

ĐỀ MINH HỌA SỐ 14

KỶ THI TỐT NGHIỆP TRUNG HỌC PHỔ THÔNG NĂM 2025

(Đề thi có 08 trang)

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Thời gian làm bài: 50 phút, không kể thời gian phát đề

Read the following passage about the Rio Grande and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best answer to each of the following questions from 23 to 30.

Although not the longest river in America, the Rio Grande is one of the most important. **But, unlike other significant rivers, it is not used for shipping.** In fact, oceangoing ships cannot navigate the waters. No, what makes the Rio Grande so important is its location. Since 1846, it has been the official border of Texas and Mexico.

Rio Grande Geography

The Rio Grande is either the fourth or fifth longest river system in North America. It all depends on how it is measured. Because the river twists so much, it occasionally changes course. And these course shifts can cause it to be longer or shorter. At its last official measure, the Rio Grande clocked in at 1,896 miles. The river starts in Colorado and extends downward to the Gulf of Mexico. Downward is the best way of describing it too. Not only does the river extend south, but it also starts in the mountains and gets lower and lower in elevation as it extends to the Gulf.

Its name is Spanish for the “Big River”, but the Rio Grande is actually known as Rio Bravo in Mexico. “Bravo” translates as “**furious**”, so the name makes sense. Because of its twists and turns, it certainly does seem to be angrier than most rivers!

Rio Grande Today

The Rio Grande today is mostly used as a source of drinking water. Sadly, much of the water has been drained from the river. Parts of the river are almost dry! This is because people use more water from the river than the river can get back from rain and other sources. Experts are working to correct this, with hopes of **restoring** the river to **its** past strength. Today, the river is important as a source of water for Texans and Mexicans. More important, it is a symbol of cooperation between two nations. Though borders like the Rio Grande separate nations, they are also shared spaces. The Rio Grande is therefore a symbol of friendship and peace between two nations.

(Adapted from ReadTheory)

Question 23 [697870]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence?

- A. The Rio Grande doesn't cater to shipping activities like other important rivers do.
- B. Shipping is available on every river, including the Rio Grande.
- C. The Rio Grande is an exception when it comes to shipping commodities.
- D. The Rio Grande is not a significant river in shipping.

Question 24 [697871]: The word "**furious**" in the passage can be replaced by _____

- A. satisfied
- B. angry
- C. strong
- D. dangerous

Question 25 [697872]: Which of the following is **TRUE** according to the passage?

- A. The Rio Grande is the longest river between Texas and Mexico.
- B. The Rio Grande is primarily used for shipping and transportation.

C. The name “Rio Bravo” was named by Mexicans due to its twists.

D. The Rio Grande has never been used as a source of drinking water.

Question 26 [697873]: The word “restoring” in the last paragraph is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to _____

A. constructing

B. assembling

C. erecting

D. damaging

Question 27 [697874]: The word its in the last paragraph refers to _____

A. the river

B. rain

C. source

D. symbol

Question 28 [697875]: Which of the following is **NOT** mentioned as a symbol associated with Rio Grande?

A. friendship

B. luxury

C. peace

D. cooperation

Question 29 [697876]: In which paragraph does the writer explain the meanings of Rio Grande’s names in two different nations?

A. Paragraph 1

B. Paragraph 2

C. Paragraph 3

D. Paragraph 4

Question 30 [697877]: In which paragraph does the writer mention a problem related to the water level of Rio Grande?

A. Paragraph 1

B. Paragraph 2

C. Paragraph 3

D. Paragraph 4