

GEOGRAPHY

IN THE NEWS

thinking geographically



No. 5

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

- More than 200 people are still missing after landslides and flash flooding in the city of Petrópolis in which country, the largest by area in South America?
 - Argentina
 - Brazil
 - Chile
 - Suriname
- What is the name of the storm, with wind gusts of almost 200km/hr, that wreaked havoc across Europe last week?
 - Storm Dulcie
 - Storm Eunice
 - Storm Brunhild
 - Storm Enid
- What causes such high winds?
 - High rotational speed of the earth
 - Low pressure difference between areas
 - Large pressure difference between areas
 - Low rotational speed of the earth
- Thousands of German-made Porsche and Volkswagen cars bound for the US market have been abandoned on a cargo ship after it caught fire on which ocean?
 - Pacific Ocean
 - Indian ocean
 - Southern Ocean
 - Atlantic Ocean
- Which Japanese firm, the world's best-selling carmaker, saw its profits fall by 21% in the last 3 months of 2021 due to the global computer chip shortage?
 - Ford
 - Toyota
 - Great Wall
 - Hyundai
- Authorities are battling a flood of deadly black water in which lake system on the Darling River near Broken Hill in far west New South Wales?
 - Menindee Lakes
 - Penrith Lakes
 - Kati Thanda - Lake Eyre
 - Great Lakes
- Leaf litter that has collected on the floodplain during drought is being washed into the Darling River by floodwaters turning it the colour of black tea and resulting in what condition of the water?
 - An overload of dissolved oxygen
 - A lack of dissolved oxygen
 - A lack of dissolved carbon dioxide
 - An overload of dissolved hydrogen
- What effect does black water have on fish?
 - It kills fish
 - Fish thrive in black water
 - It kills only certain types of fish
 - It has no effect on fish
- Owners of Australia's largest coal-fired power station, at Eraring in which valley north of Sydney, have said that it will close in 7 years?
 - Megalong Valley
 - Hunter Valley
 - Swan Valley
 - Yarra Valley
- A rail company recruiting 30 female train drivers in which Middle East country has received 28,000 applications to drive high speed trains between the holy cities of Mecca and Medina?
 - Israel
 - Iran
 - Yemen
 - Saudi Arabia
- A controversial dam in Ethiopia has begun generating electricity but governments of Sudan and Egypt claim it will reduce their share of the waters of which river?
 - Congo River
 - Zambezi River
 - Nile River
 - Amazon River
- A massive black bear named "Hank the Tank" is wanted by police in which west coast state of the USA for breaking into dozens of homes in a Lake Tahoe neighbourhood since last summer?
 - Texas
 - California
 - Virginia
 - Florida

13. Russia has launched a full scale invasion of which eastern European country?

- a) Belarus
- b) Ukraine
- c) Georgia
- d) Poland

15. A tiny frog travelled 8,000 kilometres to a UK primary school to be found in a bunch of bananas imported from Côte d'Ivoire on which continent?

- a) Asia
- b) South America
- c) Africa
- d) North America

14. Seven people perished in the collapse of an illegal mine in which country on the Horn of Africa?

- a) South Africa
- b) Nigeria
- c) Morocco
- d) Ethiopia

Did You know? Chinese migrant communities introduced bananas to Australia in the mid 1800s. People in Carnarvon in Western Australia were first to taste bananas. It wasn't until the 1880s, however, that Chinese workers from the goldfields established banana plantations in the Queensland tropics around Cooktown, Port Douglas, Cairns, Innisfail and Tully. In the 1890s, plantations were started in the Coffs Harbour area of New South Wales and around Mullumbimby.



MAPPING THE NEWS

A sloth has been rescued in **this country** after it climbed an electricity pole and decided to hang from live wires.

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TotalEnergies and its partner APA Corporation have made significant oil and gas discoveries in waters off **this country**. The basin, which it shares with neighbouring Guyana, could hold up to 32.6 billion barrels of undiscovered oil resources.

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SOUTH AMERICA IN THE NEWS

A refinery belonging to **this country's** state-run oil company Ancap has been declared a National Historic Monument for its unique architectural design.

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A huge Moai statue, one of the iconic stone monuments from Rapa Nui (Easter Island), is being returned home after being removed and taken to Santiago, **in this country**, where it has been in a museum since 1870.

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Wildfires are racing through the northeast of **this country**, consuming more area than a typical California wildfire season and threatening a key cattle farming region in this major beef exporting country.

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