

Foundational Geopolitics Quiz

Geopolitics · Answer Key · 25 Questions

1. What is a primary concern of geopolitics?

- A) The study of individual personality traits
- B) The influence of geography on politics and international relations**
- C) The analysis of popular music trends
- D) The development of fictional characters

2. Which continent is known for having the most landlocked countries?

- A) Europe
- B) North America
- C) Africa**
- D) Asia

3. The Suez Canal is a vital waterway connecting which two major bodies of water?

- A) Atlantic Ocean and Pacific Ocean
- B) Mediterranean Sea and Red Sea**
- C) Indian Ocean and Arctic Ocean
- D) Black Sea and Caspian Sea

4. Which country is geographically located on two continents?

- A) Brazil
- B) Japan
- C) Turkey**
- D) Canada

5. What is the largest country in the world by land area?

- A) Canada
- B) China
- C) Russia**
- D) United States

6. The Strait of Malacca is a strategically important shipping lane located between which two landmasses?

- A) North America and South America
- B) Europe and Africa
- C) Asia and Australia**
- D) Africa and Asia

7. Which of these countries is a well-known island nation?

- A) Germany
- B) Australia**
- C) India
- D) Nigeria

8. What geographical feature often serves as a natural border between countries?

- A) Large shopping malls
- B) Highways
- C) Mountain ranges**
- D) Skyscrapers

9. The Amazon River flows primarily through which continent?

- A) Africa
- B) Asia
- C) South America**
- D) Europe

10. A strategic location that controls access to or from a larger region is called a:

- A) Marketplace
- B) Choke point**
- C) Factory
- D) Laboratory

11. Which ocean is the largest by area?

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

12. The Himalayas are a major mountain range located primarily in which continent?

- A) Africa
- B) Europe
- C) Asia**
- D) North America

13. What term describes a country that has no access to the sea?

- A) Archipelago
- B) Landlocked**
- C) Peninsula
- D) Isthmus

14. Which desert is the largest hot desert in the world?

- A) Gobi Desert
- B) Antarctic Desert
- C) Sahara Desert**
- D) Arabian Desert

15. The Panama Canal is a man-made waterway that connects the Atlantic Ocean to which other ocean?

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

16. Which of these is a major river that flows through Europe?

- A) Nile River
- B) Yangtze River
- C) Danube River**
- D) Mississippi River

17. What term refers to the study of the relationship between geography and political power?

- A) Sociology
- B) Psychology
- C) Geopolitics**
- D) Economics

18. Which country is known for its unique shape, often described as a boot?

- A) Greece
- B) Italy**
- C) Spain
- D) Portugal

19. The Great Barrier Reef is located off the coast of which country?

- A) New Zealand
- B) Indonesia
- C) Australia**
- D) Philippines

20. A strait is a narrow passage of water connecting two larger bodies of water. Which strait separates Europe and Africa at their closest point?

- A) Strait of Hormuz
- B) Strait of Gibraltar**
- C) Bering Strait
- D) Strait of Malacca

21. What is the most populous country in the world?

- A) United States
- B) India**
- C) Indonesia
- D) China

22. The Andes Mountains run along the western edge of which continent?

- A) North America
- B) Africa
- C) Asia
- D) South America**

23. A strategically important location that controls trade routes or military movements is often referred to as a:

- A) Hinterland
- B) Periphery
- C) Nexus**
- D) Gateway

24. Which of these is NOT a continent?

- A) Europe
- B) Asia
- C) Brazil**
- D) Australia

25. The Dead Sea is a salt lake bordered by which two countries?

- A) Egypt and Saudi Arabia
- B) Jordan and Israel**
- C) Syria and Lebanon
- D) Turkey and Iran