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Activity

Quiz: COP meetings and climate change

This quiz is marked out of 10. It could be used as a quick review before teaching the topic to see what students already know. Alternatively, it could be a short team quiz, used for fun but as a way of opening up a discussion of these issues. Answers are available to download as a separate document from *GeographyReviewExtras*.

1 United Nations climate change meetings are referred to as 'COP' meetings. What does COP stand for? (1 mark)

- A Committee Of Policy
- B Climate Organisation Protocol
- C Conference Of the Parties
- D Climate Order Procedure

2 COP21 in Paris in 2015 agreed to try and limit global temperature increase to what? (1 mark)

- A +1°C
- B +1.5°C
- C +2.0°C
- D +2.5°C

3 COP29 was in Azerbaijan in 2024. When was COP1, the first COP meeting? (1 mark)

- A 2002
- B 1999
- C 2010
- D 1995

- 4** What does the IPCC do? (1 mark)
- A Monitors greenhouse gas emissions
 - B Organises COP meetings
 - C Pays for emissions mitigation
 - D Reports on climate change science
- 5** China, the USA, India and Russia were the top 4 emitters of greenhouse gases in 2022–23. Which country was the fifth largest? (1 mark)
- A Brazil
 - B Germany
 - C Indonesia
 - D Japan
- 6** The largest global average surface temperature anomaly recorded was +1.55 °C. Which year was this recorded in? (1 mark)
- A 2016
 - B 2020
 - C 2022
 - D 2024
- 7** Roughly, what level of global annual carbon emissions would be consistent with limiting global temperature rise to +1.5°C? (1 mark)
- A 20–25 gigatonnes/year
 - B 30–35 gigatonnes/year
 - C 50–55 gigatonnes/year
 - D 40–45 gigatonnes/year

8 By what percentage have the UK's greenhouse gas emissions fallen between 1990 and 2023? (1 mark)

- A -51%
- B -11%
- C -21%
- D -41%

9 COP28 in Dubai in 2023 and COP29 in Azerbaijan in 2024 were both criticised as location choice. On what grounds? (1 mark)

- A Too many COPs have been held in western Asia.
- B Neither country had signed the UNFCCC treaty.
- C Both countries rely heavily on oil/gas extraction and exports.
- D The countries were too far for other delegates to fly to.

10 Based on greenhouse gas emission trends as of 2025 what temperature increase is most likely by 2100? (1 mark)

- A +1.1°C
- B +2.6°C
- C +1.5°C
- D +4.0°C