Oceans and Continents

Standard difficulty · 20 questions · 40 marks · Time: 36 minutes

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Write full answers in Sections B and C. Answers are on the last page — try every question first!

Section A — Choose the correct answer — 8 × 1 = 8 marks

1. About how much of the Earth's surface is covered by water?
   (a) about 50 per cent **(b)** about 90 per cent
   (c) about 29 per cent **(d)** about 71 per cent

2. Which is the continent with the Sahara Desert?
   (a) Africa **(b)** North America **(c)** South America **(d)** Europe

3. Which is the ocean with the Mariana Trench?
   (a) Arctic Ocean **(b)** Southern Ocean **(c)** Atlantic Ocean **(d)** Pacific Ocean

4. On which continent is the Amazon?
   (a) North America **(b)** Asia **(c)** South America **(d)** Africa

5. Which of these continents is the largest?
   (a) South America **(b)** Australia **(c)** Europe **(d)** North America

6. Which of these continents is the smallest?
   (a) North America **(b)** Europe **(c)** Asia **(d)** Antarctica

7. Which of these is in Africa?
   (a) the Mississippi **(b)** the Nile
   (c) the Himalayas **(d)** the Alps

8. Suppose the Earth's surface were divided into 1,400 equal squares. About 71 out of every 100 squares are water. About how many squares are water?
   (a) 1,065 squares **(b)** 406 squares **(c)** 994 squares **(d)** 700 squares

Section B — Short answer — 8 × 2 = 16 marks

9. Name the seven continents.

10. Name the continent: (a) the continent with the Andes Mountains (b) the continent with the Rocky Mountains

11. Name the ocean: (a) the only ocean named after a country (b) the S-shaped ocean between the Americas and Europe and Africa

12. On which continent is each? (a) the Andes (b) the Nile

13. Arrange these continents in order of size, largest first: South America, Antarctica, Europe.

14. Arrange these oceans in order of size, largest first: Pacific Ocean, Atlantic Ocean, Arctic Ocean.

15. A globe's surface is divided into 2,800 equal squares. About 29 out of every 100 are land. About how many squares are land, and how many are water?

16. A research ship sails 200 km each day on its way to Antarctica. The journey is 3,000 km. How many days will it take?

Section C — Longer answers — 4 × 4 = 16 marks

17. Describe Asia: its size, people and one feature.

18. (a) Arrange these continents from largest to smallest: Antarctica, Europe, Asia, South America. (b) On which of them is the Danube?

19. Name the ocean and write one more fact about it: (a) the ocean with the Mariana Trench (b) the only ocean named after a country

20. Suppose the Earth's surface were 1,800 equal squares. (a) About 71 out of every 100 are water. How many squares are water? (b) About 2 out of every 100 water squares are fresh water. How many squares of fresh water is that, to the nearest whole number?

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Answer key

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Q	Answer	Working
1	**(d) about 71 per cent**	—
2	**(a) Africa**	—
3	**(d) Pacific Ocean**	—
4	**(c) South America**	—
5	**(d) North America**	largest first: Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Europe, Australia
6	**(b) Europe**	largest first: Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Europe, Australia
7	**(b) the Nile**	—
8	**(c) 994 squares**	1,400 ÷ 100 × 71 = 994
9	**Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Europe and Australia.**	—
10	**(a) South America (b) North America**	—
11	**(a) Indian Ocean (b) Atlantic Ocean**	—
12	**(a) South America (b) Africa**	—
13	**South America, Antarctica, Europe**	—
14	**Pacific Ocean, Atlantic Ocean, Arctic Ocean**	—
15	**land: 812; water: 1,988**	2,800 ÷ 100 × 29; the rest are water
16	**15 days**	3,000 ÷ 200 = 15
17	**Asia is the largest continent and has the most people. India is part of it, and it has the Himalayas, which include Mount Everest, the highest peak on the Earth.**	—
18	**(a) Asia, South America, Antarctica, Europe (b) Europe**	—
19	**(a) Pacific Ocean (b) Indian Ocean**	—
20	**(a) 1,278 (b) about 26**	1,800 × 71 ÷ 100; then × 2 ÷ 100

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