

Test: 2020 Geography ORQE

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You can see the Seine River from the top of the Eiffel Tower in which city?

- A) Warsaw
- B) Paris
- C) Berlin
- D) Shanghai

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Which body of water is the largest and deepest of the Great Lakes?

- A) Lake Champlain
- B) Lake Superior
- C) Lake Winnipeg
- D) Lake Kentucky

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Which of these states is not a part of New England?

- A) Maine
- B) Connecticut
- C) Vermont
- D) Pennsylvania

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Norway, Sweden, and Denmark make up what region that is also sometimes said by English speakers to include Iceland and Finland?

- A) Scandinavia
- B) Horn of Europe
- C) Northern Cone
- D) Oldvinland

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Uluru is a sandstone rock formation that is sacred to the Aboriginal people of what nation?

- A) Canada
- B) Bolivia
- C) Ethiopia
- D) Australia

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You can gaze upon Lake Michigan while eating deep dish pizza at Navy Pier in which U.S. city?

- A) Detroit
- B) Houston
- C) Chicago
- D) Reno

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Tourists can stroll beaches on the Arabian Sea in which country's city of Mumbai?

- A) Myanmar
- B) India
- C) Iran
- D) Kenya

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Which U.S. state is the only one with no straight lines in its borders, because it is surrounded by water?

- A) Maine
- B) Hawaii
- C) Washington
- D) Alaska

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Raúl Castro leads the Communist Party of what country from its capital of Havana?

- A) Nicaragua
- B) Cuba
- C) Russia
- D) Colombia

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The Gupta Empire once ruled over much of the Ganges River in what country?

- A) Israel
- B) Indonesia
- C) Iraq
- D) India

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The Song of the Volga Boatmen is a folk tune about workers on a river in which nation?

- A) Russia
- B) Kazakhstan
- C) Serbia
- D) Poland

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Which of these American states is closest to the International Date Line?

- A) Florida
- B) Maine
- C) California
- D) Alaska

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The Sinai Peninsula, east of the historic city of Cairo, is controlled by what country?

- A) Egypt
- B) Spain
- C) Saudi Arabia
- D) Algeria

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This question was written an hour's drive west of what river that runs from Lake Itasca to the Gulf of Mexico?

- A) Mississippi River
- B) Hudson River
- C) Colorado River
- D) Columbia River

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Which country recently had to delay its 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympics due by one year?

- A) Brazil
- B) Australia
- C) Japan
- D) South Korea

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Which of these states has the most cattle used for beef in the USA?

- A) Washington
- B) Alaska
- C) Texas
- D) Connecticut

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What state capital in the shadow of the Rocky Mountains is often called the "Mile High City?"

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- A) Bismarck
 - B) Tallahassee
 - C) Madison
 - D) Denver

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Harmattan winds often contain sand from which African desert home to the city of Timbuktu?

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- A) Thar Desert
 - B) Gobi Desert
 - C) Antarctic Desert
 - D) Sahara Desert

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Which U.S. state, whose capital is Juneau, was once colonized by the Russian Empire?

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- A) Nebraska
 - B) Texas
 - C) Alaska
 - D) Arizona

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The Maya civilization built pyramids on the Yucatan Peninsula of what country?

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- A) Brazil
 - B) United States
 - C) Mexico
 - D) Portugal

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The Prime Meridian and the Equator intersect off the coast of what continent?

- A) Antarctica
- B) South America
- C) Europe
- D) Africa

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In 2020, massive floods led to criticism of the Three Gorges Dam, a project located on what Chinese river?

- A) Yangtze River
- B) Amu Darya River
- C) Darling River
- D) Biwa River

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Which U.S. state is not part of the Four Corners region?

- A) Arizona
- B) Wyoming
- C) Colorado
- D) Utah

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The 2010 Winter Olympics were held in Vancouver and Whistler, cities in what country?

- A) Germany
- B) Canada
- C) United Kingdom
- D) United States

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New Guinea and Hokkaido are islands in which ocean?

- A) Pacific Ocean
- B) Atlantic Ocean
- C) Indian Ocean
- D) Southern Ocean

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What plateau, home to many followers of Buddhism, is mostly controlled by China?

- A) Patagonia
- B) Deccan Plateau
- C) Harbin Plateau
- D) Tibetan Plateau

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Brown bears can be found roaming the taiga biome of which country?

- A) Argentina
- B) Morocco
- C) New Zealand
- D) Russia

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In 2015, Bangladesh signed an agreement that simplified its international border with what country?

- A) China
- B) Thailand
- C) India
- D) Afghanistan

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Speakers of the Basque, Celtic, and Slovak languages tend to live on what continent?

- A) North America
- B) Asia
- C) Europe
- D) Africa

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In August 2020, ammonium nitrate explosions decimated the port of what Lebanese capital city?

- A) Beirut
- B) Haifa
- C) Tripoli
- D) Athens

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Mountaineers use the Polish Glacier route to climb what peak, the highest in South America?

- A) Ojos del Salado
- B) Mount Elbrus
- C) Aconcagua
- D) Mont Blanc

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Which country's capital of Mogadishu has been attacked by al-Shabaab militants?

- A) Madagascar
- B) Pakistan
- C) Somalia
- D) Tanzania

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Protestors took to the streets of Minsk in August 2020 to demand the resignation of Alexander Lukashenko, leader of what country?

- A) Lithuania
- B) Azerbaijan
- C) Greece
- D) Belarus

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In the summer of 2020, runaway barges in which city got stuck under a bridge on the Schuylkill River, a tributary of the Delaware River?

- A) Boston
- B) Albany
- C) Philadelphia
- D) Atlanta

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Gauchos wrangle cattle near the Rio de la Plata in the Pampas region of which continent?

- A) Europe
- B) South America
- C) Australia
- D) North America

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The first battle of the American Civil War was at Fort Sumter in the harbor of which South Carolina city?

- A) Charleston
- B) Baltimore
- C) New Orleans
- D) Miami

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The Soviet Union's irrigation projects dried up much of which body of water in Central Asia?

- A) Lake Titicaca
- B) Lake Huron
- C) Aral Sea
- D) Lake Victoria

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A massive 2004 earthquake under which ocean caused tsunamis in the Maldives and Seychelles?

- A) Atlantic Ocean
- B) Pacific Ocean
- C) Indian Ocean
- D) Arctic Ocean

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Roman Catholicism is popular on the island of Luzon in which Southeast Asian country?

- A) Vietnam
- B) Philippines
- C) Cambodia
- D) Myanmar

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The 13th-century Mongol Empire never invaded any part of which country?

- A) Mongolia
- B) Russia
- C) China
- D) Egypt

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Which country's Dalmatian Coast is home to beaches along the Adriatic Sea?

- A) Romania
- B) Tunisia
- C) Croatia
- D) Spain

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Spicy Szechuan sauce is named after the province of Sichuan in what country?

- A) South Korea
- B) Canada
- C) China
- D) India

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On a cartogram where the area of each country is adjusted to correspond with oil production, which country is the largest?

- A) Yemen
- B) Sudan
- C) United Arab Emirates
- D) Pakistsan

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Which Central African nation is named after a lake that has shrunk dramatically in size due to desertification?

- A) Chad
- B) Mauritania
- C) Libya
- D) Angola

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The Sherpa people, well-known for their climbing expertise, mostly live in the high mountains east of what capital city?

- A) Copenhagen
- B) Vatican City
- C) Kathmandu
- D) Ottawa

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If as AFS exchange student you skied in the Alps before travelling to Munich for Oktoberfest, you would be in what German region?

- A) York
- B) Normandy
- C) Jutland
- D) Bavaria

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What city, the capital of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, is sometimes called the largest French-speaking city in the world?

- A) Kinshasa
- B) Addis Ababa
- C) Lagos
- D) Algiers

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An August 2020 COVID-19 outbreak at the University of Notre Dame led to health concerns in what U.S. state's town of South Bend?

- A) North Carolina
- B) Indiana
- C) Wyoming
- D) Kansas

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The Mercator map projection over-exaggerates land masses in the polar and Arctic regions, making what island seem larger than it actually is?

- A) Madagascar
- B) Cuba
- C) Borneo
- D) Greenland

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Which of these countries, where motorcycles race in Maseru, is an enclave of South Africa?

- A) Mozambique
- B) Namibia
- C) Madagascar
- D) Lesotho