Oceania Countries and Capitals

Use this key to check answers and read the explanations.

1. Which country occupies the mainland landmass between the Indian and Pacific oceans south of Papua New Guinea?
   - A. Australia
   - B. New Zealand
   - C. Fiji
   - D. Vanuatu

   Correct answer: A. Australia

   Australia occupies the continent’s main landmass and is the largest country in Oceania by area.

2. North Island and South Island are the two main islands of which country?
   - A. Tonga
   - B. Samoa
   - C. New Zealand
   - D. Solomon Islands

   Correct answer: C. New Zealand

   New Zealand’s two largest islands are commonly called North Island and South Island.

3. Which country occupies the eastern half of the main island of New Guinea?
   - A. Solomon Islands
   - B. Papua New Guinea
   - C. Timor-Leste
   - D. Palau

   Correct answer: B. Papua New Guinea

   Papua New Guinea occupies eastern New Guinea. Indonesia administers the western half.

4. Which city serves as the capital of Fiji?
   - A. Labasa
   - B. Nadi
   - C. Lautoka
   - D. Suva

   Correct answer: D. Suva

   Suva is on Viti Levu and serves as Fiji’s capital.

5. Apia is the capital of which independent country?
   A. Tonga
   B. Samoa
   C. Tuvalu
   D. Fiji
   Correct answer: B. Samoa
   Apia serves as the capital of Samoa. The neighboring territory of American Samoa has a separate government.

6. Which city is the capital of Tonga?
   A. Nuku’alofa
   B. Apia
   C. Suva
   D. Honiara
   Correct answer: A. Nuku’alofa
   The Tongan capital is Nuku’alofa on Tongatapu.

7. Which city should receive the capital marker on a map of Vanuatu?
   A. Port Moresby
   B. Luganville
   C. Honiara
   D. Port Vila
   Correct answer: D. Port Vila
   Port Vila is the capital of Vanuatu. Luganville is another city in the same country.

8. Which independent country has Honiara as its capital?
   A. Fiji
   B. Vanuatu
   C. Solomon Islands
   D. Papua New Guinea
   Correct answer: C. Solomon Islands
   Honiara is the capital of Solomon Islands and lies on Guadalcanal.

9. Funafuti is the capital of which country?
   A. Tuvalu
   B. Kiribati
   C. Nauru
   D. Marshall Islands
   Correct answer: A. Tuvalu
   Funafuti is an atoll and the capital of Tuvalu.

10. Which of these countries has its capital in South Tarawa?
    A. Federated States of Micronesia
    B. Palau
    C. Marshall Islands
    D. Kiribati
    Correct answer: D. Kiribati
    South Tarawa is the capital area and the center of government services for Kiribati.

11. Which place serves as the capital of the Marshall Islands?
    A. Funafuti
    B. Palikir
    C. Majuro
    D. Ngerulmud
    Correct answer: C. Majuro
    The Marshall Islands has its capital at Majuro. The other choices are capitals in nearby Pacific countries.

12. Which country has its national capital, Palikir, on Pohnpei?
    A. Palau
    B. Federated States of Micronesia
    C. Nauru
    D. Solomon Islands
    Correct answer: B. Federated States of Micronesia
    Palikir on Pohnpei serves as the capital of the Federated States of Micronesia.

13. Which place is Palau’s national capital?
    A. Palikir
    B. Koror
    C. Majuro
    D. Ngerulmud
    Correct answer: D. Ngerulmud
    Ngerulmud is the seat of Palau’s national government. Koror is a different city in Palau.

14. Which Pacific country’s government offices are in Yaren District?
    A. Nauru
    B. Kiribati
    C. Tuvalu
    D. Vanuatu
    Correct answer: A. Nauru
    Yaren is the government district of Nauru. UN statistical profiles list it under the capital-city field.

15. Under the UN’s M49 classification, which pair is grouped together in Melanesia?

A. Vanuatu and Nauru
B. Fiji and Samoa
C. Fiji and Vanuatu
D. Tonga and Solomon Islands

Correct answer: C. Fiji and Vanuatu

Fiji and Vanuatu are both classified in Melanesia. Samoa and Tonga are in Polynesia, and Nauru is in Micronesia.