



**Asian History Examination
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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. Which of the following was first built as separate retaining barriers in northern China in the 3rd century BCE by the Qin dynasty?

- A. Temple of Heaven
- B. Great Wall of China
- C. Foguang Temple
- D. Wang Family Compound

2. Which of the following seceded from Pakistan in 1971?

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Tibet
- C. Nepal
- D. Afghanistan

3. What Chinese explorer mapped Southeast Asia and East Africa in his seven voyages between 1405 to 1433?

- A. Vasco de Gama
- B. Marco Polo
- C. Zheng He
- D. Ibn Battuta

4. The Vedas are the oldest example of literature written in what language?

- A. Aramaic
- B. Linear B
- C. Cuneiform
- D. Sanskrit

5. Which of the following religious traditions was NOT founded in India?

- A. Islam
- B. Sikhism
- C. Hinduism
- D. Buddhism

6. Which of the following was established by Genghis Khan in 1206?

- A. Achaemenid Empire
- B. Safavid Empire
- C. Mongol Empire
- D. Arab Empire

7. What political party first introduced the idea of partitioning India to create a separate state for Muslims?

- A. Indian National Congress
- B. All-India Muslim League
- C. Hindu Mahasabha
- D. National People's Party

8. What formerly isolated nation was forced to reopen its trading ports by US Commodore Matthew Perry in 1854?

- A. Iran
- B. Philippines
- C. Malaysia
- D. Japan

9. Which of the following was used by Chinese kings and emperors to legitimize their ruler as early as the 11th century BCE?

- A. Mandate of Heaven
- B. Survival of the Fittest
- C. Neo-Confucianism
- D. Muhammad's Succession

10. The network of Eurasian trade routes that connected Europe to luxury goods in China was named for what important good?

- A. glass
- B. tea
- C. silk
- D. wheat

11. Timor Leste is the only Southeast Asian nation that is not a member of what economic union?

- A. Pacific Alliance
- B. Gulf Cooperation Council
- C. Association of Southeast Asian Nations
- D. South Asian Free Trade Area

12. The first use of paper for records is dated to 8 BCE in what nation?

- A. Singapore
- B. China
- C. Maldives
- D. Brunei

13. Saigon was renamed in 1976 in honor of communist revolutionary and former president?

- A. Ho Chi Minh
- B. Deng Xiaoping
- C. Le Duan
- D. Kim Il Sung

14. The Boshin War contributed to the fall of what military-based political system in Japan?

- A. khanate
- B. sultanate
- C. caliphate
- D. shogunate

15. What semitic people produced the first mature alphabet with a fixed writing direction?

- A. Parthians
- B. Phoenicians
- C. Akkadians
- D. Macedonians

16. Which of the following conquered China in 1279 and established the Yuan dynasty?

- A. Mongols
- B. Bengalis
- C. Turks
- D. Kazakhs

17. The Chinese unsuccessfully tried to conquer what land in the Goguryeo-Sui War in the 7th century?

- A. Russia
- B. India
- C. Mongolia
- D. Korea

18. What nation launched an attack on the city of Rafah in May 2024 as part of a campaign to eliminate Hamas?

- A. Yemen
- B. Turkiye
- C. Israel
- D. Armenia

19. Ancient Malabar coastal cities like Muziris attracted traders who wanted access to which of the following goods?

- A. gunpowder
- B. spices
- C. horses
- D. paper

20. The Bhakti movement gained traction in India quickly because it offered spirituality outside of what strict Hindu social structure?

- A. the five vows
- B. filial piety
- C. the Eightfold path
- D. the caste system

21. Which of the following successfully defended against Mongol invasions of India from 1221 to 1327?

- A. Delhi Sultanate
- B. Song dynasty
- C. Joseon kingdom
- D. Kushan Empire

22. Which of the following currently has the highest per capita GDP in Asia?

- A. Syria
- B. Yemen
- C. Singapore
- D. Timor Leste

23. Which of the following founded the Mughal Empire in 1526?

- A. Akbar
- B. Babur
- C. Shah Jahan
- D. Aurangzeb

24. The Great Game was a fight for influence in Central Asia between what two nations in the 19th century?

- A. Russia and Britain
- B. USA and Japan
- C. China and the Ottomans
- D. India and France

25. Which of the following served as the first female Prime Minister of India?

- A. Sajidha Mohamed
- B. Sirimavo Bandaranaike
- C. Benazir Bhutto
- D. Indira Gandhi

26. Liu Bang's 206 BCE insurrection overthrew the Qin dynasty and established what golden age dynasty?

- A. Tang
- B. Han
- C. Xin
- D. Shang

27. What longest serving President of Indonesia established an authoritarian regime in Indonesia after the 1967 fall of Sukarno?

- A. Souphanouvong
- B. Pol Pot
- C. Suharto
- D. Jatti

28. European rule in Southeast Asia ended in 1984 when Britain ended what nation's protectorate status?

- A. Myanmar
- B. China
- C. Vietnam
- D. Brunei

29. Qin Shi Huang ordered a mass burning of books in 213 BCE under the guise of what secular Chinese philosophy?

- A. Legalism
- B. Buddhism
- C. Shintoism
- D. Jainism

30. Which of the following led the Egyptian revolution of 1952 before being elected president of Egypt in 1956?

- A. Yosef Sprinzak
- B. Ibrahim al-Hamdi
- C. Gamal Abdel Nasser
- D. Jacques Soustelle

31. Which of the following founded the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in 1932?

- A. Fahd
- B. Khalid
- C. Abdullah
- D. Ibn Saud

32. The Sikh Empire was established in 1799 in what Northwest region of India?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Punjab
- C. Bihar
- D. Karnataka

33. Which of the following best describes the 1953 agreement to halt the Korean War?

- A. An annexation of South Korea to North Korea was approved by both nations.
- B. A peace treaty was signed that included reparations from both nations.
- C. A ceasefire was agreed upon and the DMZ was established to separate the nations.
- D. An agreement was signed to resume fighting after the Christmas holiday.

34. What Japanese city hosted the delayed 2020 Summer Olympics in July 2021?

- A. Tokyo
- B. Busan
- C. Xi'an
- D. Nara

35. During the Qing dynasty, China was ruled by what Tungusic ethnic group?

- A. Cossacks
- B. Manchus
- C. Hindi
- D. Kurds

36. What regime was responsible for the 1975-1979 Cambodian genocide?

- A. Mughal Empire
- B. Pagan Kingdom
- C. Rattanakosin Kingdom
- D. Khmer Rouge

37. The Taiping Rebellion sought to overthrow the Qing dynasty and convert the Han people to a new syncretic version of what faith?

- A. Christianity
- B. Zoroastrianism
- C. Tengrism
- D. Islam

38. Which of the following was NOT ever a Soviet republic?

- A. Uzbekistan
- B. Kazakhstan
- C. Pakistan
- D. Turkmenistan

39. Though religiously tolerant, the founders of the Vijayanagara Empire were devout worshippers of what Hindu destroyer god?

- A. Shiva
- B. Brahma
- C. Devi
- D. Vishnu

40. The era of Chinese history dominated by warlords was sparked in 184 CE with what peasant revolt?

- A. Rebellion of the Seven States
- B. Rebellion of Han Zhao
- C. Rebellion of the Three Guards
- D. Yellow Turban Rebellion

41. What 1899-1901 uprising led by the Society of Righteous and Harmonious Fists sought to expel foreign influence from China?

- A. Boxer Rebellion
- B. Huang Chao Rebellion
- C. Nian Rebellion
- D. Red Turban Rebellion

42. Which of the following served as the first president of the Republic of China?

- A. Cao Kun
- B. Zhou Ziqi
- C. Chiang Kai-shek
- D. Hu Wiede

43. The Warring States period greatly reduced the emperor's power in what longest-lasting ancient Chinese dynasty?

- A. Ming
- B. Zhou
- C. Han
- D. Xia

44. What medieval Indian dynasty repeatedly invaded and occupied Sri Lanka?

- A. Gahadavala dynasty
- B. Shunga dynasty
- C. Nanda dynasty
- D. Chola dynasty

45. The Gulf War began with the 1990 Iraqi invasion of which of the following?

- A. Kuwait
- B. Iran
- C. Lebanon
- D. Bahrain

46. Ito Hirobumi was the first person to serve under which of the following titles in 1900?

- A. Shogun of Japan
- B. Prime Minister of Japan
- C. President of Japan
- D. Emperor of Japan

47. The May Fourth Movement was sparked by the allowance of Japan to retain Chinese territories by what 1919 treaty?

- A. Treaty of Kanagawa
- B. Mountbatten Plan
- C. Treaty of Versailles
- D. Paris Peace Accords

48. What Turco-Mongol conqueror lends his name to a 14th-16th century renaissance of arts and sciences among the Gunpowder Empires?

- A. Safi
- B. Ashoka
- C. Murad
- D. Timur

49. What southwestern Indian state was a Portuguese territory from 1510 until its annexation in 1961?

- A. Goa
- B. Puducherry
- C. Telangana
- D. Kerala

50. What former prosecutor narrowly defeated Lee Jae-myung in the 2022 South Korean presidential election?

- A. Tsai Ing-wen
- B. Yoon Suk Yeol
- C. Fumio Kishida
- D. Srettha Thavisin

51. What only Chinese emperor of peasant descent established the Embroidered Uniform Guard to purge opposing officials and generals?

- A. Emperor Taizu
- B. Hongwu Emperor
- C. Jiajing Emperor
- D. Emperor Gaozu

52. The United Arab Emirates currently consists of how many emirates?

- A. twelve
- B. one
- C. twenty
- D. seven

53. What Indian nationalist tried to form a military alliance with Germany or Japan during World War II to achieve Indian independence?

- A. Subhas Chandra Bose
- B. Muhammad Ali Jinah
- C. Maulana Azed
- D. Vinayak Damodar Savarkar

54. The Laguna Copperplate Inscription dated to 900 CE is the earliest known document in the Philippines to include which of the following?

- A. a reference index
- B. an illumination
- C. a calendar date
- D. an incorrect translation

55. Which of the following leaders was NOT deposed during the Arab Spring in the early 2010s?

- A. Saddam Hussein
- B. Hosni Mubarak
- C. Ali Abdullah Saleh
- D. Muammar Gaddafi

56. The literature and politics of the Sangam period in India was dominated by what Dravidian people?

- A. Parsi
- B. Tamil
- C. Gujarati
- D. Brokpa

57. Which of the following controlled almost 30% of the world's wealth between 1 CE and 1000 CE?

- A. Japan
- B. Iran
- C. Egypt
- D. India

58. The Treaty of Nanking ceded which of the following to the British empire in 1842?

- A. Shanghai
- B. Taiwan
- C. Hong Kong
- D. Tibet

59. Which of the following was initiated by the Chinese government in the 1960s to improved defense and industrial infrastructure?

- A. Third Front campaign
- B. Green Revolution
- C. Tanzimat reforms
- D. Five Year Plan

60. The 1910 Monthon reforms westernized the city governments of what Southeast Asian nation?

- A. Indonesia
- B. Philippines
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Thailand

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.

What is the land area of Bangladesh in square miles?