

# **WORLD GEOGRAPHY SEMESTER EXAM REVIEW**

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## **HANSEN SPRING 2013**

### Vocabulary

1. What is a rich soil made up of sand and mud deposited by running water?
2. What are basic urban necessities like streets and utilities?
3. What does it mean to adapt plants and animals from the wild to make them useful to people?
4. What is a center where cultures developed and from which ideas and traditions spread outward?
5. What is an Islamic house of worship?
6. What is a Jewish house of worship?
7. What is a Christian house of worship?
8. What was a large, step-like temple of mud brick built in ancient Samaria?
9. What was the Sumerian writing system using wedge-shaped symbols pressed into clay tablets?
10. What is it to place a company or industry under government control?
11. What does it mean that it is suitable for growing crops?
12. What are goods produced for sale that are fungible (easily substituted for each other?)
13. In Islam, what is the annual pilgrimage to Mecca?
14. What is the removal of salt from seawater to make it usable for drinking and farming?
15. What is a triangular section of land formed by sand and silt carried downriver?
16. What is a tropical grassland containing scattered trees?
17. What is the movement of people from rural areas to cities?

18. What was the policy of strict separation of the races adopted in South Africa in the 1940s?
19. What is it called when all adult citizens of a nation have equal voting rights?
20. What is a common language used among people with different native languages?
21. What is a tribal community or large group of people related to one another?
22. What is it called when one produces just enough food for a family or a village to survive?
23. What is a food that is eaten routinely and in such quantities that it constitutes a dominant portion of a standard diet in a given population?
24. What is the illegal hunting of protected animals?
25. What is the process in which arable land is turned into desert?
26. What is something that extends or goes beyond national boundaries?
27. What is something that extends or goes beyond more than one continental boundary?
28. What is something that is from one country that is located in another country?
29. What is something that is from one continent that is located on another continent?
30. In Hinduism, what is one's moral duty based on class distinctions, which guides his or her life?
31. In Hinduism, what is the belief that one is reborn repeatedly in different living forms until one has overcome earthy desires?
32. In Hinduism, what is the sum of good and bad actions in one's present and past lives?
33. In Buddhism, what is the ultimate state of peace, insight, and joy towards which people strive by following Buddhist rituals?
34. What is the Hindu word for "empire?"
35. What is a teacher or spiritual guide?

36. In Hinduism, what is a sacred word or phrase repeated in prayers and chants?
37. What is the dome-shaped structure that serves as a Buddhist shrine?
38. What is the spreading development of nuclear weapons?
39. A city that dominates a country's economy, culture, and government and in which population is concentrated
40. A military ruler in medieval Japan
41. A warm-water ocean current that adds moisture to the winter monsoons in Japan
42. An area's original inhabitants
43. Area of a country in which a foreign power has political or economic control
44. The picture below is an example of a \_\_\_\_\_.



45. If the United States sells \$500 billion in goods and services to China, and buys \$1 trillion in goods and services from China, then the United States has a \$500 billion \_\_\_\_\_ with China, and China has a \$500 billion \_\_\_\_\_ with the United States.
46. Emily was born in a small town called East Bernard, Texas, and when she graduated from East Bernard High School she went to school at the University of Texas at Austin. Upon completion of her education, she then landed a job in Houston. This movement from East Bernard to (ultimately) Houston, could be an example of \_\_\_\_\_.

47. Located in Cambodia, Angkor \_\_\_\_\_ is the largest Hindu temple complex and largest religious monument in the world.



48. Although not an island, North Korea is said to be \_\_\_\_\_ because it has little to no contact with the outside world as if it were an island. Java is literally an \_\_\_\_\_ because it is an island.

49. If the United States and China had a disagreement over how trade between the two nations was being conducted on a particular item, the aggrieved party would take their case to the \_\_\_\_\_ in order to have it decided fairly. If successful, the aggrieved nation could take economic action against the other without the other country acting in retribution. If not, the matter is considered resolved.

50. Below is an example of a \_\_\_\_\_.



51. Kim Il-Sung ruled North Korea from 1948 until his death in 1994. He was succeeded by his son Kim Jong-il who ruled from 1994 until his death in 2011 who in turn was succeeded by his son Kim Jong-un. Together, this could be considered a North Korean communist \_\_\_\_\_.

52. **Liu Xiaobo** (born 28 December 1955) is a Chinese literary critic, writer, professor, and human rights activist who called for political reforms and the end of communist single-party rule. He is currently incarcerated as a political prisoner in Jinzhou, Liaoning. He is an example of a \_\_\_\_\_.
53. The United States has a trade embargo in place against Cuba because, since it is communist, all money earned by the island nation goes directly to the government that it opposes for having confiscated the private property of all Cubans when it took over. The United States has also made it illegal for American companies to do business in Iran, a nation we are attempting to prevent from developing nuclear weapons. These are examples of trying to use \_\_\_\_\_ to bring about change instead of military force.
54. Farm crop grown to be sold or traded rather than used by the farm family
55. Of the same or similar kind or nature

### **Middle East/North Africa**

56. Which waterway is important because it links the Persian Gulf to the Arabian Sea, and a large quantity of the world's oil supply has to pass through it to reach international markets?
57. What does the word "Mesopotamia" mean in Greek?
58. Located on the Arabian Peninsula, what has the largest area of sand in the Middle East?
59. Which country is not included when referring to the Maghreb?
60. What is the largest ethnic group in the Middle East and North Africa region with more than 275 million people?
61. What precipitated the creation of the modern Jewish state of Israel?
62. What people group was displaced to live as refugees in neighboring Arab countries after there had been four wars between Arabs and Israelis after the creation of the modern Jewish state of Israel?

63. In what area do Palestinians have greater self rule while lacking a formal sovereign nation of their own?
64. What was the trade route that connected China to the Mediterranean Sea that allowed for Chinese silks, Indian cotton, ideas, and inventions to be spread throughout the world for the profit of those who produced them?
65. What is the holy book of Judaism?
66. What is the holy book of Islam?
67. What is the holy book of Christianity?
68. Which religion believes that Jesus was an important prophet?
69. Which religion believes that Jesus was the son of God who was born to a virgin named Mary, conceived by the Holy Spirit, was crucified to pay for the sins of mankind, descended into hell, rose from the dead, and ascended to heaven?
70. Who is the most important prophet in Islam?
71. What type of government do they have in Iran where the laws of a religion are enforced by the laws of the national government?

### **Sub-Saharan Africa**

72. Which lake in Africa is called the “shrinking lake” and is disappearing due to drought and population increases in addition to the fact that it is landlocked?
73. What waterform is created when the Zambezi River flows over a plateau at the border of Zimbabwe and Zambia?
74. Which African country has the largest proven petroleum reserves?
75. What is petroleum in a liquid state?
76. What is petroleum in a solid state?
77. What is petroleum in a gaseous state?
78. What is the steppe climate region that forms the southern boundary between North Africa and Sub-Saharan Africa?

79. What is the number one killer in Africa and how is it spread?
80. What is the number two killer in Africa and how is it spread?
81. An epidemic of infectious disease that has spread through human populations across a large region is called a:
82. What is the primary religion in North Africa?
83. What is the predominant religion in Sub-Saharan Africa?
84. What is the highest peak on the African continent?

### **South Asia**

85. What is the theory that says India was once a part of Africa during Pangea, broke apart, became an island, and then eventually crashed into Asia?
86. What is the island that broke away from the Indian landmass?
87. What is the most important river in India, fed by water from snow-capped peaks in the Himalayas, and according to Hinduism is believed to wash one's sins away?
88. What are the three seasons in South Asia?
89. What is the sacred text of Hinduism?
90. Which is one factor slowing population growth rates in South Asia?
91. At what point did Siddhartha Gautama say he became the Buddha?
92. Who led the drive for Indian independence from Great Britain using nonviolent methods such as boycotts, hunger strikes, and peaceful demonstrations?
93. What term means that powers are legally (and usually constitutionally) divided between the national and state governments?
94. What term means that people choose their government, their leaders, or their laws in elections that are free from threat or intimidation?
95. What term means that people are chosen to represent a defined population in the government?

96. What term means that a king or queen rules a country?
97. In which type of system do citizens vote for a party to represent them in the government instead of a specific person?
98. In which type of a system do citizens usually vote for a person to represent them in the government instead of voting for a party?
99. What is the leader of a country with a parliamentary system called?
100. What portion of the vote has a party achieved if it gets 50% + 1 of the votes?
101. What portion of the vote has a party achieved if it gets the most votes but less than half the vote?
102. What does the party that gets the most votes usually have to do in most parliamentary systems in order to form a government in instances in which it fails to win more than half the vote in an election?
103. As India has moved from the economic organization it adopted upon becoming independent to the economic organization is adopted after the 1991 financial crisis, what have been the results to India's economy?
104. What is the disputed region between India and Pakistan that the two nations have fought two wars over?

## **East Asia**

105. Which city was once a British colony won during the First Opium War that was subsequently transferred back to Chinese control in 1997?
106. Which city was once a Portuguese colony that was transferred back under control of China in 1999, and is known as the "Las Vegas" of China?
107. What are a circle of volcanoes bordering the Pacific Ocean?
108. What separates China from South Asia?

109. What is the dramatic, cone-shaped dormant volcano that is an important spiritual symbol in Japan?
110. Which river is the Three Gorges Dam on?
111. Which river is known as “China’s sorrow” because hundreds of thousands of people have drowned in its floods?
112. In which climate zone are summers hot and are there heavy rains from Pacific monsoons?
113. In which climate zone are the summers warm and winters cold and snowy?
114. In which East Asian climate zone is moisture blocked by the rain shadow effect?
115. In which climate zone are there mostly grasses and few trees?
116. What was a formerly independent Buddhist kingdom located on a high Himalayan plateau that was taken over by China in 1950?
117. What is a country where many Chinese nationalists fled when the communists won the civil war, but whose independence is not formally recognized by most of the world?
118. Where, if anywhere, are people allowed to own private property in China?
119. People in China are getting noticeably more individual rights. T/F?
120. People in China are gradually gaining more economic rights. T/F?
121. Who won the Korean War?
122. Where is the DMZ (demilitarized zone) between North Korea and South Korea drawn?

123. Based on what you know, what does the picture below best illustrate about the differences between North Korea and South Korea?



124. Which East Asian country has an almost pure command economy?
125. Which East Asian country has a market economy?
126. Which East Asian country has a mixed economy?
127. What happened that led to many communist countries adopting democratic reforms to their political institutions and market reforms to their economic institutions around 1991?
128. What is the principle reason communist nations tend to discourage or persecute religion?
129. Why did Japan bomb Pearl Harbor in World War II?
130. What role did the United States play in Japan after the Japanese signed an unconditional surrender at the end of World War II?