

**1 Which desert . . . ? the Arabian Desert, the Atacama Desert, the Gobi Desert, the Namib Desert, the Sahara Desert**

- a . . . had the world's hottest temperature? .....
- b . . . is a very long desert between tall mountains and the sea? .....
- c . . . is a cold desert with wild Bactrian camels? .....
- d . . . is famous for its very tall sand dunes? .....
- e . . . has a lot of oases and is the home of the Bedouins? .....

**20 marks**

**2 What are these desert animals? Match a number from A with a letter from B.**

**A**

- 1 \_\_\_ camel
- 2 \_\_\_ fennec fox
- 3 \_\_\_ jerboa
- 4 \_\_\_ scorpion
- 5 \_\_\_ vulture

**B**

- a this animal has big ears and eats smaller animals like jerboas
- b in the afternoon this bird goes up in the sky, away from the hot sand
- c this animal can drink 110 litres of water in ten minutes
- d this small animal doesn't need much water and can live for up to one year without food
- e this animal has big eyes, sleeps in a hole and eats seeds and plants

**20 marks**

**3 Where can you find these things? Match a number from A with a letter from B.**

**A**

- 1 \_\_\_ dead mummies from long ago
- 2 \_\_\_ homes down under the desert
- 3 \_\_\_ the University of Sankore
- 4 \_\_\_ sixty big shopping centres
- 5 \_\_\_ big pieces of salt under the desert

**B**

- a in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- b in Timbuktu, Mali
- c in San Miguel de Azapa, Chile
- d in Coober Pedy, Australia
- e in Taoudenni, Mali

**20 marks**

**4 Desert quiz.**

- a What is the world's biggest desert? .....
- b What treasure do people find under the Arabian Desert? .....
- c Where was the world's second hottest temperature? .....
- d Which desert has the world's biggest copper mine? .....
- e Which desert animal can close its nose? .....

**20 marks**

**5 Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?**

- a \_\_\_ About three-quarters of the world's desert is sand.
- b \_\_\_ The Kalahari Desert in Africa is home to the San People.
- c \_\_\_ The saguaro cactus can live up to 200 years.
- d \_\_\_ Jerboas, fennec foxes, and scorpions come out in the day time.
- e \_\_\_ Most Bedouin people now live in houses.
- f \_\_\_ In Timbuktu the old buildings are made of rocks and sand.
- g \_\_\_ The name Sahara is from the Arabic word for 'desert'.
- h \_\_\_ You can find Joshua trees in all deserts.
- i \_\_\_ Desertification is very bad in the Gobi Desert.
- j \_\_\_ In the World Solar Challenge, people ride bicycles across Australia.

**20 marks**

**Total marks**

## Places

### Choose the best answer.

- The world's biggest desert is the \_\_\_\_\_ Desert.  
a  Atacama b  Sahara c  Gobi  
d  Kalahari
- The best place to see snow in the desert is in the \_\_\_\_\_ Desert.  
a  Atacama b  Sahara c  Gobi  
d  Mojave
- Some of the tallest sand dunes in the world are in the \_\_\_\_\_ Desert.  
a  Namib b  Kalahari c  Gobi  
d  Mojave
- A quarter of the world's oil comes from under the \_\_\_\_\_ Desert.  
a  Chihuahua b  Kalahari c  Arabian  
d  Great Victoria
- The world's biggest open copper mine is in \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  China b  Chile c  the USA  
d  Australia
- Long ago, people changed salt for gold and gold for salt in \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  Riyadh b  Alice Springs  
c  Las Vegas d  Timbuktu
- You can only find Joshua Trees in the \_\_\_\_\_ Desert.  
a  Namib b  Kalahari c  Arabian  
d  Mojave
- Much of the Atacama Desert is up in the \_\_\_\_\_ mountains.  
a  Andes b  Rocky c  Himalaya  
d  Sierra Nevada
- Sometimes sand from the Gobi Desert blows to \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  the UK and France b  Canada and the USA  
c  Korea and Japan d  Australia and New Zealand
- In the Mojave Desert, they \_\_\_\_\_ for people in California.  
a  grow bananas b  grow dates  
c  make wind energy d  make solar energy

20 marks

## People

### Choose the best answer.

- \_\_\_\_\_ began to live in the hot, dry deserts of Australia thousands of years ago.  
a  Aborigines b  Tuaregs c  The San people  
d  The Mojave people
- A traditional Tuareg person often wears a blue \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  shirt b  coat c  hat d  scarf
- The \_\_\_\_\_ people make homes from trees and plants when they stop for the night.  
a  Mojave b  San c  Tuareg  
d  Bedouin
- The people of Coober Pedy in Australia live \_\_\_\_\_ the desert.  
a  under b  on c  near d  far from
- Nomads in the \_\_\_\_\_ Desert live in big tents called gers.  
a  Arabian b  Gobi c  Sahara  
d  Thar
- Women in the Thar Desert carry \_\_\_\_\_ on their heads.  
a  animals b  salt c  water d  rocks
- Nomads in the Gobi Desert sometimes get water from the \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  date palm b  saxaul tree c  saguaro cactus  
d  paper daisy
- The most important person in a \_\_\_\_\_ tribe is the Sheikh.  
a  Tuareg b  Mojave c  San  
d  Bedouin
- You can stay in the desert with the Bedouins for \_\_\_\_\_ nights but no more.  
a  three b  six c  nine d  twelve
- In the \_\_\_\_\_ Desert you can find mummies – the dead bodies of people long ago.  
a  Kalahari b  Sonoran c  Atacama  
d  Namib

20 marks

## Facts

## Choose the best answer.

- 21 Some people call \_\_\_\_\_ a big desert because it is dry with not much water.  
a  Africa b  Asia c  Antarctica  
d  South America
- 22 Over \_\_\_\_\_ of the world is desert.  
a  three-quarters b  a half c  a third  
d  a quarter
- 23 There is a new desert in Europe in \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  France b  Romania c  Italy  
d  the UK
- 24 The world's hottest temperature was in the \_\_\_\_\_ Desert in 1922.  
a  Sahara b  Atacama c  Gobi  
d  Kalahari
- 25 A sand dune can move between 20 and 30 \_\_\_\_\_ every year.  
a  centimetres b  metres c  kilometres  
d  miles
- 26 The roots of a saxaul tree can go down \_\_\_\_\_ metres.  
a  two b  five c  ten d  eighteen
- 27 A \_\_\_\_\_ can jump up to three metres in one move.  
a  jerboa b  fennec fox c  scorpion  
d  Bactrian camel
- 28 \_\_\_\_\_ has over four million people and sixty shopping centres.  
a  Alice Springs b  Coober Pedy  
c  Riyadh d  Timbuktu
- 29 In Timbuktu there are about 200,000 old \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  houses and shops b  papers and books  
c  pictures and paintings d  streets and roads
- 30 In some parts of the Atacama Desert there is only rain every \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  five months b  five years  
c  fifty years d  hundred years

 **20 marks**

## Vocabulary

## Choose the best answer.

- 31 an animal with horns that gives milk  
a  camel b  goat c  lizard d  bird
- 32 a very high hill  
a  hole b  ravine c  mountain  
d  grass
- 33 when there is no rain or no water  
a  dangerous b  deep c  difficult  
d  dry
- 34 to move quickly off the ground, using your legs to push you up in the air  
a  grow b  jump c  blow d  find
- 35 very, very small pieces of rock; you find this on beaches and in the desert  
a  sand b  sea c  snow d  soil
- 36 a thick, black liquid that comes from under the ground; it is used for energy  
a  root b  oil c  gold d  salt
- 37 when something is very big  
a  cool b  deep c  huge d  wild
- 38 a big animal that people use to carry things across the desert  
a  fox b  scorpion c  vulture  
d  camel
- 39 a small hill of sand; you can find these in the desert or next to the sea  
a  dune b  root c  plant d  wind
- 40 a very big hole in the ground; people work here and find things like gold, diamonds or copper  
a  building b  city c  mine  
d  university

 **20 marks**

*Events***Choose the best answer.**

- 41 The Bedouins ask visitors into their tent and give them some \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  hot tea   b  hot coffee   c  goat's milk  
d  camel's milk
- 42 In Mali, people often take huge pieces of \_\_\_\_\_ from under the Sahara desert.  
a  sand   b  salt   c  rock   d  soil
- 43 The Festival in the Desert is a \_\_\_\_\_ festival in a village in Mali.  
a  book   b  cinema   c  music  
d  dance
- 44 In 2008, the wind blew sand from the \_\_\_\_\_ Desert to the UK.  
a  Atacama   b  Sahara   c  Kalahari  
d  Namib
- 45 In July 1913, the \_\_\_\_\_ Desert had the world's second hottest temperature.  
a  Mojave   b  Gobi   c  Atacama  
d  Namib
- 46 In China, they are now beginning to grow a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ next to the Gobi Desert.  
a  flowers   b  grass   c  plants   d  trees
- 47 Dune bashing is when you quickly go up and down sand dunes \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  on a camel   b  on a bicycle  
c  in a taxi   d  in a 4X4 car
- 48 In the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Sands, 700 people run across the Sahara Desert.  
a  Race   b  Festival   c  Marathon  
d  Challenge
- 49 In the World Solar Challenge people drive across the deserts of \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  Australia   b  Africa  
c  North America   d  Asia
- 50 In one famous race, people run 250 kilometres in \_\_\_\_\_ different deserts.  
a  two   b  three   c  four   d  five

 **20 marks**
 **Total marks**