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World Geography
Unit 6 - Africa's Physical Geography
Test

Term Identification (1 pt. ea.)

Directions: Pick a word from the box that best completes the sentences below

tributary	cataract	subsistence farming	cash crop	silt
diversify	savanna	economy	elevation	plateau
rift	fertile	oasis	nomad	irrigate

1. Bits of rock and dirt deposited by rivers: _____.
2. A region where tall grasses grow: _____.
3. A crop that is raised for sale: _____.
4. To add variety: _____.
5. A large, mostly flat area that rises above the surrounding land: _____.
6. A person who moves from place to place to make a living: _____.
7. A small stream or river that flows into a larger river: _____.
8. All the things that people do to make a living in a particular place: _____.
9. A deep trench in the Earth: _____.
10. The height of land above sea level: _____.
11. A fertile place in a desert where there is water and vegetation: _____.
12. To artificially water crops: _____.
13. A rock-filled rapid or waterfall: _____.
14. Raising crops to support one's family: _____.
15. Rich soil that is able to grow many plants: _____.

Multiple Choice (4pts. ea.)

Directions: Circle the letter of the best answer that completes the sentence.

1. Why is it impossible for ships to sail all the way from Africa's interior to the sea?
 - a. The weather is too harsh.
 - b. Too many waterfalls.
 - c. Not enough skilled sailors.
 - d. The rivers are broken by cataracts, or rock-filled rapids.
2. One of the three primary types of vegetation regions in Africa is
 - a. Tropical rainforests.
 - b. Cities.
 - c. Coastlines.
 - d. None of the above.



3. Most of Africa's workers are
 - a. Crazy.
 - b. Foreigners.
 - c. Farmers.
 - d. Skilled technicians.

4. Africa is often called the "plateau continent" because
 - a. There are many valleys in Africa.
 - b. The elevation of much of the land is high.
 - c. Of the changing seasons.
 - d. Of the rain.

5. The three factors that influence climate in Africa are
 - a. the closeness to large bodies of water and landscapes. the many trees, and its wildlife.
 - b. Africa's position on the world map only.
 - c. Its government.
 - d. Latitude or distance from the equator, elevation, and the closeness to large bodies of water and landscapes.

6. In very dry lands, what do farmers do to their crops?
 - a. Give up on them.
 - b. Irrigate.
 - c. Work extra hard.
 - d. Build an oasis around them.

7. Africa has few _____ to make products from its own raw materials.
 - a. Natural resources.
 - b. People.
 - c. Factories.
 - d. Technological resources.

8. The Four major rivers in Africa are
 - a. Limpopo, Orange, Benue, Niger.
 - b. Nile, White Nile, Blue Nile, and Zambezi.
 - c. Nile, Congo, Zaire, and Benue.
 - d. Nile, Congo, Zaire, and Zambezi.

9. People who travel from place to place to make a living are called
 - a. Wanderers.
 - b. Restless.
 - c. Nomads.
 - d. Lost.

10. Who mines the resources and takes the profits in much of Africa?
 - a. Foreign companies.
 - b. Farmers.
 - c. Those that do not have a family to feed.
 - d. The Great Rift Valley.

11. Most of Africa's major lakes are located near this landform:
 - a. Mt. Kilimanjaro.
 - b. The Great Rift Valley.
 - c. The Nile River.
 - d. The Grand Canyon.



12. What might travelers sometimes find, in the middle of a desert, where there is water and some vegetation?
 - a. Cactus plants.
 - b. A river.
 - c. A nomad.
 - d. An Oasis.

13. By developing new crops, raw materials, and manufactured goods, what are African countries trying to do?
 - a. Compete with each other.
 - b. Build more factories.
 - c. Cut down on the amount of jobs in Africa.
 - d. Diversify their economies.

14. A long, steep cliff is called a(n)
 - a. Tributary.
 - b. Escarpment.
 - c. Cataract.
 - d. Rift.

15. Some *crops* that are part of Africa's natural resources include
 - a. Petroleum, uranium, and gold.
 - b. Corn only.
 - c. Coffee, tea, and barley.
 - d. Cheese, citrus fruits, and tea.

Essay. Choose two of following essay questions to write on. Answers must be at least 250 words long and in complete sentences to receive full credit. (5 pts. ea.) Note: If you choose to answer more than two, you will receive 5 extra credit points for each *correctly and fully* answered essay question. Remember that a good essay answer includes an introduction, several main points, and a conclusion!

1. Explain the difference between subsistence farming and cash crop farming.
2. How is the continent of Africa different from the continent of Europe?
3. Choose two important landforms in Africa and describe them.
4. List and describe the natural resources of Africa.