

Modern History Geographical Focus

Modern History · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. Which country moved its capital city from Rio de Janeiro to a newly planned city in the interior in 1960?

- A) Argentina
- B) Brazil**
- C) Colombia
- D) Chile

2. In 1947, the Radcliffe Line was established to determine the border between which two newly independent nations?

- A) India and Pakistan**
- B) Vietnam and Laos
- C) Indonesia and Malaysia
- D) Sudan and Egypt

3. The 1961 construction of the Berlin Wall physically divided which German city?

- A) Munich
- B) Hamburg
- C) Berlin**
- D) Frankfurt

4. Which canal, nationalized by Gamal Abdel Nasser in 1956, became the focal point of a major international crisis?

- A) Panama Canal
- B) Suez Canal**
- C) Kiel Canal
- D) Corinth Canal

5. Which island nation was the site of a major Cold War missile crisis in 1962?

- A) Jamaica
- B) Dominican Republic
- C) Cuba**
- D) Haiti

6. What is the name of the peninsula that was divided at the 38th parallel following a conflict that began in 1950?

- A) Indochinese Peninsula
- B) Korean Peninsula**
- C) Malay Peninsula
- D) Balkan Peninsula

7. In 1990, the two territories of North and South Yemen were unified to form the Republic of Yemen, located on which peninsula?

- A) Sinai Peninsula
- B) Arabian Peninsula**
- C) Iberian Peninsula
- D) Appennine Peninsula

8. The Treaty of Trianon, which significantly altered the borders of Hungary after WWI, was signed in which city?

- A) Paris**
- B) Vienna
- C) Budapest
- D) Prague

9. Which city served as the capital of the Republic of South Vietnam before it was renamed Ho Chi Minh City in 1976?

- A) Hanoi
- B) Da Nang
- C) Saigon**
- D) Hue

10. Which African nation was formerly known as Northern Rhodesia before gaining independence in 1964?

- A) Zimbabwe
- B) Zambia**
- C) Malawi
- D) Botswana

11. The 1975 independence of East Timor ended centuries of colonial rule by which European nation?

- A) Spain
- B) Netherlands
- C) Portugal**
- D) United Kingdom

12. Which body of water was the primary theater for the 1982 conflict between the United Kingdom and Argentina?

- A) South Atlantic Ocean**
- B) Mediterranean Sea
- C) Indian Ocean
- D) Caribbean Sea

13. Which capital city was relocated from Almaty to a city in the northern steppe in 1997?

- A) Uzbekistan
- B) Kazakhstan**
- C) Kyrgyzstan
- D) Turkmenistan

14. The 1993 dissolution of Czechoslovakia resulted in the creation of the Czech Republic and which other independent nation?

- A) Slovakia**
- B) Slovenia
- C) Serbia
- D) Croatia

15. Which country became the first to grant women the right to vote in national elections in 1893?

- A) Norway
- B) New Zealand**
- C) Canada
- D) Finland

16. Which European city was the site of the 1945 conference where the post-WWII division of Germany was planned?

- A) Yalta
- B) Potsdam**
- C) Moscow
- D) London

17. Which archipelago in the South Pacific became an independent nation in 1970 after being a British protectorate?

- A) Fiji**
- B) Vanuatu
- C) Tonga
- D) Solomon Islands

18. The 1994 genocide took place in which landlocked Central African country?

- A) Uganda
- B) Burundi
- C) Rwanda**
- D) Tanzania

19. Which territory was returned to Chinese sovereignty by the United Kingdom in 1997?

- A) Macau
- B) Taiwan

C) Hong Kong

- D) Hainan

20. Which country's 1979 revolution replaced a monarchy with an Islamic republic?

- A) Iraq

B) Iran

- C) Syria
- D) Turkey