

Answers to British Columbia Quizzes

Test Your Knowledge

What do you remember from your review of the British Columbia section of the E-atlas?

1. What percentage of Canada's total area does British Columbia comprise?
 - a) 8.7%
 - b) 9.5%**
 - c) 14.0%
 - d) 21%
2. Which three US states share a boundary with British Columbia?
 - a) Washington, Wyoming, North Dakota
 - b) Washington, Idaho, Montana**
 - c) Washington, Wyoming, Montana
 - d) Oregon, Idaho, Montana
3. The northernmost extent of British Columbia is:
 - a) 54°40'N
 - b) 49°N
 - c) 60°N**
 - d) the boundary with the Northwest Territories
4. British Columbia's total population estimate in 2002 was closest to:
 - a) 4 million**
 - b) 3.5 million
 - c) 3 million
 - d) 2.5 million
5. Tourism is an important element of the economy of British Columbia. Approximately how much money do tourists spend in British Columbia in a typical year?
 - a) \$1 billion
 - b) \$5 billion
 - c) \$10 billion**
 - d) \$20 billion
6. British Columbia's economy is based on:
 - a) the availability of power, particularly hydro-electric power
 - b) its location on the west coast as a gateway to the Pacific
 - c) its natural resources
 - d) all the above**
7. Approximately what percentage of Canada's plywood comes from British Columbia?
 - a) 20%
 - b) 40%
 - c) 60%
 - d) 80%**

8. Services are the biggest employment sector in the British Columbia economy. Which of the following would *not* be included in the services sector?
- a) health care
 - b) construction**
 - c) education
 - d) finance, insurance, real estate
9. What percentage of British Columbia's population is made up of aboriginal peoples?
- a) 2.7%
 - b) 4.0%**
 - c) 5.2%
 - d) 6.1%
10. Which group of aboriginal peoples is most numerous in British Columbia?
- a) Métis
 - b) Haida
 - c) Inuit
 - d) First Nations groups**
11. In recent years, British Columbia has seen a large influx of immigrants into the province. The largest source of immigrants into British Columbia during the five-year period 1996-2001 was from:
- a) Europe
 - b) United States
 - c) Central America
 - d) Pacific Rim countries**
12. Which countries are BC's top three export markets?
- a) USA, Japan, and China**
 - b) USA, China, and United Kingdom
 - c) USA, Japan, and Mexico
 - d) Japan, China and the European Union
13. What percentage of Canada's total softwood resources are located in British Columbia?
- a) 5%
 - b) 50%**
 - c) 43%
 - d) 62%
14. Among British Columbia's manufacturing shipments, approximately what percentage does the forest industry contribute?
- a) 20%
 - b) 46%**
 - c) 62%
 - d) 80%

15. Agriculture contributes more than \$2 billion to the BC economy of British Columbia, even though it does not have a lot of land considered arable, or potentially arable. What percentage of the total provincial land area is considered arable or potentially arable?

- a) 1.5%
- b) 3%**
- c) 5%
- d) 10%

16. Which of the following components of the fishing industry contributes the most to the British Columbia economy?

- a) commercial fishing
- b) aquaculture
- c) seafood processing
- d) sport fishing**

17. Which of the following is *not* an important mining product from British Columbia?

- a) diamonds**
- b) natural gas
- c) copper
- d) molybdenum

Practise Your Atlas Skills

Use information in the Pearson School Atlas to answer these questions.

18. Canada has an urban/rural ratio of population of 80/20. What percentage of British Columbia's population is urban?

- a) 69%
- b) 78%
- c) 85%**
- d) 92%

19. The most westerly point of British Columbia is near

- a) the Queen Charlotte Islands**
- b) Mount Logan in the Yukon
- c) Vancouver Island
- d) Prince Rupert

20. Only one area of British Columbia is south of the 49th parallel of latitude. That point is

- a) Abbotsford
- b) Point Roberts
- c) the southern tip of Vancouver Island**
- d) Mount Olympus

21. The highest peak in the Rockies of British Columbia is

- a) Mt. Queen Bess
- b) Mt. Robson**
- c) Mt. Sir Alexander
- d) Mount Logan

22. Going from west to east along 50°N, you would pass across (in order)

- a) the Coast Range, Fraser River, Okanagan Lake, Purcells, Selkirks
- b) Fraser River, Coast Range, Purcells, Selkirks, Okanagan Lake
- c) the Coast Range, Fraser River, Okanagan Lake, Selkirks, Purcells**
- d) the Coast Range, Okanagan Lake, Selkirks, Fraser River, Purcells

23. Where in British Columbia is the largest concentration of its population?

- a) southern tip of Vancouver Island
- b) southwest Mainland**
- c) Okanagan Valley
- d) the area around Abbotsford

24. In which of the following centres would you expect to find the least amount of sunshine in a year?

- a) Prince Rupert**
- b) Victoria
- c) Vancouver
- d) Penticton

Research to Discover. . .

Use resources at your library, school, or on the Internet to find the answers to these questions. (Hint: the search engines at www.google.ca or www.yahooligans.com might be helpful.)

25. Which is currently British Columbia's biggest overseas (excluding the United States) tourism market?
- a) United Kingdom
 - b) Mexico
 - c) The Asia Pacific Rim Countries (Japan, Taiwan, South Korea, and China)**
 - d) European Union
26. Which urban centre in British Columbia was recorded to have received the highest snowfall of 2446.5 cm in one season?
- a) Uclulet
 - b) Revelstoke**
 - c) Prince George
 - d) Prince Rupert
27. What percentage of British Columbia's GDP does the tourism industry contribute?
- a) 3%
 - b) 5%**
 - c) 7%
 - d) 10%
28. Which are British Columbia's biggest tourist markets within Canada?
- a) Alberta and Manitoba
 - b) Alberta and Saskatchewan
 - c) Ontario and Quebec
 - d) Alberta and Ontario**
29. In terms of dollars contributed to the tourist industry, the highest number would be generated by tourists who came from
- a) other parts of Canada**
 - b) the United States
 - c) The Asia Pacific Rim Countries (Japan, Taiwan, South Korea, and China)
 - d) Mexico, Central and South America
30. The main tourist area of British Columbia is
- a) the mountains and valleys of the Rockies
 - b) the southwest corner of the province (Victoria-Vancouver)**
 - c) Vancouver Island
 - d) The ports along the coast
31. Parks—national, provincial, regional, local—are a major draw for British Columbia's tourists. In a typical year, these parks would be visited by
- a) 5 million tourists
 - b) 15 million tourists
 - c) 25 million tourists**
 - d) 50 million tourists

32. British Columbia's economy has a highly diversified agricultural component. Tree fruits and grapes are important agricultural products
- a) along the west coast
 - b) the southern interior**
 - c) Vancouver Island
 - d) The central plateau
33. Berries and vegetables are important crops grown in
- a) Fraser Valley**
 - b) Southern interior
 - c) Along the west coast of Vancouver Island
 - d) The central plateau
34. Rank order the following in terms of contribution to the economy of British Columbia.
- a) forestry, fishing, agriculture, mining
 - b) mining, forestry, agriculture, fishing
 - c) forestry, mining, agriculture, fishing**
 - d) fishing, forestry, mining, agriculture
35. British Columbia produces 100% of the Canadian production of one of the following metallic minerals. Which one?
- a) zinc
 - b) copper
 - c) molybdenum**
 - d) copper
36. Even though resources and the manufacturing of resource materials are important for British Columbia, the sector of the economy which is most important is:
- a) construction
 - b) utilities
 - c) services**
 - d) wholesale trade
37. In a typical year, which are the three biggest export markets for British Columbia's forest products?
- a) USA, Japan, China**
 - b) USA, China, Japan
 - c) Japan, China, USA
 - d) China, Japan, USA
38. In a typical year, exports for all of British Columbia's products is dominated by products from one sector.
- a) Energy exports
 - b) machinery
 - c) mining
 - d) forestry**

39. Compared to other countries, how does Canada rank in terms of forest product exports?

- a) **first**
- b) second
- c) third
- d) fourth

40. In which of the following urban centres would you expect to find the largest number of days/year in which the temperature was above 0°C

- a) Prince Rupert
- b) **Victoria**
- c) Vancouver
- d) Kelowna

Suggested Answers to Student Activities

1. Page 64 of the Teacher Resource for the Pearson School Atlas lists step-by-step instructions for drawing a cross-sectional diagram. Note that links to Line Master 4 Map of BC (activity 1.1) and Line Master 37 Climatic Controls (activity 1.5) are provided for students to download. Assessment Masters that could be used with this activity are:

- Assessment Master 1 Mapping
- Assessment Master 3 Graphing
- Assessment Master 4 Graphic Organizer
- Assessment Master 6 Statistical Analysis

2. Assessment Master 3 Graphing and Assessment Master 6 Statistical Analysis can be used with this activity.

3. Assessment Master 13 Supported Opinion Writing, Assessment Master 14 Working Co-operatively, Assessment Master 15 Checklist: Preparing for a Discussion, Assessment Master 16 Checklist: Preparing for a Debate, or Assessment Master 9 Debate can be used with this activity, depending upon how it is carried out.

4. If groups present their findings orally, Assessment Master 8 Oral Report can be used. Assessment Master 14 Working Co-operatively may also be useful.