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1. The Earth is not quite spherical, because:
 - a. The polar radius is a little larger than the equatorial radius.
 - b. The equatorial radius is a little larger than the polar radius.*
 - c. There are mountains in the northern hemisphere that make the surface uneven.
 - d. There are depressions on the surface making it look more like a golfball.

2. The ocean makes up about _____ percent of the Earth's surface.
 - a. 30
 - b. 45
 - c. 60
 - d. 71*
 - e. 91

3. The cryosphere includes _____.
 - a. all forms of water on the Earth's surface
 - b. the highest layers of the atmosphere
 - c. all forms of frozen water*
 - d. the deepest regions of the ocean
 - e. all of these

4. The biosphere includes all of the following EXCEPT:
 - a. plants
 - b. animals
 - c. ozone layer*
 - d. people
 - e. ecosystems

5. What feature covers the largest portion of the Earth's surface?
 - a. Antarctica
 - b. Asia
 - c. Africa
 - d. North America
 - e. Pacific Ocean*

6. The large, flat portion of the ocean basin at great depth is called the:
 - a. ocean floor
 - b. ocean basement

- c. abyssal plain*
- d. lower plains
- e. Davey Jones' locker

7. The very gently sloping, relatively shallow, submerged plain at the edge of the continent is the:

- a. continental slope
- b. continental shelf*
- c. continental rise
- d. shallow sea

8. The deepest part of the ocean floor occurs along the _____.

- a. abyssal plain
- b. trenches*
- c. middle of the Pacific
- d. middle of the Indian Ocean

9. Mid-oceanic ridges are:

- a. active volcanic features
- b. found in most ocean basins
- c. high, uplifted features
- d. geologically active
- e. all of the above*

10. Which is the largest landmass on Earth?

- a. Africa
- b. Eurasia*
- c. North America
- d. South America
- e. Antarctica

11. The hydrosphere includes the:

- a. ocean
- b. atmospheric water
- c. surface water
- d. ground water
- e. all of these*

12. The Southern Hemisphere is sometimes called "the water hemisphere."

- a. True*
- b. False

13. The abyssal plain is perfectly flat without any topographic features.

- a. True
- b. False*

14. The only continent that straddles the equator with large portions in both north and south hemispheres is:

- a. Africa*
- b. Australia
- c. South America
- d. Indonesia
- e. Eurasia

15. The dividing line between the Western and Eastern Hemispheres runs through:

- a. Pittsburgh, PA
- b. Greenwich, England*
- c. Buenos Aires, Argentina
- d. Paris, France

16. The Earth's smallest continent is:

- a. Antarctica
- b. Australia*
- c. Europe
- d. Greenland
- e. South America

17. The _____ reaches the deepest in the ocean, in general.

- a. continental shelf
- b. continental slope
- c. continental rise*
- d. continental apron

18. All portions of the Earth's continents and oceans have been accurately mapped.

- a. True
- b. False*

19. This continent is somewhat funnel-shaped, narrowing towards the equator.

- a. Australia
- b. Eurasia
- c. North America*
- d. South America