

2021 United States Geography Olympiad - Map Examination (Middle School)

Student Name _____ School _____

General instructions - Respond to each of examination questions in the space provided. Only answers written in the appropriate space on the answer document will be marked. Where appropriate, you should write sentences or phrases instead of single words. If a question or section asks for a specific number of reasons or answers, give only the number of answers specified. Please write clearly and legibly.

Section 1 - [25 points]

Use the map in section 1 to complete the following. This map shows the country of South Africa.

1. Identify the country indicated by 1 on the map. [2 points]
2. Identify the country indicated by 2 on the map. [2 points]
3. What city, the largest in South Africa, is indicated by 3 on the map? [1 point]
4. Why are 3 cities marked by stars on this map of South Africa? [3 points]
5. Which number on this map shows an enclaved country? [2 points]
6. Define the term enclave. [3 points]
7. What physical feature is indicated by 6 on the map? [2 points]
8. What physical feature is indicated by 7 on the map? [2 points]
9. What physical feature is indicated by 8 on the map? [2 points]
10. When are the winter months in South Africa? [2 points]
11. In which of the following geographical zones is South Africa located? [1 point]
12. What effect do the Indian Ocean and Atlantic Ocean have on the climate of South Africa? [3 points]

Section 2 - [25 points]

Use the map in section 2 to complete the following. This map shows a proposed rail corridor between Mexico and Canada in green, major US port cities (squares) and major inland trading centers in the US (hexagons)

1. Name either the current trade agreement among the US, Mexico and Canada (that went into effect in 2020) OR the former trade agreement between those countries. [2 points]
 2. Name one way that these agreements made trade among the US, Mexico and Canada easier or more profitable. [3 points]
 3. Why would Mexican companies find it so important to complete the railroad network shown on this map? Why might US or Canadian companies want to have a network like this? [6 points]
 4. Why are places like Otay Mesa, Nogales, El Paso, Laredo and Brownsville such important trading centers between the United States and Mexico? [4 points]
- Answer these questions about the ports shown on this map. Numbers may be used more than once.
5. This port is the busiest in the US because it receives grain shipments from American farmers for both domestic and foreign markets. [2 points]

6. This port in Texas is the second busiest in the US. [2 points]
8. This port is on the Mississippi River. [2 points]
9. This is the port receives many shipments of automobiles from Japan because it is the closest to Asia. [2 points]
10. This was the busiest port in the US in 1900. [2 points]

Section 3 - [25 points]

Use the map in section 3 to complete the following.

1. Identify the country marked 1 on the map. [2 points]
2. Identify the country marked 2 on the map. [2 points]
3. Identify the country marked 3 on the map. [2 points]
4. Identify the country marked 4 on the map. [2 points]

What percentage of people were undernourished in each of the following countries?

5. Timor Leste [2 points]
6. Afghanistan [2 points]
7. Iran [2 points]
8. Japan [2 points]
9. Laos [2 points]
10. How many Asian countries had 5% to 14.9% of their population undernourished? [1 point]
11. Explain TWO reasons why some countries have a limited food supply. [4 points]
12. Explain ONE way that food supplies can be made more reliable. [2 points]

Section 4 - [25 points]

Use the map in section 4 to complete the following.

How much do each of the following countries earn from tourism each year?

1. Peru [2 points]
2. Nigeria [2 points]
3. South Africa [2 points]
4. Kenya [2 points]
5. France [2 points]
6. Identify the country marked 1 on the map. [3 points]
7. Identify one specific reason that this country has a higher level of tourism than its neighbors. [3 points]
8. Identify the country marked 2 on the map. [3 points]
9. Identify one specific reason that this country has a higher level of tourism than its neighbors. [3 points]
10. Define the term ecotourism. [3 points]

