

Geography Competency Exam Study Sheet Academic Year 2007 - 2008

General Description

This exam is designed to test three aspects of your geography competency:

1. Your basic factual knowledge of geography
2. Your ability to analyze geographic data
3. Your ability to use an atlas to locate and analyze geographic information

The atlas is "***National Geographic Student Atlas of the World***". ***It is now available at the UNH Bookstore.***

Exam Format

This multiple choice exam will have two parts.

You will complete Part I without any aids. It will be **closed book**. These sections will test your factual knowledge. You will turn in your answers to Part I before turning to Part II.

Part II is **open book**. You will answer questions in these sections by using your National Geographic Student Atlas of the World.

What to Bring to the Exam

Bring your National Geographic Student Atlas and No. 2 pencils (with erasers).

How to Prepare for this Exam

To prepare for this exam, you should use the following study sheet and your National Geographic Student Atlas. The study sheet contains lists of information you should know, as well as sample questions to give you a sense of the exam.

DO NOT SIMPLY MEMORIZE LISTS OF INFORMATION. YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO LOCATE GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES, COUNTRIES, ETC. ON A MAP.

PART I

Basic Factual Information

Continents

- Be prepared to list the continents in order of area in sq. miles, from largest to smallest.
- Be prepared to list the continents in order of absolute population from largest to smallest.
- Be prepared to list the continents in order of population density from most to least dense.
- Be prepared to state the position of each continent relative to the equator. (north of, south of, or crossing the equator)

Oceans

- Be prepared to rank the oceans in order of area from largest to smallest.
- Be prepared to locate major seas relative to continents and oceans.
- Be prepared to identify countries that border oceans.

Rivers

- Be prepared to identify the rivers listed on inside back cover, as well as to locate them relative to the countries they border or traverse.

Mountains

- Be prepared to identify and locate the following mountains:
 - Everest
 - Aconcagua
 - Kilimanjaro
 - Matterhorn
 - Kosciusko
 - Ararat
 - El'brus
- Be prepared to identify and locate the following mountain chains:
 - Caucasus
 - Andes
 - Carpathians
 - Himalaya
 - Pyrenees
 - Ural
 - Tian Shan
 - Alps
 - Elburz

Countries

- Be prepared to identify the continent on which any country with a population over one million is located.
- Be prepared to list the top three most populous continents.
- Be prepared to list the top ten most densely populated countries.
- Be prepared to identify the top three countries/continents in the world in:
 - Agricultural production and forestry
 - Oil, Gas, and mineral reserves
 - Fresh water use
 - Number of Refugees and Asylum-Seekers

Capital cities

- Using pp. 26-27 and individual country maps in your world atlas, locate, identify and memorize the capital cities of the following countries:

Afghanistan	Egypt	Lebanon	Russia
Albania	England	Liberia	Saudi Arabia
Argentina	Ethiopia	Libya	Senegal
Australia	Finland	Madagascar	Singapore
Austria	France	Malawi	Somalia
Azerbaijan	Germany	Mexico	South Africa
Belgium	Ghana	Morocco	Spain
Belize	Greece	Myanmar	Sri Lanka
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Haiti	Nepal	Sudan
Botswana	Hungary	Netherlands	Switzerland
Brazil	Iceland	New Zealand	Syria
Cambodia	India	Nigeria	Tanzania
Canada	Indonesia	North & South Korea	Thailand
Chile	Ireland	Norway	Tunisia
Colombia	Israel	P.R. of China	Turkey
Costa Rica	Italy	Pakistan	Uganda
Cote d'Ivoire	Japan	Panama	United Arab Emirates
Croatia	Jordan	Peru	Venezuela
Cuba	Kazakhstan	Philippines	Vietnam
Czech Republic	Kenya	Poland	Yemen
Denmark	Kuwait	Portugal	Yugoslavia
Ecuador	Laos	Rep.of China (Taiwan)	Zimbabwe

PART II

Analyzing Geographic Data/Information

The following are **sample questions** to illustrate the kinds of analysis you will be asked to perform on the exam. The topical areas are from page 14 to page 53.

Map and Tables Questions

Using the maps on pp. 28 - 39 of your world atlas, answer the following questions:

- There is a strong correlation between Indo-European languages and Catholicism. True/False
- All of the most populous nations are also agricultural nations. True/False
- Which countries have the most different languages represented?
- In 1950, Europe had the most populous urban areas. This is still true today. True/False
- Those countries with the highest exports have the highest rate of population growth. True/False

Charts plus maps

Using the charts on p.39 and the maps on pp. 44-47, answer the following:

- There seems to be a direct correlation between countries with the largest exodus of refugee population, and the use of annual fertilizer. True/false
- Asian countries rich in rice seem to have less political violence. True/false