

## **Global Studies B: Review for the Final**

### **AFRICA**

1. What are the characteristics of the Nile River?
2. What factors shape the Sahara?
3. What causes desertification in Africa? Where is this process happening?
4. What was Africa like before colonization?
5. Which European nations colonized Africa? What things were they after?
6. What barriers prevented Europeans from colonizing Africa earlier?
7. What was the purpose of the Berlin Conference?
8. What problems did Africans face during colonization? What problems did they face after colonization ended?

### **SOUTHWEST ASIA – MIDDLE EAST**

1. What does OPEC stand for? What is its purpose?
2. Who are the Taliban?
3. Which religion(s) consider Jerusalem to be a holy city?
4. Which city are Muslims expected to journey to at least once in their lives? What is this celebration like once they get there?
5. Which religion is most widely practiced in SW Asia?
6. What are the five pillars of Islam?
7. What is the main language spoken in SW Asia?
8. Which European countries colonized much of the Persian Gulf Region?
9. How has colonialism affected SW Asia? What issues exist today as a result of colonialism?
10. How did the United Nations suggest dividing up the colony of Palestine in 1947 (UN Plan of Partition of 1947)?
11. When was Israel founded?
12. What does PLO stand for? What is its purpose?
13. What is the basis of the ongoing Arab-Israeli conflicts? What do the Palestinians want? The Israelis? What are they willing to give up? What AREN'T they willing to give up? What is the "right of return"?

## SOUTH ASIA

1. What are the different landforms of South Asia (specifically India).
2. What are the characteristics of the two different types of monsoons? How do they affect the population?
3. What are the two main rivers of South Asia, and how do they affect the people living there? Which one is very important to the main religion of India?
4. What are the some characteristics of the different religions practiced in South Asia?
5. Which country colonized South Asia? How did India and Pakistan finally gain its independence? What happened to the national borders of countries as well as to the different cultures of the region after independence was granted?
6. What is the caste system and how does it affect society in India?
7. How is South Asia addressing problems related to population (i.e., what is it doing to help slow down population growth)?

## EAST ASIA

1. What have been some positive effects of the Three Gorges Dam for China? What have been some negative affects?
2. How was China's economy different for the first few decades of communism vs. China's present economy?
3. Describe similarities between China's current economy and the Industrial Revolution era.
4. What factors (**hint:** physical geography) allowed East Asia to remain mostly free of colonial expansion by European nations for most of its history? Also, explain the "sphere of influence" and the "Boxer Rebellion" of 1900.
5. Why is much of China's population located in the eastern part of the nation? (think of physical characteristics and climate)
6. Which ancient empire dominated East Asia for much of its history?
7. Why do people in heavily populated cities in East Asia wear surgical masks over their mouths & noses?
8. What are the differences between the two nations on the Korean Peninsula?
9. What are some characteristics of the North Korean government?
10. What are some differences between the styles of communism in China vs. North Korea?