



**Latin American History 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. Barbados was the first American location described by what chronicler of his journey as a slave?

- A. Jeffery Brace
- B. Olaudah Equiano
- C. Venture Smith
- D. Ukawsaw Gronniosaw

2. Which of the following is the most densely populated island in the world?

- A. Isla de Providencia
- B. Santa Cruz del Islote
- C. San Andrés
- D. Isla Barú

3. The term “tumbeiro” used by slaves in Brazil referred to which of the following?

- A. slave ships
- B. sugar plantations
- C. maroon societies
- D. overseers

4. Known to many of the mother of Mexico, La Malinche served as an advisor and translator for what conqueror of Mexico?

- A. Hernán Cortés
- B. Francisco Pizarro
- C. Juan Ponce de León
- D. Pedro de Alvarado

5. In what decade was construction of the Panama Canal completed?

- A. 1900s
- B. 1910s
- C. 1920s
- D. 1930s

6. Musician and activist Joan Baez performed “We Shall Overcome” at what 1963 civil rights event?

- A. The Children’s Crusade
- B. Woolworth’s Sit-ins
- C. March on Washington
- D. Selma March

7. Which of the following civilizations thrived in modern day Peru until 250 BC?

- A. Inca
- B. Mazca
- C. Moche
- D. Chavín

8. Which of the following native cultures told a legend of an eagle marking the perfect spot for civilization that would later inspire the design of the flag of Mexico?

- A. Olmec
- B. Maya
- C. Aztec
- D. Toltec

9. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen was the first Latina to serve in both the house and senate of what US state?

- A. California
- B. Florida
- C. Texas
- D. Arizona

10. The literary movement *Creacionismo*, which combines modernism with Neo-Platonism, was created by what Chilean poet?

- A. Pablo Neruda
- B. Gabriela Mistral
- C. Roberto Bolaño
- D. Vicente Huidobro

11. Which of the following missions ordered by Bill Clinton deployed US troops to Haiti to overthrow President Jean-Bertrand Aristide?

- A. Operation Uphold Democracy
- B. Operation New Horizon
- C. Operation Secure Tomorrow
- D. Operation Urgent Fury

12. Brazil both hosted and won gold in men’s soccer in what session of the Summer Olympics?

- A. 2008
- B. 2012
- C. 2016
- D. 2020

13. Which of the following best describes the Brazilian policy of *abertura*?

- A. political liberalization
- B. protection of freedom of press
- C. facilitation of economic competition
- D. protection against cultural discrimination

14. Bermuda is the only New World location named in which of the following Shakespeare plays?

- A. *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
- B. *Twelfth Night*
- C. *Othello*
- D. *The Tempest*

15. Which of the following was not included in the liberalizing *La Reforma* program instituted under Benito Juárez?

- A. separation of church and state
- B. a right to education
- C. freedom of press
- D. protection of clergy land

16. The PRI lost power for the first time in decades with the 2000 election of what Mexican president?

- A. Enrique Peña Nieto
- B. Ernesto Zedillo
- C. Vicente Fox
- D. Felipe Calderón

17. In which of the following decades did Fidel Castro seize control of Cuba from Fulgencio Batista?

- A. 1940s
- B. 1950s
- C. 1960s
- D. 1970s

18. Which of the following modern US states was never considered part of former Mexican territory?

- A. Colorado
- B. Wyoming
- C. New Mexico
- D. Nebraska

19. Which of the following was the first emperor of Mexico after it secured independence from Spain?

- A. Agustín de Iturbide
- B. Juan O'Donohú
- C. Nicolás Bravo
- D. Guadalupe Victoria

20. Which of the following best describes the response of the Bolivian government to the 2003 Gas War?

- A. It nationalized the natural gas industry.
- B. It encouraged foreign investment in the gas industry.
- C. It allowed further privatization of the gas industry.
- D. It restricted opportunities for indigenous ownership in the gas industry.

21. Which of the following nations was not involved in the blockade of Venezuela in 1902 when President Castro refused to pay foreign debts?

- A. Great Britain
- B. Italy
- C. Germany
- D. United States

22. Mexican president Lázaro Cárdenas upset US and UK investors by nationalizing which of the following industries in 1938?

- A. wheat
- B. transportation
- C. textiles
- D. oil

23. Which of the following is not true of the life and career of José Mujica?

- A. He is often called the "world's humblest head of state" because he donated much of his salary.
- B. He served as president of Uruguay from 2005-2008.
- C. He made Uruguay the second country in the world to legalize recreational marijuana.
- D. He was chosen for Minister of Agriculture due to his agricultural background.

24. Pedro II abolished which of the following with his 1888 Golden Law?

- A. convict labor
- B. indentured servitude
- C. debt prisons
- D. slavery

25. The Itaipú dam, which has caused the mass eviction of indigenous communities, spans what river between Paraguay and Brazil?

- A. Pilcomayo
- B. Paraná
- C. Salado
- D. Paraguay

26. Forty percent of Guatemalans speak within which of the following native language families?

- A. Uto-Aztecan
- B. Mayan
- C. Zapotec
- D. Arawakan

27. The New Jewel Movement overthrew Prime Minister Eric Gairy in 1979 in what Lesser Antilles nation?

- A. Anguilla
- B. Montserrat
- C. Antigua and Barbuda
- D. Grenada

28. In which South American nation is resistance to systematic racism led by communities of slave descendants called *quilombolas*?

- A. Venezuela
- B. Colombia
- C. Brazil
- D. Guyana

29. Which of the following best describes the purpose of the Law of Linguistic Rights created in 2002?

- A. to protect native languages and encourage bilingual education
- B. to establish schools in native languages in rural communities
- C. to promote media in multilingual mediums for expanded access
- D. to fund bilingual higher education

30. Which of the following regimes was overthrown in a 1979 coup in Nicaragua?

- A. Ortega regime
- B. Sandinista regime
- C. Somoza regime
- D. Sandino regime

31. The Aztec established what capital city in the middle of Lake Texcoco?

- A. Tenochtitlan
- B. Tlatelolco
- C. Tlacopan
- D. Teotihuacán

32. Manuela Saenz is known as “libertadora del libertador” for saving what South American independence leader from assassination?

- A. Bernardo O’Higgins
- B. Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla
- C. José de San Martín
- D. Simón Bolívar

33. Which of the following conflicts, named for the losing country, resulted in the loss of over 90 percent of the male population?

- A. Chilean Revolution
- B. Paraguayan War
- C. Argentine War for Independence
- D. Uruguayan War

34. The nations of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States all share current or former connections to what colonizer?

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

35. Miners of which of the following resources massacred sixteen Yanomami people outside Haximu, Brazil in 1993?

- A. silver
- B. copper
- C. diamonds
- D. gold

36. Which of the following is not true of former Brazil president Dilma Rousseff?

- A. She was tortured by secret police for her dissidence against the junta.
- B. She was the first and only female president of Brazil.
- C. She was impeached for misconduct regarding the federal budget.
- D. She was a member of the Brazilian Social Democracy Party.

37. What Island nation was home to Mary Prince who published the first account of a black woman’s life in England in 1831?

- A. Bermuda
- B. Barbados
- C. Bahamas
- D. Trinidad and Tobago

38. Which of the following is the oldest continually inhabited American city first established by Pedro Menendez de Aviles in 1565?

- A. St. Augustine
- B. Santa Fe
- C. New Orleans
- D. Albany

39. “Coffee with milk” politics was a period of Brazilian politics dominated by nobles of which of the following states that export those resources?

- A. São Paulo and Minas Gerais
- B. Bahia and São Paul
- C. Minas Gerais and Paraná
- D. Paraná and Bahia

40. Which of the following best describes the creole class of the Spanish casta system?

- A. Someone of European descent both in Europe
- B. Someone of European descent both in the Americas
- C. Someone of both European and native descent
- D. Someone of both European and black descent

41. The Brazilian government offers financial aid to low-income families through what 2003 incentive program?

- A. Auxílio Brasil
- B. Casa Verde Amarela
- C. Bolsa Família
- D. Projovem

42. Which of the following became a martyr for Liberation Theology when he was assassinated in 1980?

- A. José Comblin
- B. Óscar Romero
- C. Leonardo Boff
- D. Helder Câmara

43. Níco Lora's *La Protesta* involves singing and dancing in protest of the unwanted intervention of which of the following nations?

- A. United States
- B. Great Britain
- C. Spain
- D. France

44. Which of the following is the largest city in Ecuador by population?

- A. Santo Domingo
- B. Cuenca
- C. Quito
- D. Guayaquil

45. Which of the following men became the first Latin American born player to be inducted to the Baseball Hall of Fame?

- A. Luis Aparicio
- B. Roberto Clemente
- C. Juan Marichal
- D. Orlando Cepeda

46. Mexican journalist Anabel Hernández's book "Los señores del narco" highlights what controversial relationship in modern Mexico?

- A. The complicity between organized crime and the government
- B. The encouragement of excessive police force by the government
- C. The facilitation of transportation of drugs by American corporations
- D. The aid of illegal immigration by organized crime

47. The Caravan of Death was responsible for murdering thousands of dissidents under the reign of which of the following?

- A. Jorge Alessandri
- B. Eduardo Frei Montalva
- C. Augusto Pinochet
- D. José Toribio Merino

48. Former first lady Eva Perón played an important role in achieving women's suffrage in what South American nation?

- A. Uruguay
- B. Chile
- C. Argentina
- D. Paraguay

49. Which of the following best describes the purpose of the 1917 Jones-Shafroth Act?

- A. Puerto Rico was officially made a US state.
- B. Puerto Ricans were granted US citizenship.
- C. Immigration from Puerto Rico was made unrestricted.
- D. Puerto Ricans were granted the right to vote in US elections.

50. Venezuela's security agency houses political prisoners in what converted shopping mall in Caracas?

- A. El Helicoide
- B. Vista Hermosa
- C. La Guerrilla
- D. El Dorado

51. Which of the following US presidents oversaw the return of the Panama Canal Zone to the people of Panama?

- A. Richard Nixon
- B. Gerald Ford
- C. Jimmy Carter
- D. Ronald Reagan

52. Medellín's Plaza Botero is famous for its large, bulbous statues made of what material?

- A. porcelain
- B. marble
- C. stainless steel
- D. bronze

53. Which of the following is not true of former Venezuelan president Hugo Chávez?

- A. He implemented social programs to expand access to housing and healthcare.
- B. He served as an officer in the army before running for office.
- C. He was briefly removed from power in 2002 but allowed to return to power shortly after.
- D. He worked to establish a good relationship with the United States.

54. After winning a civil war, José Figueres Ferrer introduced universal suffrage in what Central American nation?

- A. Costa Rica
- B. Nicaragua
- C. Honduras
- D. Panama

55. Rita Moreno was the first Latina to win the Best Supporting Actress Oscar for what *West Side Story* role?

- A. Maria
- B. Graziella
- C. Minnie
- D. Anita

56. Which of the following nations is home to various examples of adaptive radiation and Charles Darwin's finches?

- A. Chile
- B. Panama
- C. Ecuador
- D. Peru

57. Julia Alvarez documents the story of young Dominican immigrants to the United States in what reverse chronological novel?

- A. *Finding Miracles*
- B. *In the Time of Butterflies*
- C. *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents*
- D. *Saving the World*

58. The Ashanika people were enslaved by Peru in the 19th century during a boom in which of the following industries?

- A. zinc
- B. textiles
- C. guano
- D. rubber

59. Damas del Blanco is a movement in what Central American nation to fight for freedoms of men and women who are unfairly imprisoned?

- A. Haiti
- B. Cuba
- C. Dominican Republic
- D. Jamaica

60. Which of the following English monarchs served as governor of the Bahamas after his 1936 abdication?

- A. Edward VII
- B. George V
- C. Edward VIII
- D. George VI

61. The Bolivian army executed what prominent Argentine revolutionary who instrumental to Fidel Castro's seizure of Cuba?

- A. Che Guevara
- B. Juan Carlos Onganía
- C. Alejandro Lanusse
- D. Camilo Cienfuegos

62. Which of the following served as the last emperor of the Inca empire before it was toppled by Spanish conquistadors?

- A. Tupac Amaru
- B. Titus Cusi
- C. Atahualpa
- D. Huayna Cápac

63. The 1984 Treaty of Peace and Friendship ended the Beagle Conflict between what two South American nations?

- A. Argentina and Chile
- B. Chile and Paraguay
- C. Paraguay and Bolivia
- D. Bolivia and Argentina

64. Indigenous activists on the Araribóia Reserve established "The Guardians of the Forest" to end what illegal activity in the Brazilian state of Maranhão?

- A. mining
- B. logging
- C. damming
- D. poaching

65. Which of the following majority-white regions tried to secede from the Bahamas after winning their independence in 1973?

- A. Andros
- B. Eleuthera
- C. The Abacos
- D. Grand Bahama

66. The 2017 reelection of which of the following Honduran presidents led to widespread protests in Tegucigalpa?

- A. Xiomara Castro
- B. Juan Orlando Hernández
- C. Porfirio Lobo Sosa
- D. Manuel Zelaya

67. Argentine General Julio Roca launched the Conquest of the Desert to establish control of what region?

- A. Patagonia
- B. Atacama
- C. La Tatacoa
- D. Cabo Polonio

68. The inaugural FIFA World Cup was held in what South American nation?

- A. Chile
- B. Brazil
- C. Colombia
- D. Uruguay

69. Which of the following Cuban American artists is best known for her earth-body works, like the Tree of Life series?

- A. Cristine Brache
- B. Nicole Salcedo
- C. Alicia Rodríguez Alvisa
- D. Ana Mendieta

70. Which of the following best describes the Cohen Plan used by Brazilian President Getúlio Vargas to consolidate power?

- A. an alliance between the government and organized crime to divide influence
- B. a Jewish-Communist plot to overthrow the government
- C. a conspiracy to eliminate all non-communist government officials
- D. an agreement with the United States for military support against communist rebel groups

71. In which 20th century decade was the Mexican Constitution established?

- A. 1900s
- B. 1910s
- C. 1920s
- D. 1930s

72. At the time of European contact, Cuba was predominately inhabited by which of the following indigenous peoples?

- A. Taíno
- B. Kalinago
- C. Ciguayo
- D. Guanahatabey

73. Which of the following Latina women has NOT received a Presidential Medal of Freedom?

- A. Sylvia Mendez
- B. Dolores Huerta
- C. Isabel Allende
- D. Sonia Sotomayor

74. Which of the following indigenous languages is the most widely spoken language in Paraguay?

- A. Lengua
- B. Guarani
- C. Chamacoco
- D. Jopara

75. Which of the following best describes the Bracero Program?

- A. Mexican farm workers were invited to work in the US with basic protections like minimum wage and free housing.
- B. Latino soldiers were granted low-rate mortgages for the military service in World War II.
- C. Immigrant families were given assistance with housing as they worked toward citizenship.
- D. Migrant workers were given reliable transportation to follow harvest seasons more easily in the west.

Tiebreaker

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

List any five of the six indigenous languages spoken by over 1 million people in Latin America.