**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 the world’s largest \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It is also the birthplace of two of the world’s largest religions, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. China has the largest \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the world and is the largest \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ country in the world.
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Korea is a dictatorship that is virtually cut off from the rest of the world.
6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Korea, on the other hand, is a stable democracy with a growing, high-tech economy.
7. Just across the Sea of Japan from the Korean Peninsula is the country of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
8. Japan has had a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ monarchy since the end of World War II. It is one of the most \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ stable countries in Asia.
9. Like China, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a communist country.
10. Southern and Eastern Asia are home to many of the longest \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the world.
11. Asia is home to the tallest mountain range in the world, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mountains.
12. The highest mountain in the world, Mount \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, is located in this mountain range.
13. The Sea of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ separates Japan from the Korean Peninsula.
14. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sea is located where its name indicates—south of China.
15. South of the Himalayas are India’s broad \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and river valleys. Most people in India live in these \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ valleys.
16. China also has long coasts on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sea, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sea, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sea.
17. Most people in North Korea live in the western part of the country where it is less \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, so farming is easier.
18. People mainly live near the major \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in South Korea, like Seoul, where there are high-paying jobs and other opportunities.
19. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is an island nation that is almost completely made up of mountains and rock.