IDU: The Process of salt making in Inagua

The most southern island in The Bahamas is the island of Inagua. Majority of people on this island have made a living by working to the salt factory. It is called Morton Salt Company.

Salt making years ago

The salt is gathered from sea water, it has lots of salt this is used to be channeled into shallow ponds surrounds by stone wall. The heat from the sun would then begin to evaporate the water. The salty water left behind is called brine. With more evaporation salt crystals can be formed. When the layer of salt is thick enough it is harvested. The final step is the salt is raked, dried and bleached in the sun and stored in huts. It's stored in huts until the sailing boats are loaded with salt.

Salt making today

Salt is now made by the brine passing continuously on conveyor belts under the sun on a special machine. It is kept in a large stock piles before it is loaded for export. The world's second largest salt factory by solar evaporation is found on Inagua.

What is Inagua famous for?

There are thousands of flamingoes (our national bird) on Inagua. The Bahamas National Trust protect these birds amongst others example parrots. There is other wildlife including wild donkeys. This island has one of the largest National Parks for flamingoes.







Instructions: Read the passage above then answer ALL questions below.

1. Which Island is known for making Salt? (1pt.)

A. Andros B. Eleuthera C. Inagua

2.Which are TWO things the island of Inagua is famous for? (CHOOSE ONLY ONE!) (2pts.)

A. baskets and boat building

B. flamingoes and salt making

C. boat building and flamingoes

3. Which TWO vertebrate animals can be found on the island of Inagua? (2pts.)



donkeys



chickens



flamingos

4. Name the salt factory that is found on the island of Inagua. (1pt.)

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5. In paragraph TWO, what causes the water to evaporate? (2pts.)

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6a. When was an easier time to make salt? (1pt.) Choose one.

A. Salt making years ago

B. Salt making today

b. How do you know? Explain your answer from number 6a.

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