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World Geography Spring Semester Exam Review



1. Who built the Berlin Wall? Why?
2. Why is the Aral Sea shrinking?
3. Which mountain range divides the continents of Europe and Asia?
4. What environmental disaster happened in 1986 in the Ukraine and what was the impact?
5. Why do Russian architects use onion domes?
6. How and why did the Soviet Union come to an end?
7. What is the taiga and where is it located?
8. In the former Soviet Union's command economy, industry was controlled by whom? Of the three economic systems (market, command, traditional), how was the Soviet Union's system characterized?
9. What is happening to the Sahel region in Africa and why?
10. Why has Africa's abundance of natural resources not translated into economic wealth for most of its population?
11. What is desertification? Where are some of the examples in which this is happening?
12. What is the purpose of the Aswan High Dam in Egypt? What are some of the problems created by this dam?
13. How did the Berlin Conference change Africa?
14. How has AIDS affected the population in Southern Africa?
15. From which regions in Africa did most of the American slaves originate? Why?
16. How has European colonization affected Africa?
17. What are some economic problems African countries face today? What caused these problems?

African problems today	Cause of problems

18. Why was the desalination process developed in SW Asia?
19. What are some reasons that the majority of people in Russia live west of the Urals Mountains?

20. What is the purpose of OPEC?
21. How did the creation of the nation of Israel increase tension in the region?
22. What areas did Israel occupy after the 6 Day war in 1967?
23. Why is the control of the Strait of Hormuz important in the Middle East?
24. What was the Silk Road and why was it important?
25. What has rapid population growth in cities in SW Asia done to their infrastructure?
26. What affect do monsoons have on South Asia?
27. What river in India is considered sacred to all Hindus? Why?
28. What are some issues that rapid urbanization has caused in South Asia?
29. What type of plate movement created the Himalayas? Describe the process.
30. What tactic did Gandhi and his followers use to obtain their independence in India from the British Empire? Explain how they used the tactics.
31. What is the Ring of Fire and where is it located?
32. What are some pros and cons to the Three Gorges Dam project in China?

Pros	Cons

33. Why do some rural families in China oppose the government's "One Child Policy"?
34. What are 3 major religions in China?
35. Why is Taiwan considered an "Economic Tiger"?
36. Why was the Great Wall of China built? When was it built? What are the characteristics?
37. Hip hop music being popular in Japan is an example of what?
38. How has over-population of the world affected animal habitats?
39. What aspects of being an island nation are helpful or harmful to Japan's development?
40. What country in Asia has a command economy?

41. What are some of the major contributions from China?
42. What part of Australia has the highest population density? Why?
43. Why was Australia first established as a colony by the British?
44. Describe the first inhabitants of Australia?
45. What was the result of the Land Rights Act of 1976 in Australia?
46. Why is global warming particularly dangerous to islands in Oceania?
47. What island in the Pacific did the US test atomic bombs? Why was this island chosen?
48. What are atolls?
49. What releases carbon dioxide into the atmosphere? What is the result of this emission?
50. What is causing a hole in the ozone layer over Antarctica? What are solutions?
51. Why is Antarctica considered a polar desert?
52. Define stateless nation.
53. Define strategic commodity.
54. What event brought the US into World War II?
55. Korean War – dates, cause, effect, US involvement
56. Vietnam War – dates, cause, effect, US involvement
57. What is outsourcing? Give some examples.
58. Who was the last ruling czar family in Russia?
59. What was unique about the new nation called the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, or Soviet Union?
60. Describe the Cold War.
61. What is a monsoon? Where do they occur?
62. What creates the border between India and China?
63. How is Jerusalem perceived throughout the world?
64. Describe Peter the Great's goals. Where did he move Russia's capital?
65. Democracy/Monarchy/Communism/Dictatorship – differences
66. What was Sputnik?

67. What happened to the Space Race during the Cold War?
68. What are the benefits of the Trans-Siberian Railroad?
69. What are reasons for the numerous ethnic groups in Transcaucasia?
70. Be able to do skills-based questions (maps, graphs, charts, etc.),