

Latin America Unit Test

1. Latin America is located in what hemisphere?
 - a. Eastern
 - b. Western
 - c. Northern
 - d. Southern
2. Most of Latin America has what type of climate?
 - a. Tropical
 - b. Desert
 - c. Mountainous
 - d. Temperate
3. What are floating islands where Aztecs grew crops such as corn and beans?
 - a. Mestizo
 - b. Gauchos
 - c. Chinampas
 - d. Caudillo
4. What is the largest Portuguese-speaking nation in Latin America?
 - a. Mexico
 - b. Argentina
 - c. Panama
 - d. Brazil
5. What is the largest mountain range in Latin America?
 - a. Alps
 - b. Andes
 - c. Appalachian
 - d. Sierra Madre
6. What are found in tropical regions that are humid and full of life; often threatened by deforestation?
 - a. Rain forests
 - b. Swamps
 - c. Temperate forests
 - d. Deserts
7. What is the name of South American cowboys?
 - a. Chinampas
 - b. Mestizo
 - c. Gauchos
 - d. Caudillo
8. What is the longest peninsula of Mexico?
 - a. Yucatan

- b. Cape Horn
 - c. Baja California
 - d. Mexican
9. Which peninsula of Mexico was home to the ancient Mayan Indians and many of their temples?
- a. Yucatan
 - b. Cape Horn
 - c. Baja California
 - d. Mexican
10. What is the name of the process of bringing something illegal to another country or area illegally?
- a. Trading
 - b. Smuggling
 - c. Selling
 - d. Purchasing
11. What is the name of the dictatorial military “strongman” that often held power in Latin American nations?
- a. Caudillo
 - b. Gauchos
 - c. Mestizo
 - d. Chinampas
12. A Latin American person of both European and American Indian descent is called:
- a. Caudillo
 - b. Gauchos
 - c. Mestizo
 - d. Chinampas
13. Which of the four Latin American regions is home to a large group of individuals of African slave descent?
- a. Caribbean
 - b. Mexico
 - c. Central America
 - d. South America
14. The most populated regions of South America are located near:
- a. Mountains
 - b. Rain forest
 - c. Amazon river
 - d. The oceans
15. A large segment of the economy of Latin America is supported by:
- a. Technology
 - b. Transportation
 - c. Oil and natural gas
 - d. Agriculture

16. What is a major industry for Latin America, particularly involving those who wish to enjoy the beaches and cultural and ecological sites:
- a. Tourism
 - b. Transportation
 - c. Technology
 - d. Oil and natural gas
17. This aspect of Latin America is very poor, particularly due to the rugged terrain.
- a. Technology
 - b. Transportation
 - c. Tourism
 - d. Deforestation
18. What is a major agricultural product of the Caribbean and other parts of Latin America?
- a. Coffee
 - b. turnips
 - c. Beans
 - d. Squash
19. This type of farming produces just enough food for survival and is often blamed for overuse of the soil by which nutrients in the soil is depleted over time:
- a. Sharecropping
 - b. Subsistence
 - c. One crop
 - d. Commercial
20. The communist country of Latin America located close to the Florida coast is:
- a. Haiti
 - b. Puerto Rico
 - c. Cuba
 - d. Dominican Republic
21. The island that consists of Haiti and the Dominican Republic is called _____.
22. _____ is the country that colonized Mexico.
23. Latin America consists of what FOUR main regions? _____

24. The second longest river in the world is _____.
25. _____ was constructed in the early 20th century as a shortcut from the Caribbean Sea to the Pacific Ocean.

26. _____ is the impoverished nation in the Caribbean that was first to free itself from European rule.

27. _____ is the largest Spanish speaking country in the world.

28. _____ is the river that borders Mexico and the United States.

29. Latin America is predominately what religion? _____

30. List TWO types of dance that is popular in Latin America _____

31. Caribbean culture can be attributed to a mixture of what THREE influences? _____

32. _____ has become a violent business using cartels in many Latin American countries to illegally buy and sell illegal drugs.

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33. _____ is the most popular sport in Cuba, but _____ is the most popular sport throughout Latin America.

34. _____ is the largest island in the Caribbean.

35. These islands were created by coral beds over time. _____