



European Geography Examination 7th and 8th Grade Division IAC Nationals 2024

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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. Spain, Portugal, and Andorra share what peninsula?

- A. Kola Peninsula
- B. Iberian Peninsula
- C. Cotentin Peninsula
- D. Italian Peninsula

2. Stockholm is the capital city of which of the following?

- A. Romania
- B. Belgium
- C. Sweden
- D. Cyprus

3. The Ukrainian city of Pripyat was abandoned in 1986 after a disaster at what power plant?

- A. Chernobyl
- B. Minsk
- C. Belene
- D. Żarnowiec

4. Which of the following is the poorest country in Europe as of 2024 largely due to ongoing conflicts and political instability?

- A. Czechia
- B. Switzerland
- C. Monaco
- D. Ukraine

5. Austria, Belgium, and Luxembourg share which of the following as an official language?

- A. Arabic
- B. French
- C. German
- D. Russian

6. Glaciers are responsible for what long, narrow inlets that dominate Norway's coast?

- A. grasslands
- B. plateaus
- C. canyons
- D. fjords

7. Which of the following is the smallest sovereign country in the world with an area of just 0.17 square mile?

- A. Luxembourg
- B. Vatican City
- C. Kosovo
- D. Belgium

8. Which of the following is the capital of Italy?

- A. Rome
- B. Florence
- C. Bologna
- D. Naples

9. What extensive mountain range extends across Europe from Nice to Trieste to Vienna?

- A. Alps
- B. Caucasus Mountains
- C. Ural Mountains
- D. Kunlun

10. Sweden shares physical land borders with what two other Nordic countries?

- A. Denmark and Poland
- B. Germany and Austria
- C. Norway and Finland
- D. Russia and Estonia

11. Which of the following separated the United Kingdom from France?

- A. Strait of Gibraltar
- B. Tyrrhenian Sea
- C. Baltic Sea
- D. English Channel

12. Brussels is considered the de facto capital of what organization that is headquartered there?

- A. ASEAN
- B. European Union
- C. Three Sea Initiative
- D. OPEC

13. Which of the following is the capital of Iceland?

- A. Reykjavik
- B. Vilnius
- C. Oslo
- D. Nuuk

14. What nation's path to EU membership has been complicated by disagreements with Greece over its name?

- A. Montenegro
- B. Bosnia and Herzegovina
- C. Czechia
- D. North Macedonia

15. The small nation of Andorra is landlocked by what two neighboring countries?

- A. France and Spain
- B. Italy and Switzerland
- C. Belgium and Netherlands
- D. Austria and Hungary

16. Mount Olympus is the highest point of what European nation?

- A. Liechtenstein
- B. Greece
- C. Lithuania
- D. Romania

17. Finland and Sweden recently joined what international military alliance?

- A. AUKUS
- B. Five Eyes
- C. Warsaw Pact
- D. NATO

18. Finland has earned what positive distinction seven years in a row as of 2024?

- A. prettiest country in the world
- B. richest country in the world
- C. happiest country in the world
- D. youngest country in the world

19. Which of the following is the most densely populated European capital city?

- A. Zagreb
- B. Warsaw
- C. Helsinki
- D. Paris

20. Jutland holds the continental portion of what nation?

- A. Switzerland
- B. Turkey
- C. Denmark
- D. Latvia

21. Which of the following is the capital city of Austria?

- A. Athens
- B. Berlin
- C. Madrid
- D. Vienna

22. The dissolution of Czechoslovakia is often referred to as which of the following?

- A. Concert of Europe
- B. Yugoslav War
- C. Velvet Divorce
- D. October Revolution

23. al-Andalus refers to the period in which much of Spain was ruled by which of the following?

- A. Visigoths
- B. Islamic states
- C. Mongols
- D. France

24. Europe's largest refugee crisis since World War II occurred in 2022 after the Russian invasion of which of the following?

- A. Ukraine
- B. Turkey
- C. Cyprus
- D. Estonia

25. What Italian city built on a group of 126 islands is connected together by 472 bridges?

- A. Salerno
- B. Pisa
- C. Genoa
- D. Venice

26. Which of the following lies between Greece and Italy?

- A. Strait of Dover
- B. Ionian Sea
- C. Sea of Azor
- D. Gulf of Riga

27. Which of the following is the capital of Czechia?

- A. Chisinau
- B. Kyiv
- C. Bucharest
- D. Prague

28. Which of the following is the highest mountain in Europe?

- A. Mount Elbrus
- B. Grossglockner
- C. Mount Ida
- D. Musala

29. Which of the following forms a natural border between Spain and France?

- A. Balkan Mountains
- B. Danube River
- C. Tiber River
- D. The Pyrenees

30. Which of the following does NOT border the Baltic Sea?

- A. Estonia
- B. Latvia
- C. Moldova
- D. Finland

31. Svalbard and Jan Mayen are remote jurisdictions of what Scandinavian nation?

- A. Lithuania
- B. Poland
- C. Britain
- D. Norway

32. Romania contains most of what second largest river delta in Europe?

- A. Rijn Delta
- B. River Blackwater Delta
- C. Po Delta
- D. Danube Delta

33. Which of the following is not located on the island of Great Britain?

- A. Ireland
- B. England
- C. Scotland
- D. Wales

34. What mostly stateless people are Europe's largest ethnic minority?

- A. Roma
- B. Basques
- C. Bretons
- D. Serbs

35. Which of the following is NOT included within Fennoscandia?

- A. Finland
- B. Netherlands
- C. Norway
- D. Sweden

36. The majority of Russia's population lives west of which of the following?

- A. Caucasus Mountains
- B. Arkhangelsk
- C. Volga River
- D. Ural Mountains

37. Although it once housed a papacy, what country now reports as 40% atheist?

- A. Malta
- B. Estonia
- C. France
- D. Slovenia

38. What Mediterranean coastline includes Cannes, Saint-Tropez, and the sovereign state of Monaco?

- A. Cabo de Gata
- B. Navagio Beach
- C. Amalfi Coast
- D. French Riviera

39. Over half of Croatia's territory is dominated by what body of water?

- A. Sea of Marmara
- B. Adriatic Sea
- C. Celtic Sea
- D. White Sea

40. What second largest city in Russia serves as both a strategic port and a cultural capital?

- A. Novgorod
- B. Moscow
- C. Saint Petersburg
- D. Kursk

41. With 120 million speakers, which of the following is the most spoken language in Europe?

- A. French
- B. Russian
- C. Italian
- D. English

42. Which of the following can NOT be found on the island of Cyprus?

- A. Mount Selvili
- B. Kyrenia Mountains
- C. Troodos Mountains
- D. Mount Korab

43. Eighty percent of Greece's terrain can be described as which of the following?

- A. forested
- B. mountainous
- C. arctic
- D. marshy

44. Which of the following is the largest island included in Insular Italy?

- A. Sicily
- B. Cyprus
- C. Sardinia
- D. Corsica

45. Approximately 12% of Iceland's total land area is covered by which of the following?

- A. rivers
- B. glaciers
- C. valleys
- D. mountains

46. Which of the following is Germany's largest export?

- A. petroleum
- B. pharmaceuticals
- C. clothing
- D. motor vehicles and parts

47. Sweden's Aitik Mine is Europe's largest source of what mineral?

- A. coal
- B. silver
- C. copper
- D. petroleum

48. Kosovo declared independence from which of the following in 2008?

- A. Bulgaria
- B. Russia
- C. Greece
- D. Serbia

49. What London borough's Royal Observatory serves as the defining point of the Prime Meridian?

- A. Greenwich
- B. Wandsworth
- C. Westminster
- D. Camden

50. What river flows through the center of Dublin and provides most of the city's water resources?

- A. River Corrib
- B. River Lagan
- C. River Erne
- D. River Liffey

51. What body of water shared by North Macedonia and Albania is considered one of the oldest continuously existing lakes in the world?

- A. Lake Baikal
- B. Hornindalsvatnet Lake
- C. Lake of Ohrid
- D. Lake Como

52. Romania uses stations at the Iron Gates to produce which of the following?

- A. nuclear power
- B. microchips
- C. refined oil
- D. hydroelectric power

53. Which of the following is NOT true about the Baltic states?

- A. They all currently have female prime ministers.
- B. They are all labeled low-income economies by the World Bank.
- C. Lithuania is the most populous.
- D. They are all members of NATO.

54. What river defines much of the border between France and Germany?

- A. Ebro
- B. Dnister
- C. Seine
- D. Rhine

55. Finland is also known as the "Land of a Thousand" which of the following?

- A. canals
- B. volcanoes
- C. lakes
- D. waterfalls

56. Which of the following is the historical capital of Herzegovina?

- A. Budapest
- B. Konigsberg
- C. Belgrade
- D. Mostar

57. The International Criminal Court is headquartered in what South Holland province capital?

- A. The Hague
- B. Geneva
- C. Bratislava
- D. Vaduz

58. Which of the following is the longest river in Italy?

- A. Belya
- B. Saone
- C. Po
- D. Tisa

59. Over 11,000 square kilometers of Slovenia is covered by which of the following?

- A. swamps
- B. deserts
- C. forests
- D. tundra

60. What UNESCO World Heritage Site is the oldest national park in Croatia?

- A. Plitvice Lakes National Park
- B. Pembrokeshire Coast Natural Park
- C. Vatnajokull National Park
- D. Triglav National Park

61. Which of the following best describes the town of Llivia?

- A. It's the capital city of Malta.
- B. It's a Spanish exclave inside France.
- C. It houses the headquarters of the UN.
- D. It forms the border between San Marino and Italy.

62. Due to its mostly marshy terrain, Belarus contains large amounts of what material used for domestic heating and cooking?

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

63. Which of the following are both autonomous regions of Portugal?

- A. Azores and Madeira
- B. Saint Martin and New Caledonia
- C. Sicily and Sardinia
- D. Aruba and Curacao

64. What European nation possesses the largest exclusive economic zone at over 11 million square kilometers?

- A. Finland
- B. Spain
- C. Germany
- D. France

65. The 1920 Treaty of Trianon established the modern day borders of what country?

- A. Poland
- B. Hungary
- C. Belarus
- D. Moldova

66. Which of the following is the only doubly landlocked country in Europe?

- A. Slovakia
- B. Czechia
- C. Liechtenstein
- D. Serbia

67. Which of the following is true of the Bulgarian winter resort Uzana?

- A. It's the geographical center of Bulgaria.
- B. The president of Bulgaria lives there.
- C. It's the highest zone of elevation in Bulgaria.
- D. It holds the largest natural deposits of iron ore.

68. What 1945 meeting resulted in the division of Germany into four occupied zones?

- A. Two Plus Four Agreement
- B. Potsdam Conference
- C. Sykes-Picot Agreement
- D. Paris Peace Conference

69. Faroese is closely related to and mutually intelligible with what North Germanic language?

- A. Elfdalian
- B. Jutlandic
- C. Icelandic
- D. Latvian

70. Kaali on the Estonian island of Saaremaa is an instance of which of the following?

- A. crystal caves
- B. a salt lake
- C. a white desert
- D. meteorite craters

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.

As of 2022, what is the population density of Monaco per square kilometer?