U.S. Territories

Use this key to check answers and read the explanations.

1. Which of these U.S. territories is in the Caribbean?
   A. Puerto Rico
   B. Guam
   C. American Samoa
   D. Northern Mariana Islands
   Correct answer: A. Puerto Rico
   Puerto Rico is in the Caribbean. The other three territories are in the Pacific.

2. In which part of the world would you look for Guam?
   A. The western Indian Ocean
   B. The northern Atlantic Ocean
   C. The western Pacific Ocean
   D. The eastern Mediterranean Sea
   Correct answer: C. The western Pacific Ocean
   Guam lies in the western Pacific, in the Mariana island chain.

3. Which of these U.S. territories lies south of the equator?
   A. Guam
   B. American Samoa
   C. Puerto Rico
   D. Northern Mariana Islands
   Correct answer: B. American Samoa
   American Samoa is in the South Pacific. Its islands lie south of the equator.

4. San Juan is the capital of which U.S. territory?
   A. U.S. Virgin Islands
   B. Guam
   C. American Samoa
   D. Puerto Rico
   Correct answer: D. Puerto Rico
   San Juan is on the northern coast of the main island of Puerto Rico.

5. Which of these territories lies immediately east of Puerto Rico in the Caribbean island chain?

A. American Samoa
B. U.S. Virgin Islands
C. Guam
D. Northern Mariana Islands

Correct answer: B. U.S. Virgin Islands
The U.S. Virgin Islands are east of Puerto Rico.

6. Saipan is the seat of government for which U.S. territory?

A. Northern Mariana Islands
B. U.S. Virgin Islands
C. American Samoa
D. Guam

Correct answer: A. Northern Mariana Islands
Saipan is the seat of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

7. Which place is Guam’s capital?

A. Charlotte Amalie
B. Garapan
C. Pago Pago
D. Hagåtña

Correct answer: D. Hagåtña
Hagåtña is the capital of Guam. Garapan is on Saipan in the Northern Mariana Islands.

8. Tutuila includes part of a U.S. national park. In which territory is the island?

A. Northern Mariana Islands
B. Guam
C. American Samoa
D. Puerto Rico

Correct answer: C. American Samoa
The National Park of American Samoa protects land and coastal waters around Tutuila and two islands in the Manu‘a group.

9. Which island is home to Virgin Islands National Park, which protects roughly two-thirds of the island?

A. St. John
B. St. Croix
C. Vieques
D. St. Thomas

Correct answer: A. St. John
Virgin Islands National Park protects much of St. John, as well as nearby waters.

10. A traveler takes a trip from Puerto Rico’s main island to Vieques. Which territorial government covers both islands?

A. The Government of the U.S. Virgin Islands
B. The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
C. The Government of Guam
D. The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

Correct answer: D. The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
Vieques is part of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service manages a refuge on the island.

11. Which pair of U.S. territories lies within the same western Pacific archipelago?

A. Puerto Rico and Guam
B. Guam and American Samoa
C. Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands
D. Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa

Correct answer: C. Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands
Guam is the southernmost island of the Mariana archipelago. The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands occupies the part of the chain to its north.

12. The 1898 Treaty of Paris transferred which pair of islands from Spain to the United States?

A. Guam and St. Croix
B. Puerto Rico and Guam
C. Puerto Rico and Tutuila
D. Saipan and St. John

Correct answer: B. Puerto Rico and Guam
Under the 1898 agreement, Spain ceded Puerto Rico and Guam. The U.S. also acquired the Philippines under the treaty.

13. A Census Bureau table titled 2020 Island Areas lists American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Which inhabited territory has separate 2020 Census products?

A. U.S. Virgin Islands
B. Guam
C. Northern Mariana Islands
D. Puerto Rico

Correct answer: D. Puerto Rico
The 2020 Island Areas release covers the four places in the question. Puerto Rico is covered in separate 2020 Census products.

14. Which Pacific country is a sovereign state with a Compact of Free Association with the United States?

A. Palau
B. Guam
C. American Samoa
D. Northern Mariana Islands

Correct answer: A. Palau
Palau is an independent country in free association with the United States. The other choices are U.S. territories.

15. Which two inhabited U.S. territories both use the term commonwealth in their formal English names?

A. Guam and Puerto Rico
B. Guam and American Samoa
C. Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands
D. American Samoa and the U.S. Virgin Islands

Correct answer: C. Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands
The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands both use that designation.