Basics of Map Making

Cartography · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. What is the study or practice of making maps called?

A) Biology
B) Cartography
C) Geology
D) History

2. What is the name of the tool on a map that shows directions like North, South, East, and West?

A) Compass rose
B) Legend
C) Index
D) Scale

3. Which part of a map explains what the symbols, lines, and colors represent?

A) Title
B) Scale
C) Legend
D) Grid

4. What imaginary line divides the Earth into the Northern and Southern Hemispheres?

A) Prime Meridian
B) Tropic of Capricorn
C) Equator
D) Arctic Circle

5. On a standard map, which direction is usually at the top?

A) South
B) East
C) West
D) North

6. What does the scale of a map represent?

A) The height of the mountains
B) The distance on the map compared to real life
C) The date the map was created
D) The number of people in a city

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7. What is a person who creates maps professionally called?

A) Cartographer
B) Architect
C) Astronomer
D) Navigator

8. Which feature on a map helps you find specific locations using a letter and number system?

A) Compass
B) Index grid
C) Latitude
D) Altitude

9. What is the name for a map that specifically shows the borders of countries and states?

A) Physical map
B) Political map
C) Topographic map
D) Climate map

10. What imaginary lines run horizontally around the Earth to measure how far north or south a place is?

A) Longitude
B) Equator lines
C) Latitude
D) Prime Meridian

11. What do blue areas on a standard map usually represent?

A) Deserts
B) Forests
C) Mountains
D) Water

12. What is a flat representation of the curved surface of the Earth called?

A) Globe
B) Map projection
C) Sphere
D) Atlas

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13. Which map tool helps you determine the actual distance between two towns?

A) Legend
B) Scale bar
C) Title
D) Grid reference

14. What is a book or collection of maps called?

A) Dictionary
B) Encyclopedia
C) Atlas
D) Glossary

15. Which of these is used to show elevation or the height of land on a map?

A) Contour lines
B) Street names
C) Country borders
D) Railway lines

16. What does a 'Physical Map' primarily display?

A) Capital cities
B) Natural features like rivers and mountains
C) Population density
D) Railroad lines

17. What is the purpose of the 'Title' on a map?

A) To list all the cities
B) To show the date
C) To describe what the map is showing
D) To explain the symbols

18. What imaginary vertical line runs through Greenwich, England, and divides the Earth into Eastern and Western Hemispheres?

A) Equator
B) Prime Meridian
C) Tropic of Cancer
D) International Date Line

19. On a map, what would a tiny airplane icon usually represent?

A) A flight path
B) A bus station
C) An airport
D) A military base

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20. What are the four main directions on a compass called?

A) Cardinal directions

B) Ordinal directions

C) Latitude lines

D) Map coordinates

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