



# GEOGRAPHY in the news

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*Highlight or circle the answer you think is most correct.*

1. Ice falling from the Freedom Tower and World Trade Centre after the huge snowstorm of last week has forced the closure of streets in which American city?
  - a) Chicago
  - b) New York
  - c) Washington
  - d) Boston
2. While historic winter storms are battering the eastern states of the U.S., which state on the west coast is experiencing its worst drought since records began?
  - a) California
  - b) Oregon
  - c) Texas
  - d) Florida
3. The political crisis in Ukraine continued with violent clashes between protesters and police in Independence Square in which city, Ukraine's capital?
  - a) Kiev
  - b) Rivne
  - c) Sochi
  - d) Sevastopol
4. Ukraine was once part of which political union?
  - a) European Union (EU)
  - b) North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO)
  - c) Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR)
  - d) Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation (SEATO)
5. Ukraine is famous for which cultural group?
  - a) Celts
  - b) Visigoths
  - c) Tartars
  - d) Cossacks
6. Which city in the ACT was hit by gale force winds, torrential rain and heavy hail, receiving its monthly average rainfall in just three hours?
  - a) Queanbeyan
  - b) Canberra
  - c) Goulbourn
  - d) Yass
7. The storm that hit the ACT was caused by what type of weather system?
  - a) An intense high pressure system
  - b) A cold front and its associated intense low pressure system
  - c) A warm front
  - d) A tropical cyclone
8. An Australian Christian missionary has been arrested in which northeast Asian country with a form of government known as a dictatorship?
  - a) Japan
  - b) South Korea
  - c) North Korea
  - d) China
9. Five Japanese scuba divers were found alive after having been missing for five days off which Indonesian island?
  - a) Bali
  - b) Java
  - c) Sumatra
  - d) Sulawesi
10. Prince Charles wearing traditional Arab dress performed an "Ardah" (sword dance) at the annual 17-day Janadriyah festival in the capital city of Riyadh in which middle eastern country?
  - a) United Arab Emirates
  - b) Saudi Arabia
  - c) Syria
  - d) Iran
11. Which pest species, introduced to Queensland in 1935, has migrated across northern Australia and is rapidly invading the Kimberley region of Western Australia during the current wet season?
  - a) Fox
  - b) Rabbit
  - c) Cane Toad
  - d) Prickly pear
12. What type of climate does the Kimberley experience?
  - a) Mediterranean
  - b) Temperate Maritime
  - c) Tropical Monsoon
  - d) Desert