

Western Canada Quiz Questions

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1) MCWC-001

Which Canadian province contains a park that is desert in nature and home to several uncommon animals and plants species that include, hognose snakes and cacti.

a) Manitoba! Located in Spruce Woods Provincial Park, Manitoba, Spirit Sands is not as such a true desert, but the remains of a sandy delta.

Manitoba - Ontario - British Columbia

2) MCCG-002

The town of Churchill, situated on Hudson Bay is located in which jurisdiction, Ontario, Manitoba, or Québec?

a) Manitoba! The town of Churchill, Manitoba, has a population of 923 according to the 2006 census.

Ontario - Manitoba - Québec

3) MCGE-005

Where in the prairie provinces is the only deep-water sea port located?

a) Churchill, Manitoba! Churchill, Manitoba has the unique distinction of being the only prairie province with direct access to the sea with a shipping season runs from July to November. The port has four sea-berths that can handle grain, tankers and general cargo.

4) MCGE-006

York Factory was once the headquarters of the Hudson's Bay Company in Canada. In which Canadian jurisdiction is York Factory located?

a) Manitoba! York Factory is located on the shore of Hudson Bay. The factory closed in 1957 and the First Nations people were relocated. The town vacant except in the summer when Parks Canada operates York Factory National Historic Site.

Manitoba - Northwest Territories - Saskatchewan

5) MCGE-008

Which community straddles the Manitoba and Saskatchewan border, with the largest percentage of the town in Manitoba?

a) Flin Flon! Flin Flon with a population of 5,594, was founded by the Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting in 1927, to develop the copper and zinc deposits located in the area.

Brochet - Flin Flon - Le Pas

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6) MCGE-009

Which Canadian jurisdiction has no borders that match any physical geographic features, like mountains or rivers?

a) Saskatchewan! Saskatchewan is the only Canadian jurisdiction with borders that doesn't correspond to any physical features. The border around the province are parallels or meridians. Alberta has the Rocky Mountains, and Manitoba has Hudson Bay and Lake of the Woods.

Alberta - Saskatchewan - Yukon

7) MCGE-010

Which Governor General of Canada was born or from the province of Manitoba?

a) Edward Richard Schreyer! Edward Richard Schreyer, was born on December 21, 1935 in Beauséjour, Manitoba. Edward Schreyer was appointed by Queen Elizabeth II, as the 22nd Governor General. He was recommended by Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, to replace Jules Léger.

Edward Schreyer - Jules Léger - Ray Hnatyshyn

8) WCGE-016

Which waterfalls in Manitoba is the highest, Kwasitchewan Falls, Pisew Falls, or Wekusko Falls?

a) Kwasitchewan Falls! Kwasitchewan Falls at 14.2 metres or 46 feet is the highest waterfalls in Manitoba.

Kwasitchewan Falls - Pisew Falls - Wekusko Falls

9) WCGE-017

The Kwasitchewan Falls, Pisew Falls and Wekusko Falls in Manitoba, are located on which river, Carrot River, Grass River or the Hayes River?

a) Grass River! The Grass River is located above the community of The Pas, and was used by First Nation people and early trappers.

Carrot River - Grass River - Hayes River

10) WCGE-018

Manitoba forms its southern border with which American jurisdictions?

a) 3! The U.S. states that border Manitoba are Minnesota and North Dakota.

Minnesota forms the eastern part of the border, while North Dakota forms the western portion.

1 - North Dakota and Wisconsin

2 - Minnesota and Wisconsin

3 - Minnesota and North Dakota

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11) MAGE-019

Winnipeg the capital of Manitoba is the province's largest city. Which 3 cities not counting Winnipeg are the largest?

a) 1- Brandon - Thompson - Portage la Prairie! The next largest cities after Winnipeg are, Brandon, Thompson and Portage la Prairie. Brandon has a population of 48,256, Thompson's population is 13,446 and Portage la Prairie has 12,773 inhabitants.

1 - Brandon - Thompson - Portage la Prairie

2 - Steinbach - Brandon - Portage la Prairie

3 - Brandon - Thompson - Selkirk

12) WCGE-020

The town known as the "Polar Capital of the World" is located in which Canadian jurisdiction?

a) Manitoba! The "Polar Capital of the World" is located on Hudson Bay at Churchill, Manitoba. In the summer during the months of July and August it could be called the "beluga whale capital of the world".

Nunavut - Manitoba - Saskatchewan

13) WCGE-025

Which Manitoba premier was appointed the ambassador to the United States by Prime Minister Stephen Harper?

a) Gary Doer! Prime Minister Stephen Harper appointed Gary Doer as the ambassador to the United States. Gary Doer entered politics and served as leader of Manitoba's opposition before the party he represented was elected to power in 1999, where he was re-elected twice as premier.

Gary Doer - Ed Schreyer - Gary Filmon

14) WCGE-026

Which of the three Manitoba communities listed is located the farthest south? Select from, Brandon, Winnipeg and Portage-La-Prairie.

a) Brandon! Brandon at latitude 49°50'w, is the most southern of the 3 communities listed. Winnipeg at latitude 49°53'w, is second, while Portage-La-Prairie is 3rd at 49°59'w.

15) MCCG-003

Which incorporated city is equally divided between two prairie provinces along a street named, 50th Avenue?

a) Lloydminster! Located in both provinces, Alberta and Saskatchewan, Lloydminster is unique. In 1930, the two communities were amalgamated by Order-in-Council of both provinces. The city uses Alberta's time zone (MT) and Saskatchewan's schedule when holding municipal elections.

The town of Hilda, is about 2 kilometres west of the Alberta/Saskatchewan border while Walsh, is just west of the Alberta/Saskatchewan border on the Trans Canada Highway.

Hilda - Lloydminster - Walsh

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16) MCGE-004

In which province is Turner Valley located, as at one time it was a major producer of oil and gas products?

a) Alberta! Located in Alberta, the first well at Turner Valley came into production in 1914. At one time the field was a major supplier of oil and gas products and the largest producer in the British Empire.

Ontario - Saskatchewan - Alberta

17) MCGE-007

Where did the province of Alberta get its name?

a) The province was named for Princess Louise Caroline Alberta, 4th daughter or 6th child of Queen Victoria. Her husband, the Marquess of Lorne, whose name was, John Douglas Sutherland Campbell, 9th Duke of Argyll, was appointed Governor General of Canada in 1878.

1 - Princess Louise Caroline Alberta, daughter of Queen Victoria.

2 - The Prince Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, Queen Victoria's son

3 - Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, (The Prince Consort), Queen Victoria's husband

18) MCGE-011

How many Canadian Prime Ministers came from the province of Alberta?

a) 2! Former Prime Minister Joseph (Joe) Clark is from High River, representing the riding of Rocky Mountain and then the riding of Yellowhead. The present Prime Minister Stephen Harper (2009), represents the riding of Calgary Southwest.

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19) MCGE-012

Which member of parliament from the province of Saskatchewan, served as the Prime Minister of Canada?

a) John Diefenbaker! John Diefenbaker served as Canada's 13th Prime Minister from 1957 to 1963. When Prime Minister, John Diefenbaker served the people in the riding of the Prince Albert.

Joseph Clark - John Diefenbaker - Thomas (Tommy) Douglas

20) MCGE-013

The "Bridge to Nowhere" is named after which Alberta premier, Ralph Klein, Peter Lougheed or Don Getty?

a) Peter Lougheed! The Peter Lougheed Bridge is named after the 10th premier of Alberta who served between 1971 and 1985. The bridge near Fort McKay is on Highway 63 and it ends at Bitumount 30 kilometres north of the structure.

Ralph Klein - Peter Lougheed - Don Getty

21) MCGE-014

How many of Canada's Governor Generals came from the province of Saskatchewan?

a) 2! Two individuals served as the Governor General of Canada, Jeanne Sauvé was born at Prud'homme, Saskatchewan, and Ramon (Ray) Hnatyshyn was born at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

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22) WCGE-015

Which woman became the first in Canadian history to served as Speaker of the House in the House of Commons?

a) Jeanne Mathilde Sauvé! Jeanne Sauvé became the first female Speaker of the House in 1980. She was a member of the Liberal party led by Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau.
Jeanne Sauvé - Kim Campbell - Pat Carney

23) WCGE-021

Who was Saskatchewan's longest serving premier?

a) Tommy Douglas - over 17 years! Tommy Douglas (or Rev. T.C. Douglas a Baptist minister), was the longest serving premier in Saskatchewan. He was elected premier as a member of the CCF party (Co-operative Commonwealth Federation) in 1944, and served in this capacity until he resigned in 1961, and move to federal politics. Premier T.C. Douglas represented the riding of Weyburn, Saskatchewan.

24) WCGE-022

Which province or territory is the Athabasca Sands Dunes located in?

a) Saskatchewan! The Athabasca Sands Dunes are located in the Athabasca Sand Dunes Provincial Park. The sand dunes are anywhere between 400 to 1,500 metres in length, and may fluctuate in height, and be as high as 300 metres. The park was created in 1988, and is only accessible by float plane. It's now called the Athabasca Sand Dunes Provincial Wilderness Park (August 24, 1992), it is 1,925 square kilometers, or 743 square miles in size.

Northwest Territories - Alberta - Saskatchewan

25) WCGE-023

Which waterfalls has the highest single, vertical drop in the province of Saskatchewan?

a) Hunt Falls! Hunt Falls with a drop of 15 metres or 49 feet, is the highest in Saskatchewan. The falls is about 60 metres or 197 feet wide and located on the Grease River.

Smoothrock Falls - Hunt Falls - Elizabeth Falls

26) WCGE-024

In which Canadian jurisdictions of Canada is Canada's largest National Park located in?

a) 3 - Alberta - Northwest Territories! Wood Buffalo National Park of Canada is located in northeast Alberta and southern Northwest Territories?

1 - British Columbia

2 - Yukon - British Columbia

3 - Alberta - Northwest Territories

27) WCGE-027

Which is the largest city in the province of Saskatchewan: Regina, Saskatoon or Prince Albert?

a) Saskatoon! Saskatoon has a population of 233,923, making it the largest city in the province. Regina is the province's second largest city with 194,971, and the city of Prince Albert has a population of 34,138.

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28) WCGO-028

Fort Brisebois or the Bow Fort, was built by the North West Mounted Police in 1875. The name Brisebois is that of a NWMP officer. It was renamed a year later and is known today as which city?

a) Calgary! First known as Fort Brisebois or Bow Fort, and then renamed to Fort Calgary, then just Calgary. The original fort was built at the intersection of the Bow and Elbow Rivers.

Calgary - Edmonton - Lethbridge

29) WCGE-029

How tall is the Calgary Tower that was built in 1968?

Select: 1, 2, or 3, below.

a) 1! The Calgary Tower is 191 metres or 627 feet high. It's a free standing tower that was opened on June 30, 1968, and the was cost \$3,500,000.

1 - 191 metres (627 feet)

2 - 202 metres (663 feet)

3 - 165 metres (541 feet)

30) WCGE-030

Which American states border the province of Saskatchewan on the south?

a) 2! Saskatchewan borders on the two states of Montana and North Dakota. The state of Montana is west of North Dakota.

1 - Montana and Nebraska

2 - Montana and North Dakota

3 - Nebraska

31) WCGE-031

In the north the province of Alberta, borders on the Northwest Territories. Its southern border is with which jurisdiction?

a) Montana, U.S.A.! Alberta is the only western province to border on a single American state. The western boundary is with the province of British Columbia.

Montana - Idaho - Montana & Idaho

32) WCGE-032

Which city in the province of Alberta is located the farthest east?

Select from the three city names provided.

Calgary

Edmonton

Lethbridge

a) Lethbridge! Lethbridge is the farthest east at longitude 112°50'w, Edmonton, is at longitude 113°28'w, and Calgary is the farthest west at 114°0'w.

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33) WCGE-033

The following list of communities in the province of Saskatchewan are all at 105°w longitude, but which is actually the eastern most community?

Humboldt - Moose Jaw - Prince Albert

a) Humboldt! Humboldt is at longitude 105°07'w, Moose Jaw and Prince Albert are at 105°32'w, and 105°46'w, respectively, making Humboldt, the most eastern of the three.

34) WCGE-034

Which British Columbia island is the smallest in area, Graham Island, Moresby Island Vancouver Island?

a) Moresby Island! Moresby Island is the smallest island with 2,608 square kilometres. The next is Graham Island with 6,361 square kilometres, and the largest is Vancouver Island with 31,285 square kilometres.

Graham Island has 6,361 square kilometres

Moresby Island has 2,608 square kilometres

Vancouver Island has 31,285 square kilometre

35) WCGE-035

What is the name of the highest peak in British Columbia's, Coastal Range?

a) Mount Waddington! Mount Waddington is the highest peak at 4,019 metres or 13,186 feet.

Mount Waddington - Mount Garibaldi - Mount Vishnu

46) WCGE-036

The highest peak that is entirely within in British Columbia is called which, Mount Columbia, Mount Robson, or Mount Waddington?

a) Mount Waddington! Mount Waddington is the highest peak that is entirely within the province of British Columbia.

Mount Columbia - Mount Robson - Mount Waddington

37) WCGE-037

The highest point in the province of British Columbia is Mount Fairweather.

This mountain is in two jurisdictions, with British Columbia being one and the other is which, Alaska, Alberta or Washington state?

a) Alaska! Mount Fairweather is located on the Alaska - British Columbia border. The summit is located in Tatshenshini-Alsek Park, British Columbia, making it the highest point in that province.

Alaska - Alberta - Washington

38) WCGE-038

If Mount Waddington is the highest peak that is located entirely in British Columbia, which mountain is the second (2nd) highest mountain that is entirely in the province?

a) Mount Robson! Mount Robson is the second highest mountain that is entirely in British Columbia. The mountain is 3,954 metres or 12,972 feet high, while the highest is 4,019 metres or 13,186 feet.

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39) WCGE-039

The mountain with the highest peak in Alberta straddles the border with British Columbia, what is the name of this mountain?

a) Mount Columbia! The mountain is named Mount Columbia and is located in Jasper National Park.

Mount Columbia - Snow Dome - Mount Temple

40) WCGE-040

Which province or territory is Mount Temple located in?

a) Alberta! Mount Temple is located in Banff National Park, Alberta. The mountain is 3,543 metres or 11,624 feet high and is in the Bow Range of mountains.

Alberta - British Columbia - Yukon

41) WCGE-041

One of British Columbia's volcanoes is located about 80 kilometres north of Vancouver in the Squamish area in a provincial park with the same name. What is the volcano or mountain called?

a) Mount Garibaldi! Mount Garibaldi is stratovolcano mountain that is 2,678 metres or 8,786 feet high. It's located in Garibaldi Provincial Park, at Squamish, British Columbia.

Mount Garibaldi - Mount Cayley - Vulcan's Thumb

42) WCGE-042

Which of the three mountain passes is the highest, Howse Pass, Kicking Horse Pass or Yellowhead Pass?

a) Kicking Horse Pass! Kicking Horse Pass at 1,627 metres (5,338 feet) is the highest. It is located on the Alberta - British Columbia border. In 1962, the Trans Canada Highway was constructed through the pass.

Howse Pass is 1,539 metres or 5,049 feet high and Yellowhead Pass is 1,110 metres or 3,609 feet high.

43) WCGE-043

The province of British Columbia forms a northern border with which jurisdictions?

a) Yukon and Northwest Territories! In the north the province of British Columbia borders on the Yukon and Northwest Territories. The border with the Yukon and Northwest Territories is 1,062 kilometres or 660 miles long.

44) WCGE-044

The Vancouver Island has the capital city for what jurisdiction?

a) British Columbia! The capital city is Victoria and it's located on Vancouver Island.
British Columbia - Nunavut - Saskatchewan

45) WCGE-045

In which year did Manitoba enter the Dominion of Canada, was it, 1867, 1870 or 1872?

a) 1870! Manitoba entered the Dominion on July 15, 1870.

1867 - 1870 - 1872

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46) WCGE-046

When Manitoba entered confederation, what other provinces or territories joined on the same date?

a) Northwest Territories! The Northwest Territories joined on July 15, 1870, the same year as Manitoba.

Northwest Territories - Québec - Saskatchewan

47) WCGE-047

The 3 British Columbia communities below are located in or near the Okanagan Valley. By longitude which community is located the farthest west?

Kelowna - Penticton - Salmon Arm

a) Penticton! All three communities are located near the same longitude, but Penticton is the farthest west at 119°35'w. Next is Kelowna at longitude 119°29'w, and Salmon Arm is last at longitude at 119°16'w.

48) WCGE-048

What is the name of the only highway that is open all year-round and goes above the Arctic Circle?

Alaska Highway - Dempster Highway - Top of the World

a) Dempster Highway! The highway runs from Dawson City, in the Yukon, to Inuvik in the Northwest Territories. The highway is approximately 725 kilometres in length. The Dempster Highway is also known as Yukon Highway 5 and Northwest Territories Highway 8.

49) WCGE-049

Located at the mouth of the Mackenzie River Delta, on the Arctic Ocean, Tuktoyaktuk, Northwest Territories, is known for its unique geological arctic ice dome hills. What is the common name used for these ice dome hills?

a) Pingos or a hydrolaccolith! A pingo is a mound of earth, covered in ice and is found in the arctic. They can reach a height of 65 metres or 215 feet and have a diameter from 10 to 500 metres. There is a nature preserve called, Pingo National Landmark near Tuktoyaktuk that protects eight pingos.

Pingos - Mountain - Ice Volcano

50) WCGE-50

Which prairie province is the largest in total area, Alberta, Manitoba, or Saskatchewan?

a) Alberta! Alberta has a total area of 661,848 square kilometres (255,545 sq. miles). Saskatchewan is the second largest after Alberta with, 651,036 square kilometres (251,371 sq. miles), and Manitoba is last with 647,797 square kilometres (250,120 sq. miles.)

Alberta - Manitoba - Saskatchewan