

Test Your Research Skills

Spotlight on Mexico

Using the Internet or a research library, find the answers to these questions all about Mexico:

1. What is the capital city of Mexico?
2. What is the official language?
3. What is Mexico's main religion?
4. What currency is used in Mexico?
5. The population of Mexico is approximately:
a) 55, 000, 000 b) 90, 500, 000 c) 120, 000, 000
6. Which country borders Mexico to the north?
7. Which two countries border Mexico to the south?
8. Which of these countries is nearer to Mexico: Nicaragua or Costa Rica?
9. Acapulco is a city on the coast of:
a) the Pacific Ocean b) the Gulf of Mexico
10. True or false - Mexico has the largest Christian population in the world?
11. True or false - Mexico has the third largest meteorite crater in the world?
12. What is the name of the highest mountain in Mexico?
13. Approximately how much sugar does Mexico produce per year?
a) 5, 000, 000 tonnes b) 10, 000, 000 tonnes c) 15, 000, 000 tonnes
14. Mexico has one of the lowest divorce rates in the world. Is it lower than:
a) USA? b) Italy? c) Colombia?
15. True or false - the Sierra Madre Oriental mountain range lies to the west of the country?
16. True or false - the Rio Bravo del Norte runs from the northeast to the southwest of the country?
17. The Rio Bravo del Norte is also known as...
18. True or false - Mexico has extensive mineral reserves, including petroleum, gold, silver and natural gas?
19. True or false - Cancun is a popular tourist destination on the Caribbean Coast of Mexico?
20. Which US city is nearer to Mexico - San Francisco or Washington DC?

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Answers:

1. Mexico City
2. Spanish
3. Roman Catholicism
4. Mexican Peso
5. b) 90, 500, 000
6. USA
7. Guatemala and Belize
8. Nicaragua
9. a) the Pacific Ocean
10. False: Mexico comes third in the world, after USA and Brazil
11. True: it's called Chicxulub and has a diameter of 107 miles
12. Citlaltepetl at a height of 5,611 metres
13. a) 5, 000, 000 tonnes
14. a) Yes b) Yes c) No
Mexico's divorce rate is 0.43 per 1,000, compared to USA's at 4.34 and Italy's at 0.47. Colombia has the lowest divorce rate in the world at 0.11
15. False: it lies to the east of the country
16. False: it runs from the northwest to the southeast of the country
17. The Rio Grande
18. True
19. True
20. San Francisco

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