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Highlight or circle the answer you think is most correct.

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 - Hills Hoist
 - Microwave oven
 - Cochlear implant
 - Wi-fi
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 - Manus Island
 - Moreton Island
 - New Britain
 - Kangaroo Island
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 - Fraser Island
 - Stewart Island
 - Macquarie Island
 - White Island
- Chinese researchers have found large amounts of which pollutant in commercial sea salt sourced from the Pacific Ocean?
 - Sewage
 - Fertiliser
 - Iron oxide
 - Plastic
- Inland Victoria was hit by a number of what type of atmospheric hazard last week?
 - Tornadoes
 - Tropical cyclones
 - Blizzards
 - Cold fronts
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 - Table cloud
 - Super-cell cloud
 - Shelf cloud
 - Ledge cloud
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 - Singapore
 - Hanoi
 - Jakarta
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 - An independent nation
 - A self governing province
 - A renegade province
 - A special administrative region
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 - Shark Bay Marine Park
 - Walpole and Nornalup Marine Park
 - Ningaloo Marine Park
 - Jurien Bay Marine park
- A tailings dam holding waste from an iron ore mine, part-owned by BHP- Billiton, has collapsed sending a wall of mud through the village of Bento Rodrigues in which South American country?
 - Argentina
 - Peru
 - Brazil
 - Chile
- Geographers classify iron ore as what type of resource?
 - Non-renewable
 - Renewable
 - Continuous
 - Non-recyclable
- Flowers are blooming across which South American west coast desert, said to be the world's driest, after recent heavy downpours?
 - Sahara Desert
 - Atacama Desert
 - Namibian Desert
 - Gobi Desert

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- a) Namukan
- b) Jakarta
- c) Makassar
- d) Denpasar

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- a) France
- b) England
- c) Canada
- d) Belgium

15. NASA has taken the first satellite photos of mysterious geoglyphs discovered on the plains of Kazakhstan in 2007. What do geographers call these grassland plains of Central Asia?

- a) Prairies
- b) Steppes
- c) Gibbers
- d) Tundras

(Note: geoglyphs are large artworks etched into the landscape and best viewed from above - the best known geoglyphs are the "Nazca lines" on Peru's altiplano)

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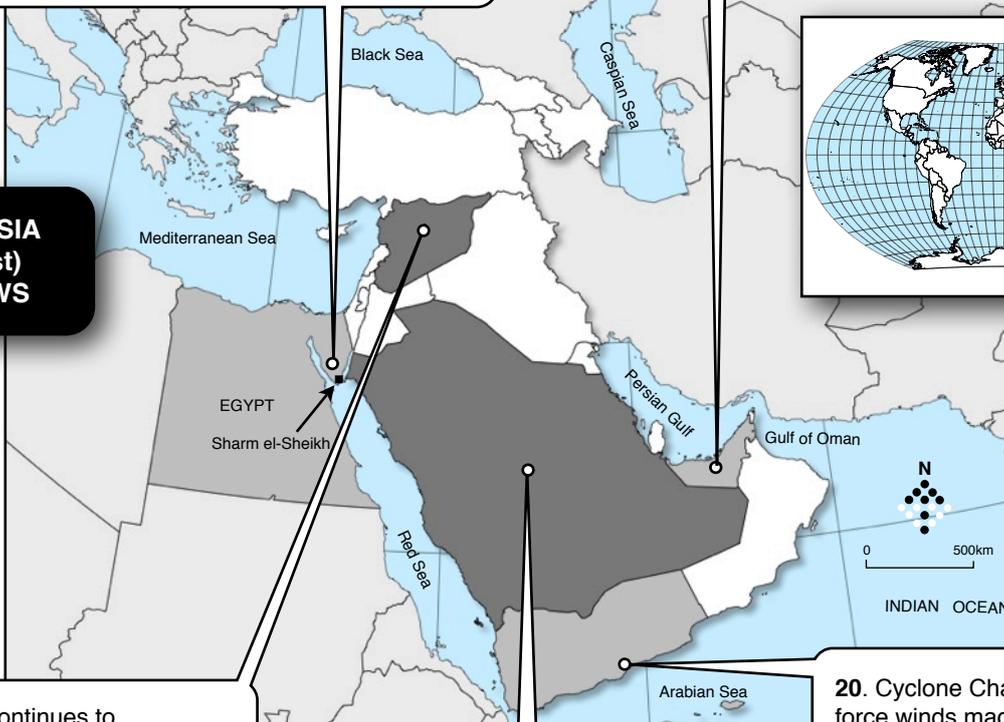
16. A Russian passenger plane crashed in **this peninsula** with the loss of all on board. The aircraft was returning holiday-makers to Russia from the Egyptian resort town of Sharm el-Sheikh on the shores of the Red Sea. There is some speculation that the aircraft was brought down by a terrorist bomb.

Answer: S _ _ _ _ Peninsula

17. Two A380 planes from **this country's** major airline have been painted with some of the planet's wildlife threatened by poaching. The airline is supporting "United for Wildlife", a global effort by leading wildlife charities to fight against the illegal wildlife trade.

Answer: U _ _ _ _ A _ _ _ _ E _ _ _ _

WESTERN ASIA (Middle East) IN THE NEWS



18. **This country** continues to demonstrate hospitality, despite the substantial strain on national systems and infrastructure as a result of it hosting over 670,000 refugees and asylum seekers from the civil war in Syria and the fighting in Iraq.

Answer: J _ _ _ _ _

19. Parts of **this desert country**, one of the world's richest oil nations, turned white after a massive storm dumped a huge amount of hail turning some normally dry river beds into raging torrents of water and ice.

Answer: S _ _ _ _ _ A _ _ _ _ _

20. Cyclone Chapala with hurricane-force winds made landfall on the Arabian Sea coast of **this country** causing extensive flooding and wind damage to an arid region that usually receives little rain. This disaster has added to the huge humanitarian crisis caused by the country's civil war.

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