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Section 26.2

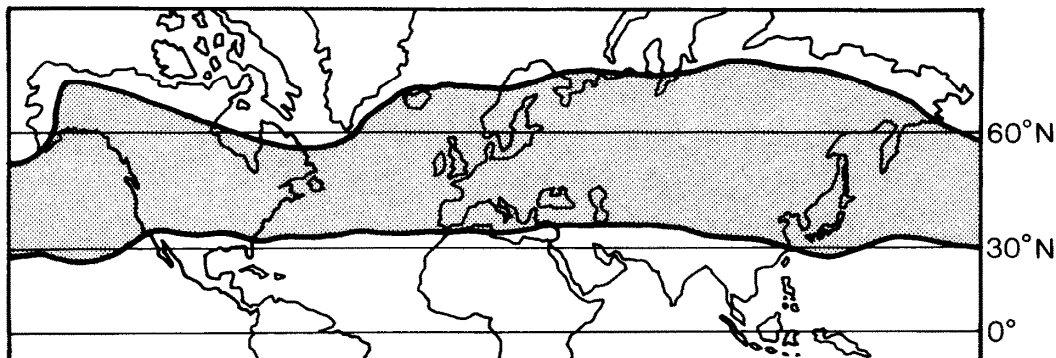
Climate Zones

Choose the one best response. Write the letter of that choice in the space provided.

- _____ 1. A Mediterranean climate is characterized by winters that are:
- a. mild and wet.
c. mild and dry.
- b. cold and wet.
d. cold and dry.
- _____ 2. Which type of vegetation is characteristic of subarctic climates?
- a. hardwood trees
c. cone-bearing trees
- b. drought-resistant shrubs
d. dense grasses
- _____ 3. Rural areas usually have a lower average temperature than cities partly due to:
- a. large numbers of condensation nuclei.
b. more transpiration by vegetation.
c. high atmospheric carbon dioxide levels.
d. greater available water vapor.

Read each question and answer it in the space provided.

4. What is another name for tropical grasslands? _____
5. What type of climate is characterized by a very small temperature range and more than 250 cm of rainfall per year? _____
6. In what type of climate was the largest yearly temperature range recorded? _____
7. Which type of desert is characterized by cold winters and hot summers? _____
8. What imaginary line lies in the center of the tropics? _____



9. Which major climate zone is found in the shaded region of the diagram? _____
10. Which type of climate do the Sahara and Kalahari deserts have? _____