



# National Women's History Exam

## National Women's History Examination IAC Nationals 2022 Middle School Division

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**Instructions – Mark your answers on the scantron provided. Correct answers are worth 2 points. Incorrect answers are worth –1 point. Questions left blank are worth 0 points.**

- Louisa May Alcott composed what famous American novel that follows the lives of the March family?
  - The Scarlet Letter*
  - Walden*
  - The Awakening*
  - Little Women*
- Which of the following South American nations was the first to grant women the right to vote in 1929?
  - Ecuador
  - Paraguay
  - Panama
  - Costa Rica
- Susan B. Anthony worked tirelessly to earn which of the following rights for women?
  - citizenship
  - suffrage
  - due process of law
  - property ownership
- Dolley Madison is credited with saving a George Washington portrait during which conflict?
  - French and Indian War
  - American Revolution
  - War of 1812
  - Civil War
- Emma Goldman was shipped off on the 'Soviet Ark' because of her belief in what political philosophy?
  - conservatism
  - liberalism
  - anarchism
  - constitutionalism
- Which of the following early colonies banished Anne Hutchinson after she was found guilty of sedition for promoting religious liberty?
  - Massachusetts Bay
  - Plymouth
  - Virginia
  - Pennsylvania
- Which of the following wrote the bestselling novel *Uncle Tom's Cabin*?
  - Lucretia Mott
  - Harriet Beecher Stowe
  - Elizabeth Blackwell
  - Clara Barton
- The Seneca Falls Convention produced the Declaration of Sentiments, which was largely inspired by which of the following foundational American documents?
  - Bill of Rights
  - US Constitution
  - Articles of Confederation
  - Declaration of Independence
- Wangari Maathai founded the Greenbelt Movement to combat deforestation in what eastern sub-Saharan nation?
  - Kenya
  - Republic of Congo
  - Chad
  - Ghana
- Victoria Woodhull was the first woman to run for what American political office?
  - President
  - Vice President
  - Secretary of State
  - Chief Justice
- Female adventures, miners, and camp directors were integral in the mining of what mineral from Alaska's Klondike region in 1897?
  - silver
  - copper
  - tin
  - gold

12. Which of the following American icons is attributed to Betsy Ross during the American Revolution?
- the national anthem
  - the American flag
  - the pledge of allegiance
  - the national motto
13. What future first lady urged her husband in letters to “remember the ladies” in building a new American government?
- Martha Washington
  - Abigail Adams
  - Martha Jefferson
  - Dolley Madison
14. Which of the following rights was only granted to women in Saudi Arabia in 2018?
- the right to drive
  - the right to own property
  - the right to go out in public alone
  - the right to start a business
15. Jacinda Ardern became the world’s youngest female head of government when she took office as Prime Minister of what nation?
- Australia
  - New Zealand
  - Finland
  - Estonia
16. Jeannette Rankin was the American first woman elected to what body?
- Senate
  - Supreme Court
  - Montana state legislature
  - House of Representatives
17. Rachel Carson published *Silent Spring* in 1962, which helped inspire which of the following movements?
- civil rights
  - reproductive rights
  - environmental activism
  - education reform
18. Elizabeth Blackwell co-founded a medical college for women 20 years after she became the first American woman to earn what degree?
- nursing degree
  - medical degree
  - law degree
  - a college degree of any kind
19. Which of the following is the longest serving monarch in British history?
- Elizabeth II
  - Victoria I
  - Mary II
  - Anne
20. Which of the following 18th century movements was largely rooted in women fighting against social ills caused by alcohol?
- prison reform
  - suffrage
  - temperance
  - education reform
21. Which of the following, nicknamed the ‘Belle of Amherst’ is famous for her both poems and her reclusive lifestyle?
- Emily Dickinson
  - Rosa Vertner Jeffrey
  - Frances Harper
  - Celia Thaxter
22. Many early female abolitionists were members of which of the following faiths founded in pacificism?
- Catholic
  - Quaker
  - Lutheran
  - Puritan
23. What Continental Army Commander was the subject of a famous 1775 Phillis Wheatley poem?
- George Washington
  - Henry Knox
  - Benedict Arnold
  - Nathanael Greene
24. Sirimavo Bandaranaike became the first modern female head of state when she was elected Prime Minister of what Indian Ocean nation?
- Comoros
  - Maldives
  - Madagascar
  - Sri Lanka
25. Opha May Johnson became the first woman to join the US Marine Corps during what conflict?
- Civil War
  - Spanish-American War
  - World War I
  - the Persian Gulf War
26. Empress Dowager Cixi successfully guided the last imperial dynasty of what East Asian nation for nearly 50 years?
- Japan
  - Korea
  - China
  - Mongolia
27. Mary Surratt was the first woman executed by the federal government for her participation in the assassination of which of the following presidents?
- Abraham Lincoln
  - James Garfield
  - William McKinley
  - John F. Kennedy

28. In 1777, Sybil Ludington made a nighttime ride in Putnam County, New York similar to the effort in Boston made by what other famous American?

- A. Samuel Adams
- B. Paul Revere
- C. John Hancock
- D. John Adams

29. An American feminist magazine founded in 1971 takes its name from which of the following honorifics?

- A. Mrs.
- B. Miss
- C. Ms.
- D. Madam

30. Indira Gandhi was the first woman to hold what parliamentary head of state position in India?

- A. President
- B. Magistrate
- C. House Speaker
- D. Prime Minister

31. Charlotte Cooper became the first American to win an Olympic gold medal when she won what event at the 1900 games?

- A. softball
- B. tennis
- C. golf
- D. rowing

32. Which of the following feminist organizations, founded in 1966, is the largest organization of its kind?

- A. National Organization for Women
- B. American Association of University Women
- C. General Federation of Women's Clubs
- D. League of Women Voters of the United States

33. Anna Bissell became the first female CEO in America when she assumed control of a company in the late nineteenth century that which produced which of the following products?

- A. vacuums
- B. power tools
- C. refrigerators
- D. cars

34. Hetty Green, nicknamed 'the Witch of Wall Street', made her fortune during what period of American history?

- A. the colonial period
- B. the early nineteenth century
- C. the Gilded Age
- D. the Great Depression

35. Alice Walton amassed her fortune largely due to her stake in what American big-box store chain?

- A. Target
- B. K-Mart
- C. Big Lots
- D. Walmart

36. Which of the following was elected the first female Speaker of the House in 2007?

- A. Diane Black
- B. Dianne Feinstein
- C. Kay Granger
- D. Nancy Pelosi

37. Joan of Arc, who is best known for her efforts in the Hundred Years' War, has become a powerful hero and symbol of what nation?

- A. Spain
- B. France
- C. Great Britain
- D. Germany

38. Anne Frank's family spent 2 years hiding in their Amsterdam home during the German occupation of what nation?

- A. Denmark
- B. Austria
- C. the Netherlands
- D. Poland

39. Which of the following feats was accomplished by Sally Ride in 1983?

- A. She became the first American woman to go to outer space.
- B. She became the first woman elected to the Senate
- C. She became the first female war correspondent.
- D. She became the first woman to achieve a 4-star military rank.

40. Mamie Till-Bradley became a national activist for which of the following causes after the death of her young son Emmett in 1955?

- A. civil rights
- B. rights for LGBTQ Americans
- C. police reform
- D. abortion rights

41. The book Hidden Figures tells the story of three black women who worked at what government agency?

- A. the FBI
- B. the CIA
- C. NASA
- D. the State Department

42. Pocahontas is most closely associated with what early colonial settlement?

- A. Plymouth
- B. Jamestown
- C. Massachusetts
- D. Roanoke

43. Queen Liliuokalani was the last royal leader of which of the following before rogue Americans forced her abdication?

- A. Guam
- B. the Philippines
- C. Puerto Rico
- D. Hawaii

44. Which of the following women was used as a NAACP test case to change segregation in public transportation in Alabama?

- A. Claudette Colvin
- B. Mary Louise Smith
- C. Rosa Parks
- D. Ella Baker

45. Which of the following biblical names was used to describe Harriet Tubman for her efforts to lead runaway slaves to freedom?

- A. Abraham
- B. Jesus
- C. Moses
- D. Cain

46. Which of the following amendments granted women the right to vote?

- A. 13th amendment
- B. 15th amendment
- C. 19th amendment
- D. 22nd amendment

47. Which of the following humanitarian organizations was founded by Clara Barton after her service as a nurse in the Civil War?

- A. Americares
- B. American Red Cross
- C. International Rescue Committee
- D. Save the Children USA

48. Ida B. Wells co-founded what civil rights organization focused on the improvement of quality of life for black Americans?

- A. Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee
- B. Black Panther Party
- C. Southern Christian Leadership Conference
- D. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

49. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union led the charge in enacting the 18th amendment which accomplished which of the following?

- A. womens suffrage
- B. prohibition of alcohol
- C. direct election of senators
- D. presidential term limits

50. Frances Perkins was integral in shaping what Great Depression program rolled out by Franklin D. Roosevelt's administration?

- A. Square Deal
- B. Fair Deal
- C. New Deal
- D. Recovery Deal

51. The ancient practice of sacred female facial tattooing is important to the identity of what New Zealand indigenous tribe?

- A. Maori
- B. Koori
- C. Chamorro
- D. Aranda

52. Which of the following activists helped pioneer the birth control pill and co-founded Planned Parenthood?

- A. Katharine McCormick
- B. Fania Mindell
- C. Margaret Sanger
- D. Ethel Byrne

53. Deb Haaland became the first indigenous cabinet member when she was appointed to what office that manages federal land in the United States?

- A. Secretary of State
- B. Secretary of Transportation
- C. Secretary of Interior
- D. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development

54. Modernist Georgia O'Keeffe solidified her place in American history for her work in which of the following industries?

- A. Literature
- B. Entertainment
- C. Music
- D. Art

55. Which of these women became the first female prime minister of Pakistan in 1988?

- A. Indira Gandhi
- B. Benazir Bhutto
- C. Golda Meir
- D. Khaleda Zia

56. In her novel *Their Eyes were Watching God*, which of the following authors broke literary norms by focusing on the experience of a black woman?

- A. Zora Neale Hurston
- B. Virginia Woolf
- C. Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings
- D. Daphne Du Maurier

57. Amelia Earhart was the first woman to fly solo across what body of water?

- A. Indian Ocean
- B. Atlantic Ocean
- C. Pacific Ocean
- D. Arctic Ocean

58. Which of the following first ladies ended her membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution when they blocked a concert for black singer Marion Anderson at Constitution Hall?

- A. Edith Wilson
- B. Eleanor Roosevelt
- C. Bess Truman
- D. Jackie Kennedy

59. Kamala Harris was the first woman to be elected to what high office in 2020?

- A. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Secretary of State
- D. Speaker of the House

60. Which of the following eastern states is home to the longest serving female senator Barbara Mikulski, who served from 1987 to 2017?

- A. New York
- B. Massachusetts
- C. Maine
- D. Maryland

61. Which of the following women published the revolutionary book *The Feminine Mystique* in 1963?

- A. Betty Friedan
- B. Margaret Sanger
- C. Gloria Steinem
- D. Muriel Fox

62. First lady Nancy Reagan championed the "Just Say No" program targeted at which of the following?

- A. cigarettes
- B. drugs
- C. alcohol
- D. tattoos

63. Which of the following was the first Jewish woman to sit on the US Supreme Court?

- A. Sandra D O'Connor
- B. Ruth Bader Ginsburg
- C. Elena Kagan
- D. Amy Coney Barrett

64. The legend of Malinche claims that an enslaved teenage girl gave Hernán Cortés the information necessary to topple what indigenous empire?

- A. Maya
- B. Inca
- C. Aztec
- D. Arawak

65. Queen Nanny is best known as the leader of communities of runaway slaves known as which of the following?

- A. maroons
- B. rebel camps
- C. outcasts
- D. survivors

66. Sacagawea served as a guide for what mission to explore the territory of the Louisiana Purchase?

- A. Oregon Trail
- B. Lewis and Clark Expedition
- C. California Missions Trail
- D. Northwest Survey

67. According to the World Economic Forum, women experience the highest gap in gender equality in which of the following regions?

- A. Western Europe
- B. Latin America
- C. East Asia and the Pacific
- D. Middle East and North Africa

68. Marie Curie's study of radon won her the Nobel Prize for her discoveries in what field of science?

- A. physics
- B. biology
- C. chemistry
- D. anatomy

69. Which of the following conflicts, named for an indigenous chief, involved the capture of Mary Rowlandson?

- A. Pequot War
- B. Metacom's War
- C. Beaver Wars
- D. King William's War

70. Which of the following reformers founded Hull House as a haven for disadvantaged populations of Chicago?

- A. Jane Addams
- B. Dorothea Dix
- C. Frances Williard
- D. Anne Sullivan

71. Female soldiers were an important aspect of the very fast cavalry units of which of the following Central Asian empires?

- A. Ottomans
- B. Safavids
- C. Mughals
- D. Mongols

72. Catherine the Great worked to incorporate Enlightenment ideas in which of the following nations until peasant revolts threatened her absolutism?

- A. France
- B. Russia
- C. Spain
- D. Italy

73. English mathematician Ada Lovelace's notes on Babbage's Engine served as the world's first description of which of the following fields?

- A. computer programming
- B. laws of velocity
- C. mechanization of agriculture
- D. wind turbines

74. Hedy Lamarr's frequency hopping technique for disguising radio transmissions influenced the development of what wireless technology?

- A. radio
- B. television
- C. Wi-Fi
- D. microwave radiation

75. American woman have both advocated for and protested against the passage of which of the following amendments aimed at gender equality?

- A. Civil Rights Amendment
- B. Voting Rights Amendment
- C. Health Protection Amendment
- D. Equal Rights Amendment

**Tiebreaker**

Write your answer on the BACK of your scantron. Please label your responses 1-5.

What five developed nations boast the highest gender equality in the world according to the 2021 World Economic Forum?

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What were the five most populous states in the United States in the 1870 Census?