

CHECKING COMPREHENSION

Read the following sentences and circle the letters of the words that best fill each blank.

Southeast Asia is located _____ 1 _____ and to the east of the Indian subcontinent. The region is made up of _____ 2 _____. Countries found in Southeast Asia include _____ 3 _____. The large island of Borneo is divided between the countries of _____ 4 _____. Monsoons are _____ 5 _____ that significantly affect the climate in much of Southeast Asia. Natural vegetation in Southeast Asia varies with the _____ 6 _____. Farmers on the islands of Java and Bali benefit from the presence of volcanoes on the islands because _____ 7 _____. Wildlife found in the forests of Borneo includes such animals as _____ 8 _____. During the dry season in a monsoon forest, the trees and shrubs _____ 9 _____. _____ 10 _____ is the most valuable species of tree in a monsoon forest. Much of Southeast Asia's monsoon forest has been logged, resulting in _____ 11 _____. Southeast Asia's Ring of Fire is _____ 12 _____. The longest river in Southeast Asia, the _____ 13 _____, begins in _____ 14 _____. Mineral resources found in Southeast Asia include rich deposits of _____ 15 _____.

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1. A) south of China
B) in the Atlantic Ocean
C) at 50 degrees latitude | 9. A) lose their leaves
B) grow new shoot and leaves
C) bloom |
| 2. A) an archipelago and three peninsulas
B) three peninsula and two archipelagos
C) two archipelagos and two peninsulas | 10. A) Pine
B) Teak
C) Oak |
| 3. A) Manila, Bangkok, and Hanoi
B) Laos, Myanmar, and Thailand
C) Tonga, Estonia, and Borneo | 11. A) the emergence of vibrant second-growth forests
B) increased volcanic activity
C) a large decrease in wildlife habitats |
| 4. A) the Republic of the Philippines, Brunei and Singapore
B) Indonesia, Malaysia and Brunei
C) Japan, Sumatra and Myanmar | 12. A) the unofficial name of the Philippines' national sports stadium in Manila
B) the name given to the frequent blaze that occur in the region's monsoon forests
C) a zone of volcanic and earthquake activity that encircles the Pacific Ocean |
| 5. A) ocean currents
B) dry seasons
C) seasonal winds | 13. A) Chao Phray River
B) Mekong River
C) Volga River |
| 6. A) crops the farmers plant
B) elevation and length of the dry season
C) price of commodities on the world market | 14. A) southern Vietnam and flows to its delta in China
B) near Bangkok, Thailand and flows to its delta in Bhutan
C) China and flows to its delta in southern Vietnam |
| 7. A) ash from volcanic eruptions enriches the soil
B) volcanic eruptions clear their fields of dead plants after the harvest
C) volcanic eruptions draw tourist who buy their produce | 15. A) bronze, brass, and steel
B) quartz, pewter, and uranium
C) tin, copper, and gold |
| 8. A) wild pigs, monkeys, and orangutans
B) zebras, grizzlies, and kangaroos
C) giraffes, wildebeests, and elk | |