



**European Geography Examination
7th and 8th 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. What largest European economy accounted for 20% of all European exports in 2021?

- A. Hungary
- B. Moldova
- C. Germany
- D. Liechtenstein

2. Which of these is the westernmost European capital city?

- A. Lisbon
- B. Valletta
- C. Zagreb
- D. Prague

3. What “land of canals and bicycles” lies below sea level and protected by dikes?

- A. Iceland
- B. Italy
- C. Albania
- D. the Netherlands

4. The English Channel is an arm of the Atlantic Ocean that separates what two nations?

- A. Finland and Estonia
- B. France and the United Kingdom
- C. Malta and Spain
- D. Greece and Turkey

5. The European Union shares what unified currency?

- A. pound
- B. franc
- C. euro
- D. krone

6. Which of the following nations does NOT border the Baltic Sea?

- A. Poland
- B. Latvia
- C. Sweden
- D. Cyprus

7. The Tatra Mountains are the highest mountains in what larger European range?

- A. Carpathian Mountains
- B. Swabian Jura
- C. Dinaric Alps
- D. Rhodope Mountains

8. Which of the following serves as the western boundary of the European continent?

- A. Indian Ocean
- B. Atlantic Ocean
- C. Pacific Ocean
- D. Arctic Ocean

9. What Russian capital is the most populous city in Europe?

- A. Brussels
- B. London
- C. Moscow
- D. Budapest

10. Which of the following is the capital of France?

- A. Dublin
- B. Algiers
- C. Ljubljana
- D. Paris

11. Which of the following is the second most spoken language in Europe behind Russian?

- A. German
- B. Czech
- C. Dutch
- D. Portuguese

12. What ancient city was founded on the eastern banks of the Tiber in modern day Lazio?

- A. Milan
- B. Rome
- C. Palermo
- D. Naples

13. Which of these is true of Liechtenstein?

- A. It was built on the shores of the Seine.
- B. It lies within the highest peaks of the Pyrenees.
- C. It is the largest European nation by area.
- D. It is a doubly landlocked nation.

14. What island nation has a population density of almost 1,704 people per square kilometer?

- A. Sicily
- B. Ireland
- C. Malta
- D. Greenland

15. English and Manx are the official languages of what self-governing British Crown Dependency in the Irish Sea?

- A. Isle of Man
- B. Faroe Islands
- C. Montserrat
- D. Azores

16. Bucharest is the capital city of which of the following?

- A. Portugal
- B. Romania
- C. Malta
- D. Lithuania

17. Which of the following is NOT considered a microstate?

- A. Andorra
- B. San Marino
- C. Moldova
- D. Monaco

18. Which of the following nations has a coastline formed by the Black Sea?

- A. Czechia
- B. Hungary
- C. Ukraine
- D. Lithuania

19. What nation consists of the northern Jutland peninsula and an archipelago of 406 islands?

- A. Denmark
- B. Serbia
- C. Slovakia
- D. Switzerland

20. All of the following are arms of the Mediterranean Sea EXCEPT?

- A. Ionian Sea
- B. Irish Sea
- C. Tyrrhenian Sea
- D. Adriatic Sea

21. Sarajevo is the capital city of what Balkan nation?

- A. Austria
- B. Estonia
- C. Poland
- D. Bosnia Herzegovina

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

- A. Eskifjorour
- B. Bogarnes
- C. Keflavik
- D. Reykjavik

23. What German automotive manufacturer is the largest European company by revenue with earnings of \$348 billion a year?

- A. Volkswagen
- B. Airbus
- C. Chubb
- D. AstraZeneca

24. The Gulf of Bothnia separates what Nordic nations?

- A. Belarus and Ukraine
- B. Sweden and Finland
- C. Ireland and the UK
- D. Czechia and Slovakia

25. All of these were once satellite states of the Soviet Union EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. Poland
- B. Bulgaria
- C. West Germany
- D. Czechoslovakia

26. Anglicanism is the most common Christian denomination practiced in what nation?

- A. Italy
- B. Ukraine
- C. Germany
- D. United Kingdom

27. Which of the following nations shares a border with Albania?

- A. North Macedonia
- B. Romania
- C. Slovenia
- D. Czechia

28. Nestlé, Novartis, and Credit Suisse are Fortune 500 companies with their headquarters in what nation?

- A. United Kingdom
- B. Russia
- C. Switzerland
- D. Spain

29. What river that begins in the Swiss Alps forms numerous borders including that of France and Germany before emptying into the North Sea?

- A. Ural River
- B. Rhine River
- C. Glomma River
- D. Bug River

30. Which of the following has the most fjords in the world?

- A. Greece
- B. Portugal
- C. Ireland
- D. Norway

31. What river flows through Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest, and Belgrade?

- A. Danube River
- B. Po River
- C. Oka River
- D. Shannon River

32. Capri, Sardinia, and Sicily are islands of what nation?

- A. Portugal
- B. Latvia
- C. Italy
- D. Denmark

33. What smallest European nation by area is governed by the Holy See?

- A. Liechtenstein
- B. Vatican City
- C. Malta
- D. Cyprus

34. What longest river entirely in England flows through its capital city?

- A. River Trent
- B. River Main
- C. River Great
- D. River Thames

35. What English city has a GDP that exceeds \$1 trillion?

- A. London
- B. Bristol
- C. Leicester
- D. Nottingham

36. The Pyrenees separate the rest of Europe from what peninsula?

- A. the Balkans
- B. Iberia
- C. Crimea
- D. Kanin

37. French, English, Italian, and Monegasque are languages spoken in what semi-enclave city-state?

- A. Bosnia Herzegovina
- B. Austria
- C. Croatia
- D. Monaco

38. What Russian river is the longest in Europe?

- A. Garonne River
- B. Don River
- C. Volga River
- D. Moselle River

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

- A. Stockholm
- B. Oslo
- C. Helsinki
- D. Tallinn

40. What Indo-Aryan language spoken in Europe includes Vlax, Balkan, and Sinte dialects?

- A. Prussian
- B. Romani
- C. Greek
- D. Breton

41. The Czech-Polish border between Bohemia and Silesia is marked by the main ridge of what range?

- A. Sistema Central
- B. Sar Mountains
- C. Vosges
- D. Giant Mountains

42. Which of the following is NOT a landlocked nation?

- A. Hungary
- B. San Marino
- C. Slovenia
- D. Luxembourg

43. Minsk is the capital city of which of the following?

- A. Belarus
- B. Latvia
- C. Poland
- D. Russia

44. Catholicism is the most practiced religion in all of the following nations EXCEPT?

- A. France
- B. Romania
- C. Ireland
- D. Spain

45. The Galdhøpiggen, Kebnekaise, and Halti peaks are all part of what North European range?

- A. Apennines
- B. Caucasus
- C. Alps
- D. Scandes

46. What geographically closest European capitals are only 55 kilometers apart?

- A. Kyiv and Minsk
- B. Madrid and Lisbon
- C. Vienna and Bratislava
- D. Oslo and Stockholm

47. What telecommunications and technology company is headquartered in Espoo, Finland?

- A. Nokia
- B. Shell
- C. Equinor
- D. Dior

48. What crescent shaped lake shared by Switzerland and France is the largest on the course of the Rhone?

- A. Lake Ohrid
- B. IJsselmeer
- C. Vättern
- D. Lake Geneva

49. All of the following nations have communities that live north of the Arctic Circle EXCEPT?

- A. Norway
- B. Belarus
- C. Sweden
- D. Russia

50. Which of the following is the official language of Andorra?

- A. Slovak
- B. Gaelic
- C. Catalan
- D. Romansh

51. Copenhagen is the capital city of what Scandinavian nation?

- A. Denmark
- B. Lithuania
- C. Albania
- D. Kosovo

52. Which of the following is the capital city of North Macedonia?

- A. Sofia
- B. Skopje
- C. Tirana
- D. Podgorica

53. What two nations split from each other and became independent in 1993?

- A. Romania and Moldova
- B. Austria and Slovenia
- C. Montenegro and Kosovo
- D. Czechia and Slovakia

54. The Vltava, Ogre, Havel, and Saale are all tributaries of what Central Europe river?

- A. Dnieper River
- B. Seine River
- C. Elbe River
- D. Weser River

55. Before its namesake alphabet was derived from the Phoenician system, what language was recorded in other scripts like Linear B and Cypriot?

- A. Greek
- B. Luxembourgish
- C. Galician
- D. Welsh

56. Vänern is the largest lake in what nation?

- A. Italy
- B. Croatia
- C. Serbia
- D. Sweden

57. Which of the following Fortune 500 companies is NOT headquartered in Germany?

- A. Siemens
- B. Accenture
- C. Bosch
- D. Mercedes-Benz

58. Geirangerfjord and Nærøyfjord are listed as a single UNESCO World Heritage Site under what name?

- A. Wrangel Island Reserve
- B. Canals of Amsterdam
- C. West Norwegian Fjords
- D. Lagoons of New Caledonia

59. Which of the following nations is NOT currently a member of the European Union?

- A. Switzerland
- B. Belgium
- C. Sweden
- D. Greece

60. Which of these has the largest Jewish population in Europe?

- A. Norway
- B. Estonia
- C. Austria
- D. France

61. What largest Icelandic waterfall is located on the Jokulsa a Fjollum River which flows from the Vatnajokull glacier?

- A. Pliva Waterfall
- B. Dettifoss
- C. Marmore Falls
- D. Kivach

62. Which of the following is the longest river that flows entirely within France?

- A. Saone River
- B. Rhone River
- C. Loire River
- D. Douro River

63. What Swiss city serves as the seat of the government, parliament, and federal administration?

- A. Bern
- B. Zurich
- C. Lucerne
- D. Basel

64. Which of the following connects the Peloponnesian peninsula to the rest of mainland Greece?

- A. Karelian Isthmus
- B. Viaduc de Miliau
- C. Elbe-Havel Canal
- D. Isthmus of Corinth

65. What trade bloc was founded by Poland, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia in 2006 and joined by several Balkan countries since?

- A. Union for Europe of the Nations
- B. Central European Free Trade Agreement
- C. European Free Trade Association
- D. European Central Bank

66. What West Slavic language divided into Lower and Upper is spoken by peoples living in the Lusatia region of eastern Germany?

- A. Macedonian
- B. Slovene
- C. Sorbian
- D. Polish

67. Which of the following is a member of the European Economic Area (EEA) but is not a member of the European Union?

- A. Iceland
- B. Finland
- C. the Netherlands
- D. Croatia

68. Chisinau is the capital city of which of the following?

- A. Kosovo
- B. Montenegro
- C. Bulgaria
- D. Moldova

69. The French Gulf of Gascony is referred to as which of the following by the Spanish?

- A. North Sea
- B. Celtic Sea
- C. Gulf of Biscay
- D. Alboran Sea

70. What largest cosmetics company in the world is headquartered in Clichy, Hauts-de-Seine?

- A. Unilever
- B. L'Oréal
- C. Shiseido
- D. Chanel

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 the latest national census, what is the population of the metro area of Lisbon, Portugal?