# World Geography: Some Glimpses

Standard difficulty · 20 questions · 40 marks · Time: 37 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. The largest and deepest ocean is the:
   **(a)** Indian Ocean **(b)** Arctic Ocean **(c)** Atlantic Ocean **(d)** Pacific Ocean

2. Which describes the Arctic?
   **(a)** one of the busiest trade waterways
   **(b)** warm waters and old trade routes
   **(c)** the smallest and shallowest ocean, with sea ice
   **(d)** the ocean that encircles Antarctica

3. On which continent is the Atacama Desert?
   **(a)** Antarctica **(b)** Europe **(c)** Asia **(d)** South America

4. What kind of water body is the Strait of Malacca?
   **(a)** strait **(b)** bay **(c)** ocean **(d)** gulf

5. What is a tundra?
   **(a)** a way of showing the curved Earth on a flat surface
   **(b)** a place with water and plants in a desert
   **(c)** a treeless cold plain with frozen soil
   **(d)** tiny organisms that make food from sunlight

6. The Alps stretch about 1,200 km and the Rocky Mountains about 4,800 km. About how much longer is the longer one?
   **(a)** 3,600 km **(b)** 4,600 km **(c)** 3,700 km **(d)** 6,000 km

7. The ocean covers about 71% of the Earth's surface. In a map square showing 1,300 square km of the Earth, how much would be ocean if it matched that share?
   **(a)** 923 square km **(b)** 9,230 square km
   **(c)** 377 square km **(d)** 1,229 square km

8. Two steppe tortoises flew around the Moon in 1968. How many years before 2030 was that?
   **(a)** 62 years **(b)** 63 years **(c)** 72 years **(d)** 61 years

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

9. Why is the Earth called the "blue planet"?

**10.** Give one feature of each ocean: (a) the Pacific (b) the Indian Ocean

**11.** Sea, gulf, bay, strait or canal? (a) the Suez Canal (b) the Strait of Malacca

**12.** Name the continent of (a) the Nile (b) the Amazon

**13.** Explain each term: (a) steppe (b) savannah

**14.** In a desert, it is 48 °C by day and 9 °C at night. What is the difference? Why do deserts cool so much at night?

**15.** Put these in order from longest to shortest: the Nile (about 6,650 km); the Atacama Desert (about 1,000 km); the Eurasian Steppes (about 8,000 km).

**16.** Suppose a ship's route from India to Europe round Africa is 11,400 km, and the route through the Suez Canal is 8,000 km. How much shorter is the canal route, and which two seas does the canal join?

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

**17.** Describe the five oceans and one feature of each.

**18.** Match each with its continent: (a) the Great Lakes (b) the Ural Mountains (c) the Tibetan Plateau. Choose from: North America; Asia and Europe (the boundary); Asia.

**19.** A region of 71,000 square km is drawn on a map. (a) If it matched the Earth's 71% ocean share, how much would be ocean? (b) How much land? (c) Give two ways oceans help life on Earth.

**20.** Describe the Grand Canyon (North America) and the Great European Plain (Europe): what kind of feature is each, and how does it affect people or nature?

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# Answer key

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| Q | Answer | Working |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | (d) Pacific Ocean | — |
| 2 | (c) the smallest and shallowest ocean, with sea ice | — |
| 3 | (d) South America | — |
| 4 | (a) strait | — |
| 5 | (c) a treeless cold plain with frozen soil | — |
| 6 | (a) 3,600 km | 4,800 − 1,200 |
| 7 | (a) 923 square km | 71% of 1,300 |
| 8 | (a) 62 years | 2030 − 1968 |
| 9 | The ocean covers about 71% of its surface and holds about 97% of its water. | — |
| 10 | (a) the largest and deepest ocean (b) warm waters and old trade routes | — |
| 11 | (a) canal (b) strait | — |
| 12 | (a) Africa (b) South America | — |
| 13 | (a) a flat, treeless temperate grassland (b) a tropical grassland with scattered trees | — |
| 14 | 39 °C; dry air and clear skies let heat escape quickly. | 48 − 9 |
| 15 | the Eurasian Steppes; the Nile; the Atacama Desert | — |
| 16 | 3,400 km shorter; the Red Sea and the Mediterranean Sea | 11,400 − 8,000 |
| 17 | Pacific: largest and deepest; Atlantic: a busy trade route and rich fishing ground; Indian: warm, with rich life and old trade routes; Arctic: smallest, with sea ice; Southern: surrounds Antarctica. | — |
| 18 | (a) North America (b) Asia and Europe (the boundary) (c) Asia | — |

| Q | Answer | Working |
|---|---|---|
| 19 | **(a) 50,410 square km (b) 20,590 square km (c) They give much of our oxygen through plankton and control climate by storing heat and bringing rain.** | 71% and 29% of 71,000 |
| 20 | **The Grand Canyon: a deep canyon on the Colorado Plateau. The Great European Plain: a vast flat farming plain with big cities. Plus one effect of each on people or nature, from the chapter.** | — |



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