

CHAPTER 26 Australia & New Zealand Research Questions**Lesson 1 Geography**

DIRECTIONS: True/False Indicate whether the statement is true (T) or false (F).

- _____ **01.** Australia is the world's smallest continent.
- _____ **02.** The Great Barrier Reef is a living coral reef.
- _____ **03.** Australia is the wettest inhabited continent in the world.
- _____ **04.** Australia and New Zealand are located in the Northern Hemisphere.
- _____ **05.** The Murray-Darling river system makes a dry basin in southeastern Australia green & fertile.

DIRECTIONS: Multiple Choice Indicate the answer choice that best answers the question.

- _____ **06. Why is Australia nicknamed "The Land Down Under"?**
- A. because it is south of, or under, Asia
 - B. because of its fertile soils
 - C. because it is located south of, or under, the Equator
 - D. because the continent is usually covered by a dense fog
- _____ **07. How many main islands does New Zealand have?**
- A. one
 - B. two
 - C. three
 - D. four
- _____ **08. Why does Australia depend on underground aquifers for nearly one-third of its water?**
- A. Most of the lakes near Australia's cities are salt lakes.
 - B. Rain is scanty in much of Australia, and there are few large rivers.
 - C. No part of Australia receives more than a few inches of rain a year.
 - D. Dust storms make the water in reservoirs too muddy to use.
- _____ **09. What environmental process created many of New Zealand's North Island landforms?**
- A. ocean currents
 - B. erosion
 - C. volcanic activity
 - D. wind
- _____ **10. Which of the following statements about the location of Australia & New Zealand is accurate?**
- A. Australia and New Zealand are located west of the Indian subcontinent.
 - B. Australia and New Zealand are located below the Equator.
 - C. Australia and New Zealand are located northeast of Micronesia.
 - D. Australia and New Zealand are located between the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans.

Lesson 2 Australia & New Zealand History

DIRECTIONS: Matching Match each item with its description.

A. Outback B. stations C. Sydney D. dominion

- _____ 11. vast ranches in the Outback and other areas
- _____ 12. a largely self-governing country within the British Empire
- _____ 13. the most rural and isolated parts of Australia's Central Lowlands
- _____ 14. settlement that grew into a busy center of trade and industry

DIRECTIONS: Multiple Choice Indicate the answer choice that best answers the question.

- _____ 15. **How did the first people to migrate to Australia from what is now New Guinea travel?**
- A. in small canoes C. in large ships
B. by horseback D. over land bridges and peninsulas
- _____ 16. **Where do historians believe the Maori people of New Zealand came from?**
- A. Polynesian islands C. Azores islands
B. Cayman islands D. British islands
- _____ 17. **What happened after Captain Cook explored Australia and New Zealand?**
- A. Norway began exploring New Zealand.
B. Britain prepared to send settlers to Australia.
C. Holland sent prospectors in search of gold in Australia.
D. Spain prepared to send settlers to Tasmania.
- _____ 18. **Which statement about the first European colonists of Australia is accurate?**
- A. Most came to Australia in search of gold.
B. Most were servants who worked on large ranches.
C. Most were convicted criminals from the British Isles.
D. Most came to Australia for religious freedom.
- _____ 19. **Which country legally owned New Zealand after signing the Treaty of Waitangi?**
- A. Great Britain C. Canada
B. the United States D. France
- _____ 20. **Why were Australia and New Zealand pulled into the two world wars?**
- A. They were bound by treaty to help defend the United States.
B. They were part of the British Empire with close ties to Great Britain.
C. German forces invaded their countries.
D. They did not want to be left out of the eventual peace settlement.