

Settlements and Population in Bulgaria

Geography · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. Which historical periods saw the formation of Bulgarian cities as centers of power and administration?

- A) During the Ottoman rule
- B) During the period of Slavdom and the creation of the Bulgarian state**
- C) During the socialist era
- D) After the liberation from Ottoman rule

2. What type of settlements are most numerous in the mountainous regions of Bulgaria?

- A) Large cities
- B) Medium-sized towns
- C) Villages**
- D) Resorts

3. What is a primary reason for the decrease in the rural population in Bulgaria?

- A) Increased industrialization in villages
- B) Urbanization and migration to cities**
- C) Natural disasters
- D) Decreased birth rates in rural areas

4. Which of the following is NOT mentioned as a major city in Bulgaria in the text?

- A) Plovdiv
- B) Varna
- C) Sofia
- D) Istanbul**

5. What are the two main categories of settlements in Bulgaria?

- A) Coastal and inland
- B) Urban and rural**
- C) Old and new
- D) Industrial and agricultural

6. When did the process of reducing the number of villages begin in Bulgaria?

- A) In the beginning of the 20th century
- B) In the beginning of the 1950s**
- C) During the Ottoman era
- D) During the First Bulgarian Empire

7. What led to the formation of new settlements like Dimitrovgrad and Pernik?

- A) The development of tourism
- B) The development of industry**
- C) The construction of new roads
- D) Increased agricultural production

8. Which major geographical areas in Bulgaria are mentioned as having the largest rural populations?

- A) Mountainous regions
- B) Coastal plains
- C) Danube Plain and Upper Thracian Plain**
- D) The Rhodope Mountains

9. What significant event occurred in 1881 regarding Bulgarian cities?

- A) The establishment of the first university
- B) The number of cities on the territory of present-day Bulgaria was 86**
- C) The capital was moved to Sofia
- D) The first railway line was built

10. What types of problems can arise from the growth of urban populations?

- A) Environmental and economic problems**
- B) Decreased birth rates
- C) Lack of industrial development
- D) Rural depopulation

11. How are cities in Bulgaria classified according to their population size?

- A) By historical significance
- B) By economic activity
- C) By population size (largest, large, medium, small, very small)**
- D) By geographical location

12. Which of the following is a characteristic of ancient Bulgarian cities that has left a mark on their appearance?

- A) Modern architecture
- B) Fortifications and fortresses**
- C) Large parks
- D) Highways

13. What is a common characteristic of villages in Bulgaria in relation to rivers?

- A) They are usually located far from rivers
- B) They are often formed near rivers**
- C) They are built on the riverbeds
- D) They have no relation to rivers

14. What was the main role of cities like Plovdiv, Varna, and Sofia during the Ottoman era?

- A) Cultural centers
- B) Administrative and economic centers**
- C) Military strongholds
- D) Agricultural hubs

15. What trend in village population has been observed over the last 60 years?

- A) A significant increase
- B) The population has remained stable
- C) A decrease, with half the population now living in villages**
- D) A gradual increase

16. What type of settlements are specifically mentioned as attracting attention due to their ancient origins on the Black Sea coast?

- A) Modern resorts
- B) Industrial towns
- C) Cities like Nesebar, Sozopol, and Varna**
- D) New urban areas

17. What economic development in the 1950s led to the formation of new settlements?

- A) The growth of tourism
- B) The development of industry**
- C) The expansion of agriculture
- D) The construction of dams

18. Which of the following is considered a 'very small' town based on the population categories provided?

- A) Sofia
- B) Plovdiv
- C) Mizhya**
- D) Varna

19. What is a consequence of the uneven distribution of the population in Bulgaria?

- A) Uniform economic development
- B) Environmental balance

C) Transport and economic problems

- D) Increased agricultural output

20. What types of settlements are mentioned as being formed in mountainous regions after liberation?

- A) Large industrial centers

B) Mining towns and mountain resorts

- C) Coastal cities
- D) Agricultural villages