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1. The Earth is not quite spherical, because:

a. The polar radius is a little larger than the equatorial radius.
b. The equatorial radius is a little larger than the polar radius.*
c. There are mountains in the northern hemisphere that make the surface uneven.
d. There are depressions on the surface making it look more like a golfball.

2. The ocean makes up about _____ percent of the Earth's surface.

a. 30
b. 45
c. 60
d. 71*
e. 91

3. The cryosphere includes _____ .

a. all forms of water on the Earth's surface
b. the highest layers of the atmosphere
c. all forms of frozen water*
d. the deepest regions of the ocean
e. all of these

4. The biosphere includes all of the following EXCEPT:

a. plants
b. animals
c. ozone layer*
d. people
e. ecosystems

5. What feature covers the largest portion of the Earth's surface?

a. Antarctica
b. Asia
c. Africa
d. North America
e. Pacific Ocean*

6. The large, flat portion of the ocean basin at great depth is called the:

a. ocean floor
b. ocean basement

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c. abyssal plain*
d. lower plains
e. Davey Jones' locker

7. The very gently sloping, relatively shallow, submerged plain at the edge of the continent is the:

a. continental slope
b. continental shelf*
c. continental rise
d. shallow sea

8. The deepest part of the ocean floor occurs along the _____.

a. abyssal plain
b. trenches*
c. middle of the Pacific
d. middle of the Indian Ocean

9. Mid-oceanic ridges are:

a. active volcanic features
b. found in most ocean basins
c. high, uplifted features
d. geologically active
e. all of the above*

10. Which is the largest landmass on Earth?

a. Africa
b. Eurasia*
c. North America
d. South America
e. Antarctica

11. The hydrosphere includes the:

a. ocean
b. atmospheric water
c. surface water
d. ground water
e. all of these*

12. The Southern Hemisphere is sometimes called "the water hemisphere."

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a. True*
b. False

13. The abyssal plain is perfectly flat without any topographic features.

a. True
b. False*

14. The only continent that straddles the equator with large portions in both north and south hemispheres is:

a. Africa*
b. Australia
c. South America
d. Indonesia
e. Eurasia

15. The dividing line between the Western and Eastern Hemispheres runs through:

a. Pittsburgh, PA
b. Greenwich, England*
c. Buenos Aires, Argentina
d. Paris, France

16. The Earth's smallest continent is:

a. Antarctica
b. Australia*
c. Europe
d. Greenland
e. South America

17. The _____ reaches the deepest in the ocean, in general.

a. continental shelf
b. continental slope
c. continental rise*
d. continental apron

18. All portions of the Earth's continents and oceans have been accurately mapped.

a. True
b. False*

19. This continent is somewhat funnel-shaped, narrowing towards the equator.

a. Australia
b. Eurasia
c. North America*
d. South America