Asian Countries and Geography

Use this key to check answers and read the explanations.

1. Which country includes the islands of Honshu and Hokkaido?
   - A. Japan
   - B. Indonesia
   - C. Philippines
   - D. Malaysia

   Correct answer: A. Japan
   Honshu and Hokkaido are two of Japan’s four largest main islands.

2. Which Southeast Asian country is home to Angkor Wat?
   - A. Laos
   - B. Thailand
   - C. Cambodia
   - D. Viet Nam

   Correct answer: C. Cambodia
   Angkor Wat is part of the Angkor site in northwestern Cambodia.

3. Which island country lies just southeast of India, across the Palk Strait?
   - A. Maldives
   - B. Sri Lanka
   - C. Indonesia
   - D. Timor-Leste

   Correct answer: B. Sri Lanka
   The Palk Strait separates Sri Lanka from the southeastern coast of India.

4. Which country occupies the southern part of the Korean Peninsula?
   - A. China
   - B. Japan
   - C. Mongolia
   - D. South Korea

   Correct answer: D. South Korea
   The Republic of Korea, commonly called South Korea, occupies the peninsula’s south.

5. Which country contains the ancient city of Petra?

A. Lebanon
B. Jordan
C. Oman
D. Bahrain

Correct answer: B. Jordan
Petra was a Nabataean city in what is now southern Jordan.

6. Which landlocked country directly borders China and Russia and has no other neighbors?

A. Mongolia
B. Nepal
C. Bhutan
D. Laos

Correct answer: A. Mongolia
Mongolia lies between China and Russia, its only two land neighbors.

7. Which country is located at the southern tip of the Malay Peninsula, across the Johor Strait from mainland Malaysia?

A. Cambodia
B. Brunei
C. Philippines
D. Singapore

Correct answer: D. Singapore
Singapore’s main island sits just south of the Malaysian state of Johor.

8. Which present-day country contains the heritage-listed port town of Hoi An?

A. Malaysia
B. Thailand
C. Viet Nam
D. Cambodia

Correct answer: C. Viet Nam
Hoi An is on the central coast of Viet Nam and was an important trading port.

9. Which of these Southeast Asian countries has no seacoast?

A. Laos
B. Cambodia
C. Myanmar
D. Thailand

Correct answer: A. Laos
Laos is landlocked. Cambodia, Myanmar, and Thailand all have coastlines.

10. Borobudur is on Java. Which country contains the island?

A. Brunei
B. Malaysia
C. Philippines
D. Indonesia

Correct answer: D. Indonesia
Java is in Indonesia, and Borobudur stands in its Central Java province.

11. Which country contains Lumbini, the UNESCO site associated with the Buddha’s birthplace?

A. India
B. Bhutan
C. Nepal
D. Bangladesh

Correct answer: C. Nepal
UNESCO lists Lumbini in the southern plains of Nepal.

12. Mount Kinabalu rises in Sabah on Borneo. Which country includes the state of Sabah?

A. Indonesia
B. Malaysia
C. Brunei
D. Philippines

Correct answer: B. Malaysia
Borneo is divided among three countries. Sabah, in the north of the island, is part of Malaysia.

13. Which of these countries does the UN’s M49 statistical classification place in Central Asia?

A. Jordan
B. Mongolia
C. Afghanistan
D. Uzbekistan

Correct answer: D. Uzbekistan
Uzbekistan is in the Central Asia group. The other choices are classified in Eastern, Southern, or Western Asia.

14. Which country has a coast on the Caspian Sea and shares land borders with both Iran and Uzbekistan?

A. Turkmenistan
B. Tajikistan
C. Kyrgyzstan
D. Armenia

Correct answer: A. Turkmenistan
Turkmenistan has land borders with Iran, Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, and Kazakhstan. It also has a coast on the Caspian Sea.

15. The UNESCO Chang’an–Tianshan Corridor site is shared by China, Kazakhstan, and which third country?

A. Tajikistan
B. Uzbekistan
C. Kyrgyzstan
D. Mongolia

Correct answer: C. Kyrgyzstan
The heritage listing covers sites in China, Kazakhstan, and Kyrgyzstan.