



**European Geography Examination
7th and 8th Grade Division
IAC Nationals 2025**

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?
- Greece
 - Portugal
 - Ireland
 - Norway
31. What river flows through Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest, and Belgrade?
- Danube River
 - Po River
 - Oka River
 - Shannon River
32. Capri, Sardinia, and Sicily are islands of what nation?
- Portugal
 - Latvia
 - Italy
 - Denmark
33. What smallest European nation by area is governed by the Holy See?
- Liechtenstein
 - Vatican City
 - Malta
 - Cyprus
34. What longest river entirely in England flows through its capital city?
- River Trent
 - River Main
 - River Great
 - River Thames
35. What English city has a GDP that exceeds \$1 trillion?
- London
 - Bristol
 - Leicester
 - Nottingham
36. The Pyrenees separate the rest of Europe from what peninsula?
- the Balkans
 - Iberia
 - Crimea
 - Kanin
37. French, English, Italian, and Monegasque are languages spoken in what semi-enclave city-state?
- Bosnia Herzegovina
 - Austria
 - Croatia
 - Monaco
38. What Russian river is the longest in Europe?
- Garonne River
 - Don River
 - Volga River
 - Moselle River
39. Which of the following is the capital of Sweden?
- Stockholm
 - Oslo
 - Helsinki
 - Tallinn
40. What Indo-Aryan language spoken in Europe includes Vlach, Balkan, and Sinte dialects?
- Prussian
 - Romani
 - Greek
 - Breton
41. The Czech-Polish border between Bohemia and Silesia is marked by the main ridge of what range?
- Sistema Central
 - Sar Mountains
 - Vosges
 - Giant Mountains
42. Which of the following is NOT a landlocked nation?
- Hungary
 - San Marino
 - Slovenia
 - Luxembourg
43. Minsk is the capital city of which of the following?
- Belarus
 - Latvia
 - Poland
 - Russia
44. Catholicism is the most practiced religion in all of the following nations EXCEPT?
- France
 - Romania
 - Ireland
 - Spain
45. The Galdhøpiggen, Kebnekaise, and Halti peaks are all part of what North European range?
- Apennines
 - Caucasus
 - Alps
 - Scandes
46. What geographically closest European capitals are only 55 kilometers apart?
- Kyiv and Minsk
 - Madrid and Lisbon
 - Vienna and Bratislava
 - Oslo and Stockholm
47. What telecommunications and technology company is headquartered in Espoo, Finland?
- Nokia
 - Shell
 - Equinor
 - Dior

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

- A. Lake Ohrid
- B. IJesselmeer
- 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, Odra, 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 Nærøysund 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 Jökulsá a Fjöllum River which flows from the Vatnajökull 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 Peloponnese 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'Oreal
- 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?