

# Geography Trivia

From the world's longest rivers to the smallest countries, twenty questions that test how well yo...

Name / Team: .....

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**1** What is the largest continent by land area?

- A. Africa
- B. North America
- C. Asia
- D. Europe

**2** What is the longest river in the world?

- A. Amazon
- B. Nile
- C. Mississippi
- D. Yangtze

**3** How many continents are there?

- A. Five
- B. Six
- C. Seven
- D. Eight

**4** What is the smallest country in the world by area?

- A. Monaco
- B. San Marino
- C. Vatican City
- D. Liechtenstein

**5** What ocean is the largest?

- A. Atlantic
- B. Indian
- C. Pacific
- D. Arctic

**6** What is the capital of Australia?

- A. Sydney
- B. Melbourne
- C. Canberra
- D. Brisbane

**7** What is the tallest mountain in the world?

- A. K2
- B. Kangchenjunga
- C. Mount Everest
- D. Makalu

**8** Which desert is the largest hot desert in the world?

- A. Gobi
- B. Kalahari
- C. Sahara
- D. Arabian

**9** What country has the most people?

- A. China
- B. India
- C. United States
- D. Indonesia

**10** What European country is shaped like a boot?

- A. Spain
- B. Greece
- C. Italy
- D. Portugal

**11** The Amazon River flows through which continent?

- A. Africa
- B. Asia
- C. South America
- D. North America

**12** What is the only continent without any countries?

- A. Australia
- B. Antarctica
- C. Greenland
- D. Arctic

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**13** What is the capital of Brazil?

- A. Rio de Janeiro
- B. Sao Paulo
- C. Brasilia
- D. Salvador

**14** Which strait separates Europe from Africa?

- A. Strait of Hormuz
- B. Strait of Malacca
- C. Strait of Gibraltar
- D. Bosphorus Strait

**15** What is the largest country in the world by area?

- A. Canada
- B. China
- C. Russia
- D. United States

**16** Which African country is the most populous?

- A. Ethiopia
- B. Egypt
- C. Nigeria
- D. South Africa

**17** What body of water separates the Arabian Peninsula from Africa?

- A. Persian Gulf
- B. Red Sea
- C. Arabian Sea
- D. Gulf of Aden

**18** What mountain range separates Europe from Asia?

- A. The Alps
- B. The Himalayas
- C. The Ural Mountains
- D. The Caucasus

**19** Which island country in the Indian Ocean is the fourth largest island in the world?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Madagascar
- C. Indonesia
- D. Philippines

**20** What is the deepest point in the ocean?

- A. The Puerto Rico Trench
- B. The Tonga Trench
- C. The Mariana Trench
- D. The Java Trench

# Geography Trivia — Answer Key

## 1. C Asia

Asia is the largest continent, covering about 44.6 million square kilometers. It is also the most populous, home to over 4.5 billion people.

## 2. B Nile

The Nile flows approximately 6,650 kilometers through northeastern Africa. The Amazon is the largest river by volume, but the Nile is longer.

## 3. C Seven

The seven continents are Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia (Oceania), Europe, North America, and South America.

## 4. C Vatican City

Vatican City covers only 0.44 square kilometers (110 acres) within the city of Rome. It is both the smallest country and the least populous sovereign state.

## 5. C Pacific

The Pacific Ocean covers about 165.25 million square kilometers, more than all the land on Earth combined. It stretches from Asia to the Americas.

## 6. C Canberra

Canberra is the capital of Australia, not Sydney or Melbourne. It was built as a planned city in the early 1900s to resolve a rivalry between Sydney and Melbourne.

## 7. C Mount Everest

Mount Everest stands at 8,849 meters (29,032 feet) above sea level, on the border of Nepal and Tibet. K2, the second tallest, is widely considered the more difficult climb.

## 8. C Sahara

The Sahara Desert covers about 9.2 million square kilometers across northern Africa. Antarctica is technically a larger desert by definition, but the Sahara is the largest hot desert.

## 9. B India

India surpassed China as the world's most populous country in 2023, with over 1.4 billion people.

## 10. C Italy

Italy's distinctive boot shape makes it one of the most recognizable countries on a map. The island of Sicily sits near the 'toe' of the boot.

## 11. C South America

The Amazon flows through South America, primarily through Brazil. Its basin contains the largest tropical rainforest on Earth.

## 12. B Antarctica

Antarctica has no permanent population and no countries. Multiple nations have territorial claims, but the Antarctic Treaty System governs the continent for peaceful purposes.

## 13. C Brasilia

Brasilia became Brazil's capital in 1960, replacing Rio de Janeiro. It was a planned city designed by architect Oscar Niemeyer and urban planner Lucio Costa.

## 14. C Strait of Gibraltar

The Strait of Gibraltar connects the Atlantic Ocean to the Mediterranean Sea and separates Spain (Europe) from Morocco (Africa). At its narrowest, it is only 14 kilometers wide.

## 15. C Russia

Russia covers about 17.1 million square kilometers, spanning eleven time zones across Europe and Asia. Canada is the second largest country.

## 16. C Nigeria

Nigeria has over 220 million people, making it the most populous country in Africa and the sixth most populous in the world.

## 17. B Red Sea

The Red Sea lies between the Arabian Peninsula and northeastern Africa. The Suez Canal at its northern end connects it to the Mediterranean Sea.

## 18. C The Ural Mountains

The Ural Mountains run roughly north to south through Russia and are traditionally considered the boundary between Europe and Asia.

## 19. B Madagascar

Madagascar is the fourth largest island in the world (after Greenland, New Guinea, and Borneo). It is home to thousands of species found nowhere else on Earth.

## 20. C The Mariana Trench

The Challenger Deep in the Mariana Trench, located in the western Pacific, reaches about 10,935 meters (35,876 feet) below sea level.