

GEOGRAPHY

IN THE NEWS

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Multiple choice - highlight or circle the answer you think is most correct.

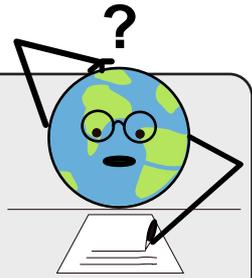
- In mid-January a tsunami flooded the capital city Nuku'alofa and many islands in which Pacific island nation?
 - Hawaii
 - Fiji
 - Tonga
 - New Zealand
- The tsunami was caused by what geomorphic event?
 - An undersea landslide
 - An undersea volcanic eruption
 - An undersea earthquake
 - A tropical cyclone
- Which company, the world's largest car maker, has announced that it will extend production stoppages at some factories in Japan as computer chip shortages continue?
 - Toyota
 - Volkswagen
 - Ford
 - Hyundai
- The Covid-19 pandemic has affected the production of TSMC, the world's largest maker of computer chips, based in which country?
 - Japan
 - USA
 - Taiwan
 - Thailand
- The shortage of components in manufacturing is known as shortages to what?
 - The demand chain
 - The supply chain
 - The retail chain
 - The manufacturing chain
- In mid-December tornadoes caused widespread damage and loss of life in the USA with which state being the most affected?
 - California
 - Kentucky
 - New York
 - Florida
- The area late-season tornadoes form in the US midwest is generally known by what name?
 - Tornado Region
 - Tornado Lane
 - Tornado Strip
 - Tornado Alley
- Tornadoes form in what type of storm clouds?
 - Cumulonimbus
 - Altostratus
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- In mid-December Australia signed a free trade agreement* with which European country?
 - Germany
 - United Kingdom
 - France
 - Italy

* A free trade agreement (FTA) is a treaty between two or more countries that reduces or eliminates certain barriers to trade in goods and services, as well as investment.
- The Australian government announced that it will build an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and histories centre, to be called Ngurra, on the shores of which man-made lake in Canberra?
 - Lake George
 - Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre
 - Lake Burley Griffin
 - Lake Burragarang
- Last week the wheatbelt town of Wagin in which state felt the tremor of a 4.7 magnitude earthquake?
 - Queensland
 - Western Australia
 - Tasmania
 - Victoria
- Which coastal town in WA's Pilbara region reached an equal record high temperature for Australia of 50.7°C on 13th January, 2022?
 - Marble Bar
 - Humpty Doo
 - Onslow
 - Esperance

13. From 2nd January 1960 to 13th January 2022 which South Australian town held the record for the highest temperature recorded in Australia?
- a) Broken Hill
 - b) Mt Isa
 - c) Mt Gambier
 - d) Oodnadatta

14. Beaches along the southeast Queensland and northern NSW coasts were closed when 9m high waves were generated by which ex-tropical cyclone in early January?
- a) Seth
 - b) Jeff
 - c) Beth
 - d) Jobeth

15. What is the area called where waves are generated by winds in the open ocean?
- a) Sketch
 - b) Fetch
 - c) Wretch
 - d) Stretch



Did You know? The highest wind speed ever recorded occurred on Barrow Island, Australia. On April 10th, 1996, an unmanned weather station measured a 407km/hr (253 mph) wind gust during Tropical Cyclone Olivia. (Note: wind speeds may be higher in tornadoes but as yet there is no reliable method of recording wind speeds in a tornado).



MAPPING THE NEWS

COUNTRIES CELEBRATING SIGNIFICANT INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARIES IN 2022

This country became independent of British rule in 1922 when it became a dominion of the British Empire. In 1949 it was declared an independent republic.

16. I _ _ _ _ _

28th February is the 100th anniversary of this country's independence from the United Kingdom when it was recognised as an independent sovereign state in 1922.

17. E _ _ _ _ _

Two hundred years ago on 7th September 1822 this country declared its independence from colonial power Portugal which led to a two-year war of independence.

18. B _ _ _ _ _

On 14th August 2022 this South Asian country will celebrate the 75th anniversary of its independence from the United Kingdom.

19. P _ _ _ _ _

This country gained its independence from Great Britain at the same time as its South Asian neighbour, 14th August 1947.

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