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ANSWERS

1. A recent study has revealed that which Arctic animal species would be “wiped out” by the end of this century if more is not done to combat climate change? **c) Polar bears**
2. The Arctic Circle is at what latitude? **a) 66½°N**
3. Which Southeast Asian country, with its coastline on the South China Sea, has banned the import of wildlife and wildlife products to reduce the risk of new pandemics? **a) Vietnam**
4. The Australian government last week formally rejected China’s territorial claims over which sea? **c) South China Sea**
5. Hurricane Hanna, downgraded to a tropical storm, has caused widespread flooding in which nation on the western side of the Caribbean Sea? **b) Mexico**
6. Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, a scaled-down version of the Hajj began in Saudi Arabia. The Hajj is a pilgrimage for adherents to which major world religion? **c) Islam**
7. The major focus of the Hajj is which city in Saudi Arabia? **a) Mecca**
8. Locals and tourists were evacuated as wildfires continued to rage near the city of Corinth in which Mediterranean country? **d) Greece**
9. Why are wildfires common at this time of the year in Mediterranean countries? **a) Hot, dry summers**
10. A global model of the scale of the plastic problem over the next 20 years carried out by the University of Leeds has predicted that how much plastic pollution is destined for the environment, both land and sea, by 2040 if no action is taken? **d) 1.3 billion tonnes**
11. A magnitude 2.2 earthquake struck the eastern parts of which Australian capital city last Wednesday? **c) Melbourne**
12. What would a geographer who specialises in the study of earthquakes be called? **b) Seismologist**
13. Coastal NSW was hit by heavy winds and rain again last week caused by what weather system, the second in as many weeks? **b) East coast low**
14. A heatwave in West Asia last week saw the temperature rise to almost 52°C in which city, the capital of Iraq? **a) Baghdad**
15. At least 132 people have perished during weeks of downpours that have caused devastating flooding and landslides in which mountainous country, a northern neighbour of India? **b) Nepal**

MAPPING THE NEWS

16. Elliott 17. Byron Bay 18. Wilcannia 19. Ulladulla 20. Nullarbor Plain