

World Geography Semester 2 Exam 2015-2016

Answer the questions on a separate sheet of paper.

Europe and Russia

1. Why are the rivers of Europe important and how have they affected development? **p. 275**
2. What is the birth place of the world's first democracy? **p. 289**
3. What is the Bubonic Plague? How was it spread? **p. 294-295**
4. What countries are found on the Balkan Peninsula? **p. 310**
5. Why was the European Union formed? **p. 292; 326 - 327**
6. Know the 5 peninsulas of Europe and where they are located? **p. 273**
7. Why were rivers important to the history and development of Europe? **p. 275**
8. What geographic factor contributed to the rise of the Renaissance in Italian city-states? **p. 289**
9. What was the Protestant Reformation? **p. 297**
10. Who was Martin Luther and what did he do? **p. 297**
11. Baltic Republics are defined as what? **p. 361**
12. What is a command economy? **p. 364**
13. The Ural Mountains are defined by some geographers as? **p. 346**
14. What happened at Chernobyl in 1986? **p. 368-369**
15. What type of landform is Italy located on? **p. 274**
16. What is a market economy? **p. 313**
17. What was the feudal system? **p. 297**
18. What was the Holocaust? **p. 298**
19. What was the Renaissance? **p. 291**
20. Why was burning lignite coal a problem in Eastern Europe? **p. 323**

Asia

21. What are the 3 major rivers of South Asia? How have these rivers played a key role in supporting life in South Asia? Give 3 reasons. **p. 552-553**
22. What is the Three Gorges Dam and where was it built? **p. 628**
23. What are the beliefs of Confucianism? **p. 638**
24. What are the beliefs of Buddhism? **p. 638**
25. Agricultural productivity in India and Bangladesh is most affected by what? **p. 557, 575, 598**
26. What did the state of Kashmir do when given the choice to join either India or Pakistan? **P. 600 -601**
27. Why is the Huang He important to China? **p. 621, 623**
28. Why was the Huang He also known as "China's Sorrow"? **p. 621**
29. What geographic feature helped isolate China by creating a giant barrier between it and the Indian subcontinent? **p. 552**
30. What is OPEC and why was it formed? What region has the greatest number of members? **p. 505**
31. What is the "one child" policy in China? Why was it established? **p. 639**
32. How have the sacred rituals of the Hindus and centuries of intense use of the people of India, affected the Ganges River today? **p. 560 – 561**
33. Who is Mohandas Gandhi? **p. 568**
34. What is the difference between the Sunni and Shi'ites? **WH book p. 271**
35. What landform is India and Saudi Arabia located on? **p. 479, 543**
36. What is a caste system? What religion is most associated with the social caste system? **p. 572**
37. Who is Mao Zedong? **p. 636**
38. What is the most fertile farming region of India called? **p. 553**
39. Describe the 2 monsoon seasons. (summer and winter) **p. 597**
40. Name and describe the 5 early Chinese dynasties. **p. 635**
41. What is subsistence farming? **p. 575**

42. What is the Green Revolution? **p. 570**
43. What are the beliefs of Hinduism? **p. 571**
44. What are the beliefs of Islam? **p. 576**
45. What country in Southeast Asia is the largest archipelago? **map on 680**

Oceania/Australia

46. Where did the United States conduct nuclear testing in the 1940's and 1950's? **p. 700**
47. Who are the Maori? **p. 719**
48. Know the difference between the 3 island groups: Micronesia, Melanesia, and Polynesia. **p. 713**
49. Where do most of Australia's population live? **p. 696**

Africa

50. Which river provides more than 95 percent of Egyptians with water? **p. 416**
51. What is the Aswan Dam and why was it built? **p. 426 -427**
52. What does the Nile River Valley, Huang He, and Indus River have in common? **Cradles of civilization**
53. What are the causes of desertification? **p. 424-425**
54. What was the purpose of the Berlin Conference? **p. 432**
55. Why is Nelson Mandela a hero to many South Africans? **454 -455**
56. What is the economic base of most African nations? **p. 418**
57. Desertification is an expansion of moist conditions to dry areas that are next to? **p. 424**
58. Ghana flourished as a trading center because of its access to? **p. 443**
59. The system that banned social contact between blacks and whites & segregated schools and neighborhoods was? **454**
60. Which region is closely associated with conflict in the West Bank, Golan Heights, & the Sinai Peninsula? **SWA/NA**
61. The trans-Saharan trade carried out by West African civilizations was primarily based on an exchange of what? **p. 443**
62. How did Ghana and Mali establish their wealth? **P. 443**

Vocabulary

63. Five Themes of Geography
64. cultural diffusion
65. peninsula
66. archipelago
67. parliamentary
68. federal republic
69. democracy
70. monsoons
71. Crusades

Make a Religion Comparison Chart

Judaism	} Founder, place of origin, beliefs, sacred texts, followers, duties, name of deity
Christianity	
Islam	
Buddhism	
Hinduism	
Confucianism	

Map Locations – Be able to locate on a map

Europe:

Ural Mountains
Iberian Peninsula
Italian Peninsula
Balkan Peninsula
Jutland Peninsula
Scandinavian Peninsula

Asia:

Himalaya Mountains
China
India
Japan
Indonesia

SW Asia/N. Africa:

Anatolian Peninsula
Arabian Peninsula
Saudi Arabia

Sub-Saharan Africa:

Ethiopia
Madagascar
South Africa
Chad
Nigeria