African Countries and Geography

Use this key to check answers and read the explanations.

1. Which African country contains the pyramids at Giza?
   - A. Egypt
   - B. Morocco
   - C. Tunisia
   - D. Algeria

   Correct answer: A. Egypt
   Giza is in Egypt, on the west side of the Nile near Cairo.

2. Which large island country lies across the Mozambique Channel from mainland Africa?
   - A. Seychelles
   - B. Cabo Verde
   - C. Madagascar
   - D. Mauritius

   Correct answer: C. Madagascar
   The channel separates Madagascar from the southeastern African mainland.

3. Which country is home to Mount Kilimanjaro?
   - A. Ethiopia
   - B. Tanzania
   - C. Uganda
   - D. Kenya

   Correct answer: B. Tanzania
   Kilimanjaro stands in northeastern Tanzania, near the Kenyan border.

4. Which country has coastlines on both the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea?
   - A. Libya
   - B. Algeria
   - C. Tunisia
   - D. Morocco

   Correct answer: D. Morocco
   Morocco faces the Atlantic to the west and the Mediterranean to the north.

5. Which of these African countries is an island group in the Atlantic Ocean west of Senegal?

A. Comoros
B. Cabo Verde
C. Seychelles
D. Mauritius

Correct answer: B. Cabo Verde
Cabo Verde lies off West Africa. The other three choices are island countries in the Indian Ocean.

6. Which country is completely surrounded by South Africa?

A. Lesotho
B. Eswatini
C. Botswana
D. Namibia

Correct answer: A. Lesotho
Lesotho’s only international land boundary is with South Africa. Eswatini also borders Mozambique.

7. Which country contains Kinshasa, on the south bank of the Congo River opposite Brazzaville?

A. Central African Republic
B. Republic of the Congo
C. Angola
D. Democratic Republic of the Congo

Correct answer: D. Democratic Republic of the Congo
Kinshasa is in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Brazzaville, across the river, is in the Republic of the Congo.

8. Which country contains Timbuktu, a historic center of learning and trade in the Sahel?

A. Sudan
B. Chad
C. Mali
D. Niger

Correct answer: C. Mali
Timbuktu is in Mali, near the northern arc of the Niger River.

9. Which country in the Horn of Africa has no coast and borders Eritrea, Djibouti, and Somalia?

A. Ethiopia
B. Kenya
C. Uganda
D. Sudan

Correct answer: A. Ethiopia
Ethiopia has land borders with all three countries and has no coastline of its own.

10. Which country protects the Namib Sand Sea along its Atlantic coast?

A. Botswana
B. Mozambique
C. Angola
D. Namibia

Correct answer: D. Namibia
The Namib Sand Sea is within Namibia’s Namib-Naukluft Park.

11. Which two countries share the UNESCO site at Mosi-oa-Tunya, also known as Victoria Falls?

A. Botswana and Namibia
B. Kenya and Tanzania
C. Zambia and Zimbabwe
D. Uganda and Rwanda

Correct answer: C. Zambia and Zimbabwe
The waterfall is on the Zambezi River, which forms the boundary between Zambia and Zimbabwe at that point.

12. In which country is Juba, a capital city on the White Nile?

A. Sudan
B. South Sudan
C. Uganda
D. Ethiopia

Correct answer: B. South Sudan
Juba is the capital of South Sudan. The White Nile flows north from there into Sudan.

13. Which of these countries borders both Malawi and Tanzania and has an Indian Ocean coast?

A. Burundi
B. Zambia
C. Zimbabwe
D. Mozambique

Correct answer: D. Mozambique
Mozambique borders Tanzania to the north and Malawi to the northwest. Its eastern coast faces the Indian Ocean.

14. Which of these countries is grouped in Middle Africa in the United Nations M49 classification?

A. Gabon
B. Ghana
C. Kenya
D. Morocco

Correct answer: A. Gabon
Gabon is in Middle Africa under M49. Ghana is in Western Africa, Kenya in Eastern Africa, and Morocco in Northern Africa.

15. Which island country contains Aapravasi Ghat, a World Heritage site connected to the history of indentured labor?

A. Comoros
B. Seychelles
C. Mauritius
D. Madagascar

Correct answer: C. Mauritius
Aapravasi Ghat was an immigration depot at Port Louis, Mauritius.