African Capitals

Use this key to check answers and read the explanations.

1. Which city does Egypt’s constitution name as the national capital?
   A. Cairo
   B. Alexandria
   C. Luxor
   D. Port Said
   Correct answer: A. Cairo
   Article 222 of Egypt’s constitution names Cairo as the capital.

2. A map of Kenya needs a capital symbol. Which city should receive it?
   A. Kisumu
   B. Mombasa
   C. Nairobi
   D. Nakuru
   Correct answer: C. Nairobi
   Nairobi is Kenya’s capital. Mombasa is a major port on the Indian Ocean.

3. Which city is Ghana’s national capital?
   A. Kumasi
   B. Accra
   C. Tamale
   D. Cape Coast
   Correct answer: B. Accra
   Accra is the capital. Kumasi, Tamale, and Cape Coast are cities in other parts of Ghana.

4. Addis Ababa is the national capital of which country?
   A. Djibouti
   B. Eritrea
   C. Somalia
   D. Ethiopia
   Correct answer: D. Ethiopia
   Addis Ababa is the Ethiopian capital. Asmara, Mogadishu, and Djibouti are the capitals of the other choices.

5. Which city should be labeled as Senegal’s capital?
   A. Saint-Louis
   B. Dakar
   C. Touba
   D. Ziguinchor
   Correct answer: B. Dakar
   Dakar is Senegal’s capital, on the Atlantic coast.

6. Which of these west-coast African cities is Angola’s capital?
   A. Luanda
   B. Libreville
   C. Lomé
   D. Conakry
   Correct answer: A. Luanda
   Luanda is the capital of Angola. Libreville is in Gabon, Lomé in Togo, and Conakry in Guinea.

7. A map label calls Walvis Bay the capital of Namibia. Which city should replace it?
   A. Lüderitz
   B. Swakopmund
   C. Rundu
   D. Windhoek
   Correct answer: D. Windhoek
   Windhoek is Namibia’s capital and lies inland. Walvis Bay is a coastal port.

8. Which country should be paired with Kigali in a list of national capitals?
   A. Kenya
   B. Uganda
   C. Rwanda
   D. Tanzania
   Correct answer: C. Rwanda
   Kigali is the Rwandan capital. Kampala, Nairobi, and Dodoma are the other countries’ capitals.

9. Which city is the national capital of Madagascar?
   A. Antananarivo
   B. Toamasina
   C. Mahajanga
   D. Toliara
   Correct answer: A. Antananarivo
   Antananarivo is the capital. The other answers are coastal cities on Madagascar.

10. Which country has Maputo as its national capital?

A. Angola
B. Madagascar
C. Tanzania
D. Mozambique

Correct answer: D. Mozambique
Maputo is in southern Mozambique. It lies on a bay connected to the Indian Ocean.

11. Which sequence correctly gives the capitals of Malawi and Zambia, in that order?

A. Blantyre, Lusaka
B. Lusaka, Lilongwe
C. Lilongwe, Lusaka
D. Lilongwe, Ndola

Correct answer: C. Lilongwe, Lusaka
Lilongwe is Malawi’s capital, and Lusaka is Zambia’s capital.

12. Which pair matches Burkina Faso and Mali with their capitals, in that order?

A. Bamako, Ouagadougou
B. Ouagadougou, Bamako
C. Bobo-Dioulasso, Bamako
D. Ouagadougou, Sikasso

Correct answer: B. Ouagadougou, Bamako
Burkina Faso’s capital is Ouagadougou. Mali’s is Bamako.

13. Which city belongs on a map label reading ‘Lesotho — capital’?

A. Lusaka
B. Mbabane
C. Gaborone
D. Maseru

Correct answer: D. Maseru
Maseru is Lesotho’s capital. The other choices are capitals in Eswatini, Botswana, and Zambia.

14. Which sequence gives the capitals of Guinea-Bissau and Cabo Verde, in that order?

A. Bissau, Praia
B. Praia, Bissau
C. Conakry, Praia
D. Bissau, Mindelo

Correct answer: A. Bissau, Praia
Guinea-Bissau’s capital is Bissau. Cabo Verde’s is Praia, on the island of Santiago.

15. Which sequence correctly gives the capitals of Niger and Chad, in that order?

A. Agadez, N’Djamena
B. N’Djamena, Niamey
C. Niamey, N’Djamena
D. Niamey, Abéché

Correct answer: C. Niamey, N’Djamena
Niamey is the capital of Niger, and N’Djamena is the capital of Chad.