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## North America Desk Atlas Questions

**1. Turn to the continent overview for North America on page 45. Write the answers to the following questions.**

- a. How many people live in North America? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. What is the highest mountain peak in North America? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. What is the largest country by area in North America? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. What is the largest lake in North America? \_\_\_\_\_
- e. What is the longest mountain range in North America? \_\_\_\_\_
- f. What is the most densely populated country in North America? \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Read the photo caption on page 45. Then write four facts about Greenland.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Look at the Political Relief Map of North America on page 46. Draw a line to connect each city with the closest set of latitude-longitude coordinates. (Hint: find the coordinates on the map. Then locate the closest city.)**

| <u>Coordinates</u> | <u>City</u>    |
|--------------------|----------------|
| a. 30°N, 90°W -    | - Anchorage    |
| b. 40°N, 75°W -    | - Acapulco     |
| c. 17°N, 100°W -   | - Kamloops     |
| d. 61°N, 150°W -   | - New Orleans  |
| e. 51°N, 120°W -   | - Philadelphia |

**4. Use the Land Cover Map of North America on page 47 to write the predominate land cover for the following regions.**

- a. Great Basin \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Greenland \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Chicago \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Appalachian Mountains \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Victoria Island \_\_\_\_\_

5. Look at the Elevation Map of North America on page 48. Write 0-500 or 5,000 to 10,000 to show how many feet the following regions are above sea level

- a. Houston \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Great Basin \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Florida Peninsula \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Mackenzie Mountains \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Point Barrow \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Coastal Plain \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Colorado Plateau \_\_\_\_\_

6. Turn to page 49 and read “Rain Shadow Effect.” Then look at the Climographs. Complete the sentences below.

- a. When warm air meets a mountain range, it \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and creates \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. There is more rain on the \_\_\_\_\_ side of a mountain than on the \_\_\_\_\_ side.
- c. Astoria, Oregon has a \_\_\_\_\_ climate, but Sunnyside, Washington, has a \_\_\_\_\_ climate.

7. Use the precipitation map on page 49 to rank the following regions in order from wettest to driest.

- a. Northern Canada \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Nicaragua \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Central Canada \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Southern Greenland \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Cuba \_\_\_\_\_

8. Read “A Smoggy Day” on page 49. Write one thing people can do to reduce smog in their environment.

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9. Use the Top North American GDPs graph on page 51 to complete the chart below.

| Countries     | GDP Totals          |
|---------------|---------------------|
| United States |                     |
|               | \$1,077,000,000,000 |
| Mexico        |                     |
|               | \$58,520,000,000    |

**10. Look at the legend for the North American Trade Organizations map on page 51. Write the name of the organization that each acronym stands for.**

- a. CAFTA-DR: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- b. NAFTA: \_\_\_\_\_
- c. CARICOM: \_\_\_\_\_

**11. Use the Natural Population Growth graph on page 52 to answer the following questions.**

- a. Which country has the highest rate? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Which country has the lowest population growth rate? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Which country has the highest population growth rate? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. The United States has a higher death rate than which country? \_\_\_\_\_

**12. Inuit live in Alaska, northern Canada, and Greenland. Look at the Population map and read the photo caption on page 52. Then write two things these three areas have in common.**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**13. Locate the annual Net Migration map on page 53. Rank the order of immigrants groups to the United States from 1 for most populous to 5 for least populous.**

- a. Europeans \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Africans \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Middle Americans \_\_\_\_\_
- d. South Americans \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Asians \_\_\_\_\_

**14. Now use the map to do the following.**

a. Write the names of the two North American countries that have the most annual emigrants per 1,000 people.

\_\_\_\_\_

b. Write the name of the North American country that the highest immigration rate. \_\_\_\_\_

c. Write the name of the immigrant group that you are most likely to see if you lived in the United States. \_\_\_\_\_

- 15. Use “Immigrants improve a country” on page 53 to complete the following sentences.**
- a. About \_\_\_\_\_ percent of immigrants who arrive in the United States are at their peak employment age.
  - b. Immigrants pay about \_\_\_\_\_ billion in taxes annually.
  - c. Immigrants use about \_\_\_\_\_ billion in public benefits each year.
  - d. Physicist \_\_\_\_\_ was a famous immigrant.
- 16. Use “Immigrants disrupts society” on page 53 to complete the following sentences.**
- a. The United States spends about \_\_\_\_\_ billion annually securing its borders.
  - b. About \_\_\_\_\_ million immigrants in the United States are enrolled in Medicaid.
  - c. In the United States, about \_\_\_\_\_ million workers are illegal immigrants.
  - d. About \_\_\_\_\_ percent of all people in California are immigrants.