the Yangtze is the longest river in Asia and the third-longest in the world.

Which is the largest river of Africa?

A Lena

B Niger

C Congo

D Nile



EXPLANATION

The Nile, flowing north through north-eastern Africa, is the continent's longest river.

Which is the longest river of America?

A Mississippi



B Amazon

C Niger

D Lena

EXPLANATION

Among these choices, only the Mississippi is actually a river of America. (Technical note: the Missouri River, not listed here, is slightly longer than the Mississippi and is North America's true longest river.)

Which is the longest river of Europe?

A Volga



B Danube

C Amur

D None of these

EXPLANATION

At about 3,530 km, the Volga is the longest river lying entirely within Europe.

Which is the longest river of South America?

A Massuri

B Peru

C Congo

D Amazon



EXPLANATION

The Amazon dominates South America both in length and, by a huge margin, in water volume.

Which of the following rivers is called the Yellow River?

A Hawang Ho River



B Nile River

C Amazon River

D None of these

EXPLANATION

"Huang He" literally translates to "Yellow River," named for its silt-laden, yellow-brown water.

Colorado is a river which flows through ____.

A USA



B UK

C Peru

D Brazil

EXPLANATION

The Colorado River flows through the south-western United States, carving the Grand Canyon.

Congo river is located in ____.

A Asia

B Africa



C Europe

D America

EXPLANATION

The Congo River drains the Congo Basin in central Africa.

Missouri is a river located in ____.

A China

B Japan

C USA



D UK

EXPLANATION

The Missouri River flows through the central United States, joining the Mississippi near St. Louis.

Parana river is located in ____.

A Paraguay



B France

C India

D None of these

EXPLANATION

The Parana flows through Brazil, Paraguay and Argentina; Paraguay is the matching option here.

Seine river is located in ____.

A France



B Spain

C Germany

D None of these

EXPLANATION

The Seine flows through Paris and northern France into the English Channel.

Thames is a famous river of ____.

A UK



B USA

C Russia

D Japan

EXPLANATION

The Thames flows through London and southern England.

Ganga is a famous river of ____.

A Japan

B China

C Russia

D India



EXPLANATION

The Ganga (Ganges) is India's most sacred and historically significant river.

Mackenzie is the name of a river located in ____.

A Britain

B Brazil

C Canada



D China

EXPLANATION

The Mackenzie is Canada's longest river, flowing north into the Arctic Ocean.

Murray is the name of a river of ____.

A Australia ✓

B Canada

C South Africa

D China

EXPLANATION

The Murray is Australia's longest river, forming the core of the Murray-Darling Basin.

Orange is the name of a river of ____.

A Congo

B Egypt

C Syria

D South Africa



EXPLANATION

The Orange River is South Africa's longest river.

Which of the following rivers belongs to Russia?

A Ob

B Lena

C Amur

D All of the above



EXPLANATION

The Ob, Lena and Amur are all major rivers flowing through Russia/Siberia.

Litani River is located in ____.

A Syria

B Lebanon 

C Turkey

D Ban

EXPLANATION

The Litani River is Lebanon's longest river, flowing entirely within its borders.

Which is the shortest river of the world?

A Mekong

B Lena

C Congo

D Roe River



EXPLANATION

Montana's Roe River holds the record as the world's shortest river.

Which is the shortest river in the world, with a total length of 61 m?

A Amur (Siberia)

B Roe (Montana)



C Danube (Slovakia)

D Congo (Zaire)

EXPLANATION

This confirms the Roe River in Montana, USA as the specific 61-metre record-holder.

River Nile originates from

- A** Lake Nyasa
- B** Cherangany mountains
- C** Lake Victoria ✓
- D** Springs in Kenya

EXPLANATION

The White Nile's traditional source is Lake Victoria (the Blue Nile separately rises from Lake Tana in Ethiopia — see Q1).