**Instructions:** Read the article and answer the following questions:

**Book: Oxygen for DGB 2, page 14**

**SURPRISE! SURPRISE!!!**

There are certain things we all think we know about the world we live in. For example, everyone knows that Russia is the biggest country in the world, China is the most populated, Vatican City is the smallest, and Mount Everest is the highest mountain on the planet. But there are other records that are more surprising. Try asking people which is the richest country in the world, and 99% of the time they will say the U.S. But in fact, recent surveys show that Luxemburg is the richest country in the world. Amazing! Luxembourg measures 80 kilometers by 48 (at the widest point), which makes it the eighth smallest country in the world. So how is it possible that it can be the wealthiest? Simple! It has the largest concentration of banks in the whole world. There are two hundred and fifty of them pushed into Luxembourg´s tiny land mass.

Successful banks make a country very rich. So Luxembourg has the most impressive economy per capita per square kilometer of any country in the world. And the U.S? It doesn´t even appear in the top ten. But the US does hold one notable record. It has the highest number of billionaires in the world – as many as the rest of the world.

Which is the most expensive country in the world to live in? Another surprising answer: it´s Norway. Apparently the cost of living in Norway is 30% higher than the cost of living in the U.S. Then there is the question of taxes. How many people know that Qatar is the least taxed country in the world? In fact, there are no taxes there at all. Does that mean that Qatar is the best country in the world to live in? Not according to most recent surveys. Based on economic development, democracy and social tolerance, the surveys indicate that the happiest people in the world live in Denmark.

Zimbabwe is also a record holder, but its record is very different from Denmark´s. Zimbabwe has the highest inflation in the world, as well as being constantly in the most possible state of political crisis. For these reasons this African country; once so rich, appears in the new records in the unenviable position as the most depressing country in the world for the majority of its citizens.

**QUESTIONNAIRE:**

1.- Which is the largest country in the world?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2.- Which is the tallest mountain in the world?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3.- Which is the wealthiest country in the world?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4.- Which is the most expensive country to live in?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5.- Which country has the smallest tax fee in the world?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6.- Which country has the highest inflation in the world?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7.- Which is the happiest country in the world?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

8.- Which is the most depressing country in the world?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

9.- Which is the most populated country in the world?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

10.- Which is the smallest country in the world?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**EVALUATION**

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| CATEGORY | EXCELLENT | GOOD | REGULAR  | LIMITED |
| ANSWER | The exercise is correct and complete.  | More than half of the answers are correct. | Less than half of the answers are correct. | The majority of the answers are wrong. |

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