Five Themes of Geography

Choose one answer per question. Circle A, B, C, or D.

1. A researcher marks an observatory at 19° N, 155° W on a map. Which theme do the coordinates illustrate?
   A. Location
   B. Place
   C. Movement
   D. Region

2. A class describes a town by its cobbled streets, granite buildings, and steep hills. Which theme fits this description?
   A. Movement
   B. Location
   C. Place
   D. Region

3. A map follows nurses as they relocate from several small towns to a larger city for work. Which theme is most directly illustrated?
   A. Place
   B. Movement
   C. Region
   D. Human–environment interaction

4. A map groups counties together because all of them share a dry climate. Which theme explains the grouping?
   A. Location
   B. Place
   C. Movement
   D. Region

5. Homeowners in a flood-prone neighborhood raise the floors of their houses on piers. Which theme focuses on the decision to adapt?
   A. Place
   B. Human–environment interaction
   C. Location
   D. Movement

6. A visitor is told that a lighthouse is just east of the harbor entrance. What kind of location information is this?

A. Relative location
B. Absolute location
C. A regional boundary
D. An altitude reading

7. Which observation describes a physical characteristic of a place?

A. The island imports fruit by ferry
B. Most residents commute south to work
C. The clinic is west of the bakery
D. The shoreline has steep basalt cliffs

8. Students in several towns contribute to a shared online map. Which part of the project best illustrates movement?

A. Marking the latitude and longitude of a pier
B. Recording the slope of a hill
C. Sending map updates from one town to another
D. Naming an area with a shared climate

9. A farming village diverts part of a stream into irrigation channels. What makes this an example of human–environment interaction?

A. People change how water flows to support farming
B. The channel gives the village an absolute location
C. The stream’s name marks a cultural region
D. People record the village’s latitude

10. A map shows the group of districts that use the same official language. Why can those districts be treated as one formal region?

A. They were grouped only because someone found them attractive
B. All residents travel to one transport hub
C. Each district has the same exact coordinates
D. They share a specified human characteristic

11. A map marks locations of five train stations. A table then shows how many riders travel between every pair. Which theme does the table add?

A. Human–environment interaction
B. Place
C. Movement
D. Absolute location

12. Several towns receive deliveries from one central depot. A geographer draws a boundary around the depot’s service area. What type of region is defined?

A. A formal region based on elevation
B. A functional region
C. A formal region based on dialect
D. A perceptual region based on reputation

13. A coastal town installs water-resistant flooring and builds a flood barrier. How do the actions illustrate two kinds of human–environment interaction?

A. Both actions classify the town as a cultural region
B. Both actions only describe movement of people out of town
C. The flooring identifies absolute location, and the barrier identifies relative location
D. The flooring adapts buildings to floods, and the barrier modifies how floodwater can reach them

14. Two maps show the same communities. One groups them by annual rainfall and the other groups them by the radio station people can receive. What does the difference demonstrate?

A. Regions depend on the characteristic or relationship used to define them
B. All regions must have identical boundaries
C. A place has no physical characteristics when it is also in a region
D. Relative location is the same as latitude and longitude

15. Which research question emphasizes place, while the others emphasize how people respond to or modify their surroundings?

A. Why did residents move roads away from steep slopes?
B. How have farmers changed the valley’s water supply?
C. What building styles and rock formations characterize the valley?
D. How does building on hillsides affect runoff?