

Australia and Oceania in International Relations: Geographical and World Knowledge

International Relations · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. Which of the following island nations in Oceania is geographically the largest by land area?

- A) Fiji
- B) Papua New Guinea**
- C) New Zealand
- D) Solomon Islands

2. Australia's closest continental neighbour to the north is:

- A) Indonesia**
- B) Papua New Guinea
- C) Timor-Leste
- D) Philippines

3. The Mariana Trench, the deepest known point in the Earth's oceans, is located in which ocean basin relevant to Oceania?

- A) Indian Ocean
- B) Pacific Ocean**
- C) Southern Ocean
- D) Atlantic Ocean

4. Which of the following is a sovereign island nation located in Melanesia, east of Australia?

- A) Samoa
- B) Vanuatu**
- C) Kiribati
- D) Palau

5. The island of New Guinea is divided between two sovereign states. Which one is part of Oceania and not Southeast Asia?

- A) Indonesia
- B) Papua New Guinea**
- C) East Timor
- D) Malaysia

6. Australia is situated on its own continental landmass. What is the name of this continent?

- A) Sahul**
- B) Australasia
- C) Oceania
- D) New Holland

7. Which of these Pacific island nations is an archipelago located in the Micronesia subregion?

- A) Tonga
- B) Marshall Islands**
- C) Tuvalu
- D) Nauru

8. The Great Barrier Reef, the world's largest coral reef system, is located off the coast of which Australian state?

- A) Western Australia
- B) South Australia
- C) Queensland**
- D) New South Wales

9. Which of the following island groups in Oceania is part of the Polynesian Triangle?

- A) Solomon Islands
- B) Vanuatu
- C) Cook Islands**
- D) Palau

10. The international date line generally follows the meridian of:

- A) 0° longitude (Prime Meridian)
- B) 180° longitude**
- C) 90° East longitude
- D) 90° West longitude

11. Which of these island nations is known for its reliance on phosphate mining, historically a significant economic activity?

- A) Fiji
- B) Nauru**
- C) Kiribati
- D) Samoa

12. Australia's capital city is Canberra. It is located in which territory?

- A) New South Wales
- B) Victoria

C) Australian Capital Territory

- D) Queensland

13. Which of the following island nations is the most populous in Oceania, excluding Australia and New Zealand?

- A) Fiji

B) Papua New Guinea

- C) Solomon Islands
- D) Samoa

14. The 'Ring of Fire', a major area in the basin of the Pacific Ocean where a large number of earthquakes and volcanic eruptions occur, significantly impacts which island nations in Oceania?

- A) Tuvalu and Kiribati

B) New Zealand and Papua New Guinea

- C) Nauru and Palau
- D) Samoa and Tonga

15. Which of these island countries is the smallest in land area in Oceania?

- A) Tuvalu

B) Nauru

- C) Marshall Islands
- D) Palau

16. The Cocos (Keeling) Islands, an Australian external territory, are located in which ocean?

- A) Pacific Ocean

B) Indian Ocean

- C) Southern Ocean
- D) Timor Sea

17. Which of the following island nations is a self-governing parliamentary democracy in free association with New Zealand?

- A) Fiji
- B) Vanuatu

C) Cook Islands

- D) Kiribati

18. The Torres Strait, a strait between Australia and the island of New Guinea, connects which two bodies of water?

A) Pacific Ocean and Indian Ocean

B) Coral Sea and Arafura Sea

C) Great Australian Bight and Tasman Sea

D) Southern Ocean and Pacific Ocean

19. Which island nation in Oceania is comprised of three main islands: Upolu, Savai'i, and Manono?

A) Tonga

B) Samoa

C) Fiji

D) Vanuatu

20. The Australian state of Tasmania is located on an island south of the Australian mainland, separated by which strait?

A) Torres Strait

B) Cook Strait

C) Bass Strait

D) Foveaux Strait