



## National Historical Geography Exam

### Historical Geography Examination IAC Nationals 2022

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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.**

1. Which of the following became the tenth Canadian province when it joined the confederation in 1949?

- A. Prince Edward Island
- B. Saskatchewan
- C. Alberta
- D. Newfoundland and Labrador

2. What modern Russian city was named Stalingrad from 1925 to 1961?

- A. St. Petersburg
- B. Yekaterinburg
- C. Volgograd
- D. Nizhny Novgorod

3. Which of these cities served as the capital of the Dakota Territory from 1861 to 1883?

- A. Deadwood
- B. Yankton
- C. Pierre
- D. Bismarck

4. Which of these cities became the capital of Ptolemaic Egypt in the fourth century BCE?

- A. Memphis
- B. Alexandria
- C. Philadelphia
- D. Thebes

5. Which of these is true of the Grand Canal in China?

- A. it is the longest canal or artificial river in the world
- B. it is over 2,000 miles long
- C. it was completed in the sixth century BCE
- D. it was designed to avoid elevation changes because lock technology did not exist

6. Which of these men established the Florida East Coast Railway in the late nineteenth century and spurred development of such cities as Palm Beach and Miami?

- A. John D. Rockefeller
- B. Cornelius Vanderbilt
- C. Henry Flagler
- D. Henry du Pont

7. Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated on the grounds of Birla House in what Indian city in 1948?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Bangalore
- C. New Delhi
- D. Hyderabad

8. All of these are landmarks in Pyongyang EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. Juche Tower
- B. the Arch of Reunification
- C. Kumsusan Palace of the Sun
- D. Heaven Lake and the birthplace of Kim Jong-il

9. The Solidarity movement in Poland began in what type of industrial location in Gdansk in 1980?

- A. a paper mill
- B. a shipyard
- C. a steel mill
- D. an automobile plant

10. Which of these sites in New York City became the epicenter of the Occupy Wall Street movement when protesters encamped there in 2011?

- A. Tompkins Square Park
- B. Federal Hall
- C. the Flatiron Building
- D. Zuccotti Park

11. Which historic site in southern India was the capital of a namesake empire from the fourteenth to seventeenth century CE?

- A. Patala
- B. Vijayanagara
- C. Kalsi
- D. Varanasi

12. The Greek island of Rhodes was occupied by what military order from the fourteenth to sixteenth centuries?

- A. the Knights Templar
- B. the Teutonic Knights
- C. the Knights Hospitaller
- D. the Order of Santiago

13. The immigrants to the American colonies known as Scotch-Irish were Protestants who emigrated from what area of Great Britain?
- Wales
  - the Scottish Highlands
  - Ulster
  - Cornwall
14. Which of these was the location of a 1984 attack by the IRA that nearly killed Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher?
- the Grand Hotel in Brighton
  - the House of Commons
  - the Mountainview Tavern in Belfast
  - Hyde Park in London
15. During which of the following periods was Sumer first permanently settled?
- 5500 to 4000 BCE
  - 3500 to 3000 BCE
  - 2500 to 1500 BCE
  - after 1200 BCE
16. Which of these was NOT a settlement founded by the voortrekkers in the nineteenth century?
- Transvaal Republic
  - Cape Colony
  - Orange Free State
  - Natalia Republic
17. The Abbey of Monte Cassino in Italy, established in the sixth century CE, was the first house of what Catholic religious order?
- the Cistercians
  - the Benedictines
  - the Poor Clares
  - the Jesuits
18. The 1999 'Battle of Seattle' was a series of protests that surrounded what international event?
- the WTO Ministerial Conference
  - a meeting hosted by Pope John Paul II
  - negotiations aimed at ending the ongoing conflict in the former Yugoslavia
  - a visit to the city by King Fahd of Saudi Arabia
19. The bombing of the USS Cole took place in October 2000 in the harbor of which of the following cities?
- Doha
  - Muscat
  - Aden
  - Jeddah
20. Which of these is NOT true of Angkor Wat?
- it was built in the early twelfth century CE
  - it was built at the behest of Suryavarman II of the Khmer Empire
  - it is larger in area than Vatican City
  - it is located just outside the city of Bangkok
21. The Champa Kingdom was located in what modern-day nation until the early nineteenth century?
- Cambodia
  - Vietnam
  - Laos
  - Thailand
22. Which of these was a large festival in Athens that featured important theatrical performances of tragedies and later comedies?
- the Olympics
  - the Panathenaia
  - the City Dionysia
  - Bacchanalia
23. The Regulator Movement was a rebellion against the colonial government of which of the following?
- Vermont
  - North Carolina
  - Georgia
  - Connecticut
24. Pataliputra served as the capital of all of these EXCEPT which of the following?
- the Maurya Empire
  - the Nanda Empire
  - the Mughal Empire
  - the Gupta Empire
25. The Captiancy General of Santo Domingo was granted to which of the following in the late fifteenth century?
- Christopher Columbus
  - Francisco Pizzaro
  - Diego Velazquez de Quellar
  - Alonso de Ojeda
26. The territory of the Iron Age kingdom of Edom is located within what two modern-day nations?
- Egypt and Syria
  - Iran and Iraq
  - Israel and Jordan
  - Saudi Arabia and Yemen
27. The Roman Empire reached its maximum territorial extent under the rule of what emperor?
- Trajan
  - Nero
  - Augustus
  - Marcus Aurelius
28. Which of these cities is NOT within the Pearl River Delta Economic Zone?
- Foshan
  - Guangzhou
  - Shenzhen
  - Nanjing

29. El Alamein, the site of two significant battles in World War II, is located in which of the following?
- Egypt
  - Senegal
  - Gabon
  - Tunisia
30. Which of these is the only remaining inhabited settlement founded by the Exoduster movement in the late nineteenth century?
- Nicodemus, Kansas
  - Scotlandville, Louisiana
  - Vado, New Mexico
  - Brooksville, Oklahoma
31. What building in Russia served as the official residence of the tsars from the eighteenth century to the early twentieth century?
- the Winter Palace in St. Petersburg
  - the Novgorod Ditenets
  - the Trinity Sergius Lavra in Sergiev Posad
  - the Kazan Kremlin
32. The Charles Bridge in Prague, completed in the early fourteenth century, crosses what river that runs through the city?
- Danube
  - Seine
  - Vltava
  - Rhine
33. Which of these was NOT a state created out of the Northwest Territory in the nineteenth century?
- Kentucky
  - Ohio
  - Indiana
  - Illinois
34. Which of these were independent African nations at the onset of World War I?
- South Africa and Rhodesia
  - Liberia and Ethiopia (Abyssinia)
  - Ghana and Chad
  - Algeria and Morocco
35. In which of these current Japanese cities was the Heian capital of Heian-kyō located?
- Kyoto
  - Hiroshima
  - Yokohama
  - Osaka
36. The rejection of the Hay-Herran Treaty in 1903 directly resulted in American support for the independence of which of the following?
- Colombia
  - Panama
  - Nicaragua
  - Honduras
37. In 1932, the kingdoms of Hejaz and Nejd were unified to form what modern nation?
- Yemen
  - Saudi Arabia
  - Oman
  - the United Arab Emirates
38. The availability of such spices as cinnamon and a namesake black pepper variety made which part of India a center for the spice trade in the ancient and medieval periods?
- the Deccan Plateau
  - Delhi
  - the Malabar Coast
  - Agra
39. Which of the following was signed in 1995 to end the Bosnian War?
- the Dayton Accords
  - the Oslo Accords
  - the Camp David Accords
  - the Treaty of Portsmouth
40. Nanjing was the capital of which rebel 'state' in China in the nineteenth century?
- the Taiping Heavenly Kingdom
  - the White Lotus Society
  - the Self-Strengthening Movement
  - the Society of Righteous and Harmonious Fists
41. Which of the following was the name for the Portuguese and later Dutch trading post at Nagasaki from the seventeenth to nineteenth centuries?
- Dejima
  - Kikaijima
  - Daman
  - Wokou
42. The French state headed by Philippe Petain during World War II is commonly referred to using the name of what French city in the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region?
- Lyon
  - Vichy
  - Cannes
  - Nantes

43. The Proclamation of 1763 prohibited American colonists from settling beyond what natural border?
- the Mississippi River
  - the Cumberland River
  - the Ohio River
  - the Appalachian Mountains
44. Which of these is UNESCO World Heritage Site in Maharashtra state that is considered one of the best surviving examples of Buddhist religious art and ancient Indian art?
- Fatepur Sikri
  - the Great Living Chola Temples
  - Ajatna Caves
  - Agra Fort
45. Which of these is NOT true of the Mali Empire?
- it was founded by Sundiata Keita in the thirteenth century
  - Manding languages were spoken in the empire
  - both Ibn Khaldun and Ibn Battuta wrote notable accounts of the empire
  - it controlled nearly 40% of Africa by the sixteenth century
46. Milwaukee, WI remains the only major American city to have elected mayors from what political party?
- Reform
  - Socialist
  - Green
  - Whig
47. The Malê revolt was a slave rebellion in 1835 in what capital city of the Brazilian state of Bahia?
- Salvador
  - Manaus
  - Recife
  - Brasilia
48. Which of these events began in the town of Meerut, 40 miles to the northeast of Delhi?
- the Salt March
  - the Indian Rebellion of 1857
  - the Vellore Revolution
  - the Kakori train robbery
49. Roughly what percentage of Qatar's population of 2.8 million are Qatari citizens?
- 60%
  - 50%
  - 30%
  - 15%
50. Which of these is NOT a country in the Maghreb?
- Algeria
  - Libya
  - Tunisia
  - Niger
51. Which of the following locations was the site of a 1937 'incident' that marked the beginning of the Second Sino-Japanese War?
- Mukden
  - Nenjiang Bridge
  - Wanpaoshan
  - Marco Polo Bridge
52. Which of these is NOT located in The Hague?
- the International Criminal Court
  - the International Court of Justice
  - the Supreme Court of the Netherlands
  - the constitutional capital of the Netherlands
53. Which of these was the first settlement in New Sweden, originally located near Wilmington, DE?
- Fort Christina
  - Fort Necessity
  - Fort Maurepas
  - Fort Macomb
54. The Pyramid of the Sun, Pyramid of the Moon and Avenue of the Dead are landmarks in what ancient Mesoamerican city in the Valley of Mexico?
- Monte Alban
  - Calakmul
  - Teotihuacan
  - Cholula
55. The archaic Greek sculptural forms of kouros and kore were developed in the seventh century BCE in what area?
- Thebes
  - Sparta
  - the Cyclades
  - Magna Graecia
56. Which of these sites in modern-day Turkey is the largest and best-preserved Neolithic site in the world?
- Çatalhöyük
  - Hisarlik
  - Ephesus
  - Hallstatt
57. Present-day Mumbai was part of the dowry of Catherine of Braganza when she married what English king in the seventeenth century?
- Charles I
  - Charles II
  - James I
  - James II
58. Which of these was the first settlement established by the New Zealand Company in 1840?
- Auckland
  - Christchurch
  - Wellington
  - New Plymouth

59. In 1965, a major race riot broke out in the Watts neighborhood of what American city?

- A. Detroit
- B. Newark
- C. Baltimore
- D. Los Angeles

60. During which of the following periods was the city of Great Zimbabwe established?

- A. 2000 BCE to 1500 BCE
- B. 1000 BCE to 500 BCE
- C. 0 CE to 500 CE
- D. 500 CE to 1000 CE

61. Which of these was the last Portuguese colony to gain independence from Portugal?

- A. São Tomé and Príncipe
- B. Mozambique
- C. Brazil
- D. Macau

62. Which of the following was founded by Sir Stamford Raffles in the early nineteenth century?

- A. Singapore
- B. the Crown Colony of Sarawak
- C. North Borneo
- D. Sydney

63. Watson Brake and Poverty Point in Louisiana are among the earliest sites for what type of pre-Columbian Native American cultures?

- A. mound builders
- B. Cody complex
- C. Old Copper Culture
- D. Pueblo culture

64. All of these were ethnic groups in the immediate vicinity of Rome in the fifth century BCE EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. the Samnites
- B. the Etruscans
- C. the Umbrians
- D. the Carthaginians

65. All of these were ceded or leased to the British in the nineteenth century EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. Hong Kong Island
- B. the New Territories
- C. the Kowloon Peninsula
- D. Huiyuan

66. Which of these was NOT administered as part of the British colony of the Gold Coast prior to 1957?

- A. Ashanti
- B. British Togoland
- C. British Somaliland
- D. Northern Territories Protectorate

67. In the eighth century CE, the city of Baghdad was created to serve as the capital of what Islamic caliphate?

- A. Umayyad
- B. Sassanid
- C. Abbasid
- D. Seleucid

68. All of these were border crossings into West Berlin EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. Checkpoint Alpha at Helmstedt-Marienborn
- B. Checkpoint Charliethe intersection of Friedrichstraße and Zimmerstraße
- C. Checkpoint Bravo at Drewitz-Dreilinden
- D. Oberbaumbrücke across the River Spree

69. The area of eastern India in which the Naxalite-Maoist insurgency has been active since the late 1960s is given what colorful name?

- A. the 'Blue Zone'
- B. the 'Green Area'
- C. the 'Red Corridor'
- D. the 'Black Zone'

70. Which of these cities was NOT a member of the Hanseatic League?

- A. Lübeck
- B. St. Petersburg
- C. Hamburg
- D. Stettin

71. Which of these Korean cities was the main capital of the Goryeo kingdom in Korea from the tenth to the fourteenth centuries?

- A. Kaesong
- B. Hamhung
- C. Haeju
- D. Chingjin

72. The 1380 Battle of Kulikovo took place on a field near what Russian river that gave the victorious Prince Dmitry his famous nickname?

- A. Don
- B. Volga
- C. Ural
- D. Neva

73. Which of these was NOT included in the Dominion of New England from 1686 to 1689?

- A. the Colony of Pennsylvania
- B. Plymouth Colony
- C. the Province of New Jersey
- D. the Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

74. The National Civil Rights Museum is a complex of buildings that includes what historic site in Memphis, Tennessee?

- A. the Mason Temple
- B. the Lorraine Motel
- C. Graceland
- D. the Memphis Pyramid

75. Which of these was NOT ceded to Russia by the Persian Empire following the Treaty of Gulistan in 1813?

- A. most of Georgia
- B. Dagestan
- C. most of Azerbaijan
- D. Iranian-controlled northern Turkey

Tiebreaker

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

Identify the most populous city in the world in each of the following years –

1. 1400 BCE
2. 500 BCE
3. 200 CE
4. 1500 CE
5. 1800 CE