



**American Geography Examination
5th and 6th Grade 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. Write the answer to your tiebreaker question in the box at the top of your scantron.

1. New Orleans is an important economic hub on what body of water?

- A. Chesapeake Bay
- B. Hudson Bay
- C. Pacific Ocean
- D. Gulf of Mexico

2. Cities in Missouri and Kansas that both formed near Kaw Point share what name?

- A. Kansas City
- B. Carson City
- C. Jefferson City
- D. Oklahoma City

3. Columbus, Cleveland, and Cincinnati are all large population centers of what state?

- A. Iowa
- B. Vermont
- C. Alaska
- D. Ohio

4. What New York city is divided into five boroughs?

- A. Rochester
- B. New York City
- C. Mount Vernon
- D. Utica

5. What once busiest immigrant processing station is shared by both New York and New Jersey?

- A. Liberty Island
- B. Angel Island
- C. Ellis Island
- D. Peanut Island

6. What Massachusetts capital city lies in a harbor at the mouth of the Charles River?

- A. Boston
- B. Hartford
- C. Wilmington
- D. Buffalo

7. Which of the following has been a major industry in West Virginia since the 19th century?

- A. entertainment
- B. coal mining
- C. technology
- D. international trade

8. Which of the following is the smallest US state by area?

- A. New Hampshire
- B. Delaware
- C. Massachusetts
- D. Rhode Island

9. Idaho is the largest producer in the US of which of the following?

- A. avocados
- B. oranges
- C. potatoes
- D. grapefruits

10. Which of the following is the most populous city in Virginia?

- A. Virginia Beach
- B. Charlotte
- C. Baltimore
- D. Charleston

11. Which of the following is the capital of Georgia?

- A. Harrisburg
- B. Richmond
- C. Atlanta
- D. Austin

12. The most populous city in both Oregon and Maine is named which of the following?

- A. Springfield
- B. Dover
- C. Portland
- D. Augusta

13. The DMV or National Capital Region is a metropolitan area at the convergence of what three states?

- A. Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana
- B. Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota
- C. Indiana, Tennessee, Illinois
- D. District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia

14. Which of the following runs north to south across the western half of Vermont?

- A. Ohio River
- B. Green Mountains
- C. Great Basin Desert
- D. Great Plains

15. What New England state's coast is shaped by features like Cape Cod and Buzzards Bay?

- A. Alabama
- B. Oregon
- C. Alaska
- D. Massachusetts

16. Michigan has more lighthouses than any other US state due to its role in what Great Lakes industry?

- A. farming
- B. husbandry
- C. shipping
- D. textiles

17. Virginia, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Kentucky all use what now legally defunct term in their full official state names?

- A. district
- B. territory
- C. kingdom
- D. commonwealth

18. Which of the following is the only US state to share a border with Maine?

- A. New Hampshire
- B. Alabama
- C. Ohio
- D. Pennsylvania

19. What state that contains Silicon Valley had the highest GDP in the US in 2023?

- A. California
- B. Indiana
- C. Missouri
- D. Rhode Island

20. Which of the following is the tallest peak in the state of Washington?

- A. Mount Rainier
- B. Mount Darwin
- C. San Luis Peak
- D. Windom Peak

21. Oregon is the top producer of which of the following in the contiguous 48 states?

- A. grapes
- B. timber
- C. cotton
- D. cheese

22. In 1832, the federal government set aside land in Arkansas, now a National Park, to protect what geothermal feature?

- A. buttes
- B. glaciers
- C. oxbows
- D. hot springs

23. What highest peak in North America measures as the tallest mountain in the world from base-to-peak on land?

- A. Dubois
- B. Oso
- C. Denali
- D. Antora

24. In what US state do the Amish and Mennonites live in and around the Lehigh and Susquehanna valleys?

- A. Pennsylvania
- B. Nebraska
- C. South Dakota
- D. South Carolina

25. Which of the following connects the two landmasses of Michigan?

- A. Seven Mile Bridge
- B. Manhattan Bridge
- C. Golden Gate Bridge
- D. Mackinac Bridge

26. Which of the following is the most populous city in Wisconsin?

- A. Green Bay
- B. Milwaukee
- C. Kenosha
- D. Wausau

27. What "Sunshine" state experiences more lightning strikes than any other US state?

- A. Virginia
- B. Michigan
- C. Kansas
- D. Florida

28. Which of the following religious traditions dominates the "Bible Belt" in the US South?

- A. Islam
- B. Eastern Orthodoxy
- C. Baptist
- D. Judaism

29. What lowest point of elevation in North America reached the highest air temperature ever recorded in 1913?

- A. Death Valley
- B. Grand Canyon
- C. Antelope Canyon
- D. Royal Gorge

30. Which of the following is the largest producer of petroleum in the US?

- A. North Dakota
- B. West Virginia
- C. Colorado
- D. Texas

31. Wyoming's Old Faithful is located in and protected by what national park?

- A. Yellowstone National Park
- B. Arches National Park
- C. Grand Teton National Park
- D. Shenandoah National Park

32. Which of the following is true about Lebanon, Kansas?

- A. It's the capital of Kansas.
- B. It's the geographical center of the US.
- C. It contains Mount Rushmore.
- D. It was built on the Mississippi River.

33. The Painted Desert and Petrified Forest are both included in what US state?

- A. Washington
- B. North Dakota
- C. Arizona
- D. Texas

34. The southern half of Missouri is dominated by which of the following?

- A. The Ozarks
- B. Colorado Plateau
- C. Boise River
- D. Redwood National Park

35. Tennessee is legally, economically, and culturally divided into how many separate Grand Divisions?

- A. nine
- B. seven
- C. five
- D. three

36. Approximately half of Alaska's population lives in what city?

- A. Sitka
- B. Anchorage
- C. Fairbanks
- D. Seward

37. New Hampshire's nickname comes from the abundance of what material in the state?

- A. peat
- B. granite
- C. silver
- D. coal

38. West Virginia's western border is formed by which of the following?

- A. Lake Erie
- B. Rocky Mountains
- C. Ohio River
- D. Allegheny Mountains

39. Which of the following is the capital of Wyoming?

- A. Salem
- B. Carson City
- C. Helena
- D. Cheyenne

40. The Hoover Dam was built to control floods and produce hydroelectric power from which of the following?

- A. Colorado River
- B. Snake River
- C. Brazos River
- D. Ohio River

41. Which of the following is the largest US state by area?

- A. California
- B. Texas
- C. Alaska
- D. Montana

42. South Dakota's Homestake Mine in the Black Hills was the deepest mine in North America for which of the following?

- A. iron
- B. nickel
- C. tin
- D. gold

43. The Museum of the Rockies was built in Bozeman to showcase the plethora of dinosaur fossils found in what state?

- A. Minnesota
- B. Iowa
- C. Montana
- D. Oregon

44. Which of the following is the easternmost state of the continental US?

- A. Maine
- B. Florida
- C. North Carolina
- D. New Jersey

45. What Hawaiian volcano erupted in the Big Island in September of 2023?

- A. Mount Shasta
- B. Kilaeua
- C. Lassen Peak
- D. Mount Saint Helens

46. Which of the following is used as a nickname for people in and from Indiana?

- A. Sandlapper
- B. Buckeye
- C. Sooner
- D. Hoosier

47. The city of Denver is often referred to as what nickname it received due to its elevation?

- A. "Big Apple"
- B. "The Heights"
- C. "Mile High City"
- D. "Summit City"

48. The string of barrier islands off the coast of North Carolina are known as which of the following?

- A. Mustang Islands
- B. Florida Keys
- C. Golden Isles
- D. Outer Banks

49. The Red River forms part of the border between what two states?

- A. Texas and Oklahoma
- B. Kentucky and Tennessee
- C. Florida and Georgia
- D. Colorado and New Mexico

50. The Bitterroot Mountains are one of the longest ranges in what largest North American chain?

- A. Sierra Madres
- B. Rocky Mountains
- C. Appalachian Mountains
- D. Andes Mountains

51. Which of the following states is the only triple landlocked state in the US?

- A. Nebraska
- B. Utah
- C. Arkansas
- D. Missouri

52. The economy of colonial South Carolina was dominated by the growing and selling of what good?

- A. indigo
- B. corn
- C. wheat
- D. coffee

53. The Great Smoky Mountains help form the border between what two states?

- A. Pennsylvania and New York
- B. Illinois and Indiana
- C. Colorado and New Mexico
- D. North Carolina and Tennessee

54. What US state is the most diverse with a diversity index of 76%?

- A. Vermont
- B. Hawaii
- C. Arizona
- D. Illinois

55. Which of the following is located in Tornado Alley and therefore experiences severe thunderstorms and tornadoes?

- A. South Carolina
- B. Ohio
- C. Oklahoma
- D. Utah

56. Which of the following is the official language of the United States?

- A. Mandarin
- B. English
- C. Spanish
- D. There isn't an official language.

57. Which of the following connects Connecticut to the Atlantic Ocean?

- A. Bristol Bay
- B. Biscayne Bay
- C. Puget Sound
- D. Long Island Sound

58. What highest peak of the Appalachians is known to natives as Attakulla?

- A. Mount Mitchell
- B. Maroon Peak
- C. Grizzly Peak
- D. Mount Jarvis

59. Which of the following is shared by California, Nevada, and Arizona?

- A. San Joaquin River
- B. Sierra Nevada
- C. Mojave Desert
- D. Walker Lake

60. What Illinois county that includes Chicago is the second most populous county in the US behind Los Angeles County?

- A. Broward County
- B. Maricopa County
- C. Cook County
- D. Harris County

Tiebreaker

This question will only be scored if there is a tie for placement on the exam. **This is a required question, but there is no penalty for a wrong answer to this question.**

Write your answer legibly in the space provided on your scantron.

According to a 2021 Census Bureau estimate, what is the population of Guam?