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| *Indicate the answer choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.* |

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| 1. What are moraines?

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|   | a.  | compacted layers of snow that turn to ice |
|   | b.  | organic matter moved by wind erosion |
|   | c.  | rounded and weathered mountaintops |
|   | d.  | piles of rocks and debris left when glaciers melt |

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| 2. What causes solar radiation to warm Earth?

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|   | a.  | the Coriolis effect |
|   | b.  | the lunar effect |
|   | c.  | the shadow effect |
|   | d.  | the greenhouse effect |

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| 3. Like the neighboring Pacific Ranges, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ grew as geologic forces heaved slabs of rock upward.

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|   | a.  | Great Plains |
|   | b.  | Appalachian Mountains |
|   | c.  | Rocky Mountains |
|   | d.  | Canadian Shield |

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| 4. The rain shadow effect causes

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|   | a.  | hurricanes to develop in the Atlantic Ocean. |
|   | b.  | dry areas to develop on the leeward sides of mountain ranges. |
|   | c.  | ice caps to develop on the North and South Poles. |
|   | d.  | monsoons to develop in the Pacific Ocean. |

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| 5. Canada is rarely impacted by natural weather hazards because of its cold oceans and a lack of

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|   | a.  | rainfall. |
|   | b.  | extreme temperatures. |
|   | c.  | moist, humid air. |
|   | d.  | changing seasons. |

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| 6. Different maps can accurately show the same place with different

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|   | a.  | scales. |
|   | b.  | elevations. |
|   | c.  | absolute locations. |
|   | d.  | coordinates. |

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| 7. What three areas of Earth work together so life in the biosphere thrives?

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|   | a.  | the lithosphere, mesosphere, and stratosphere |
|   | b.  | the lithosphere, hydrosphere, and atmosphere |
|   | c.  | the troposphere, mesosphere, and lithosphere |
|   | d.  | the hydrosphere, mesosphere, and atmosphere |

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| 8. The mayor of Mexico City launched programs to reduce pollution in the city by

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|   | a.  | Banning the burning of fossil fuels within city limits. |
|   | b.  | Requiring commuters to carpool, or ride-share. |
|   | c.  | Encouraging more use of bicycles. |
|   | d.  | Constructing additional highway lanes. |

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| 9. What is the key function of geographic information systems?

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|   | a.  | to link places to one another when rugged terrain makes communication difficult |
|   | b.  | to link resource providers and potential markets |
|   | c.  | to link images and data from satellites and other sources |
|   | d.  | to link computers in different geographic areas |

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| 10. After British colonial rule ended in South Asia, two independent countries were established: Pakistan (where the majority of the population was Muslim) and India (where the majority of the population was Hindu). The border between areas with this type of division is called a

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|   | a.  | natural boundary. |
|   | b.  | cultural boundary. |
|   | c.  | geometric boundary. |
|   | d.  | continental boundary. |

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| 11. How does monoculture affect soil?

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|   | a.  | It dries it out too fast. |
|   | b.  | It depletes it of nutrients. |
|   | c.  | It causes it to become saline. |
|   | d.  | It enriches it with nitrogen. |

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| 12. A(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is an area of lush vegetation in a desert created by an underground spring.

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|   | b.  | prairie |
|   | c.  | steppe |
|   | d.  | tundra |

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| 13. Which of the following accurately describes the Inca?

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|   | a.  | advanced astronomers who developed a highly accurate calendar |
|   | b.  | skilled engineers who built a network of roads through the Andes |
|   | c.  | expert sailors who built a powerful navy |
|   | d.  | peaceful pastoralists who ruled through consensus |

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| 14. Foreign-owned factories located in Mexico along the border with the United States are called

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|   | a.  | encomiendas. |
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|   | c.  | empresarios. |
|   | d.  | maquiladoras. |

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| 15. What kind of trees change color and drop their leaves in autumn?

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|   | a.  | pine trees |
|   | b.  | coniferous trees |
|   | c.  | evergreen trees |
|   | d.  | deciduous trees |

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| 16. Why is water scarcity a growing issue in Mexico?

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|   | a.  | It has a large and growing population and is flanked by large bodies of water to the east and west. |
|   | b.  | It has a large and growing population and only a few major rivers and lakes. |
|   | c.  | It has a mostly rural population and is flanked by large bodies of water to the east and west. |
|   | d.  | It has a mostly rural population and only a few major rivers and lakes. |

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| 17. According to scientists, in what climate do more than half of all plant and animal species exist?

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|   | a.  | semi-arid |
|   | b.  | arid |
|   | c.  | tropical wet |
|   | d.  | tropical dry |

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| 18. Temperatures at higher elevations are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ compared to temperatures at lower elevations.

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|   | a.  | more variable |
|   | b.  | less variable |
|   | c.  | lower |
|   | d.  | higher |

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| 19. Which of the following describes the effects of deforestation in Central America?

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|   | a.  | increased biodiversity and the introduction of nonnative diseases |
|   | b.  | loss of biodiversity and the extinction of species |
|   | c.  | corporate logging and slash-and-burn cultivation |
|   | d.  | corporate logging and soil erosion |

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| 20. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or the belief that the individual’s loyalty to the nation or state surpasses other interests, can lead to war in its most extreme forms.

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|   | a.  | Autocracy |
|   | b.  | Democracy |
|   | c.  | Nationalism |
|   | d.  | Socialism |

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| 21. What does human geography examine?

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|   | a.  | the relationships between climate, land, water, plants, and animals |
|   | b.  | the relationships between physical environments and people |
|   | c.  | the relationships between living and inanimate things on Earth |
|   | d.  | the relationships between the people in the past, present and future |

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| 22. A solar system consists of

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|   | a.  | a group of planets revolving around the same sun. |
|   | b.  | a classification system for different types of suns. |
|   | c.  | a process that measures a sun’s physical features. |
|   | d.  | a group of stars such as our sun. |

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| 23. Which two U.S. states have the largest petroleum reserves?

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|   | a.  | Alaska and Hawaii |
|   | b.  | California and Florida |
|   | c.  | Alaska and Texas |
|   | d.  | California and Texas |

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| 24. Mexico is also a leading \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ producer, which is used to produce much of Mexico’s power supply.

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|   | a.  | coal |
|   | b.  | petroleum |
|   | c.  | biofuel |
|   | d.  | hydrogen-cell |

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| 25. A political border that is established by a physical geographic feature such as a mountain range or a river is a

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|   | a.  | natural boundary. |
|   | b.  | geometric boundary. |
|   | c.  | cultural boundary. |
|   | d.  | ethnic boundary. |

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| 26. Imaginary lines that follow Earth’s curvature to identify the shortest distance between two points are called

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|   | a.  | conical projections. |
|   | b.  | geometric meridians. |
|   | c.  | great circle routes. |
|   | d.  | longitudinal circle lines. |

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| 27. A giant core of rock anchoring North America and centered on Hudson Bay and James Bay is known as the

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|   | a.  | Interior Lowlands |
|   | b.  | Pacific Ranges |
|   | c.  | Canadian Shield |
|   | d.  | Great Plains |

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| 28. Longitude lines indicate

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|   | a.  | distance north and south of the Equator. |
|   | b.  | distance north and south of the Prime Meridian. |
|   | c.  | distances east and west of the Equator. |
|   | d.  | distances east and west of the Prime Meridian. |

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| 29. To properly understand places, geographers must

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|   | a.  | focus strictly on things like longitude and latitude, elevation, and resource distribution. |
|   | b.  | focus broadly on culture, politics, history, and economics. |
|   | c.  | focus primarily on the objective data provided by geographic technology such as surveying equipment. |
|   | d.  | focus specifically on the land and water without getting distracted by plants and animals. |

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| 30. Earth’s lithosphere consists of

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|   | a.  | all the land and water on Earth's surface. |
|   | b.  | molten rock and toxic gasses. |
|   | c.  | a mix of nitrogen, carbon dioxide, and oxygen. |
|   | d.  | the crust, continents, and ocean basins. |

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| 31. Panama is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between North America and South America.

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|   | a.  | archipelago |
|   | b.  | peninsula |
|   | c.  | isthmus |
|   | d.  | crossroads |

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| 32. In the grid system used to map locations on Earth’s surface, lines parallel to the Equator are called

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|   | a.  | latitudinal lines. |
|   | b.  | geometric lines. |
|   | c.  | barometric lines. |
|   | d.  | longitudinal lines. |

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| 33. In Mexico, parents and children often share their home with

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|   | a.  | extended family. |
|   | b.  | boarders and tenants. |
|   | c.  | neighbors and friends. |
|   | d.  | livestock. |

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| 34. Southern Mexico is part of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that connects North America and South America.

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|   | a.  | crossroads |
|   | b.  | peninsula |
|   | c.  | steppe |
|   | d.  | land bridge |

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| 35. What has been the effect of deforestation in the Amazon rain forest?

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|   | a.  | As land is cleared, the amount of carbon in the atmosphere is depleted. |
|   | b.  | As land is cleared, habitats are destroyed and plant and animal species come to be at risk of extinction. |
|   | c.  | After land is cleared, more diverse ecosystems are established as new growth appears. |
|   | d.  | After land is cleared, the soil becomes richer in nutrients. |

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| 36. Emissions in the United States can result in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Canada, threatening timber and water resources.

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|   | a.  | cooler air temperatures |
|   | b.  | acid rain |
|   | c.  | industrial accents |
|   | d.  | reduced wetlands |

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| 37. Most of the food grown in Mexico comes from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, where there is also greater population density.

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|   | a.  | Central Plateau |
|   | b.  | Southern Highlands |
|   | c.  | Gulf Coast Plain |
|   | d.  | Sierra Madre Occidental |

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| 38. Different places on Earth receive different amounts of direct sunlight at the same time

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|   | a.  | because volcanic eruptions cloud the sky. |
|   | b.  | because of climate variations. |
|   | c.  | because the greenhouse effect blocks the sun’s rays. |
|   | d.  | because earth is tilted on its axis. |

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| 39. Which of the following are two leading causes of deforestation in Central America?

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|   | a.  | slash-and-burn cultivation and the depletion of underground reserves |
|   | b.  | commercial logging and the depletion of underground reserves |
|   | c.  | slash-and-burn cultivation and commercial logging |
|   | d.  | habitat destruction and commercial logging |

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| 40. Why did the thirteen colonies fight a war for independence from Britain?

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|   | a.  | to escape Britain’s taxes and limits on colonists’ freedoms |
|   | b.  | to escape Britain’s taxes and unite with New France |
|   | c.  | to unite with New France and escape limits on colonists’ freedoms |
|   | d.  | to protest Britain’s treatment of Native Americans |

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| 41. In geography, the term Mediterranean climate refers

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|   | a.  | to the climate unique to the Mediterranean Sea region. |
|   | b.  | to any coastal midlatitude climate that has mild, rainy winters and hot, dry summers. |
|   | c.  | to a dry climate that experiences warm summers and harshly cold winters. |
|   | d.  | to a wet, warm climate with continual rain. |

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| 42. Why is it important to protect wetlands and swamps such as Florida’s Everglades?

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|   | a.  | They are a major source of drinking water. |
|   | b.  | They are major tourist destinations. |
|   | c.  | They are important navigable waterways. |
|   | d.  | They provide habitats for a great variety of vegetation and wildlife. |

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| 43. The Greater Antilles and the Lesser Antilles are part of a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the Caribbean Sea.

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|   | a.  | archipelago |
|   | b.  | peninsula |
|   | c.  | isthmus |
|   | d.  | crossroads |

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| 44. Northern Mexico has a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ biome in which cacti, shrubs, and shrub oak grow.

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|   | a.  | tundra |
|   | b.  | chaparral |
|   | c.  | grassland |
|   | d.  | savanna |

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| 45. Which is the best example of the geographic term, “site”?

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|   | a.  | a general region, such as America’s Heartland |
|   | b.  | a specific climate zone, such as the tropical lowlands |
|   | c.  | a specific physical setting, such as Miami’s location on Florida’s southeastern tip |
|   | d.  | a general location, such as Seattle’s position in the rainy northwest coastal area |

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| 46. Many of the migrants to São Paulo, Brazil, end up living in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the outskirts of the city with no sanitation services.

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|   | a.  | favelas |
|   | b.  | camanchacas |
|   | c.  | cordilleras |
|   | d.  | minifundia |

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| 47. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ refers to the movement of people from rural areas to cities.

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|   | a.  | Suburbanization |
|   | b.  | Modernization |
|   | c.  | Destabilization |
|   | d.  | Urbanization |

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| 48. When it is winter in the Northern Hemisphere, what season is it in the Southern Hemisphere?

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|   | a.  | spring |
|   | b.  | winter |
|   | c.  | autumn |
|   | d.  | summer |

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| 49. What river’s basin is home to the world’s largest rain forest?

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|   | a.  | the Amazon |
|   | b.  | the Río de la Plata |
|   | c.  | the Paraná |
|   | d.  | the Uruguay |

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| 50. Grains, soybeans, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are major crops exported from South America.

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|   | a.  | grapes |
|   | b.  | rice |
|   | c.  | coffee |
|   | d.  | olives |

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