Chapter 6: Pacific South America, Answer Key

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MAP ZONE
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Section 1

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In the north, the Andes are more rounded and split into two ridges, while in the south, the Andes are rugged mountain peaks covered by ice caps.

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MAP ZONE
1. The Galapagos Islands belong to Ecuador.
2. Answers will vary depending on where in the region the student refers to. The Andes affect life in this region, sometimes with earthquakes or volcanic eruptions, or with different kinds of terrain that affects settlement and agriculture.

Page 126
Potatoes grow best between 6000 feet and 12,000 feet.

Page 127
Elevation affects climate and vegetation. Different elevations support different types of plant and animal life.

Answers will vary. Students may reference differences in elevation as the cause of the snow.

Page 128
The countries of South America have many valuable natural resources such as lumber, fish, oil, minerals, gas, deposits of tin, gold, silver, lead, copper and zinc.

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Practice

1. This diagram shows 360 miles along northern Ecuador.
2. The highest point is Mt. Cayambe, and it is almost 20,000 feet, or 7,620 meters high.
3. Vertical distances are exaggerated because they are measured differently on elevation profiles. If they were not, even tall mountains would appear as tiny bumps, or the chart would have to be huge.

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Students should reference the map on page 125 for this assignment. Student maps should accurately represent the land features at the particular latitude he or she chose to depict.

Section 2-

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Answers will vary. Students may suggest that Machu Picchu was undiscovered because it was located high in the Andes.

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Incan civilization left many influences in the region, from irrigation systems to stone-paved roads and suspension bridges, to an elaborate system of runners who carried messengers.

MAP ZONE

1. People speak more native languages than Spanish in Bolivia.
2. Answers will vary. In their answers, students may speculate about the reason that many people in the region do not speak Spanish.

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Answers will vary. Students should reference the image on page 133 to explain his or her opinion on what they think the climate might be like in Tarabuco.

People in the region continue the traditional customs of speaking Spanish and their native languages, and following customs and lifestyles that have existed for many centuries, dressing in traditional styles, and practicing ancient religions and customs, including festivals.

Section 3-

Page 135
Ecuador's government has been unstable due to the turnover in presidents – 9 in the last 10 years. Presidential actions have displeased the Ecuadorian people, who began to believe that the president was trying to gain too much power. Ecuadorians were also unhappy with reforms that failed to improve housing, medical care or education.

Answers will vary. Student's answers should articulately suggest how political revolts have slowed development in Bolivia.

The informal economy affects taxes because it provides jobs for many people, but these people do not pay taxes on their income or wages. The government, without receipt of this tax money, cannot pay for services.

MAP ZONE
1. The most common type of housing is high-rise apartments and private houses.
2. Answers will vary. Students may speculate that most young towns are built far from central Lima because of the slums that have developed toward the center of town and the port.

Page 137
The group called the Shining Path carried out deadly attacks because it opposed government policies, affecting Peru with some 70,000 deaths and economic issues.

Page 138
Answers will vary. It is possible that a free Trade group would be a good idea for Chile because international trade is key to Chile's economy and it wants to expand its trade li