

**Latin American History Examination  
NHBB Nationals 2021**

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Correct answers are worth 2 points. Incorrect answers are  
worth –1 point. Questions left blank are worth 0 points.**

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1. The Mexican-American War was sparked by an assertion of the Republic of Texas that their southern border was defined by which of the following?

- A. the Nueces River
- B. the Colorado River
- C. the Rio Grande River
- D. the Pecos River

2. The *Frente Sandinista de Liberación Nacional* first came to power in which of the following countries after ousting the Somoza dynasty?

- A. Nicaragua
- B. El Salvador
- C. Guatemala
- D. Panama

3. Which of the following was the first Latin American country to host the Olympics?

- A. Mexico
- B. Argentina
- C. Chile
- D. Brazil

4. Which of the following was the birthplace of revolutionary Simon Bolivar and where he led the Admirable Campaign in 1813?

- A. Bolivia
- B. Venezuela
- C. Columbia
- D. Ecuador

5. Which of the following was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature while serving as the Chilean ambassador to France?

- A. Pablo Neruda
- B. Vicente Huidobro
- C. Gabriela Mistral
- D. Pablo de Rokha

6. Which of the following Caribbean islands was home to the Windward and Leeward maroon societies of runaway slaves?

- A. Dominica
- B. Saint Lucia
- C. Haiti
- D. Jamaica

7. Which of the following best describes the Plan of Iguala proclamation given in the last stages of the Mexican War for Independence?

- A. It established Mexican independence from Spain
- B. It set the foundation for a constitutional monarchy and promised equal rights
- C. It established a federal republic in Mexico with a constituent congress
- D. It promised religious and economic freedom under a new Constitution

8. Which of the following political systems was established in Paraguay under Jose Rodriguez Francia following its independence in 1811?

- A. federal republic
- B. representative democracy
- C. dictatorship
- D. socialist theocracy

9. The flag of which of the following countries was designed by revolutionary Manuel Belgrano to represent the parting of clouds at liberation?

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

10. Three of the dissident Mirabel sisters were assassinated for their resistance to which of the following dictators of Dominican Republic?

- A. Rafael Trujillo
- B. Manuel Troncoso de la Concha
- C. Jacinto Peynado
- D. Hector Camacho

11. The term Olmec is derived from a native word for which of the following products its namesake civilization produced?

- A. stone
- B. jade
- C. rubber
- D. pottery

12. Which of the following best explains the purpose of the Social Guarantees passed in Costa Rica?

- A. they end the racial segregation that confined black Costa Ricans to specific provinces
- B. they grant women the right to vote
- C. they provide the protection of individual privacy rights under law
- D. they are a set of progressive political reforms including Social Security

13. Which of the following best describes Brazilian quilombos?

- A. Evangelical reformers focused on abolition
- B. Maroon societies of escaped slaves
- C. Former indentured servants who bought their manumission
- D. Guilds in which slaves pooled money to support each other's manumission

14. Which of the following conflicts was a result of growing racial tensions in Los Angeles furthered by circumstantial convictions for the Sleepy Lagoon murders?

- A. the Watts riots
- B. the Zoot Suit riots
- C. the Los Angeles riots
- D. the Chicano Moratorium riot

15. Latin American farm workers are vital to the coffee and pineapple industries of which of the following US states that has suffered chronic labor shortages for the last several decades?

- A. Hawaii
- B. Florida
- C. California
- D. Georgia

16. Which of the following 20th century Colorado Party leaders was supported by the US due to his anti-communist agenda in Paraguay?

- A. Andres Rodriguez
- B. Tomas Romero
- C. Federico Chavez
- D. Alfredo Stroessner

17. Mexican women achieved suffrage in which of the following decades?

- A. 1930s
- B. 1940s
- C. 1950s
- D. 1960s

18. Which of the following cities was host to an 1822 meeting between Simon Bolivar and Jose de San Martin over the fate of an independent Ecuador?

- A. Quito
- B. Guayaquil
- C. Cuenca
- D. Portoviejo

19. Which of the following best describes the motivations of the 1870s Argentine campaign Conquest of the Desert?

- A. To establish dominance over Patagonia and banish resistant indigenous tribes
- B. To quiet Mapuche opposition to incorporate the Araucania region
- C. To reclaim Chinha from Spanish seizure
- D. To settle border disputes with Chile and Bolivia over the Atacama Plateau

20. Latin American countries instigated which of the following agreements in hopes of encouraging free trade between Latin America and Asia?

- A. the Pacific Alliance
- B. the G3 Free Trade Agreement
- C. the Latin American Integration Association
- D. the Southern Common Market

21. Which of the following is a cultural practice NOT shared by the Maya and Aztec peoples?

- A. The ritual ball game which honored the gods and involved human sacrifice
- B. The use of a long count calendar to track harvests and religious ceremonies
- C. The creation of codices on bark-paper for keeping records and histories

D. The development of a number system including the concept of zero

22. Which of the following Supreme Court decisions regarding a Mexican-American plaintiff explicitly extended 14th amendment protections to all racial groups?

- A. Miranda v. Arizona
- B. Hernandez v. Texas

- C. Lopez v. New York
- D. Mendez v. Westminster

23. Which of the following is the primary cause of Spanish colonizers introducing African slave labor alongside native labor in Bolivia?

- A. Abolition of the mita system in Spanish colonies
- B. Decreased need for agricultural labor to meet growing demand for cash crops
- C. Lack of resistance to European disease in Bolivian native populations
- D. Dwindling indigenous populations due to revolution and migration

24. Which of the following best describes the 1494 Treaty of Tordesillas?

- A. It granted all land south of the Canary Islands to Portugal
- B. It defined the borders between Spanish South America and English territory
- C. It established a line of demarcation dividing the New World between Spain and Portugal
- D. It defined spheres of Portuguese and Spanish influence in Asia

25. Which of the following best describes the effects of the restrictive 1924 National Origins Act on Mexican immigration to the US?

- A. Mexican immigration slowed because immigration quotas were placed on Latin American countries
- B. Mexican immigration halted completely because Mexicans were barred from entry to the United States
- C. Illegal Mexican immigration increased while legal immigration stopped almost entirely
- D. Mexican immigration increased because there were no limits placed on immigration from the Western Hemisphere

26. A 2018 international tribunal reversed a 2011 decision that faulted which of the following for dumping toxic waste in Ecuador?

- A. Apple
- B. Chevron
- C. Tesla
- D. Ford

27. Which of the following political parties held power in Mexico for the longest uninterrupted period in the 20th century?

- A. the Institutional Revolution Party (PRI)
- B. the National Action Party (PAN)
- C. the Democratic Revolution Party (PRD)
- D. the National Regeneration Movement (MRN)

28. European genocide of indigenous groups in Uruguay culminated with the 1831 murder of Charrua men in which of the following incidents?
- the Massacre of Salspuedes
  - the Kalinago Genocide
  - the Arauco War
  - the War of Seven Reductions
29. Which of the following was elected “magistrate” by the pirates of Nassau in the 18th century?
- “Calico” Jack Rackham
  - Benjamin Hornigold
  - Sam Bellamy
  - Edward “Blackbeard” Teach
30. Which of the following best describes the purpose of the UN-created Truth Commission for El Salvador?
- To facilitate peace talks to end the Salvadoran Civil War between the government and the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front
  - To investigate the crimes committed during the Salvadoran Civil War
  - To purge military officers accused of corruption and the violation of human rights during the Salvadoran Civil War
  - To grant land to eligible former Salvadoran guerillas and soldiers under the mandated transfer program
31. Martin Luis Guzman recorded his Mexican Revolution experiences in a biographical memoir of which of the following revolutionaries?
- Emiliano Zapata
  - Pascual Orozco
  - Pancho Villa
  - Victoriano Huerta
32. Which of the following is NOT true of Belize?
- The People’s United Party is its current governing party
  - Its former namesake capital was wiped out by Hurricane Hattie in 1961
  - Its highest point is Victoria Peak in the Maya Mountains
  - It is the only English speaking nation in Latin America
33. Which of the following is NOT true of the thirteen-year period in which Brazil held the seat of the Portuguese empire?
- The Portuguese Crown fled to Brazil initially due to a Napoleonic invasion of Portugal
  - The Portuguese monarchy returned to Lisbon immediately after French withdrawal from the Iberian Peninsula
  - Portuguese mercantilist restrictions on manufacturing and trading on Brazil were lifted
  - The Portuguese made Brazil coequal with a designation of a united kingdom of all Portuguese dominions
34. Which of the following is the justification for administration of US territories like Puerto Rico without the extension of full US constitutional rights to its populations?
- the Insular Cases
  - the Jones Act
  - the Foraker Act
  - the Puerto Rico Federal Relations Bill
35. Which of the following latina activists fought against the exclusion of transgender people of color and participated in the Stonewall riots?
- Dolores Huerta
  - Gloria Anzaldua
  - Emma Tenayuca
  - Sylvia Rivera
36. Which of the following is NOT true of the Quechua language?
- It originated in the indigenous populations of Peru
  - It became of the lingua franca during Spanish colonization of Peru
  - It is the language family with most variants in South America
  - It is the most widely spoken pre-Columbian language in the Americas
37. The last successful coup of the Mexican Revolution resulted in the election of which of the following as president of Mexico in 1920?
- Venustiano Carranza
  - Alvaro Obregon
  - Adolfo de la Huerta
  - Plutarco Elias Calles
38. Which of the following, which had its center in modern-day Peru, is the oldest known civilization of the Americas?
- the Caral civilization
  - the Chavin culture
  - the Moche people
  - the Nazca culture
39. Which of the following is NOT true of former Uruguayan president Jose Mujica?
- He was the first socialist president of Uruguay.
  - He served 12 years in prison for his involvement in the left-wing guerilla, Tupamaros.
  - Uruguay became the second country in the world to legalize recreational marijuana during his presidency.
  - His presidency was both preceded and succeeded by Tabare Vazquez.
40. Which of the following best describes the gens de couleur social distinction of pre-revolution Haiti?
- enslaved Africans
  - people born in Haiti to enslaved parents
  - former slaves that earned their freedom before general emancipation
  - people of mixed French and African descent
41. Which of these was NOT a change made to the North American Free Trade Agreement when renegotiated as the US-Mexico-Canada Agreement?
- Updated intellectual property rights to include digital trading data
  - Strengthened labor laws in Mexico
  - Increased auto manufacturing quotas
  - Exclusivity provisions for pharmaceutical companies
42. Illegal gold miners attacked which of the following indigenous peoples in the 1993 Haximu Massacre?
- Guarani

- B. Tikuna
- C. Yanomami
- D. Tupinamba

- A. Orinoco Belt
- B. Timan-Pechora Basin
- C. Bemolanga sands
- D. Athabasca sands

43. Pope's Rebellion in 1680 resulted in the expulsion of the Spanish from territory in which modern US state?

- A. New Mexico
- B. Colorado
- C. Arizona
- D. Texas

44. All of the following are sovereign states but considered British commonwealth realms EXCEPT?

- A. Antigua and Barbuda
- B. Bermuda
- C. Bahamas
- D. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

45. According to his famous biography, Olaudah Equiano first landed in which of the following Lesser Antilles islands after being kidnapped from the Kingdom of Benin?

- A. Trinidad and Tobago
- B. Saint Kitts
- C. Grenada
- D. Barbados

46. Former Colombian president Juan Manuel Santos was awarded the 2016 Nobel Peace Prize for negotiating a deal with which of the following?

- A. the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC)
- B. the United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia
- C. the National Liberation Army
- D. the Medellin cartel

47. Which of the following abolished slavery in Brazil in 1888?

- A. the Law of Free Birth
- B. the Aberdeen Act
- C. the Golden Law
- D. the Saraiva-Cotegipe law

48. All of these are methods of repression orchestrated by Haitian politician Francois Duvalier EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. He ordered the execution of Presidential Guards after bombs were successfully detonated outside the presidential palace.
- B. He ordered all black dogs in Haiti be put down because he believed his political enemy had transformed into one.
- C. He collaborated with Cuban dictator Fidel Castro to close both countries borders
- D. He ordered the severed head of an enemy brought to him so that he could converse with his spirit.

49. Chile's first democratically elected socialist head of state Salvador Allende was overthrown by military dictator Augusto Pinochet in which of the following decades?

- A. 1960s
- B. 1970s
- C. 1980s
- D. 1990s

50. Which of the following regions in Venezuela holds the most crude oil deposits in the world?

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51. Mexico is currently the world's leading producer of which of the following commodities?

- A. Silver
- B. Gold
- C. Copper
- D. Petroleum

52. The Mallarino–Bidlack Treaty of 1846 was used to justify US intervention in the struggle for independence of which of the following nations?

- A. Bolivia
- B. Venezuela
- C. Cuba
- D. Panama

53. Which of the following was a pioneer of Latin American modern architecture as shown in his design of the Niteroi Contemporary Art Museum?

- A. Lucio Costa
- B. Oscar Niemeyer
- C. Roberto Burle Marx
- D. Gregori Warchavchik

54. Which of the following best describes the Columbian conflict La Violencia?

- A. A short armed conflict between Colombia and Peru over Amazon Rainforest territory
- B. An ideological dispute turned civil war after the perceived fraudulent election of Manuel Antonio Sanclemente
- C. A ten-year civil war sparked by the assassination of president candidate Jorge Eliecer Gaitan
- D. An asymmetric conflict over territorial influence between the government and various guerilla and paramilitary groups.

55. The famous image Guerillero Heroico of revolutionary Che Guevara was taken by which of the following Cuban photographers?

- A. Alberto Korda
- B. Raul Corrales Fornos
- C. Liborio Noval
- D. Osvaldo Salas

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- A. the Civil War
- B. the Korean War
- C. World War II
- D. World War I

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

58. Which of the following became the first Bolivian president of indigenous ancestry when elected in 2006?

- A. Jeanine Anez

- B. Evo Morales
- C. Luis Arce
- D. Eduardo Rodriguez

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- A. the Treaty of Paris of 1783
- B. the Treaties of Velasco
- C. the Treaty of Cahuenga
- D. the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo

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- A. Agricultural Workers of America
- B. United Farm Workers
- C. Service Industry Workers Union
- D. American Farm Workers Association

61. Which of the following Frida Kahlo paintings depicts the braces she wore to treat injuries sustained in a car crash at the age of 18?

- A. The Broken Column
- B. What the Water Gave Me
- C. The Wounded Deer
- D. Henry Ford Hospital

62. Which of the following is true of Nicolas Maduro?

- A. He is not recognized as the rightful president of Venezuela by the European Union, the United Kingdom, or the United States.
- B. He was introduced to politics as a trade unionist for Caracas bus drivers.
- C. The Supreme Tribunal of Justice indicted him on numerous counts of corruption and drug trafficking.
- D. He served as Venezuela's Minister of Defense under Hugo Chavez.

63. All of the following are consequences of Spanish silver mining in Potosi, Bolivia EXCEPT?

- A. Thousands of coerced labors were poisoned by mercury used in the patio process
- B. China transitioned from paper money to a silver-based currency system
- C. The influx of Potosi silver into world trade caused deflation
- D. Gunpowder empires in Central Asia were able to finance wars of conquest

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- B. France
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- D. Portugal

65. Which of the following is the only South American country to list English as an official language?

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

66. Which of these is NOT true of Dilma Rousseff's presidency?

- A. Rousseff was impeached after failing to distance the administration from corruption uncovered by Operation Car Wash
- B. Rousseff was the first woman to hold the office of president in Brazil
- C. Rousseff suspended Ministry of Health distribution of sex education videos for lack of objectivity
- D. Rousseff halted construction of dams in the Amazon River basin at the request of indigenous tribes

67. Peru was the first South American country to establish diplomatic relations and allow immigration from which of the following?

- A. Korea
- B. China
- C. Japan
- D. the Philippines

68. Which of these was NOT a consequence of the US Monroe Doctrine?

- A. Ulysses Grant used it as justification for his attempted annexation of Santo Domingo
- B. The United States aided Mexican nationals in ousting a French invasion under Napoleon III
- C. The United States supported Cuban independence resulting in a war with Spain
- D. The United States was pulled into the Venezuelan Crisis of 1895 over land disputes with the British

69. All of these are true of the life and career of Sonia Sotomayor EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. She is the first Latinx judge to hold a seat on the high court
- B. She administered the oath of office to the US's first female vice president
- C. She served as New York's District Attorney before being nominated to a New York court of appeals
- D. She was nominated to the Supreme Court to take the place of Justice David Souter upon his retirement

70. Which of the following best describes the effect of the 1783 Peace of Paris on the Bahamas?

- A. The British claim on the Bahamas was recognized by France
- B. The French agreed to move their sugar canes operations from the Bahamas to Haiti
- C. The Spanish were rebuked for causing deforestation and depopulation of the Bahamas during colonization
- D. The Spanish ceded claim to the Bahamas to Britain in exchange for East Florida

71. According to their mythology, the sun god Huitzilopochtli led which of the following peoples from their homeland into Central Mexico?

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72. All of these were included in the winning Triple Alliance that gained disputed land at the culmination of their namesake war EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. Uruguay

B. Argentina

C. Brazil

D. Paraguay

73. The US invasion of Grenada in 1983 is also known as which of the following?

- A. Operation Just Cause
- B. Operation Staunch
- C. Operation Urgent Fury
- D. Operation Mongoose

74. Which of the following is known as the 'Father of the Homeland' or 'Father of the Fatherland' in Cuba?

- A. Raul Castro
- B. Carlos Manuel de Céspedes
- C. Valeriano Weyler
- D. Fulgencio Batista

75. Which of the following conflicts was sparked by unfair trade regulations and resulted in a succession of Brazilian state Rio Grande do Sul?

- A. Cabanagem War
- B. Ragamuffin War
- C. Balaiada Revolt
- D. Sabinada Revolt

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51. Mexico is currently the world's leading producer of which of the following commodities, the large-scale production of which dates back to the 1540s?

- A. Silver
- B. Gold
- C. Copper
- D. Petroleum

52. From which of the following did Panama declare independence in 1903?

- A. Venezuela
- B. Spain
- C. USA
- D. Colombia

53. Oscar Niemeyer designed which of the following new Latin American capital cities in the mid-twentieth century?

- A. Mexico City
- B. Brasilia
- C. Quito
- D. Bogota

54. Which of the following is the name given to the decade-long civil war in Colombia in the mid-twentieth century?

- A. the Gran Chaco War
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- A. Frida Kahlo
- B. Aurora Flores
- C. Graciela Iturbide
- D. Remedios Varo

62. Which of the following is the current president of Venezuela?

- A. Hugo Chavez
- B. Nicolas Maduro
- C. Raul Castro
- D. Jair Bolsonaro

63. Which of the following was a huge center for silver mining in the Spanish Empire?

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- B. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- C. Potosi, Bolivia
- D. Bogota, Colombia

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- C. Japan
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68. The Monroe Doctrine opposed which of the following practices in the Americas by European nations?

- A. slavery
- B. colonialism
- C. economic exploitation
- D. trade

69. Which of the following is the first Latinx woman to serve on the Supreme Court?

- A. Sandra Day O'Connor
- B. Amy Coney Barrett
- C. Sonya Sotomayor
- D. Ruth Bader Ginsburg

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- B. Barbados
- C. Grenada
- D. Trinidad

74. The United States fought what war in part to aid Cuba in obtaining independence?

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- B. the Spanish-American War
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75. Which of the following is a Brazilian river and tributary of the Amazon explored by and named for a former US president?

- A. Rio Bush
- B. Rio Roosevelt
- C. Rio Taft
- D. Rio Kennedy