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1. Which one of the following was the center of Islamic learning in pre-colonial Mali? (1)

A. ✓ **Timbuktu**
B. Sennar
C. Zimbabwe
D. Nubians

Answer: A
Timbuktu, located in modern-day Mali, was a major center of trade and Islamic scholarship in the pre-colonial Mali and Songhai empires, renowned for its universities and libraries.

2. Which one of the following combined both internal and external trade? (1)

A. Local trade
B. Domestic trade
C. ✓ **Long distance trade**
D. Foreign trade

Answer: C
Long-distance trade in Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa integrated regional and local markets with international maritime trade routes through ports like Massawa and Zeila.

3. Which part of Africa extends to 37° 21'N? (1)

A. Cape Vert
B. Cape Agulahs
C. ✓ **Ras-ben Sakka**
D. Cape Guardafui

Answer: C
Ras ben Sakka in Tunisia is the northernmost point of the African continent, extending to approximately 37°21'N latitude.

4. An imaginary line drawn on maps joining all points with the same latitude in degrees. (1)

A. Meridians
B. Longitudes
C. ✓ **Parallels**
D. Equator

Answer: C
Parallels of latitude are imaginary circles drawn parallel to the Equator, joining all points that share the same latitude.

5. Which one of the following receives direct sunlight than any place on earth? (1)

A. Tropic of Capricorn
B. Tropic of cancer
C. Polar area
D. ✓ **Equator**

Answer: D
The Equator receives the most direct solar radiation throughout the year because the sun is almost always directly overhead, unlike polar or temperate regions.

6. Which one of the following is Not True About Planet Earth? (1)

A. ✓ **The earth rotates on its axis from east to west.**

B. The motion of the earth determines the length of the day.

C. The earth completes one rotation in its axis in 24 hours.

D. The earth rotates around the sun

> **Answer:** A
> The Earth rotates on its axis from west to east, not east to west, which is why the sun and stars appear to rise in the east and set in the west.

7. Which African country is well known in the production of palm oil? (1)

A. Ghana

B. Ethiopia

C. Sudan

D. ✓ **Nigeria**

> **Answer:** D
> Nigeria is one of the world's leading and historically most famous producers of palm oil in Africa, particularly in its southern rainforest zones.

8. Which one of the following contributed to low level development of fishery in Ethiopia? (1)

A. Modern technique of fishing.

B. High local demand of fish production

C. ✓ **Lack of skilled human power**

D. Lack of statistical data accessibility

> **Answer:** C
> The development of the fishery sector in Ethiopia is hindered by several factors, including a lack of skilled human power, lack of modern technologies, and limited investment.

9. What do we call a map that shows both natural and human made features of the surface of the earth? (1)

A. Physical map

B. Cultural map

C. Topical map

D. ✓ **Topographic map**

> **Answer:** D
> A topographic map is designed to represent both natural features (like mountains and rivers) and human-made cultural features (such as roads and settlements).

10. Which type of rocks cooled and solidified within the interior of the earth. (1)

A. Sedimentary rock

B. Volcanic rocks

C. Extrusive rock

D. ✓ **Intrusive rock**

> **Answer:** D
> Intrusive (or plutonic) igneous rocks form when magma cools and solidifies slowly within the Earth's crust, whereas extrusive rocks cool on the surface.

11. The third largest continent in the world is (1)

A. Europe

B. ✓ **North America**

C. Australia

D. South America

> **Answer:** B
> In order of size, the world's largest continents are Asia, Africa, and North America, making North America the third largest.

12. If the L.M.T at town A (30° w) is 3:00 a.m. what will be the L.M.T at town B (60°E)? (1)

A. 6:00 A.m.
B. 6:00 P.m.
C. ✓ **9:00 A.m.**
D. 9:00 P.m.

> **Answer:** C
> The longitudinal difference between 30°W and 60°E is 90°. Since 15° equals one hour, the time difference is 6 hours, and because B is to the east, we add 6 hours to 3:00 a.m. to get 9:00 a.m.

13. Which of the following Afro-Astatic super language families spoken out side of Africa? (1)

A. Cushitic
B. ✓ **Semitic**
C. Chadic.
D. Omotic

> **Answer:** B
> Among the families of the Afro-Asiatic super-family, Semitic languages (such as Arabic, Hebrew, and Aramaic) are widely spoken both inside Africa and outside the continent (specifically in the Middle East).

14. The most dominant physical factor that has strong influence on the pattern of population distribution is: (1)

A. Vegetation cover
B. ✓ **Climate**
C. Soil fertility
D. Relief

> **Answer:** B
> Climate (especially temperature and rainfall) is globally and regionally the most powerful physical factor influencing where human populations settle and density patterns.

15. The fungi Sultanate was a feudal state, founded in early 16th by __ (1)

A. Mandingo people
B. Shona people
C. Phoenician people
D. ✓ **Amara Dunkas**

> **Answer:** D
> The Funj Sultanate of Sennar was founded in the early 16th century (around 1504) by its first ruler, Amara Dunqas (or Dunkas).

16. Who were the Muslim merchants in Northern Ethiopia during the long distance trade? (1)

A. Negadrass
B. Afkala
C. ✓ **Jabarti**
D. Caravans

> **Answer:** C
> In northern Ethiopia, the Jabarti (Jeberti) were historically the prominent local Muslim merchants heavily involved in long-distance trade networks.

17. Which marginal information Tell us the ratio of given distance on a map with the corresponding distance on the ground? (1)

A. ✓ **Scale**
B. Compass direction
C. Title
D. Symbols

> **Answer:** A
> A map's scale is the ratio of a distance on the map to the corresponding actual distance on the ground.

18. Who was the famous military leader of Ancient Rome? (1)

A. ✓ **Julius Caesar**
B. Augustus Caesar
C. Cyrus the Great
D. Confucius

> **Answer:** A
> Julius Caesar is one of the most famous military commanders and dictators of ancient Rome, renowned for his conquests of Gaul and his civil war victories.

19. Which one of the following ancient state used Daries as a gold money? (1)

A. ✓ **Persia**
B. Rome
C. China
D. Greece

> **Answer:** A
> The Daric was a high-purity gold coin that served as the standard gold currency of the ancient Achaemenid (Persian) Empire.

20. The layer of the earth that is composed of melted Iron and Nickel; (1)

A. Inner Core
B. ✓ **Outer Core**
C. Crust
D. Mantle

> **Answer:** B
> The outer core of the Earth is a liquid (melted) layer composed primarily of iron and nickel, while the inner core is solid due to immense gravitational pressure.

21. A metamorphic rock resulted from metamorphism of lime stone rock is identified as: (1)

A. Slate
B. genesis
C. Quartz
D. ✓ **Marble**

> **Answer:** D
> Marble is a metamorphic rock that is formed when sedimentary limestone is subjected to intense heat and pressure.

22. In the second world war (WWII) the Axis power Consisted of; (1)

A. ✓ **Germany, Japan, Italy**
B. Russia, USA, Britain, France
C. Germany, Russia, Austro Hungary
D. USA, Britain, Japan, Italy

> **Answer:** A
> During World War II, the three primary members of the Axis powers alliance were Germany, Japan, and Italy.

23. Which of the following resource is fixed in amount? (1)

A. Water
B. ✓ **Coal**
C. Air
D. Plant

> **Answer:** B
> Coal is a non-renewable fossil fuel resource that is finite and fixed in amount, meaning it cannot be replenished on a human timescale once depleted.

24. What is a representative fraction for a scale Statement 1cm to 3km? (1)

A. ✓ **1:300,000**
B. 1:30,000
C. 1:3,000,000
D. 1:3000

> **Answer:** A
> To convert the scale '1 cm to 3 km' to a representative fraction, convert 3 km to centimeters: 3 km = 3,000 meters = 300,000 centimeters, yielding a ratio of 1:300,000.

25. A parking lot has the shape of a right angle triangle where by the base is 10cm and the height is about 6 cm on a map the scale of the map is 1:50,000. What is the area of the parking lot? (1)

A. 8.5km²
B. ✓ **7.5 km²**
C. 5.7 km²
D. 75 km²

> **Answer:** B
> The map area of the right-angled triangle is 0.5 * 10 cm * 6 cm = 30 cm². Since the scale is 1:50,000, 1 cm on the map equals 50,000 cm (0.5 km) in reality. Therefore, 1 cm² on the map represents 0.25 km², making the actual area 30 * 0.25 = 7.5 km².

26. Which of the following IS NOT an effective response in Combating HIV/AIDS? (1)

A. Voluntary Counseling and testing
B. Condom Promotion and Availability
C. Reduce stigma and discrimination
D. ✓ **Unsafe sexual intercourse**

> **Answer:** D
> Unsafe sexual intercourse is a primary transmission route for HIV/AIDS and directly contradicts efforts to combat the epidemic, unlike VCT, condom distribution, and reduction of stigma.

27. One of the following is an official language of most of South American countries: WHICH ONE? (1)

A. Latin
B. English
C. ✓ **Spanish**
D. Mandarin

> **Answer:** C
> Spanish is the official language of the majority of South American nations due to Spain's extensive colonization of the region, except for Brazil (Portuguese) and some smaller nations.

28. Which of the following livelihoods is dominant in the developing Countries of Africa? (1)

A. ✓ **Agriculture**
B. Manufacturing
C. Trade
D. Tourism

> **Answer:** A
> Agriculture is the dominant economic activity and source of livelihood for the majority of the population in developing African countries.

29. The existence of a number of groups that belong to different political outlook is known as: (1)

A. Democracy
B. ✓ **Pluralism**
C. Liberalism
D. Nationalism

> **Answer:** B
> Pluralism is a political philosophy that recognizes and tolerates the coexistence of diverse groups, interests, and political outlooks within a single society.

30. Which one is incorrect combination? (1)

A. Buddhism------Siddhartha Gautama
B. Christianity ------Jesus Christ
C. ✓ **Hinduism ----- Confucius**
D. Islam------- prophet Mohammed

> **Answer:** C
> Confucius is the founder of Confucianism, not Hinduism; Hinduism has no single historical founder and evolved over centuries in India.

31. As Neo-Datsur is to Tunisia, Wafdist is to _____ (1)

A. Kenya
B. Tanzania
C. Algeria
D. ✓ **Egypt**

> **Answer:** D
> The Wafd Party (Wafdist) was a highly influential nationalist political party in Egypt, analogous to the Neo-Destour party's nationalist role in Tunisia.

32. Which of the following IS NOT among the objectives of African union (AU)? (1)

A. Fighting corruption
B. To promote good governance
C. To enforce the rule of law
D. ✓ **To discourage democratic principle**

> **Answer:** D
> One of the fundamental objectives of the African Union (AU) is to promote and protect democratic principles and institutions, not to discourage them.

33. SADC MAY NOT deal with: (1)

A. ✓ **Domestic issues of each member states**
B. Common development and Security
C. Fighting HIV/AIDS
D. Fighting Corruption

> **Answer:** A
> As a regional intergovernmental organization, SADC respects the sovereignty of member states and generally does not intervene in their strictly domestic political issues.

34. Which of the following type of erosion might result in the removal of a uniform depth of soil? (1)

A. River erosion
B. Gulley erosion
C. ✓ **Sheet erosion**
D. Wind erosion

> **Answer:** C
> Sheet erosion is the uniform removal of soil in thin, uniform layers from the land surface, caused by raindrop impact and overland surface runoff.

35. How many official languages do UNO uses? (1)

A. ✓ **6 Language**
B. 5 Language
C. 8 Language
D. 4 Language

> **Answer:** A
> The United Nations uses six official languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish.

36. The two continents connected by the isthmus of Suez canal are: (1)

A. Europe and Asia
B. North America and south America
C. ✓ **Africa and Asia**
D. Europe and Africa

> **Answer:** C
> The Isthmus of Suez is the narrow strip of land that connects the continents of Africa and Asia, through which the Suez Canal was excavated.

37. Which of the following is herbivore animal? (1)

A. Hyena
B. ✓ **Zebra**
C. Leopard
D. Monkey

> **Answer:** B
> Zebras are herbivorous animals whose diet consists almost entirely of grasses, whereas hyenas and leopards are carnivores, and monkeys are mostly omnivores.

38. The permanent or temporary clearance of forest for agriculture and Other uses is called (1)

A. Reforestation
B. Afforestation
C. ✓ **Deforestation**
D. Impeded forest regeneration

> **Answer:** C
> Deforestation is the permanent or temporary removal of forest cover to clear land for agricultural, industrial, or urban development purposes.

39. One of the following is an example of sedimentary rock; (1)

A. ✓ **Coal**
B. Granite
C. Basalt
D. Gold

> **Answer:** A
> Coal is an organic sedimentary rock formed from the accumulated and compressed remains of ancient plant matter, whereas granite and basalt are igneous rocks.

40. The following are the major factors that affect wild animals Except (1)

A. Over Grazing
B. Illegal hunting
C. ✓ **Afforestation**
D. Deforestation

> **Answer:** C
> Afforestation (planting trees to establish a forest) is a beneficial environmental practice that restores habitats, unlike destructive factors like overgrazing, poaching, and deforestation.

41. The continental crust is referred to as _____ (1)

A. Sima
B. Core
C. Mantle
D. ✓ **Sial**

> **Answer:** D
> The continental crust is rich in silica and aluminium, hence it is historically referred to as 'Sial', while the oceanic crust is known as 'Sima' (silica and magnesium).

42. The continent located south of the Arctic Ocean, East of the Atlantic Ocean, and north of Mediterranean sea is: (1)

A. Asia
B. ✓ **Europe**
C. Africa
D. Australia

> **Answer:** B
> Europe is situated south of the Arctic Ocean, east of the Atlantic Ocean, and north of the Mediterranean Sea.

43. The effect of acidic rain was for the first noticed in 1950sin _____ (1)

A. Latin America
B. Bangladesh
C. ✓ **Scandinavia**
D. Maghreb region

> **Answer:** C
> The damaging effects of acid rain on aquatic life and forests were first extensively documented and noticed in Scandinavian countries during the 1950s.

44. Which one IS NOT among the rights of women? (1)

A. To possess, transfer and inherit properties
B. To protect themselves from harmful practices
C. Equality before, during and after marriage
D. ✓ **Maternity leave without pay before and after they give birth to a child**

> **Answer:** D
> Under the Ethiopian Constitution and international human rights law, women are entitled to maternity leave *with full pay* to ensure their economic security and health.

45. What was the immediate cause of world war the second (WWII)? (1)

A. The assassination of prince Ferdinand
B. ✓ **The invasion of Poland by Germany**
C. The invasion of Manchuria by Japan
D. The invasion of Ethiopia by Italy

> **Answer:** B
> The immediate trigger of World War II was the German invasion of Poland on September 1, 1939, which led Great Britain and France to declare war on Germany.

46. The criminal behavior that is carried out by young person is known as (1)

A. ✓ **Delinquency**
B. Juvenile
C. Robbery
D. Hooliganism

> **Answer:** A
> The term 'delinquency' (or 'juvenile delinquency') specifically refers to criminal or anti-social behavior committed by young persons or minors.

47. An earth quake measuring 7 to 8 magnitude rating would be considered as: (1)

A. Minor
B. Moderate
C. ✓ **Major**
D. Great

> **Answer:** C
> On the Richter and Moment Magnitude scales, an earthquake measuring between 7.0 and 7.9 is classified as 'Major', capable of causing serious damage over large areas.

48. The presence of western entertainment and mass media is considered as___ globalization. (1)

A. Economic
B. Political
C. Social
D. ✓ **Cultural**

> **Answer:** D
> The global spread and consumption of Western films, music, television, and consumer lifestyles represent cultural globalization.

49. The root cause of poverty is:- (1)

A. ✓ **Prevalence of illiteracy**
B. Lack of resource
C. Prevalence of literacy
D. Overpopulation

> **Answer:** A
> In many developmental and social curriculum materials, the prevalence of illiteracy is identified as a root cause of poverty because it limits skills, productivity, and economic opportunities.

50. The avoidance of discrimination based on sex refers to (1)

A. Gender inequality
B. Sex equality
C. ✓ **Gender equality**
D. Sex inequality

> **Answer:** C
> Gender equality refers to the state of equal ease of access to resources and opportunities regardless of gender, which involves the avoidance of discrimination based on sex.

51. One of the following IS NOT a sign of lack of good governance? (1)

A. Corruption
B. Partiality
C. Civil war
D. ✓ **Prevalence of transparency**

> **Answer:** D
> Prevalence of transparency is a core pillar and positive indicator of good governance, whereas corruption, partiality, and instability like civil war signify its lack.

52. All of the following are forms of corruption except (1)

A. Nepotism
B. Bribery
C. ✓ **Negotiation**
D. Embezzlement

> **Answer:** C
> Nepotism, bribery, and embezzlement are illegal and unethical acts of corruption, whereas negotiation is a legitimate and legal method of resolving disputes or reaching agreements.

53. Which ONE IS NOT among the harmful practices? (1)

A. Abduction
B. Revenge
C. Not being Punctual
D. ✓ **Late marriage**

> **Answer:** D
> Abduction and revenge are harmful traditional practices, and unpunctuality is a harmful working habit. Late marriage (marrying at a mature age) is not a harmful practice; in fact, it helps avoid the harmful practice of early marriage.

54. Among the following, which country follows the pro-natalist population policy? (1)

A. Ethiopia
B. Pakistan
C. ✓ **Israel**
D. Nigeria

> **Answer:** C
> Israel is well-known for its pro-natalist population policies that actively encourage and support childbirth through various state incentives, unlike developing nations like Ethiopia, Nigeria, and Pakistan which aim to reduce high fertility rates.

55. Which of the following mode of transportation provides door-to-door service? (1)

A. ✓ **Road transport**
B. Air transport
C. Water transport
D. Rail transport

> **Answer:** A
> Road transport is unique among the modes of transportation for its flexibility to provide direct door-to-door service without requiring intermediate transshipment.

56. As Benito Mussolini was to Italy, Adolf Hitler was to: (1)

A. ✓ **Germany**
B. USA
C. British
D. Japan

> **Answer:** A
> This analogy compares dictators to their respective countries during the interwar and World War II period; Benito Mussolini ruled Italy, while Adolf Hitler ruled Germany.

57. As Xerophytes are Desert vegetation, while Maques as to: (1)

A. Savannah vegetation
B. ✓ **Mediterranean vegetation**
C. Tropical vegetation
D. Equatorial vegetation

> **Answer:** B
> Xerophytes are adapted to arid desert conditions, while Maquis (or 'maques') consists of evergreen sclerophyllous shrubs typical of the Mediterranean climate and vegetation zone.

58. If you are an expert of resource management, what would you recommend for the Ethiopian people? (1)

A. Overuse of resources
B. ✓ **Sustainable use of resources**
C. Depleting of resources
D. Exploitation of resources

> **Answer:** B
> Resource management experts advocate for sustainable use, which meets current development needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

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