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Chapter 12: Geography and History of Southern and Eastern Asia

Section 1: The Geography of Southern and Eastern Asia

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Instructions: Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. The vast region of Southern and Eastern Asia is home to _____ countries.
2. India is a _____, which means it is a large land area that is mostly separate from the rest of Asia.
3. India is on a different _____ (a separate area of Earth's crust) than most of the rest of Asia.
4. India is the world's largest _____. It is also the birthplace of two of the world's largest religions, _____ and _____.
5. China has the second largest _____ in the world and is the largest _____ country in the world.
6. _____ Korea is a dictatorship that is virtually cut off from the rest of the world.
7. _____ Korea, on the other hand, is a stable democracy with a growing, high-tech economy.
8. Just across the Sea of Japan from the Korean Peninsula is the country of _____.
9. Japan is an _____, which means it is made of a chain of islands.
10. Japan has had a _____ monarchy since the end of World War II. It is one of the most _____ stable countries in Asia.

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11. Like China, _____ is a communist country.
12. Southern and Eastern Asia are home to many of the longest _____ in the world.
13. Asia is home to the tallest mountain range in the world, the _____ Mountains.
14. The highest mountain in the world, Mount _____, is located in this mountain range.
15. The Sea of _____ separates Japan from the Korean Peninsula.
16. The _____ Sea is located where its name indicates—south of China.
17. South of the Himalayas are India's broad _____ and river valleys. Most people in India live in these _____ valleys.
18. China also has long coasts on the _____ Sea, _____ Sea, and _____ Sea.
19. Most people in North Korea live in the western part of the country where it is less _____, so farming is easier.
20. People mainly live near the major _____ in South Korea, like Seoul, where there are high-paying jobs and other opportunities.
21. _____ is an island nation that is almost completely made up of mountains and rock.