TREC-8 Interactive Track

Topics & assessor-determined instances

Number:

408i

Title:

tropical storms

Description:

What tropical storms (hurricanes and typhoons) have caused property damage and/or loss of life?

Instances:

In the time alloted, please find as many DIFFERENT storms of the sort described above as you can. Please save at least one document for EACH such DIFFERENT storm. If one document discusses several such storms, then you need not save other documents that repeat those, since your goal is to identify as many DIFFERENT storms of the sort described above as possible.

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Instance gloss
   Bangladesh cyclone Apr/May 91
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   Hurricane Huao 1989
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   typhoon 19
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   Hurricane Gilbert 1988
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   Typhoon Mireille 1991
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   Tropical storm Ted 1992
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 7
   Hurricane Andrew 1992
   Hurricane Iniki hit Kauau 1992
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   Hurricane Betsy 1965
10 Hurricane Calvin 1963
11
   Hurricane Lydia 1993
   Typhoon Vernon 1993
Tropical storm Cindy 1993
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   Tropical storm Bret
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   Cyclone Ofa 1992
   Cyclone Val 1993
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   Bangladesh cyclone 1994
18
   Tropical storm Debbie 1994
19
   Typhoon Tim 1994
20 Tropical storm Alberto 1994
   Typhoon Orchid 1994
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   Typhoon Fred 1994
2.2
23 Typhoon Doug 1994
24 Typhoon Seth 1994
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414i Title: Cuba, sugar, imports

Description: What countries import Cuban sugar?

Instances:

Number:

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2 China 3 Japan

Instance gloss

1 Soviet Union, Russia

4 Canada 5 Kazakhstan 6 Latvia 7 Iran 8 South Korea 9 Portugal 10 Mexico 11 Indonesia 12 Italy Number: 428i Title: declining birth rates Description: What countries other than the US and China have or have had a declining birth rate? Instances: In the time alloted, please find as many DIFFERENT countries of the sort described above as you can. Please save at least one document for EACH such DIFFERENT country. If one document discusses several such countries, then you need not save other documents that repeat those, since your goal is to identify as many DIFFERENT countries of the sort described above as possible.

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	Instance gloss
1	 Scotland
2	
3	Italy
4	Japan
5	Germany
б	Belgium
7	France
8	UK (not a country but near enough)
9	India
10	Ireland
11	Russia
12	Thailand
13	Sri Lanka
14	Bulgaria
15	Spain
16	Poland
17	Egypt
18	Tunisia
19	Turkey
20	Singapore

- 20 Singapore 21 Iran
- 22 Brazil
- 23 Tanzania

24 Namibia 25 South Africa 26 East Germany (in 1972 when separate country) Number: 431i Title: robotic technology Description: What are the latest developments in robotic technology and in its use? Instances: In the time alloted, please find as many DIFFERENT developments of the sort described above as you can. Please save at least one document for EACH such DIFFERENT development. If one document discusses several such developments, then you need not save other documents that repeat those, since your goal is to identify as many DIFFERENT developments of the sort described above as possible. Instance# Instance gloss "clean room" applications for robots in health care (food)(pharmaceutical) 1 2 precision engineering 3 material handling and packaging (chemical) (food) 4 welding robotics 5 glass making 6 palletizing 7 assembling garments 8 robots unload trucks - moves products around in factories 9 robots make robots 10 robot can grasp soft/fragile items like a human hand 11 robotic storage devices and inventory stacking 12 electronic (computer, circuit board) machining, assembly, testing 13 robotic eyes for recognition systems, security, automation 14 robot make, screen and test materials (chemical)(pharmaceuticals) 15 robot telephone operators - speech interactive - office work 16 robotic cranes - remote 17 robot is dual ????? and diagnostic imaging system 18 robot cutting system (water jet) 19 robot traders 20 robotic engine assembly 21 industrialized car assembly and stamping 22 painting, spraying robotics 23 robots helping disabled people 24 deep sea robots / underwater crawlers 25 robotic vision systems 26 wall climbing robots 27 robotic rubber tree tappers 28 robotic vehicles repair oil rig damage underwater 29 medical robots help with human surgery 30 robotic nose (detects odors) can detect diseases in cows, contamination 31 robotic arm (space work) 32 robotic system cuts, cleans, washes, dries vehicle panels 33 robotic system helps genetic research 34 robotic trashmen (rubbish collectors) robotic healthcare - hospital work - nursing - moving patients 35 36 robotic maintenance/repair work in hazardous area (nuclear) 37 robots for office - mail handling - selflearning 38 humanoid robot interacts with humans, takes care of self - selfexamines 39 robomom - controls time children watch TV

40 robots make batteries

Number:

438i

Title:

tourism, increase

Description:

What countries have experienced an increase in tourism?

Instances:

In the time alloted, please find as many DIFFERENT countries of the sort described above as you can. Please save at least one document for EACH such DIFFERENT country. If one document discusses several such countries, then you need not save other documents that repeat those, since your goal is to identify as many DIFFERENT countries of the sort described above as possible.

Instance#

	Instance gloss
1	 Poland
2	Singapore
3	Malaysia
4	Indonesia
5	Johor
6	Brunei
-	England (Cornwall)
8	Greece
9	United Kingdom (UK)
10	Eqypt
11	US
12	Kenya
13	Cyprus(North and South)
14	Santo Domingo - Hispaniola - Dominican Republic
15	Scotland (Glasgow)
16	Jerusalem (Israel-Palestine)
17	Cuba
18	Monaco
19	Madeira
20	Greece
	South Africa
	Austria (Vienna)
	New Zealand
24	Bahrain
	Dubai
	Wales
	Mauritius
	Britain
	Northern Ireland
30	
	Ecuador
3∠ 33	Israel Australia
	Jordan
	Portugal
36	Slovenia
37	Czech Republic
38	Germany (Baden-Wurttemberg)
39	Spain
	Tunisia
41	Shanghai
42	US (Florida)
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43 Bermuda 44 Jamaica 45 Malta 46 India 47 Norway 48 Korea 49 Uganda 50 Ireland 51 Hong Kong 52 Vietnam 53 Sweden 54 Bulgaria 55 Slovakia 56 Zimbabwe Number: 446i Title: tourists, violence Description: In what countries have tourists been subject to acts of violence causing bodily harm or death? Instances: In the time alloted, please find as many DIFFERENT countries of the sort described above as you can. Please save at least one document for EACH such DIFFERENT country. If one document discusses several such countries, then you need not save other documents that repeat those, since your goal is to identify as many DIFFERENT countries of the sort described above as possible. Instance# Instance gloss 1 Angola 2 Ivory Coast

- 3 Kenya
- 4 Egypt
- 5 Mexico
- 6 Turkey
- 7 Great Britain (GB)
- 8 USA
- 9 Jamaica/GB
- 10 Thailand
- 11 China
- 12 Greece
- 13 Morocco
- 14 India 15 Cambodia
- 16 Israel