

# Diagnostic Test

## Question 1 .

Which of the following has caused damage to ecosystems in the Great Lakes?

- A. acid rain in Canada
- B. oil drilling in Quebec
- C. deforestation in the Canadian Shield
- D. coal mining in Nova Scotia

## Question 2 .

Which reason **best** explains why Africans are a dominant ethnic group throughout the Caribbean?

- A. Many Africans attended European schools in the region.
- B. Many Africans moved to the region in search of better opportunities.
- C. Many Africans bought cheap land in the region to farm.
- D. Many Africans were enslaved by Europeans and brought to the region.

## Question 3 .

What is a tariff?

- A. a decrease in exports
- B. a boycott of a nation's goods
- C. a limit placed on imports
- D. a tax on imported goods

## Question 4 .



Which number on the map labels the country of Spain?

- A. 6
- B. 4
- C. 5
- D. 12

## Question 5 .

- to retire
- to buy a home
- to pay for college
- to take a vacation

Which is the **best** title for the list?

- A. Benefits of Having a Credit Card
- B. Reasons for Opening a Bank Account
- C. Benefits of Borrowing Money
- D. Reasons for Saving Money

## Question 6 .



Colombia is marked with which number?

- A. 5
- B. 13
- C. 7
- D. 6

## Question 7 .

Which is an effect of Australia's physical location on the country's trade with **most** countries?

- A. low tariffs on most products made outside of the country
- B. high shipping costs associated with transporting goods long distances
- C. high quotas for producing industrial and agricultural products
- D. low interest rate loans to encourage trade with smaller countries

## Question 8 .

What is the **main** religion of South America?

- A. Protestantism
- B. Catholicism
- C. Islam
- D. Hinduism

**Question 9 .**

Siberia, a part of northern Russia, is one of the coldest places on Earth. Despite its frigid climate, over a quarter of the Russian population lives in this region.

Which reason **best** explains this fact?

- A.** Siberia is rich in natural resources such as oil and coal.
- B.** Siberia is the home to a prominent international university.
- C.** Siberia has inexpensive real estate and rich farmland.
- D.** Siberia has few sources of air and water pollution.

**Question 10 .**

In Russia, the head of government, who is appointed by the elected president, is known as the

- A.** chancellor.
- B.** prime minister.
- C.** monarch.
- D.** dictator.

**Question 11 .**

The European Union (EU) makes it possible for member nations to

- A.** more easily trade with one another.
- B.** receive a quality public education.
- C.** receive inexpensive health care.
- D.** more easily travel to other continents.

## Question 12 .



The Danube River is marked with which number?

- A. 1
- B. 6
- C. 7
- D. 3

## Question 13 .

A culture in South America produces goods and services according to customs and beliefs. Its economy has not changed for many generations. This culture can **best** be described as

- A. a market economy.
- B. a mixed economy.
- C. a command economy.
- D. a traditional economy.

## Question 14 .

In Australia, citizens ages 18 and older

- A. may serve as a judge.
- B. directly elect the prime minister.
- C. may serve in the House of Lords.
- D. directly elect members of Parliament.

**Question 15 .**

Which is an example of a person earning an income?

- A. Martin pays \$15 to attend a professional sporting event.
- B. Tina helps clean up a park near her home.
- C. Sven is paid \$30 for babysitting his nephew for two hours.
- D. Laura volunteers at a local animal shelter.

**Question 16 .**

In 1990, East and West Germany reunified. What event had the **greatest** impact on the reunification of Germany?

- A. the end of World War II
- B. the end of the Cold War
- C. the start of a space race
- D. the election of President Ronald Reagan

**Question 17 .**

What is the purpose of NAFTA?

- A. to provide a platform for discussions
- B. to reduce or eliminate tariffs
- C. to campaign for human rights
- D. to provide assistance to nations in need

**Question 18 .**

Which of the following **best** explains a limitation on citizen participation in electing the leader of Cuba?

- A. The government does not let women vote.
- B. Citizens do not directly choose their president.
- C. Citizens may only campaign on weekends.
- D. The government only uses secret ballots.

## Question 19 .



Which of the following is closest to the number 2?

- A. Great Sandy Desert
- B. Great Victoria Desert
- C. Ayers Rock
- D. Great Barrier Reef

## Question 20 .

Australians aren't short of talent but we need to get better at turning our creativity into successful products and services.

—Professor Ian Chub, Chief Scientist of Australia, 2015

The quote from Professor Chub describes the Australian government's push to increase

- A. entrepreneurship.
- B. education.
- C. exports.
- D. immigration.

## Question 21 .



Which physical feature is closest to the number 5 on the map?

- A. Atacama Desert
- B. Panama Canal
- C. Amazon River
- D. Andes Mountains

## Question 22 .

Which statement **best** describes how the economy of the late 1920s and 1930s affected people living in Europe?

- A. About two-thirds of the population worked in factories while farming began to decline.
- B. A greater number of people were able to move from cities.
- C. A greater number of people were able to attend college.
- D. Roughly one-fifth of the population lost their jobs while other struggled to find work.

## Question 23 .

The burning of fossil fuels in Germany has contributed to which environmental problem?

- A. desertification
- B. deforestation
- C. acid rain
- D. soil erosion



**Question 24 .**

Which statement is true of Australia's economy?

- A. The government owns most of the country's resources.
- B. Most businesses are privately owned.
- C. Most businesses are publicly owned.
- D. The government owns most of the country's factories.

**Question 25 .**

What is the **main** reason international trade requires a system for exchanging currency?

- A. Countries have currencies with different values.
- B. Countries want to limit international trade.
- C. Banks refuse to accept international currencies.
- D. Businesses want to simplify customer dealings.

**Question 26 .**

Which was an effect of English colonization on the Aboriginal way of life in Australia?

- A. Most Aborigine benefited from a better health care system.
- B. Many Aborigine were forced to abandon their native language.
- C. Most Aborigine benefited from a better education system.
- D. Many Aborigine were forced to move to neighboring islands.

**Question 27 .**

What is one way the Australian government has worked to increase workplace productivity?

- A. by investing in education
- B. by encouraging immigration
- C. by ending old trade agreements
- D. by shortening the average workday

**Question 28 .**

The three **most** widely practiced religions in Europe are Christianity,

- A. Hinduism, and Buddhism.
- B. Judaism, and Islam.
- C. Judaism, and Buddhism.
- D. Islam, and Hinduism.

**Question 29 .**

What may happen if a person fails to pay off their credit card each month?

- A. They could buy more items over time.
- B. They could owe more money over time.
- C. The balance is forgiven by the lender.
- D. The balance remains the same.

**Question 30 .**

Which is a similarity between the economies of Germany, Russia, and the United Kingdom?

- A. They are all mixed economies.
- B. The government of each country controls all means of production.
- C. They are all pure market economies.
- D. The government of each country controls all of the natural resources.

# Answers

1. A
2. D
3. D
4. C
5. D
6. A
7. B
8. B
9. A
10. B
11. A
12. B
13. D
14. D
15. C
16. B
17. B
18. B
19. B
20. A
21. D
22. D
23. C
24. B
25. A
26. B
27. A
28. B
29. B
30. A