Getting to know South Africa

Go onto the site : <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0107983.html> and answer the following questions:

1- What are the capitals of South Africa?

The administrative capital is Pretoria, the legislative capital and largest city is Cape Townand the judicial capital isBloemfontein.

2- How many inhabitants are there in South Africa?

The population of South Africa is 48,810,427 inhabitants from a 2012 estimate.

3- Draw the flag of the country:



4- What are South Africa’s neighbouring countries?

Its neighbours are Namibia in the northwest, Zimbabwe and Botswana in the north, and Mozambique and Swaziland in the northeast.

5- What oceans border South Africa?

South Africa, on the continent's southern tip, is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean on the west and by the Indian Ocean on the south and east.

6- Name the famous cape (= cap) you can find in South Africa:

It is called the Cape of Good Hope.

7- What country is an enclave in South Africa?

Lesotho is an enclave in South Africa.

8- What are the five most widely spoken languages in South Africa?

IsiZulu 23.8%, IsiXhosa 17.6%, Afrikaans 13.3%, Sepedi 9.4%, English 8.2%

HISTORY:

9- What year did the first Europeans arrive on the Cape of Good Hope?

The first European settlers landed on the Cape of Good Hope in 1652.

10- What was their nationality?

They were Dutch.

11- What name were they given?

They were called the Boers or Afrikaners.

12- What was their dialect called?

They spoke Afrikaans.

13- What was the nationality of the new Europeans settlers (= colons) who arrived in 1815?

They were British.

14- What was discovered in 1867 and in 1876?

Diamonds and then gold was discovered in those years.

15- Who did the British wage war against in 1899? Who won?

The British waged war against the Boers and the British won.

16- What was apartheid?

It was racial separation.

17- What type of people were imposed restrictions on?

Restrictions were imposed on Bantus (black Africans, Asians and Coloreds.

18- What year were black people refused the right to vote?

It took place in 1936.

19- Where were non-whites forced to live from the year 1950?

They were forced to live out of white areas, in rural townships (= black ghettoes outside big cities).

20- What was the white supremacist party in South Africa called? When did it come to power?

It was called the National Party. It came to power in 1848.

21- What is the A.N.C.?

It is the African National Congress, the principal anti-apartheid party at that time.

22- When was it banned?

It was banned in 1960.

23- Who was its leader?

Its leader was Nelson Mandela.

24- What year did he go to prison? How long did he stay there?

He went to prison in 1962. He stayed there for 27 years.

25- Who freed (= libérer) him from prison?

Frederik de Klerk, the president at the time, freed him.

26- What year did Nelson Mandela and Frederik de Klerk receive the Nobel Peace Prize?

They received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993.

27- What year was Nelson Mandela elected president?

He was elected president in 1994.