

Geographic Dimensions of World Religions

Religious Geography · Practice Test · 25 Questions

1. The Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple, widely considered the wealthiest place of worship in the world, is located in which Indian city?

- A) Thiruvananthapuram
- B) Varanasi
- C) Amritsar
- D) Madurai

2. Which modern-day nation-state contains the city of Ani, known as the 'City of 1,001 Churches' and a medieval center of the Armenian Apostolic Church?

- A) Armenia
- B) Georgia
- C) Turkey
- D) Azerbaijan

3. The ancient Buddhist pilgrimage site of Taxila, a major center of learning in the Gandhara kingdom, is located in which contemporary country?

- A) India
- B) Pakistan
- C) Afghanistan
- D) Nepal

4. The majority of the world's Zoroastrian population resides in which specific Indian state?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Punjab
- D) West Bengal

5. Which island nation serves as the site of the Borobudur, the world's largest Buddhist temple?

- A) Thailand
- B) Cambodia
- C) Indonesia
- D) Sri Lanka

6. In which African country is the town of Lalibela located, famous for its 12th-century monolithic rock-cut churches?

- A) Sudan
- B) Ethiopia
- C) Eritrea
- D) Kenya

7. The Shrine of the Báb, a major site for the Bahá'í Faith, is located on which geographical landmark?

- A) Mount Carmel
- B) Mount Sinai
- C) Mount Ararat
- D) Mount Zion

8. Which city served as the administrative capital of the Umayyad Caliphate from 661 to 750 CE?

- A) Baghdad
- B) Damascus
- C) Cordoba
- D) Cairo

9. The Golden Temple (Harmandir Sahib) is located in which city within the Indian state of Punjab?

- A) Chandigarh
- B) Jalandhar
- C) Amritsar
- D) Ludhiana

10. Which East Asian country is home to the Koya-san monastery, the headquarters of the Shingon school of Buddhism?

- A) China
- B) Japan
- C) South Korea
- D) Vietnam

11. The Cathedral of St. George, the primary seat of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church, is located in which city?

- A) Axum
- B) Gondar
- C) Addis Ababa
- D) Lalibela

12. The ancient city of Ur, traditionally identified as the birthplace of the patriarch Abraham, is located in the modern-day territory of which nation?

- A) Syria
- B) Iraq
- C) Jordan
- D) Israel

13. Which European city is home to the 'Great Mosque of Cordoba', a UNESCO World Heritage site reflecting the history of Al-Andalus?

- A) Seville
- B) Granada
- C) Cordoba
- D) Toledo

14. The holy city of Qom, a center of Shia scholarship and home to the Fatima Masumeh Shrine, is located in which country?

- A) Iran
- B) Iraq
- C) Pakistan
- D) Afghanistan

15. Mount Athos, an autonomous polity and center of Eastern Orthodox monasticism, is located on a peninsula within which country?

- A) Bulgaria
- B) Greece
- C) Romania
- D) Serbia

16. The Church of the Nativity is situated in which city in the West Bank?

- A) Jerusalem
- B) Bethlehem
- C) Nazareth
- D) Hebron

17. The majority of the population in the Republic of Kalmykia, the only Buddhist-majority region in Europe, belongs to which ethnic group?

- A) Chechen
- B) Kalmyk
- C) Tatar
- D) Bashkir

18. The Great Mosque of Kairouan, one of the oldest in the Maghreb, is located in which country?

- A) Morocco
- B) Algeria
- C) Tunisia
- D) Libya

19. The Potala Palace, the traditional winter residence of the Dalai Lamas, is located in which city?

- A) Kathmandu
- B) Lhasa
- C) Thimphu
- D) Gangtok

20. Which modern-day nation contains the ruins of the Great Zimbabwe, associated with historical religious and political power in Southern Africa?

- A) South Africa
- B) Zimbabwe
- C) Botswana
- D) Mozambique

21. The ancient city of Anuradhapura, a major center of Theravada Buddhism, is located in which country?

- A) Sri Lanka
- B) Myanmar
- C) Thailand
- D) Laos

22. The Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, the culmination of the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage, is located in which country?

- A) Portugal
- B) France
- C) Spain
- D) Italy

23. The Jokhang Temple, considered the most sacred temple in Tibetan Buddhism, is located in which city?

- A) Xining
- B) Lhasa
- C) Chengdu
- D) Shigatse

24. The Bahá'í House of Worship known as the 'Lotus Temple' is located in which Indian city?

- A) Mumbai
- B) New Delhi
- C) Kolkata
- D) Chennai

25. The city of Karbala, a site of profound significance in Shia Islam due to the Battle of Karbala, is located in which country?

- A) Iran
- B) Iraq
- C) Syria
- D) Jordan