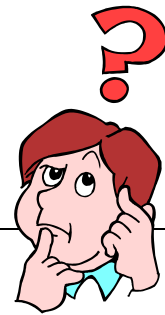


# World Issues Diagnostic Quiz

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## World

1. Where is the world's richest area of dinosaur fossils?
2. What are the world's five largest countries by area?
3. What are the world's five largest countries by population?
4. What are the world's five largest cities by population?
5. What is the world's newest country?
6. How many countries have been created since 1990?
7. How many countries belong to the United Nations?
8. Which countries do *not* belong to the United Nations?
9. What is the world's southernmost national capital city?
10. What is the world's highest national capital city?
11. Which is the longest river or river system in the world?
12. What is the largest lake in size (not volume) to lie entirely within one country?
13. Which sea is not completely, or almost completely, surrounded by land?

## North America

14. What is Canada's southernmost point?
15. What is Canada's northernmost point?
16. What is Canada's westernmost community?
17. What is Canada's easternmost community?
18. What percentage of the world's lakes is in Canada?
19. What is Canada's highest peak?
20. Which province in Canada has the highest population density?
21. What two countries are located on the island of Hispaniola?
22. Hispaniola is made up of the Dominican Republic and what other country?
23. The Gulf of \_\_\_\_\_ separates Baja part of Mexico from the mainland of Mexico
24. The Mason Dixon line was a boundary between which two U.S. States?
25. Into what body of water does the Colorado River empty?
26. What did ships do before the Panama Canal was built?
27. What is the largest island in the Caribbean Sea?
28. How many U.S. states have at least some of their state north of Canada's southernmost point?
29. How many national flags have flown over Texas?
30. How many different national flags have flown over at least some of Canada?

## **South America**

31. If you flew due south from Chicago, which South American country would you fly over first?
32. What percentage of the world's coffee beans come from South America?
33. What scientist made the Galapagos Islands famous?
34. Where are the Falkland Islands and why are they internationally famous?
35. How many of South America's 20 longest rivers empty into the Pacific Ocean?
36. What percentage of the Earth's species is found in the Amazon rain forest?
37. Where in South America could you find places in which no rainfall has ever been recorded?
38. What South American possession lies farthest from the mainland?

## **Europe**

39. Which is the southernmost Scandinavian country?
40. What is the capital of Portugal?
41. What natural feature forms the majority of the boundary between Europe and Asia?
42. If you were to cross the Strait of Gibraltar from Europe to Africa, which African country would you be in? (Taking the shortest route)
43. Where is the Black Forest?
44. What independent countries were once part of the U.S.S.R.?
45. How many times has the name of St. Petersburg, Russia changed in this century?
46. What independent countries were once part of Yugoslavia?
47. What is the Chunnel?
48. What is the only volcano on the European mainland that has erupted in the 20<sup>th</sup> century?
49. Which independent European countries are smaller than Rhode Island, the smallest U.S. state?
50. How many official languages are recognized in Switzerland?

## **Africa**

51. What is the Serengeti?
52. What object found along the banks of the Orange River in 1867 changed the course of South African history?
53. What African country was founded in 1847 by freed American slaves?
54. What two African countries border only a single other country?
55. Why is it difficult to say how large Lake Chad is?
56. What is Africa's newest country?
57. What is the Sahel?
58. Where is the Horn of Africa?

## **Asia**

59. Mount Everest is located on the border between which two countries?
60. Why was the Great Wall of China built?
61. What is the Ring of Fire?
62. What part of Asia is called Indochina?
63. At their closest point, how far apart are Asia and North America?
64. What country was Pakistan part of before it became independent?
65. What was Sri Lanka called before 1972?
66. What is India's most famous tomb?
67. What two seas are linked by the Suez Canal?
68. What Asian country has the highest population density and is considered to be 100% urban?
69. How long is Japan, from north to south?
70. How many islands make up Japan?
71. What was the name of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam prior to 1975?
72. Which Asian lake is the world's largest in volume (containing 1/5 of the world's unfrozen fresh water)?
73. Which Asian lake is the world's largest in surface area?
74. What climatic record did Cherrapunji, India earn from August 1860 to August 1861?

## **Australia/Oceania**

75. What is the capital city of Australia?
76. What is the Gaba?
77. What are the principal islands of New Zealand?
78. What is Ayers Rock now called?
79. What is the Great Barrier Reef?
80. What is Australia's only island state?
81. What climatic record did Marble Bar, Australia earn from October 30, 1923 to April 7, 1924?

## **Antarctica**

82. Which countries share Antarctica?
83. What is the population of Antarctica?
84. What did the thermometer read in Vostok, Antarctica on July 21, 1983, giving it the title of world's lowest recorded temperature?