

## Sample Quiz

### Text

### Washington, D.C.<sup>1</sup>

Washington, D.C., formally the District of Columbia and **commonly**<sup>1</sup> referred to as Washington, the District, or simply D.C., is the capital of the United States, **founded**<sup>2</sup> on July 16, 1790. The District is located on the north bank of the Potomac River and is bordered by the states of Virginia to the southwest and Maryland to the other sides. The city has a resident population of 599,657; because of commuters from the **surrounding**<sup>3</sup> suburbs, its population rises to over one million during the workweek. The Washington Metropolitan Area, of which the District is a part, has a population of 5.4 million, the eighth-largest metropolitan area in the country. Washington, D.C. has many important institutions, it is located in the northeastern United States, it has four seasons, and it has a diverse population.

There are many important institutions in Washington, D.C. The centers of all three **branches**<sup>4</sup> of the federal government of the United States are located in the District, as are many of the nation's **monuments**<sup>5</sup> and museums. Washington, D.C. hosts 174 foreign embassies as well as the **headquarters**<sup>6</sup> of the **World Bank**<sup>7</sup>, the **International Monetary Fund**<sup>8</sup> (IMF), the Organization of American States (OAS), the Inter-American Development Bank, and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). The headquarters of other institutions such as trade unions, **lobbying groups**<sup>9</sup>, and professional associations are also located in the District.

Washington, D.C. is in the southern part of the northeastern United States. The District has a total area of 68.3 square miles (177 km<sup>2</sup>), of which 61.4 square miles (159 km<sup>2</sup>) is land and 6.9 square miles (18 km<sup>2</sup>) (10.16%) is water. Washington is surrounded by the states of Maryland to the southeast, northeast, and northwest and Virginia to the southwest. The District has three major natural **flowing**<sup>10</sup> streams: the Potomac River and its tributaries, the Anacostia River and Rock Creek. Tiber Creek, a watercourse that once passed through the National Mall, was fully enclosed **underground**<sup>11</sup> during the 1870s.

Washington is located in the humid subtropical climate zone, exhibiting four **distinct**<sup>12</sup> seasons. Its climate is typical of Mid-Atlantic U.S. areas removed from bodies of water. Summer is humid and hot. Spring and fall are **warm**<sup>13</sup>, while winter is cool with **annual**<sup>14</sup> snowfall averaging 14.7 inches (37 cm). Winter temperatures average around 38 degrees **Fahrenheit**<sup>15</sup> (3.3 degrees Centigrade) from mid-December to mid-February. Blizzards **affect**<sup>16</sup> Washington on average once every four to six years. The most violent storms are called "northeasters", which typically feature **high winds**<sup>17</sup>, heavy rains, and snow. These storms often affect large sections of the U.S. East Coast.

In 2009, the U.S. Census Bureau estimated the District's population at 599,657 residents, continuing a trend of population **growth**<sup>18</sup> in the city since the 2000 Census, which **recorded**<sup>19</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Adapted from ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washington,\\_Dc](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washington,_Dc))

572,059 residents. According to the 2007 American Community Survey **conducted**<sup>20</sup> by the U.S. Census Bureau, the population distribution of Washington, D.C. is 55.6% Black or African American, 36.3% White, 3.1% Asian, and 0.2% American Indian. **Individuals**<sup>21</sup> from other races made up 4.8% of the District's population while individuals from two or more races made up 1.6%. In addition, Hispanics of any race made up 8.3% of the District's population. There were also an estimated 74,000 foreign immigrants living in Washington, D.C. in 2007. Major sources of immigration include individuals from El Salvador, Vietnam, and Ethiopia. A 2005 study shows that 85.16% of Washington, D.C.'s residents age five and older speak only English at home and 8.78% speak Spanish. French is the third-most-spoken language at 1.35%. Nearly 46% of D.C.'s residents have at least a four-year college **degree**<sup>22</sup>. According to data from 2000, more than half of District residents were identified as Christian: 28% of residents are Roman Catholic, 9.1% are American Baptist, 6.8% are Southern Baptist, 1.3% are Eastern or Oriental Orthodox, and 13% are members of other Christian denominations. Residents who **practice**<sup>23</sup> Islam make up 10.6% of the population, followers of Judaism compose 4.5%, and 26.8% of residents **adhere**<sup>24</sup> to other **faiths**<sup>25</sup> or do not practice a religion.

Washington, D.C. is an important city in the United States. It is the capital of the United States and has many important government institutions. It is surrounded by the states of Maryland and Virginia and it has several bodies of water, including the Potomac River. There are four distinct seasons, with hot summers and cold winters. The city has predominantly African American and white residents, but there are also residents of other races, and there are immigrants from many different parts of the world.

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## Vocabulary

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| (1) commonly ____                    | (a) every year.   |
| (2) found ____                       | (b) the place or building serving as the managerial and administrative center of an organization.   |
| (3) surrounding ____                 | (c) moving. 流れる   |
| (4) branch ____                      | (d) set down in writing or some other permanent form for later reference, especially officially. 記録する   |
| (5) monument ____                    | (e) statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a famous or notable person or event.  |
| (6) headquarters ____                | (f) very often; frequently. 一   |
| (7) World Bank ____                  | (g) beneath the surface of the ground.  |
| (8) International Monetary Fund ____ | (h) increase. 増加  |
| (9) lobbying group ____              | (i) a religion.   |
| (10) flowing ____                    | (j) a single human being.   |
| (11) underground ____                | (k) all around a particular place or thing.   |
| (12) distinct ____                   | (l) a strong wind.  |
| (13) warm ____                       | (m) a part of a larger organization. 局、行政機関   |
| (14) annual ____                     | (n) to follow or observe (a religion, etc.) habitually or customarily. (宗教) に従う   |
| (15) fahrenheit ____                 | (o) recognizably different.   |
| (16) affect ____                     | (p) an international organization working to foster global monetary cooperation, secure financial stability, facilitate international trade, promote high employment and sustainable economic growth, and reduce poverty around the world. 国際通貨基金 |
| (17) high wind ____                  | (q) believe in and follow the practices of (a religion, etc.) (宗教) に従う  |
| (18) growth ____                     | (r) an academic title conferred by universities and colleges as an indication of the completion of a course of study.   |
| (19) record ____                     | (s) organize and carry out.   |
| (20) conduct ____                    | (t) to set up or establish on a firm basis or for enduring existence:   |
| (21) individual ____                 | (u) of or at a fairly or comfortably high temperature.  |
| (22) degree ____                     | (v) an international financial institution that provides loans to developing countries. 世界銀行  |
| (23) practice ____                   | (w) of or denoting a scale of temperature on which water freezes at 32 degrees and boils at 212 degrees under standard conditions. 華氏   |

(24) adhere \_\_\_\_

(x) a group of persons who work or conduct a campaign to influence members of a legislature to vote according to the group's special interest. 陳情團

(25) faith \_\_\_\_

(y) have an influence on.