

Cultural Fragments (CU-DR-PR)

1 - The mountains of the Dominican Republic drain into four major rivers. The longest and most important is the Yaque del Norte which empties into the bay of Monte _____ (6) in the Northwest. The other rivers are the Yuna River in the Northeast, the Yaque del Sur, which empties into the Caribbean and the Artibonito which flows into Haiti.

2 - Francisco Ramirez Ortiz, the writer of the Puerto Rican national anthem, denied having written it in fear of being deported. The song was originally written for his lover, but became the national anthem due to its popularity. La _____ (10) is an accurate reflection of the people of Puerto Rico.

3 - Located in plazas pushing their brightly painted carts, _____ (10) are selling their shaved ice treats made with varying flavored syrups.

4 - The highest peak in all the Caribbean islands is El pico Duarte which lies in the Cordillera Central range. A _____ (6) bust of Duarte atop a stone pedestal sits at the summit, next to the Dominican flag and a cross. (Name the material)

5 - Rumba originated in various African ethnic groups in Central and West Africa, brought to Cuba as slaves. A subgenre of Cuban rumba known as _____ (9) is played in 2/4 or 4/4 tempo and developed in the 19th century. This male/female couple's dance is recognized for its distinctive thrusting movement called vacuano. (Name the subgenre)

6 - Spanning only 0.6 to 3.15 inches the Eleutherodactylus has more than 600 species around the world, with 16 different species inhabiting the island. The Puerto Rican “_____” (5) is not adapted to swim despite the pads in its toes, which assist with adherence to moist surfaces. They also vary in color, sometimes having two dorsolateral stripes

7 - Of the countries several national parks, Sierra Maestra, is the most magnificent. In addition to being a popular tourist site, it was also the location where Fidel Castro's guerrillas fought against the Fulgencio _____ (7) dictatorship from 1956 to 1958.

8 - Pérez Prado is one of the most famous Cuban popular music composers. Italian movie director Federico Fellini's movie, The Sweet Life, included one of this composer's mambo. The name of this mambo is _____ (8).

9 - In the port of Santo Domingo, this fortress was built in 1503 to protect the city from pirates. The Fortaleza _____ (5) served as a prison until the 1960's when it was closed. This is the oldest military construction still standing in America, it had its medieval architecture restored, and is now open to the public.

10 - Occupying 28,000 acres of tropical forest, the Yungue National Forest is named after an Indian spirit meaning “Forest of _____” (6) and has over 240 species of flora. The Yungue National Forest is the only tropical forest in the United States National Forest System.

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11 - The pre-Columbian inhabitants of the Caribbean were called _____ (6). At the time of Columbus's arrival in 1492, there were five chiefdoms and territories on Hispaniola; today known as Haiti and Dominican Republic.

12 - El Malecón is considered to be “the largest _____ (11) in the world”, and is where Dominican Carnival is celebrated. Additionally, a yearly festival dedicated to the Merengue, takes place here. This area attracts visitors who want to see and be seen and offers first-class hotels, world-class eateries, some casinos, clubs and outdoor cafes.

13 - Studded with small circular sentry boxes, El Morro is a six level fortress built in 1540. Assisting in the city’s defense is the Castillo de San Cristóbal, which is considered the _____ (9) of the West Indies.

14 - While working as a journalist, Leonardo Padura Fuentes began writing his first in a series of four novels featuring Mario _____ (5). These books centered on a cop who longed to be a writer who struggled to maintain order in a an evolving unstable society, while dealing with emotional demons.

15 - The dish made from sliced unripe plantains which are twice fried and served as a side is known as _____ (8). It is a popular dish in many Latin American countries. (Name the dish)

16 - “In the time of butterflies” is one of the most recognized books written by Julia _____ (7). This novel centers on the three Mirabal sisters that were brutally murdered by the dictatorship of Trujillo in 1960. The day of the murder of the Mirabal sisters, November 25th, has been declared by the United Nations, International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

17 - Made of cotton and worn over a t-shirt, the traditional dress for men is the _____ (9) which is sometimes made out of pineapple fiber.

18 - One of the most important figures in the Afro-Cuban Santería religion, commonly associated with Our Lady of Charity, this deity is associated with the color yellow. She is also the image representing love, maternity and marriage. In 2001 a movie called “Honey for ____” (5) was based on this figure.

19 - The Museo de las Casas Reales is a 16th century ex-governmental palace located on Calle Las _____ (5), the first European built street in the continent. Also located on this street is an 18th century sundial, a private chapel and the Viceregal Museum.

20 - Cuba reached its independence from Spain in 1902 with the Treaty of _____ (5) which was signed in 1898, but was ineffective for 4 years. With the United State’s assistance, Cuba was the last colony to gain independence. The War began with the Scream of Baire in 1895 and lasted a short three years.

21 - Inspired by some of the most renowned artists of the 20th century, Wifredo _____ (3) attempted to revive the Afro-Cuban culture through his art. Although primarily a painter, he also worked with ceramics, sculpture and printmaking. His unique style is known for the prominence of hybrid figures.