



**-ANSWER SHEET-**  
**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY CHALLENGE - 2022**

**Grade 5 and Grade 6 Contest**

TIME: 35 Minutes

DATE: April 25 through May 6, 2022

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**National Council for Geographic Education  
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**Grades 5-6**

1. The world's oceans are bodies of \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. fresh water                      B. salt water  
C. polluted water                      D. potable water
2. The Mississippi River flows into the \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. Gulf of Mexico                      B. Pacific Ocean  
C. Caribbean Sea                      D. Great Lakes
3. The next United States census will be taken in \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. 2015                                      B. 2020  
C. 2025                                      D. 2030
4. All of these states border the Great Lakes except \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. Michigan                                      B. Minnesota  
C. Iowa    D. New York
5. What are the Appalachians?  
A. a chain of lakes in Europe  
B. an archipelago in the Pacific Ocean near Australia  
C. a series of coral reefs in the Caribbean Sea  
D. a mountain range in eastern North America
6. Your uncle sends you a postcard with this picture. What country is he visiting?



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| A. Brazil | B. China  |
| C. Cuba   | D. Sweden |

7. Only two continents lie entirely in the Southern Hemisphere. They are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Australia and Antarctica
- B. Asia and Africa
- C. South America and Australia
- D. South America and Africa

Note: Mia's sister is on a month-long trip traveling in Europe. She sends Mia a postcard every week from a city she has been visiting. However, she never identifies the country where the city is located. Help Mia match the city listed in Column A that her sister has visited with the country where it is located.

Column A

Column B

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| 8. Rotterdam   | A. Germany     |
| 9. Hamburg     | B. Norway      |
| 10. Oslo       | C. Denmark     |
| 11. Copenhagen | D. Netherlands |

12. Use your mental map to locate the region of Europe where Mia's sister is visiting.

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| A. Southeastern Europe | B. Northwestern Europe |
| C. Northeastern Europe | D. Southwestern Europe |

13. Which one of these countries is in the Ring of Fire, one of Earth's most active earthquake zones?

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| A. Japan   | B. Argentina |
| C. Jamaica | D. Egypt     |

14. You are planning a trip to Sydney, Australia next January. You decide to spend your time sightseeing, hiking, and exploring the countryside outside the city along the Pacific coast. What should you pack from the list below?

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| A. a fleece-line hat | B. several wool sweaters |
| C. shorts            | D. a warm coat           |

15. The United Nations estimates trillions of animals are raised as livestock yearly to feed Earth's population. Which of these is an example of livestock?

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| A. salmon, trout, bass    | B. cows, sheep, pigs      |
| C. lions, tigers, jaguars | D. eagles, hawks, condors |

16. Mr. Kay began a recent geography class by telling his sixth graders, "Today we are going to study an ocean that is not only the world's largest but also its deepest. It is also the source of powerful earthquakes that often result in destructive tsunamis." What ocean did his students study that day?

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

17. Identify the *only* correct statement about the countries names in the list below.

- A. Nepal is an African nation.
- B. Brussels is a city in Belgium.
- C. The Danube River flows through Poland.
- D. Canada has a larger population than the United States.

18. All of the following countries are peninsulas except \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. North and South Korea
- B. Denmark
- C. Italy
- D. Japan

19. Which one of the 50 states is being described in the paragraph below?

This state is made up of two parts identified as the Upper Peninsula and the Lower Peninsula. Most people live in the southern section between two of the Great Lakes. The glaciers in the last Ice Age shaped the region's landforms. Today the climate brings cold, snowy winters and warm, pleasant summers. The manufacture of motor vehicles and the production of a variety of fruits and vegetables dominate the economy. However, because of foreign competition, neither is as important as they once were.

- A. Minnesota
- B. Michigan
- C. Illinois
- D. Ohio

20. Helsinki, Finland at 60°N is one of Earth's most northerly capitals. Only one other capital city is closer to the North Pole. Use your mental map to determine what city that is.

- A. Dublin, Ireland
- B. Paris, France
- C. Reykjavik, Iceland
- D. Berlin, Germany

21. There many places in the world that Americans depend on for imported resources and manufactured goods. All of the following are examples except \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. airplanes from Canada
- B. petroleum from Southwest Asia
- C. diamonds from South Africa
- D. electronic products from China

22. A *belief system* is defined as a combination of ideas, values, and practices that serve a society's spiritual and cultural needs that are usually religious in nature. Which of the following is an example of this definition of a *belief system*?

- A. Judaism
- B. Democratic Party
- C. Boy Scouts of America
- D. Roman Social Club

Note: Match each structure in Column A with a city of the United States in Column B where it is located.

Column A

- 23. Golden Gate Bridge
- 24. Empire States Building
- 25. Independence Hall
- 26. Gateway Arch

Column B

- A. New York City
- B. St. Louis, Missouri
- C. San Francisco, California
- D. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

27. The *hook* on the map of Massachusetts that is a popular summer vacation destination is a sandy peninsula in the Atlantic Ocean called \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Key West
- B. the Outer Banks
- C. Cape Cod
- D. Martha's Vineyard

28. A person who designs and makes maps is called a \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. calligrapher
- B. cartographer
- C. geographer
- D. conservationist

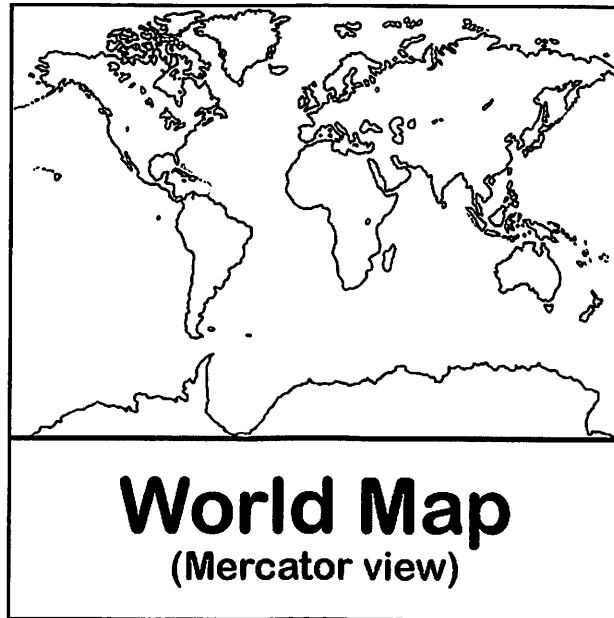
29. 0° longitude on a world map identifies the \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Equator
- B. Arctic Circle
- C. Prime Meridian
- D. International Dateline

30. An example of a physical region in the Unites States is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. the Bible Belt
- B. the Port of New Orleans
- C. Yankee Stadium
- D. the Ohio River Valley

31. Which one of the continents on the map below is most distorted because of the projection?



- A. North America
- B. Antarctica
- C. Africa
- D. Australia

32. Although significantly smaller than a continent, what other region of the world shown on the map has a similar distortion?

- A. New England
- B. Indian subcontinent
- C. Greenland
- D. Central America

33. In order to illustrate the relative size and importance of the universe's seemingly infinite size, Ms. Rivers tells her fifth grade geography students to think of the Milky Way galaxy as comparing spatially to the sun just as

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- A. an ocean compares to a molecule of water
  - B. a jet engine compares to a cargo plane
  - C. Earth compares to the other planets in the solar system
  - D. the moon compares to planet Earth

34. The effort to save the environment by reusing glass, paper, plastic, and aluminum cans is called \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. trash collection
- B. waste management
- C. recycling
- D. public renewal

