

ERASMUS PLUS

GROWTH IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

GROUP: **yellow** (teacher-led lesson) **pink** (blended lesson) **blue** (student-led lesson)

TEST

1. What does the acronym BRICS stand for? _____ / 2

2. What are the two leading countries among BRICS? _____ / 2

Choose the correct option for the following statements. _____ / 2

3. For some BRICS countries the export of natural resources

- (a) has made their growth rate high and steady;
- (b) is not sufficient to support the economic growth any longer;
- (c) has made them more sensitive towards environmental sustainability;
- (d) has made them the leading countries among BRICS.

4. The growth rate of the BRICS countries is now _____ / 2

- (a) increasing thanks to the diversification of their economies;
- (b) declining because of the financial crisis of many industries;
- (c) increasing thanks to a higher employment rate;
- (d) declining because commodity prices have fallen.

5. NDB is _____ / 2

- (a) the bank founded by BRICS countries in 2014;
- (b) the summit BRICS countries have every year;
- (c) the main indicator of the wealth of a country;
- (d) the world organization that controls global finance.

6. What phenomenon is going to reduce job opportunities even in the leading BRICS countries? _____ / 2

- (a) government's investments in agriculture;
- (b) the competitiveness of non-BRICS emerging economies;
- (c) the exploitation of natural resources;
- (d) the spreading of automation in industries.

7. BRICS countries share the idea that _____ / 2

- (a) they have to contrast Western countries' financial dominance;
- (b) they can represent an alternative to western global financial management;
- (c) they should become part of the G7;
- (d) they need to adopt the financial strategies of western countries if they want to prosper.

8. What are NDB's two main objectives? _____ / 2

9. What other countries – apart from BRICS – are emerging? Name at least three. _____ / 2

10. What is the key success factor of the strongest economies among BRICS and non-BRICS countries? _____ / 8

SOLUTIONS

1. Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa.
2. China and India.
3. $1b - 2d - 3a - 4d - 5b$
4. Infrastructures and sustainability.
5. Ethiopia, Philippines, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Vietnam.
6. BRICS countries: economy based on manufacturing activities rather than natural wealth, large middle class that can absorb offer; non-BRICS countries: large and growing population (domestic demand), investments coming from the government and abroad.

For question no.6:

- **8 points:** all points in the question are developed; content is complete and clear; the answer is personal, complex and shows awareness of cause-effect relations.
- **6 points:** all points in the question are developed; content is complete and clear; the answer is well-informed.
- **4 points:** Some points may not be developed. The answer is essential and information may be lacking.
- **2 points:** Points in the question are partially developed. The information is extremely essential and/or wrong.
- **0 points:** no answer.