

## Ambleside Geographical Reader Map Questions

### Book II: The British Empire and the Great Divisions of the Globe

#### Questions on the Map of Europe (pp. 21-22)

1. Name the **country** which occupies the east of Europe.  
Answer: *Russia*
2. What two northern countries form a peninsula?  
Answer: *Norway and Sweden*
3. What country is a small peninsula, pointing to the north?  
Answer: *Denmark*
4. What country is washed by the Bay of Biscay and the English Channel?  
Answer: *France*
5. How many large peninsulas are there in the south of Europe?  
Answer: *three*
6. What two countries form the most western of these?  
Answer: *Spain and Portugal*
7. Name the central peninsula. What small country lies to the north of it?  
Answers:
  - *Italian (Appenine)*
  - *Switzerland*
8. What **twelve** countries form the eastern peninsula?  
Answer: *Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey, North Macedonia (previously Macedonia), Albania, Kosovo, Greece*
9. Name the two **largest** central countries?  
Answer: *Germany and Poland*
10. What countries of Europe are washed by the Mediterranean? By the Bay of Biscay? By the North Sea? By the Baltic? By the Arctic Ocean?  
Answers:
  - *Spain, France, Italy, Greece; Spain, France*
  - *United Kingdom, Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, Denmark, Norway*
  - *Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Russia, Poland, Germany*
  - *Iceland, Norway, Russia*
11. Which are the mountainous countries of Europe?  
Answer: *Iceland, Spain, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Slovakia, Romania, Bulgaria, Greece, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Kosovo, Montenegro, Albania, North Macedonia (previously Macedonia), Norway, Sweden, Finland*
12. What countries belong to the great **North European Plain** partly or altogether?  
Answer: *France, Belgium, The Netherlands, Sweden, Germany, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Belarus, Ukraine, Russia*
13. What are the Swiss mountains called?  
Answer: *Alps*

14. Name the mountains of Italy.

Answer: *Apennines, Alps*

15. What mountains divide France from Spain?

Answer: *Pyrenees*

16. What mountain-chain crosses [the eastern half of the Balkan Peninsula](#) from west to east?

Answer: *Balkan Mountains*

17. Where are the Scandinavian mountains?

Answer: *Norway, Sweden*

18. What mountains divide Europe from Asia on the east? On the south?

Answers:

- *Ural Mountains*
- *Caucasus Mountains*

19. Name three rivers that flow into the Baltic.

Answer: *Vistula, Oder, Western Dvina*

20. Three that enter the [North Sea](#).

Answer: *Elbe, Rhine, Thames*

21. The river on which Paris stands.

Answer: *Seine*

22. A river which flows into the Bay of Biscay.

Answer: *Loire, Dordogne and Garonne Rivers (Gironde estuary)*

23. The two largest rivers which flow through Spain and Portugal.

Answer: *Tagus, Douro*

24. A French river which flows into the Mediterranean.

Answer: *Rhône*

25. An Italian river which falls into the Adriatic.

Answer: *Po*

26. A large river which enters the Black Sea from [Romania](#).

Answer: *Danube*

27. The two largest rivers which enter the Black Sea from [Ukraine](#).

Answer: *Dniester, Dnieper*

28. The large river which flows into the Caspian.

Answer: *Volga*

29. Through what countries does the Danube flow? The Rhine? The Rhône?

Answers:

- *Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Romania, Bulgaria, Ukraine*
- *Germany, The Netherlands*
- *Switzerland, France*

30. In what countries are the Po, the Thames, the Elbe, the Volga, the Seine, the Don, the Loire?

Answers:

- *Italy*
- *England*

- *Czech Republic, Germany*
  - *Russia*
  - *France*
  - *Russia*
  - *France*
31. What **five** seas open into each other on the south? How are they connected with each other and with the ocean?
- Answers:
- *Sea of Azov, Black Sea, Sea of Marmara, Aegean and Mediterranean Seas*
  - *Kerch Strait, Bosphorus Strait, the Dardanelles (known as Hellespont in antiquity), the Greek Archipelago (Aegean Islands), Strait of Gibraltar*
32. Name the countries of Europe which are most broken into by the sea.
- Answer: *Ireland, United Kingdom, Norway, Denmark, the Netherlands, Greece*
33. Name the largest islands in each of the seas of Europe. With what oceans are these seas connected?
- Answers:
- *Barents Sea - Novaya Zemlya, Baltic Sea - Gotland, North Sea - Mainland (Shetland Islands), Mediterranean Sea - Sicily*
  - *Barents Sea - Arctic, Baltic Sea - Atlantic, North Sea - Atlantic, Mediterranean Sea - Atlantic*

### **Questions on the Map of the British Isles (pp. 75-77)**

1. What waters divide the island of Great Britain from the Continent?  
Answer: *English Channel and North Sea*
2. What countries have coasts on the further side of the North Sea?  
Answer: *France, Belgium, the Netherlands*
3. The island of Great Britain contains three countries; name them. Which is the most northerly? The most westerly? The most important?  
Answers:
  - *England, Wales, Scotland*
  - *Scotland*
  - *Wales*
  - *England*
4. A range of hills partly divides England from Scotland; name it.  
Answer: *Cheviot Hills*
5. What large island lies to the west of Great Britain? What waters separate these two islands?  
Answers:
  - *Ireland*
  - *Irish Sea, St. George's Channel*
6. How is England separated from France? Name an island, two or three headlands, and two or three bays on the English shore of this channel.

Answers:

- *English Channel*
- *Isle of Wight*
- *Lizard Point, Bolt Point, Start Point, Portland Bill, Dodman Point, St. Aldhelm's Head, Durlston Head, Beachy Head, Selsey Bill*
- *Lyme Bay, St. Austell Bay, Mount's Bay*

7. What strait connects the English Channel with the North Sea? Sailing northward from this strait, what is the first headland we pass?

Answers:

- *Strait of Dover*
- *North Foreland*

8. What is the first large opening on the eastern coast? Name the great town upon this river.

Answers:

- *estuary of the Thames River*
- *London*

9. Name any seaboard towns on the coast of the round eastern shoulder.

Answer: *Harwich, Felixstowe, Lowestoft, Great Yarmouth*

10. What rivers flow into the Wash?

Answer: *Witham, Welland, Nene, Ouse (Great Ouse)*

11. What name is given to the country round the Wash?

Answer: *The Fens*

12. What is the next large opening to the north? What rivers form the Humber? What point is at its mouth?

Answers:

- *Mouth of the Humber River*
- *Trent and Ouse*
- *Spurn Head*

13. Name another bold headland further north.

Answer: *Flamborough Head*

14. Name any English rivers which flow into the North Sea, north of the Humber.

Answer: *Tees, Wear, Tyne*

15. What town stands where England and Scotland meet?

Answer: *Berwick-upon-Tweed*

16. Sailing north, what large estuary do we shortly pass? What town stands on the Forth?

Answers:

- *Firth of Forth*
- *Edinburgh*

17. Name two other rivers with seaport towns at their mouths on the east coast of Scotland.

Answer: *Dee River - Aberdeen, Tay River - Dundee*

18. Rounding the shoulder and sailing westward, what firth do we enter?

Answer: *Moray Firth*

19. Rounding the north-eastern point of Scotland and sailing through the Pentland Firth, what islands have we on our right?

Answer: *Orkney Islands*

20. What other group lies further to the north-east?

Answer: *Shetland Islands*

21. What waters are we in as we coast the north of Scotland? As we sail down the west?

Answers:

- *Atlantic Ocean*
- *Atlantic Ocean*

22. Sailing down the channel called the "Minch," what islands have we on our right?

Answer: *Outer Hebrides*

23. How would you describe the western coast of Scotland?

Answer: *ragged and broken into, bordered by a perfect fringe of islands*

24. Name the five largest islands which lie close to the coast. Name the largest openings.

Answers:

- *Isle of Skye, Isle of Mull, Jura, Islay, Isle of Arran*
- *Firth of Lorn, Firth of Clyde*

25. Between what two openings might we pass through Scotland in a boat, by means of lakes and a canal?

Answer: *Loch Linnhe, Moray Firth*

26. What large city stands upon the Clyde?

Answer: *Glasgow*

27. Name half-a-dozen Scotch headlands, stating which coast they are upon.

Answer: *St. Abb's Head - east, Kinnaird Head - east, Duncansby Head - north, Cape Wrath - north, Mull of Galloway - southwest, Mull of Kintyre - southwest*

28. What firth penetrates some way between England and Scotland on the west?

Answer: *Solway Firth*

29. What English headland stretches furthest into the Irish Sea?

Answer: *St. Bees Head*

30. What island in the Irish Sea is almost equally distant from England, Scotland, and Ireland?

Answer: *Isle of Man*

31. Name any English rivers which flow into the Irish Sea. A large seaport on the Mersey.

Answers:

- *Mersey, Ribble, Dee, Wyre, Lune, Duddon, Esk*
- *Liverpool*

32. Having passed the Dee, what country do we coast as we sail southward?

Answer: *Wales*

33. Through what strait may we pass so as to have a large island on our right? Name the island.

Answers:

- *Menai Strait*
- *Anglesey*

34. What name is given to the waters between Wales and Ireland?

Answer: *St. George's Channel*

35. Name the two Welsh headlands which stretch furthest into the sea. What bay is between these?

Answers:

- *Llyn (Lleyn) Peninsula, St. David's Head*
- *Cardigan Bay*

36. What channel enters the land between South Wales and a part of England? What river is this channel the estuary of? Name a seaport at its mouth.

Answers:

- *Bristol Channel*
- *Severn*
- *Bristol*

37. Sailing out of the Bristol Channel and southward, what is the last point of English ground we come to?

Answer: *Land's End*

38. Name any mountains in Scotland north of the Caledonian Canal. What would you say of the whole country?

Answers:

- *Highlands*
- *many mountains, rivers, and lakes*

39. What range of mountains crosses the country south of this canal?

Answer: *Grampian Mountains*

40. What other part of the country is mountainous? Name any of the hill ranges.

Answers:

- *Southern Uplands*
- *Cheviot Hills, the Lowthers, (or any other hill range in the Southern Uplands)*

41. Name half-a-dozen towns in the interior of Scotland. Say where they are.

Answers:

- *Paisley, Glasgow, Stirling, Galashiels, Hawick, Perth, East Kilbride, Hamilton*
- *(descriptions of locations may vary)*

42. What parts of England are mountainous? What parts are flat?

Answers:

- *north, west*
- *middle, south, and east*

43. Name the mountain-chain which runs from the borders of Scotland nearly to the middle of England.

Answer: *Pennines*

44. What rivers rise in these mountains and flow east or west?

Answer: *Tyne - east, Wear - east, Ribble - west, Mersey - west, Tees - east, Aire - east*

45. Name any towns in this northern part of the country, and say on which side of the mountains they lie.

Answer: *Leeds - east, York - east, Newcastle upon Tyne - east, Liverpool - west, Manchester - west, Preston - west, Bolton - west, Blackburn - west, Middlesbrough - east, Kingston upon Hull - east, Huddersfield - east, Bradford - east, etc.*

46. What name is given to the mountain-chains of Wales.

Answer: *Cambrian Mountains*

47. Name any towns in the flat middle part of England. In the flat eastern counties.

Answers:

- *Derby, Leicester, Birmingham, Coventry, Wolverhampton, Northampton, Stoke-on-Trent, Nottingham*
- *Norwich, Ipswich, Peterborough, etc.*

48. Name any hill ranges in the south.

Answer: *Cotswold Hills, Chiltern Hills*

49. Name half-a-dozen towns in the southern counties.

Answer: *Plymouth, Exeter, Southampton, Poole, Swindon, Reading, Brighton, Croydon, Oxford, Dover, etc.*

50. Name five or six capes round the coast of Ireland, and three or four bays.

Answers:

- *Capes—Fair Head, Malin Head, Malin More Head, Erris Head, Loop Head, Carnsore Point, Wicklow Head, etc.*
- *Bays—Donegal Bay, Galway Bay, Dingle Bay, Bantry Bay, Dundalk Bay, etc.*

51. Where are the mountains of Ireland, near the coast, or in the interior? Name any mountain-chains.

Answers:

- *near the coast*
- *Wicklow Mountains, Slieve Bloom Mountains, Galty Mountains, Slieve Gamph Mountains, MacGillycuddy's Reeks, Sperrin Mountains, Slieve Aughty Mountains, etc.*

52. Name the six largest rivers of Ireland. Which of these form lakes in their courses? Name any of these lakes.

Answers:

- *Blackwater (Munster), Barrow, Shannon, Nore, Suir, Bann; Shannon, Bann*
- *Lough Derg, Lough Allen, Lough Ree, Lough Neagh*

53. What *Bog* occupies much of the centre of Ireland?

Answer: *Bog of Allen*

54. Name half-a-dozen seaport towns on the coast.

Answer: *Limerick, Cork, Waterford, Drogheda, Dundalk, Wexford, Galway, Enniskillen, Donegal, Londonderry, Newtownabbey, Belfast, Bangor, Dublin, Dún Laoghaire, etc.*

### **Questions on the Map of Asia (pp. 122-123)**

1. Name five seas on the east of Asia.

Answer: *Philippine Sea, Bering Sea, Yellow Sea, Sea of Okhotsk, East China Sea, South China Sea, Sea of Japan (East Sea)*

2. What sea is between the Japan islands and the continent?  
Answer: *Sea of Japan (East Sea)*
3. What peninsula is on the north-east of Asia?  
Answer: *Kamchatka*
4. Name **four** peninsulas on the south.  
Answer: *Arabia, Deccan (India), Indochina, Malay*
5. What **country** occupies all the north of Asia?  
Answer: *Russia*
6. What other great **country** occupies the east?  
Answer: *China*
7. Name four countries in the western half of the continent.  
Answer: *Turkey, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Israel, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates (UAE), Kuwait, Afghanistan, Lebanon, Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Pakistan*
8. What sea, and what mountain chains divide Asia from Europe?  
Answers:
  - *Black Sea*
  - *Ural and Caucasus Mountains*
9. What ocean washes the south of Asia? The north? The east?  
Answers:
  - *Indian Ocean*
  - *Arctic Ocean*
  - *Pacific Ocean*
10. Name a cape upon each of these oceans.  
Answers:
  - *Indian—Cape Comorin*
  - *Arctic—Cape Chelyuskin*
  - *Pacific—Cape Navarin, Cape Olyutorsky, Cape Lopatka, Cape Dezhnev (formerly East Cape)*
11. What large bay divides the two great southern peninsulas? What island lies off the point of India?  
Answers:
  - *Bay of Bengal*
  - *Sri Lanka*
12. What **five** countries form **Indochina**, the most eastward of these peninsulas?  
Answer: *Myanmar (Burma), Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos*
13. What waters are on the east and the west of Arabia? How is the Red Sea entered?  
Answers:
  - *Red Sea, Persian Gulf*
  - *Gulf of Aden/Bab el Mandeb strait or Suez Canal*



14. Which side of Asia has the most broken coast? Off which coast are there many islands?

Answers:

- *north*
- *east/southeast*

15. Give the **four** names of the mountain range which stretches across the continent from the Pamir Steppe to the north-east point.

Answer: *Altai (Altay) Mountains, Western/Eastern Sayan Mountains, Yablonovyy Range, Stanovoy Range*

16. What great desert lies to the south of these mountains, and what mountains border the desert on the south?

Answers:

- *Gobi*
- *Qilian Shan*

17. To the south of this desert is a large **autonomous region** which is a high table-land. Name it, and say by what mountains it is bounded on the south.

Answers:

- *Tibet (claimed by China)*
- *Himalayas*

18. How many great rivers rise in this table-land? Through what countries do they flow? Name three of them.

Answers:

- *Six*
- *China, India, Pakistan, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar (Burma)*
- *Yangtze (Chang), Mekong, Yellow (Huang), Salween (Nu), Brahmaputra, Indus*

19. What great river rises in the Himalayas, and flows into the Bay of Bengal?

Answer:

- *Ganges*

20. What river rises in the Pamir Steppe, and flows into the Sea of Aral?

Answer: *Syr Darya*

21. The Euphrates and Tigris flow close together through Turkey in Asia. Into what waters do they fall?

Answer: *Persian Gulf*

22. What great river rises in the Altai mountains, and flows into the Arctic Ocean? Name its large tributary.

Answers:

- *Ob (Ob')*
- *Irtys*

23. What two other great rivers flow into the Arctic?

Answer: *Yenisei (Yenisey), Lena*

24. Between what points would you measure the greatest length of Asia? About how long is it between these points?

Answers:

- *Severnaya Zemlya to Indonesia*
- *70 degrees*

25. Where would you measure the greatest breadth? About how broad is the continent there?

Answers:

- *Turkey to Japan*
- *120 degrees*

26. What parts of Asia are mountainous? What parts are plain?

Answers:

- *central and west*
- *north and west*

27. Name the southern countries of Asia. The eastern? The central? The northern? [The western?](#) [The southeastern?](#)

Answers:

- *southern—Pakistan, India, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Maldives*
- *eastern—Mongolia, China, Japan, North Korea, South Korea, Taiwan*
- *central—Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan*
- *northern—Russia*
- [western—Turkey, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Israel, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates \(UAE\), Kuwait, Afghanistan, Lebanon, Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan](#)
- [southeastern—Myanmar \(Burma\), Laos, Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia, Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Brunei, East Timor](#)

28. Name two great rivers of India [and Pakistan](#); two great rivers of China; three of Siberia.

Answers:

- *Ganges, Indus*
- *Yellow (Huang), Yangtze (Chang)*
- *Ob (Ob'), Yenesei, Lena*

### **Questions on the Map of Africa (pp. 163-164)**

1. What sea divides Africa from Europe?

Answer: *Mediterranean Sea*

2. Name [five](#) African countries which have coasts upon this sea.

Answer: *Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt*

3. A range of mountains on the north-west coast which crosses [three](#) of these countries?

Answer: *Atlas Mountains*

4. Name the great desert which lies to the south of these northern countries.

Answer: *Sahara*

5. What large river flows into the Gulf of Guinea?

Answer: *Niger River*

6. What historical names were used in the 18th and 19th centuries for various parts of the Guinea coast known by their chief colonial exports?

Answer: *Grain Coast (Pepper Coast), Ivory Coast, Gold Coast, Slave Coast*

7. Name three countries in the south part of this western shoulder of Africa.

Answer: *Senegal, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Côte d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Togo, Benin, Nigeria, Cameroon*

8. What general name is given to the geographic region south of the Sahara?

Answer: *Sudan*

9. Name a lake in the Sudan region.

Answer: *Lake Chad*

10. Name a great western river near the equator which appears to begin in a distant lake.

Answer: *Congo River*

11. Name five large lakes in the eastern half of the continent.

Answer: *Lake Nasser, Lake Turkana (Lake Rudolf), Lake Victoria, Lake Albert, Lake Tanganyika, Lake Malawi (Nyasa), Lake Bangweulu, Lake Kariba*

12. What large river flows into the Mozambique Channel, to the south of these lakes?

Answer: *Zambezi River*

13. What great northward-flowing river is fed by rivers which begin in Lake Victoria?

Answer: *Nile River*

14. Through what countries does this river flow? What sea washes their eastern coast? What country in Asia is on the further side of this sea?

Answers:

- *Sudan, Egypt*
- *Red Sea*
- *Saudi Arabia*

15. What tributary of the Nile begins in the mountains of Ethiopia?

Answer: *Blue Nile*

16. What country, watered by the Nile, has coasts upon two seas?

Answer: *Egypt*

17. How is the Red Sea connected with the Mediterranean?

Answer: *Suez Canal*

18. By what gulf must vessels leave the Red Sea?

Answer: *Gulf of Aden*

19. What country lies to the south of this gulf?

Answer: *Somalia*

20. Name a cape on the eastern coast of Africa; two bays; a large island in the Indian Ocean.

Answers:

- *Cape Delgado*
- *Maputo Bay, Algoa Bay*
- *Madagascar*

21. Name half-a-dozen islands, or groups of islands, in the Atlantic, [that lie to the west of Africa](#).

Answer: *Azores, Madeira, Canary Islands, Cape Verde, Sao Tome and Principe, Ascension, Saint Helena*

22. Any capes or bays on the western coast.

Answer: *Cape Verde, Cape Palmas, Cape Fria, Walvis Bay, Cape of Good Hope, etc.*

23. At what point do Africa and Europe nearly join? What strait separates them?

Answers:

- *Between Morocco and Spain*
- *Strait of Gibraltar*

24. Name a large desert in Southern Africa south of the [Zambezi](#).

Answer: *Kalahari Desert*

25. What country occupies the southern point of Africa? [Two smaller countries located within the boundaries](#) of this [country](#)?

Answers:

- *South Africa*
- *Eswatini (Swaziland), Lesotho*

26. What [rivers bound South Africa](#) on the north?

Answer: *Orange, Molopo, Limpopo*

27. What mountain range runs near the east coast of this south end of Africa?

Answer: *Drakensberg*

28. What famous cape is at the south-west corner?

Answer: *Cape of Good Hope*

29. How do the mountains of Africa lie, in the interior, or near the coast?

Answer: *generally near the coast*

30. State roughly the length and breadth of Africa at the longest and broadest parts.

Answer: *70 degrees and 30 degrees*

### **Questions on the Map of North America (pp. 184-185)**

1. What great range of mountains runs through the whole length of North America? Name two mountains in this range.

Answers:

- *Rocky Mountains*
- *Mount Roosevelt, Mount Robson, Borah Peak, Grand Teton, Pikes Peak, etc.*

2. Name the range which runs parallel with the Rocky Mountains, but nearer the coast. Two mountains in this range.

Answers:

- *Coast Mountains*
- *Mount Logan, Mount Fairweather*

- Other possible answers: *Coast Ranges (Cascade Range, Sierra Nevada) - Mount Rainier, Mount Olympus, Mount Whitney; Alaska Range - Mount Denali (McKinley)*
4. What gulf nearly divides the peninsula of California from the mainland?  
Answer: *Gulf of California*
  5. What peninsula forms the north-west corner of North America? By what strait is America here divided from Asia?  
Answers:
    - *Alaska*
    - *Bering Strait*
  6. What name is given to the whole of the northern part of North America, excepting this peninsula?  
Answer: *Canada*
  7. Name five lakes which form part of the southern boundary of Canada. What large rivers are they connected with?  
Answers:
    - *Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie, Ontario*
    - *St. Claire, Niagara, St. Lawrence*
  8. Entering the estuary of this river, between the island of Newfoundland and the peninsula of Nova Scotia, what land have we on our right? As we sail up the lakes, what land is on our right?  
Answers:
    - *Quebec*
    - *Ontario*
  9. What great bay breaks into Canada?  
Answer: *Hudson Bay*
  10. In what cape does Greenland end? What European island lies off its eastern coast?  
Answers:
    - *Cape Farewell*
    - *Iceland*
  11. What waters bound Greenland on the east? On the west?  
Answers:
    - *Atlantic Ocean*
    - *Baffin Bay, Davis Strait*
  12. By what three oceans is North America washed? Name any islands in the Arctic.  
Answers:
    - *Pacific, Arctic, Atlantic*
    - *Banks Island, Victoria Island, Prince of Wales Island, Baffin Island, Ellesmer Island, Queen Elizabeth Islands, etc.*

13. Name any lakes in [Canada](#) which are not in the great chain of lakes belonging to the St. Lawrence?

Answer: *Great Bear Lake, Great Slave Lake, Lake Winnipeg*

14. What island lies off the west coast near where the boundary line of [Canada](#) ends?

Answer: *Vancouver Island*

15. What great [country](#) occupies the centre of the continent, from ocean to ocean?

Answer: *United States*

16. What mighty river drains the United States? Where do its tributaries rise? Name the longest of these. Name any others that are marked on the map. Into what gulf does this river empty itself?

Answers:

- *Mississippi River*
- *Rocky Mountains, Appalachian Mountains*
- *Missouri River*
- *Arkansas, Ohio*
- *Gulf of Mexico*

17. Name three cities in the United States.

Answer: *Washington, New Orleans, New York*

18. What mountain-chain is there to the east of the Mississippi valley?

Answer: *Appalachian Mountains*

19. Name the southern country of North America.

Answer: *Mexico*

20. What mountain-ranges does Mexico lie between? Name a mountain in this country.

Answers:

- *Sierra Madre Occidental, Sierra Madre Oriental*
- *Pica de Orizaba*

21. What great gulf here breaks into the land?

Answer: *Gulf of Mexico*

22. Name the two peninsulas which partly enclose this gulf, on the north and the south.

Answer: *Florida, Yucatán*

23. What is that part of the continent called which lies between North and South America?

Answer: *Central America*

24. What name is given to the land in the narrowest part?

Answer: *Panama Isthmus*

25. What two oceans [are](#) united by a canal cut through this isthmus?

Answer: *Atlantic and Pacific*

26. What islands partly shut in the Caribbean Sea? Name [the five largest](#) marked on the map, in the order of their size.

Answers:

- *West Indies*

- *Cuba, Haiti/Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Trinidad & Tobago*

### Questions on the Map of South America (pp. 189-190)

- Between what oceans does South America lie?  
Answer: *Atlantic and Pacific*
- What sea washes its north-western coasts?  
Answer: *Caribbean Sea*
- By what isthmus is this continent joined to Central America?  
Answer: *Isthmus of Panama*
- Name **six** countries bordering the north-west coast.  
Answer: *Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Guyana, Suriname, French Guiana*
- What rivers drain the north-west corner of the continent?  
Answer: *Rio Orinoco, Rio Negro*
- What immense river crosses the country further south? Name three of its tributaries.  
Answers:
  - *Amazon*
  - *Rio Negro, Madeira, Tapajós*
- What great mountain chains run through the length of South America?  
Answer: *Andes*
- Name three countries which lie more or less between the parallel chains of the Andes.  
Answer: *Peru, Bolivia, Chile*
- Name a mountain in **Argentina**.  
Answer: *Aconcagua*
- Name a lake in Peru.  
Answer: *Lake Titicaca*
- What large country occupies the valley of the Amazons?  
Answer: *Brazil*
- Name two towns in Brazil.  
Answer: *Salvador, Rio de Janeiro*
- Are there any **mountain ranges** in South America besides the Andes? What country are they in?  
Answers:
  - *yes*
  - *Brazil*
- Name two rivers which flow between these eastern mountain ranges.  
Answer: *Araguaia, Tocantins, São Francisco*
- What great river enters the ocean to the south of Brazil?  
Answer: *La Plata*
- Name the **five countries** drained by it.  
Answer: *Brazil, Paraguay, Argentina, Uruguay, Bolivia*

17. What name is given to the district west of this river?

Answer: *Pampas*

18. What is the most southern region of the continent called?

Answer: *Patagonia*

19. In what does it end? What strait divides this island from the mainland?

Answers:

- *Tierra del Fuego*
- *Strait of Magellan*

20. What cape forms the southern point of the island?

Answer: *Cape Horn*

21. Name any other capes on the coast of South America.

Answer: *Cape Orange, Cape Virgenes, Cape Branco, etc.*

22. What islands lie to the north-east of Cape Horn?

Answer: *Falkland Islands*

23. Name half-a-dozen important towns in South America, and say to what country each belongs.

Answers:

- *Santiago, Chile*
- *Lima, Peru*
- *La Plata, Argentina*
- *Quito, Ecuador*
- *Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*
- *Salvador, Brazil*

24. What are the three great rivers of South America? In what direction do they all flow?

Answers:

- *Orinoco - east, Amazon - east, Rio de la Plata - south*

25. Name the countries and territories of South America in the order of their size.

Answer: *Brazil, Argentina, Peru, Colombia, Bolivia, Venezuela, Chile, Paraguay, Ecuador, Guyana, Uruguay, Suriname, French Guiana, Falkland Islands, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands*

26. About how long is South America? How broad at the broadest part?

Answer: *67 degrees; 47 degrees*

### Questions on the Map of Australia (pp. 199-200)

1. Between what oceans does Australia lie?

Answer: *Indian Ocean and Pacific Ocean*

2. Name the eight main states or territories of Australia. Which is the largest? Which is the least populous?

Answer:



- *Western Australia, Northern Territory, South Australia, Queensland, New South Wales, Australian Capital Territory, Victoria, Tasmania*
  - *Western Australia*
  - *Northern Territory*
3. The **longest** river is in the south-east; name it. What is its large tributary called?  
Answers:
- *Murray*
  - *Darling*
4. What parts of **mainland** Australia are **most mountainous**? Name **mountain ranges in Northern Territory**, New South Wales, and South Australia.  
Answers:
- *East, southeast, and central*
  - *Macdonnell Ranges*
  - *Great Dividing Range and Australian Alps*
  - *Flinders Ranges*
5. Name three or four large lakes in South Australia.  
Answer: *Lake Eyre, Lake Torrens, Lake Gairdner, Lake Frome*
6. Give the chief towns of each of the **seven states or territories on the mainland**.  
Answer:
- *Queensland - Brisbane, New South Wales - Sydney, Australian Capital Territory - Canberra, Victoria - Melbourne, South Australia - Adelaide; Northern Territory - Darwin, Western Australia - Perth*
8. A large gulf in the north. What river flows into it?  
Answer:
- *Gulf of Carpentaria*
  - *Flinders River*
9. A smaller gulf in the south.  
Answer: *Spencer Gulf*
10. Name the capes and bays round the coast.  
Answer: *Cape Howe, Botany Bay, Broken Bay, Cape Byron, Sandy Cape, Halifax Bay, Cape Melville, Cape York, North West Cape, Geographe Bay, Cape Leeuwin, etc.*
11. Where is the **Great** Australian Bight?  
Answer: *Off the southern coast of Western Australia and South Australia*
12. What island is divided from **the mainland of** Australia by Bass Strait?  
Answer: *Tasmania*
13. Name **the chief** town in this island **state**.  
Answer: *Hobart*
14. What lands does Torres Strait separate?  
Answer: *Australia and New Guinea*

15. Name three groups of islands in the Pacific, a thousand miles or so to the north-east of Australia. A large island to the north.

Answers:

- *Solomon Islands, New Caledonia, Vanuatu*
- *New Guinea*

16. Two large distant islands to the south-east.

Answer: *North Island and South Island (New Zealand)*

17. What strait divides North Island from South Island?

Answer: *Cook Strait*

18. Name two towns in North Island. Two capes on its coasts.

Answers:

- *Auckland, Wellington*
- *North Cape, East Cape*

19. A town in South Island.

Answer: *Dunedin*

20. A range of mountains in South Island.

Answer: *Southern Alps*

21. Name the small island which forms quite the south of New Zealand.

Answer: *Stewart Island*

22. About how long is New Zealand? How broad?

Answers:

- *13 degrees*
- *12 degrees*

23. State roughly the length and breadth of Australia at its longest and broadest parts.

Answer: *30 degrees and 40 degrees*

#### **Notes for using map questions:**

- Questions should first be answered by studying the map.
- Portions revised from Mason's original questions are highlighted in [blue text](#).
- As her intended connotation was not clear, Mason's original use of *towns* and *cities* has been retained.
- Mason asked students to measure length and width using lines of longitude and latitude.
- Questions within each section are designed to be answered in the order they appear.
- They are intended to provide a historical look at the map questions originally composed by Mason within a usable framework for contemporary teachers. Teachers will want to modify questions and locations as needed to reflect both the current world and the atlases used by their students.
- These questions and answers were originally posted on April 28, 2020. More recent changes to the world map may not be reflected.
- See the article, "Geography Using Map Questions," for more details.

