

Multiple Choice Questions—Places and Regions

Answer Key

1. Which is not an example of a physical characteristic of a place?

- a. average annual rainfall
- b. the most common type of housing
- c. the number of bird species
- d. elevation

answer: b

2. Human characteristics are frequently depicted on all of the following except:

- a. topographical maps
- b. satellite images
- c. photographs
- d. architectural sketches

answer: a

3. Which option below provides the best example of a place's physical characteristics influencing its human characteristics?

- a. A new suburban development is built right next to the commuter rail station.
- b. Residents of a town vote to create a new park.
- c. City dwellers move to the suburbs in order to have more living space and square footage in their homes and yards.
- d. Housing developers in Phoenix use light-colored stucco to reflect the sun's radiation away from houses.

answer: d

4. A thematic land use map shows:

- a. physical characteristics of places
- b. human characteristics of places
- c. a and b
- d. none of the above

answer: c

5. A village consisting of thatched huts will likely be located in a place characterized by:
- a. plenty of trees
 - b. a major freeway
 - c. a lot of livestock
 - d. a multinational bank

answer: a

6. Which of the following would probably not result from locating a major university in a town?
- a. The census would show a larger-than-average number of people in their 20s living in the town.
 - b. Town residents would have access to ethnic restaurants and movie theaters that show foreign films.
 - c. The town's religious diversity would decrease.
 - d. People would travel from the surrounding region to seek medical attention.

answer: c

7. Which of the following would not likely have resulted from the construction of the transcontinental railroad?
- a. Towns that the railroad passed through grew in importance and prosperity.
 - b. Towns that were about 20 miles from the railroad, but through which the railroad did not pass directly, increased in prosperity.
 - c. Businesses in railroad towns benefited from the influx of travelers.
 - d. New housing had to be built to accommodate railroad workers in hub towns.

answer: b

8. Imagine that you live and work on a rice farm in Indonesia. You have one water buffalo to help pull the plow, but you must do the actual planting and harvesting with your own hands. If you suddenly received a gift of a motorized tractor, which of the following statements would be least likely to reflect changes in your personal life?
- a. You can afford to buy a new TV.
 - b. Your local mosque benefits from your monetary donations and increased time commitment.
 - c. Your children complain that there's less to eat.
 - d. Your neighbors are very interested in your new acquisition and pay more frequent visits.

answer: c

9. Imagine that you live in an indigenous community deep in the rainforest. One day, some people arrive and wire your village with electricity for the first time. Which of the following offers the best example of how the community might change?
- a. People would get TVs and spend more time indoors watching soap operas and less time visiting neighbors and playing outside.
 - b. Telephone communication with other communities would improve drastically.
 - c. There would be fewer things to do in the evenings.
 - d. People's diets would change dramatically.

answer: a

10. Which of the following provides a good example of how urbanization can affect the physical or human characteristics of a place?
- a. Tourists at the top of a skyscraper have a more clear view of the metropolitan area.
 - b. People of different ethnic and religious backgrounds live closer to each other.
 - c. It's more difficult to obtain access to products and services.
 - d. Endangered species have a better chance of survival.

answer: b

11. Which of the following is an example of a region?
- a. the American Southwest
 - b. the Haight-Ashbury neighborhood of San Francisco
 - c. your bedroom
 - d. all of the above

answer: d

12. Which of the following statements about regions is not true?
- a. Regions are divisions created by people to help make sense of their world.
 - b. Regions can be defined differently depending on why they're being defined.
 - c. Geographers agree on precisely how to define the major regions of the United States.
 - d. A region such as the Midwest can be divided into subregions, depending on the criteria being considered.

answer: c

13. Which is an example of a formal region?

- a. the Sunbelt
- b. the First National Bank of Chicago
- c. the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area
- d. the Adirondack Mountains

answer: d

14. Perceptual regions change:

- a. inevitably over time
- b. very little
- c. only when transportation routes get altered
- d. primarily in the South

answer: a

15. Which is not an example of cultural background influencing perceptions of a place?

- a. A Mexican American child dreams of visiting her grandparents' hometown of Veracruz.
- b. A farmer from Kansas thinks New York City would be a great place to visit but a terrible place to live.
- c. An African American from Chicago is hesitant to visit a town in South Carolina that flies the Confederate flag.
- d. An 80-year-old is distrustful of the teenagers in her town.

answer: d

16. In which of the following examples might technology most likely affect people's perceptions of a place?

- a. Schoolchildren learn how to make multimedia presentations on the computer.
- b. Many adults and teenagers take risks by using cell phones while driving.
- c. Swamp buggies are increasingly used to tour the Everglades.
- d. Many freeways have electronic devices to help determine how many vehicles drive on them each day.

answer: c

17. Which of the following advertising examples would be least likely to influence a person's attitude toward a place?
- a. A happy crowd dances on board a cruise ship, with Caribbean scenes in the background.
 - b. A group of businessmen share horror stories about their boss while drinking beer.
 - c. A gorilla runs through the African jungle, howling and holding a can of soda.
 - d. A Buddhist monk finishes his meditation in a Tibetan monastery and then turns on a laptop computer.

answer: b

18. If a person from outside North America were to think about the United States, which of the following would probably be least likely to come to his or her mind, assuming this person had never visited the U.S.?
- a. the Statue of Liberty
 - b. the Golden Gate Bridge
 - c. the Grand Canyon
 - d. the Chicago Merchandise Mart

answer: d

19. Which of the following statements is not true?
- a. People have stronger impressions of places they've visited than of places they've never visited.
 - b. Viewing pictures of symbols and landmarks can elicit strong feelings about places.
 - c. While the mountains are a very popular vacation destination, some people don't care for mountains.
 - d. Kids from India might have a very different idea of "paradise" than kids from Vermont.

answer: a

20. Which of the following statements is not true?
- a. Many people associate the Statue of Liberty with freedom and opportunity.
 - b. A place's human characteristics are independent of that place's physical characteristics.
 - c. A senior citizen looking for a new town to live in would probably look for different things than a 20-year-old.
 - d. The advent of the railroad in the 19th century altered the physical and human characteristics of the places through which the tracks passed.

answer: b