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Round 1

answers

Countries

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Countries

1. Which country has the largest population in the world?

A. United States

B. Indonesia

C. China

D. India

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2. Which of these countries does not use the euro as its currency?

A. Norway

B. Portugal

C. Italy

D. Luxembourg

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3. Which country has the largest land mass in square kilometers?
- A. China
 - B. Russia**
 - C. United States
 - D. Australia

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4. Which of these countries in South America does not have access to any ocean or seaports?

A. Uruguay

B. Venezuela

C. Colombia

D. Bolivia

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5. In the last few years President Mugabe has overseen a precipitous decline in his country's economy. What is the name of the country?
- A. Angola
 - B. South Africa
 - C. **Zimbabwe**
 - D. Congo

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6. Stephen Harper is the Prime Minister of what country?

Canada

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7. Israel has diplomatic relations with which one of the following countries?

A. Egypt

B. Syria

C. Pakistan

D. Oman

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8. Iguassu (Iguazu) Falls is at the junction of which three countries?
- A. Brazil, Colombia and Bolivia
 - B. Argentina, Peru and Paraguay
 - C. Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela
 - D. Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay**

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9. Which one of these countries, formerly semi-independent, is now treated by China as one of its regions?

A. Nepal

B. Tibet

C. Myanmar

D. Mongolia

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10. Port-of-Spain is the capital city of what country?

- A. Colombia
- B. Dominican Republic
- C. Trinidad and Tobago**
- D. Haiti

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Round 2

answers

Great Decisions

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Great Decisions

11. The Security Council's principal task is to ensure global peace and security. Which of the following countries is NOT a permanent member of the Security Council of the United Nations?
- A. People's Republic of China
 - B. France
 - C. **Spain**
 - D. Great Britain

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Great Decisions

12. Eight specific development goals for United Nations Reform were written to put before the World Summit, titled *Millennium Development Goals*. All of the following are goals EXCEPT:

- A. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
- B. Promote gender equality and empower women
- C. Combat HIV/AIDS and other diseases
- D. **Promote disarmament and non-proliferation**

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Great Decisions

13. The following facts about Iran are true EXCEPT?

A. Youth unemployment is low

B. Two-thirds of the population is below the age of 35

C. The voting age is 15

D. Gasoline is only 35 cents per gallon

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14. The largest producer of crude oil is:

A. United States

B. Saudi Arabia

C. Iran

D. Russia

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Great Decisions

15. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 gives which council the authority to impose fines on bad-acting power companies and to propose criminal penalties:

A. EPAC

B. IAEA

C. NERC

D. OPEC

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Great Decisions

16. The United States neglected Brazil for many years, but it now sees Brazil as an important ally for the following reasons EXCEPT:
- A. Brazil is an important player in peace negotiations with other countries in South America
 - B. U.S. depends on Brazil's cotton textile industry**
 - C. Brazil has expanded trade and developed diplomatic relations with China and India
 - D. The U.S. depends on Brazil for Brazilian soldiers for U.N. peacekeeping in Haiti

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17. Senator John McCain (R-AZ) introduced a bill that requires humane treatment for:
- A. all detainees held in U.S. custody, whether by the military or the CIA
 - B. all detainees held in U.S. custody, whether at home or abroad
 - C. all detainees whether the suspect is an American or a foreigner
 - D. all of the above**

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Great Decisions

18. India and China will become new major global players in the 21st century for all of the following reasons EXCEPT:

- A. Their sustained high economic growth rates
- B. Their military capabilities
- C. Their oil resources**
- D. Their large populations of working age

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Great Decisions

19. The U.N. actively worked to provide a solution to remove the Cyprus problem as a barrier for Turkey to join the European Union. The plan that evolved was called?

A. The Annan Plan

B. The Solidarity Plan

C. The Aegean Plan

D. The Ankara Plan

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20. Which epidemic was described as “Nothing else-no infection, no war, no famine has ever killed so many in as short a period.”?

A. Hong Kong outbreak – 1968-69

B. Asian Flu 1957-58

C. West Nile Virus (SARS)

D. Spanish Flu - 1918

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*International
Humanitarian Relief
Organizations*

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International Humanitarian Relief Organizations

21. CARE International is a humanitarian organization which specializes in all of the following EXCEPT:
- A. deliver emergency aid to survivors of war and natural disasters
 - B. **working alongside poor men to help them seek jobs and economic assistance**
 - C. prevent the spread of HIV
 - D. increase access to clean water and sanitation

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22. All of the following are true about The World Health Organization (WHO) EXCEPT:
- A. It's a coordinating authority on international public health
 - B. It was established in 1968**
 - C. It's governing body is the World Health Assembly
 - D. It has 193 member states

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23. UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund, attends to the most vulnerable children worldwide, concentrating on the poorest countries and children under the age of

five.

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24. The international organization that specializes in building houses for poor or handicapped people is known as

Habitat for Humanity.

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25. The United Nations organization that provides international protection and assistance to refugees such as in Bosnia, Rwanda, or Darfur, is known as:

- A. **UNHCR**
- B. UNICEF
- C. UNWHO
- D. UNAID

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26. The International Committee of the Red Cross was founded to protect and assist prisoners of war and civilians in international armed conflicts. When was it founded?
- A. In 1855, the Crimean War
 - B. In 1863, in Geneva, Switzerland**
 - C. In 1864, in the Civil War
 - D. In 1859, in the Battle of Solferino in Northern Italy

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27. The UNFPA, or the United Nations Populations Fund, is most involved in spreading information on:

- A. The total population of the world
- B. The populations of all the countries of the UN
- C. Family planning**
- D. The most needy and populous countries

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28. The part of the United Nations that coordinates the work of other agencies in the fields of economic and social problems is known by the initials:

- A. UNICEF
- B. UNWHO
- C. UNDP
- D. **UNESCO**

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29. The International Red Cross and the Red Crescent societies sometimes work separately and sometimes together as a Federation. A recent example where they did **not** work together is:
- A. Helping earthquake victims in the Pakistani-administered part of Kashmir
 - B. Assisting tsunami-recovery operations in Indonesia
 - C. **Gathering blood supplies in India**
 - D. Fighting AIDS in South Africa

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30. A society of doctors that gives free medical aid to victims of war and natural disasters was founded as the:

- A. World Health Organization (WHO)
- B. Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF)**
- C. Catholic Relief Organization
- D. Salvation Army

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Round 4

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People in the

News

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31. Recently at the United Nations, Hugo Chaves called George Bush a *Satan*. Chavez is the president of what Latin American Country?

Venezuela.



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People in the News

32. The next Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives is a Congresswoman from California. Write in her name.

Nancy Pelosi.



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People in the News

33. The new President of Mexico recently visited President George W. Bush at the White House. What is his name?

A. Vicente Fox

B. Felipe Calderon

C. Jose Felipe Salinas

D. Andres Manual Lopez Obrador



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People in the News

34. Who will be the new leader of the U.S. Senate?

A. **Harry Reid**

B. John Kerry

C. Ted Kennedy

D. Barak Obama



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People in the News

35. A member of the Beatles has been much in the news lately hoping to storm the classical charts with his new album *Ecce Cor Meum* (Behold My Heart). Write in his name.

Paul McCartney.



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People in the News

36. Tiger Woods recently announced that he would go into one of the following businesses. Which business is it?

- A. Restaurant
- B. Commercial building
- C. Golf course design**
- D. Hedge funds



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People in the News

37. The President of Russia, Vladimir Putin, recently announced all of the following EXCEPT:

- A. He will not run for reelection when his term ends
- B. Russia will not support sanctions against Iran for its nuclear activities
- C. Russia insists on milder sanctions against North Korea
- D. **Russia agrees to keep the price of natural gas at the same level for the Ukraine**



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People in the News

38. One of the most powerful members of the incoming Congress will be the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. What is the name of the person who will most likely receive this Chairmanship?

Charles Rangel



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People in the News

39. Ban Ki-Moon is the first person from Asia to be elected to serve as the Secretary General of the United Nations, replacing the “termed out” Kofi Anan. Mr. Ban is from what country?

- A. Thailand
- B. South Korea**
- C. China
- D. Japan



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People in the News

40. Who was re-elected for a second term as the Governor of Texas?

A. **Rick Perry**

B. Dick Armey

C. Tom DeLay

D. Kay Bailey Hutchinson



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Current Events

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Current Events

41. North Korea recently announced it would return to the so-called six parties negotiations. Those countries include all the following EXCEPT:

A. China

B. Russia

C. United States

D. Taiwan

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Current Events

42. The United States just passed a milestone in population. What is the U.S. population?

A. 100 million

B. 200 million

C. 300 million

D. 500 million

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Current Events

43. Which country in Central America just elected an old foe of the United States, Daniel Ortega, as President?

A. **Nicaragua**

B. Costa Rica

C. Guatemala

D. El Salvador

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Current Events

44. Which country threatened to explode a nuclear bomb and then did so in spite of warnings from many countries not to do it?

A. Iran

B. Syria

C. North Korea

D. Pakistan

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Current Events

45. Google recently purchased a company well-known to young computer users. What is the name of the company?

A. Amazon.com

B. Electronic Arts

C. iPod

D. YouTube

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Current Events

46. An Asian country has been experiencing uprisings by its Muslim population. The government, recently installed by a military coup, made a conciliatory gesture of freeing 92 detainees. What is the name of the country?

A. **Thailand**

B. Laos

C. Cambodia

D. Myanmar (Burma)

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Current Events

47. Nouri al-Maliki is the Prime Minister of what country?

A. Iran

B. Iraq

C. Libya

D. Morocco

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Current Events

48. The recent assassination of the politician Pierre Gemayel made a middle eastern country even more unstable than it has been. Name the country.

A. Syria

B. Iran

C. Saudi Arabia

D. Lebanon

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Current Events

49. The ISG (Iraq Study Group) just released its report on Iraq. One of the recommendations is for discussions with surrounding countries to help quell violence in Iraq. Two of the countries suggested are controversial. Which are they?
- A. Egypt and Jordan
 - B. Israel and Lebanon
 - C. Turkey and Kuwait
 - D. Iran and Syria**

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Tiebreaker

51. Alexander Litvinenko, an ex-Russian spy living in London, had wide news coverage because he died of a radio-active poisoning. This now well known poison is named?

A. Stontium 200

B. Radium

C. Polonium 210

D. Plutonium

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52. What four countries are members of CAFTA (Central American Free Trade Agreement)?
- A. United States, Colombia, Costa Rica, Honduras
 - B. Nicaragua, El Salvador, United States, Costa Rica**
 - C. El Salvador, Guatemala, Colombia, United States
 - D. El Salvador, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, Colombia

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53. Which of the following countries is not a member of NATO?

A. Austria

B. Bulgaria

C. Latvia

D. Romania

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Tiebreaker

54. Which country, founded in 1822 as a result of the efforts of the American Colonization Society to settle freed American slaves in West Africa, was Africa's first republic?

- A. Zambia
- B. Angola
- C. Namibia
- D. Liberia**

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Tiebreaker

55. In the recent mid-term elections, the first Muslim was elected to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives. Which state does he represent?

A. New York

B. California

C. Minnesota

D. Missouri