

Most authorities agree that “Central Asia” definitely includes:

1. Azerbaijan
2. Mongolia
3. Tibet
4. **Kyrgyzstan**
5. Afghanistan

Explanation: Kyrgyzstan, along with Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan, are traditionally thought of as Central Asia, and are thus included in this chapter. The authors of your text, though, also include the four countries listed above, as well as Tibet and Xinjiang.

Central Asia's environment is relatively clean. This is primarily due to:

1. **its low population density.**
2. a committed effort to preserve their environment.
3. limited urbanization.
4. the small number of people who drive cars.
5. limited industrialization.

The Central Asian highlands include all of the following mountain ranges, except:

1. Hindu Kush
2. Kara Korum
3. Himalayas
4. Pamir
5. **Barisan**



Explanation: The Barisan mountains are on the island of Sumatra in Indonesia (see Figure 13.6). These ranges have peaks higher than 20,000 feet in elevation.

The majority of Tibetans are:

1. nomadic pastoralists
2. **sedentary farmers**
3. Buddhist monks
4. involved in tourism
5. loggers

Which of the following statements about population issues is not correct?

1. Population growth in Tibet and Xinjiang is due to immigration by Han Chinese.
2. The former Soviet republics have seen significant out-migration of ethnic Russians in recent years.
- 3. As a region, Central Asia is experiencing zero population growth.**
4. By far, Afghanistan has the highest birthrate in Central Asia.
5. Tibet and Kazakstan have fairly low birthrates.

Nomadic pastoralism flourished with the domestication of:

1. yaks
2. rice
3. cattle
- 4. horses**
5. wheat

Explanation: Horses were domesticated in 4000 BC, which was important in the development of nomadic pastoralism, centered in the steppe lands. Eventually, nomadic peoples gained control over the entire region.

Most people in Central Asia speak _____ languages.

1. Tibetan
2. Chinese
3. Mongolian
4. **Turkish**
5. Indo-European

Which of the following statements about religion is correct?

1. Mongolia is an Islamic state.
2. Tibetan Buddhists have not been persecuted under Chinese control.
3. **Buddhism, as practiced in Central Asia, is quite different from that practiced in South and East Asia.**
4. Islam did not enter Central Asia until the 20th century.
5. Islamic fundamentalism is a powerful movement in this region.

Why are the borders in the Fergana Valley so complex?

- 1. The valley has fertile agricultural lands, so the borders provide some access to the surrounding countries.**
2. The borders follow linguistic boundaries (e.g., Tajik speakers are kept within Tajikistan).
3. The borders equitably divide the valley's rich fossil fuels between the neighboring countries.
4. The Soviets drew them that way in order to split up, and thus limit the power, of the various ethnic groups.
5. The borders ensure access to a fresh water aquifer for the surrounding countries.

Russia sought territory in Central Asia because they wanted to:

1. access its vast mineral resources.
2. **limit British influence in the region.**
3. prevent an invasion from China.
4. gain control of the profitable "silk road."
5. control the movement of pastoral nomads.

In the 21st century, the United States had significant military presence in which of the following countries?

1. Afghanistan
2. Kyrgyzstan
3. Tajikistan
4. Uzbekistan
5. **All of the above**



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According to this map, which of the following countries appears to be gaining some population due to migration?

1. **Kazakhstan**
2. Kyrgyzstan
3. Tajikistan
4. Turkmenistan
5. Uzbekistan



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