

World Geography 8

Semester 2 Final Exam 2018-2019 Study Guide:

England:

1. Which countries make up Great Britain?
2. What are all of countries make up the United Kingdom (U.K.)?
3. What are the results of the Industrial Revolution in England?
4. When Britain gave up its colonies after WW2, what did it loose?
5. Where did many former British colonists do after independence?
6. What was Britain's early economy hurt by?
7. When did the end of the British Empire come?
8. Who were the ancestors of most Irish people today?
9. What did the IRA want Northern Ireland to be?
10. What did the Protestants in Northern Ireland want their country to be?

Germany:

11. During the Cold War, how was Germany divided?
12. After reunification, what weakened Germany's economy?
13. What was the purpose behind the creation of the European Union?
14. Why was the common currency known as the Euro created?
15. Know how to convert money from one currency to another.
16. Who built the Berlin Wall and why?
17. What normally happened to those who tried to escape over the Berlin Wall?
18. What did the Berlin Wall mean for those who wished to cross it?
19. The Berlin Wall became a symbol of which world-wide conflict?

Scandinavia:

20. Identify the geography of Scandinavia?
21. What occupations (jobs) in Scandinavia that are related to the sea?
22. What is the literacy rate of Scandinavia?

23. Which types of social services are available for Scandinavian citizens?
24. How do Scandinavian governments pay for the social services they provide?
25. The type of climate may be found in all countries of Southern Europe?
26. Identify the major contributions of **ancient Greece** to modern Western culture.
27. Identify major contributions of **ancient Rome** to modern Western culture?
28. What are some unique attributes of Vatican City?
29. The Renaissance or the Enlightenment gave way to many artists, scientists, and philosophers. Identify two of each.

Africa:

30. Identify the nations that are found in the Horn of Africa.
31. Physical features that are found in the Horn of Africa.
32. What are the causes of famine in northeastern Africa?
33. Who are the Masai people of Kenya?
34. Identify the kinds of animals that are likely to live in a tropical rainforest in Africa.
35. Identify the kinds of animals that are likely to live in the savanna of Africa.
36. What human-environment interactions would most likely harm rain forest habitats?
37. Which of the causes of desertification that cannot be controlled?
38. How could the people of the Sahel stop soil erosion?
39. How could the people of the Sahel improve the soil for farming?
40. What effect does improved well (drinking water) technology have on populations in Africa?
41. What are the causes of famine in Africa?
42. Where can the Great Rift Valley be found, how was it formed and what is its significance?

43. What countries can be found in southern Africa?
44. What natural resources have been found in southern Africa?
45. What was Apartheid, where was it the national law, and who did it benefit?
46. What language is spoken in South Africa? What language does it closely resemble?
47. What is the largest geographic feature of North Africa?
48. Today, as in ancient times, the Nile River is an important source of what natural resource?
49. Why is the Suez Canal important to world trade?

Middle East (Southwest Asia):

50. What major religions began in the Middle East?
51. What is the location of the “Cradle of Civilization”? Who lived there?
52. Where did the Sumerians build their cities?
53. Why is the Middle East so important to the rest of the world?
54. What is the most conflicted land in the Middle East? Who is currently fighting for its control?

India and Southern Asia:

55. Identify and describe the dominant religion that most Indians practice.
Most Indians practice Hinduism
56. Which language is most widely used in India?
57. The Ganges River begins in the Himalaya and flows through the Ganges Plain to which body of water?
58. Which two physical features most influence India’s climate?
59. India’s current population is?
World-wide ranking
60. What are Sri Lanka’s major exports?
61. The Maldives was a colony of which European country?
62. Most people in Pakistan and Bangladesh practice what religion?
63. Where do most of the people in Bangladesh live?
64. Starting in 1947, Bangladesh was part of what nation located far to the west?
65. Which major body of water separates the island nations of Madagascar and Sri Lanka?

China:

66. What is China’s world rank for land size?
Population?
67. What do China’s three major rivers serve or do for their country?

68. Which river is called “China’s Sorrows”?
Why was it given that name?
69. Many companies in China are now jointly owned by Chinese and who?
70. Since 1949, China has had which type of government?
71. Which economic region in China has fertile soil, a humid climate, and a long growing season?
72. What is China’s capital city and major industrial city?
73. Name the many inventions of China?
74. What are known as the Oracle Bones of Ancient China?
75. Which country is known as the 23 province of China?

Japan:

76. Why did Japan build a colonial empire in the early 1900’s?
77. What type of government did Japan set up after it was defeated in World War II?
78. What natural processes can occur because of Plate Tectonics?

The Koreas:

79. In 1948, Korea split into two countries to create which two types of governments?
80. Who now leads the country of North Korea?
81. What threat does the country of North Korea pose to the world?
82. Identify the current Communist countries in the world.
83. What is also known as the 38th parallel?
84. Which country controlled the Philippines for more than 300 years?

Southeast Asia:

85. Which country’s name means “Land of Free” and is the only Southeast Asian country that has never been a European colony?
86. Which natural resources have made the nation of Brunei a wealthy nation?

Philippines:

87. What is the dominant religion of the Philippines?
88. Which nation’s has a cultural impact upon the Philippines?

Australia and New Zealand:

89. Who are the aboriginal people who first settled New Zealand?
90. Name the physical feature that separates the north and south islands of New Zealand.
91. The aborigines of Australia came from where?
92. Name the 3 regions of Oceania?
Micronesia:
Melanesia:
Polynesia:
93. Identify the types of physical features that are found in Oceania?
94. How many permanent residents live in Antarctica?