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Geography Paper I

Time: 45 minutes Marks: 30

INSTRUCTIONS

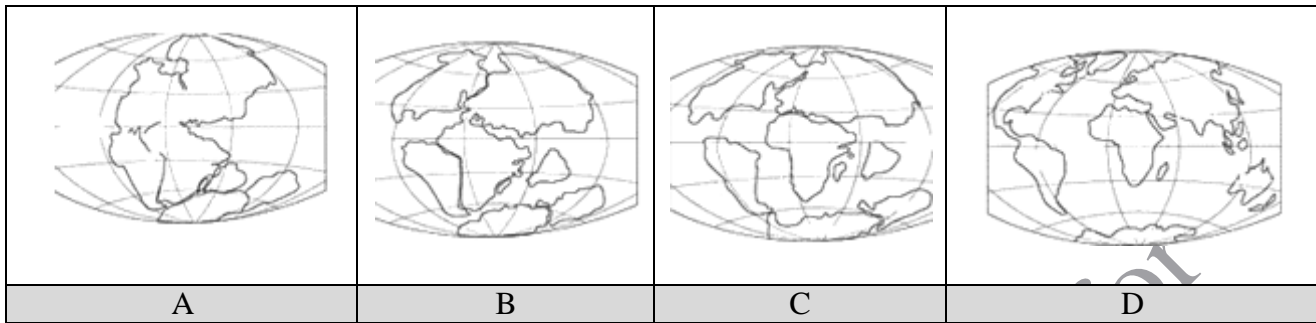
1. Read each question carefully.
2. Answer the questions on the separate answer sheet provided. DO NOT write your answers on the question paper.
3. There are 100 answer numbers on the answer sheet. Use answer numbers 1 to 30 only.
4. In each question, there are four choices A, B, C, D. Choose ONE. On the answer grid, black out the circle for your choice with a pencil as shown below.

Correct Way				Incorrect Ways					
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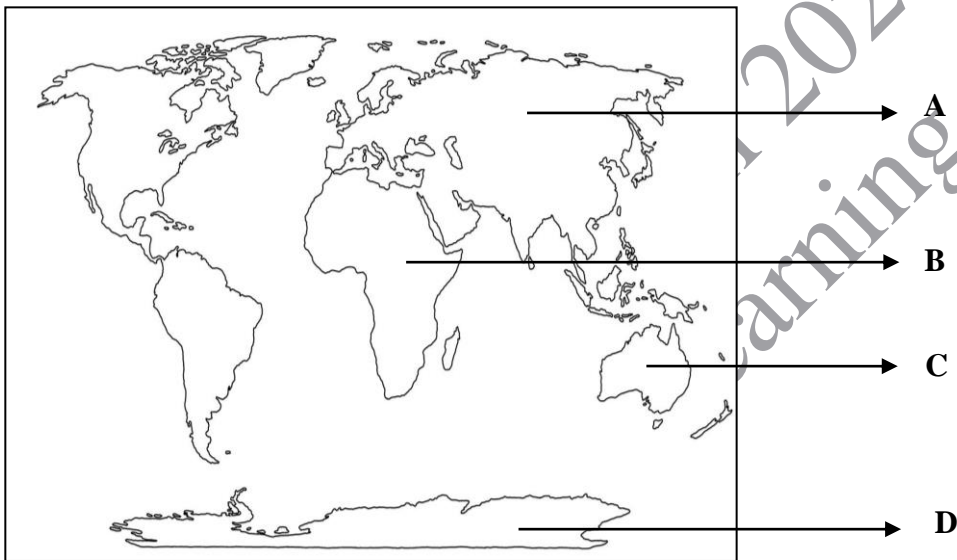
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5. If you want to change your answer, ERASE the first answer completely with a rubber, before blacking out a new circle.
6. DO NOT write anything in the answer grid. The computer only records what is in the circles.

1. Which of the given maps represents the earliest stage of the Earth when all the continents were part of one land called Pangaea?



2. In the given map of the world, the continent of Australia is labelled as



3. Asia is considered as an important continent in the world because it
- A. shares its borders with Europe and Australia.
 - B. has the longest coastline than any other continents.
 - C. occupies a three-fifth of the eastern Eurasian landmass.
 - D. produces the most homogenous forms of vegetation on the Earth.
4. The continent of Asia is located in both the
- A. northern and eastern hemispheres.
 - B. southern and eastern hemispheres.
 - C. northern and western hemispheres.
 - D. southern and western hemispheres.
5. The geo-strategic importance of Maldives, as an island, in Asia is that it
- A. is closest to India and Sri Lanka.
 - B. is the largest single source of crude oil in the Asia.
 - C. is a gateway to maritime trade routes that connects Asia and Europe.
 - D. ensures uninterrupted energy supplies to countries like China, Japan and India.

6. The FIRST colony in Sydney was a settlement of
- religious missionaries.
 - seamen and explorers.
 - traders and merchants.
 - convicts and prisoners.
7. Lake Victoria is known as Mosi-oa-Tunya which means smoke that thunders. It is named so because
- it is the largest sheet of falling water.
 - water makes a roaring noise as it falls over the cliff.
 - there are hundreds of crocodiles around the waterfall.
 - adventure seekers find extreme thrills in water based sports.
8. Read the following statements of landform.
- The atmosphere is hot and humid.
 - It is the world's wettest eco-system.
 - The climate is consistent all year round.
- The land form identified based on the given characteristics is
- a tropical rainforest.
 - savanna woodlands.
 - a temperate grassland.
 - semi-arid vegetation.
9. The power set-up in the continent of Africa is based on
- solar and windpower stations.
 - tidal and hydro-electric power stations.
 - solar and thermos-electric power stations.
 - thermo-electric and hydro-electric power stations.
10. The Gulf of Mexico plays an important role in the economic development of North America due to
- hunting and mining.
 - tourism and fishing.
 - agriculture and mining.
 - agriculture and tourism.
11. Chicago is MOST famous for its
- religious activities.
 - climatic conditions.
 - educational institutions.
 - architectural monuments.

12. Paris is situated on the confluence of
- A. River Spree and River Elle.
 - B. River Seine and River Marne.
 - C. River Moskva and River Seine.
 - D. River Thames and River Spree.
13. A farmer owns two acres of cultivated land. He works with his family members on the land and utilises crop production to meet domestic needs.
- The type of farming practiced by him is
- A. subsistence and food crop farming.
 - B. subsistence and cash crop farming.
 - C. commercial and cash crop farming.
 - D. commercial and food crop farming.
14. What will be the IMMEDIATE impact of an increased allocation of budget for the development of the industrial sector on the workers in Pakistan?
- A. They will enrol themselves for vocational training
 - B. The health conditions of their families would improve
 - C. They will get better employment opportunities
 - D. Their children will learn moral values at school
15. Which of the following options is considered as the LARGEST sectors of the Chinese economy?
- A. Tourism.
 - B. Education
 - C. Research
 - D. Manufacturing
16. Which of the following sectors in Saudi Arabia contributes to 45-50% of its GDP?
- A. Tourism sector
 - B. Industrial sector
 - C. Oil and gas sector
 - D. Agricultural sector
17. The amount of nuclear energy production in the United States of America (USA) for the year 2019 was the highest on record at 8.46 quads. This is because of the
- A. cost-effective drilling of nuclear resources.
 - B. increase in the production of natural gas.
 - C. lower precipitation levels in the country's western side.
 - D. combination of increased capacity from the power plant upgrades.

18. The MOST likely geo-political impact of the strained relations between Saudi Arabia and Pakistan on South-Western Asia would that there will be a/an
- A. increase in the interference of the western countries.
 - B. decline in the importance of Saudi Arabia.
 - C. war-like scenario among the regional countries.
 - D. adverse impact on the trading activities in the region.
19. The industrial set-up in the United States MAJORLY comprises of the
- A. fishing sector.
 - B. service sector.
 - C. agricultural sector.
 - D. manufacturing sector.
20. The economy of Iran is ranked last among the countries of the Middle East and North Africa. All of the following are the reasons for the given economic situation EXCEPT the
- A. imposition of trade ban by European nations.
 - B. lack of skilled labour to produce quality products.
 - C. imposition of sanctions by the United States.
 - D. internal resistance against foreign trade.
21. All of the following are the benefits that India can reap if it is allowed to trade through Pakistan EXCEPT
- A. its gross national product will increase.
 - B. employment opportunities will increase.
 - C. it will gain its market in Central Europe.
 - D. the cost of transportation within Asia will decrease.
22. According to Afghanistan Pakistan Transit Trade Agreement (APTTA) 2010, Pakistan has allowed Afghanistan to export goods with India through the
- A. Taftan Border.
 - B. Jeewani Port.
 - C. Wagah Border.
 - D. Bin Qasim Port.
23. Russia is self-sufficient in energy resources because it has
- A. built many dams on rivers.
 - B. huge deposits of oil and natural gas.
 - C. large deposits of non-fuel minerals.
 - D. developed wind power stations in its coastal areas.

24. Russia is pursuing a stable relationship with Pakistan for all of the following reasons EXCEPT to
- A. limit the influence of USA in Asia.
 - B. expand its international influence.
 - C. increase its economic growth.
 - D. build strong ties with China.
25. The high population in the Nile Valley is due to the
- A. vast and flat land.
 - B. availability of fertile land.
 - C. moderate climatic conditions.
 - D. highly developed industrial setup.
26. Canada's density of population is very low because it has
- A. flat terrain.
 - B. unfertile soil.
 - C. unreliable power sources.
 - D. extreme climatic conditions.
27. The people living in the desert areas of Pakistan are MAINLY associated with
- A. mining.
 - B. fishing.
 - C. crop farming.
 - D. livestock farming.
28. The MAJOR impact of the greenhouse effect on Pakistan is the
- A. increase in flash floods in the mountainous areas.
 - B. increase in the frequency of earthquakes.
 - C. increase in the frequency of cyclones.
 - D. rise in the sea levels.
29. Ahmer wanted to show the percentage-wise graphical representation of different types of forests in Pakistan.
- The BEST suited graph for this purpose is
- A. pie chart.
 - B. bar graph.
 - C. line graph.
 - D. histogram.

30. Read the following features.

- Lines of latitude and longitude intersect at 90°
- Used for the projection of a close area
- Meridian straight lines radiate from the poles

The given characteristics are found in the map projection technique known as

- A. planar projection.
- B. conical projection.
- C. mercator projection.
- D. cylindrical projection.

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