



Geography Photo Quiz 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. The monolith shown here is one of the most famous natural landmarks in what nation?
 - A. Thailand
 - B. India
 - C. Australia
 - D. Egypt
2. The London Eye is one of the famous landmarks on what river that flows through the center of the city?
 - A. Danube
 - B. Rhine
 - C. Seine
 - D. Thames
3. The highest mountain in Africa, shown here, is located in which of these countries?
 - A. Tanzania
 - B. South Africa
 - C. Namibia
 - D. Botswana
4. The Forbidden City is a major tourist attraction in which of these Asian cities?
 - A. Shanghai
 - B. Beijing
 - C. Hong Kong
 - D. Macau
5. The Grand Prismatic Spring, seen here from the air, is a natural feature in what US National Park?
 - A. Yellowstone
 - B. Glacier
 - C. Yosemite
 - D. Great Smoky Mountains
6. What Delhi landmark, constructed during the Mughal Empire, is shown here?
 - A. the Kashmiri Gate
 - B. Jamia Masjid
 - C. the Kali Mosque
 - D. the Red Fort
7. The sign in this image shows a famous subway entrance in what European capital?
 - A. Vienna
 - B. Prague
 - C. Paris
 - D. Budapest
8. What basilica church shown here is an iconic sight in Barcelona, Spain?
 - A. Sagrada Familia
 - B. Santa Maria Maggiore
 - C. St. Paul's
 - D. Santiago de Compostela
9. Catatumbo lightning is a natural phenomenon on Lake Maracaibo in what South American nation?
 - A. Brazil
 - B. Venezuela
 - C. Colombia
 - D. Bolivia
10. The sign shown here gives directions to drivers to famous neighborhoods in what world capital?
 - A. Bangkok
 - B. Jakarta
 - C. Riyadh
 - D. Tokyo
11. The pink areas on this map indicate which of the following?
 - A. major cities
 - B. Native American reservations
 - C. flood zones
 - D. areas at risk of earthquakes

12. Victoria Falls on the Zambezi River is located between what two African nations?

- A. Tunisia and Morocco
- B. Egypt and Syria
- C. Zambia and Zimbabwe
- D. Republic of the Congo and Democratic Republic of the Congo

13. The CN Tower is a famous feature on the skyline of what Canadian city?

- A. Quebec City
- B. Vancouver
- C. Ottawa
- D. Toronto

14. The Royal Gorge in Colorado was carved by what major tributary of the Mississippi River?

- A. Arkansas River
- B. Red River of the North
- C. Snake River
- D. Colombia River

15. The Blue House Museum, the former home of artist Frida Kahlo, is a tourist attraction in which city?

- A. Santa Fe
- B. San Diego
- C. Mexico City
- D. Los Angeles

16. Where might you see the Aurora Borealis shown in this image?

- A. New Zealand
- B. Brazil
- C. Thailand
- D. Iceland

17. The Vasa Museum shown here is a feature of the waterfront of what capital of Sweden?

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

18. Which of these countries does NOT contain part of the Amazon Rainforest?

- A. Brazil
- B. Peru
- C. Colombia
- D. Uruguay

19. The karst formations of Ha Long Bay are a UNESCO World Heritage Site in what Southeast Asian nation?

- A. Vietnam
- B. Laos
- C. Malaysia
- D. Indonesia

20. What part of the UK is shown on this map in red?

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

21. What planned city shown here became the capital of Brazil in 1960?

- A. Manaus
- B. São Paulo
- C. Recife
- D. Brasília

22. What small Asian city-state's famous waterfront is shown here?

- A. Bali
- B. Singapore
- C. Brunei
- D. Java

23. The White House is located on what famous Washington, DC street shown here?

- A. Connecticut Avenue
- B. K Street
- C. Georgetown Road
- D. Pennsylvania Avenue

24. This photo shows low tide in the Bay of Fundy on the Atlantic Ocean in what nation?

- A. Canada
- B. Ireland
- C. Portugal
- D. UK

25. What iconic New York City building is shown here?

- A. 30 Rockefeller Center
- B. 1 World Trade Center
- C. the Empire State Building
- D. the Chrysler Building

26. The Maroon Bells, shown here, are located near the Aspen ski area in what US state?

- A. New Mexico
- B. Arizona
- C. Utah
- D. Colorado

27. The Olduvai Gorge Monument marks an area where which of these have been found?

- A. dinosaur remains
- B. an ancient sea floor
- C. early human fossils
- D. a dormant volcano

28. The torii gates shown here are associated with which of these faiths prominent in Asia?

- A. Confucianism
- B. Shinto
- C. Hinduism
- D. Sikhism

29. This image shows the interior of the tomb of Tutankhamun in the Valley of the Kings outside what Egyptian city?

- A. Luxor
- B. Damascus
- C. Fez
- D. Casablanca

30. This Philadelphia landmark is named for which of these important documents?

- A. the Bill of Rights
- B. the Articles of Confederation
- C. the Mayflower Compact
- D. the Declaration of Independence

31. Wat Arun is a Buddhist temple complex near the Grand Palace in what Asian capital?

- A. Jakarta
- B. Bangkok
- C. Seoul
- D. Ho Chi Minh City

32. This aerial view shows the famous canals of what European city?

- A. Rome
- B. Amsterdam
- C. Edinburgh
- D. Dublin

33. Neuschwanstein Castle is a 19th century palace in what southern German state?

- A. Baden-Württemberg
- B. Bremen
- C. Bavaria
- D. Brandenburg

34. This famous public space in the Vatican is known as which of the following?

- A. Red Square
- B. Trafalgar Square
- C. St. Mary's Square
- D. St. Peter's Square

35. These Moroccan road signs have text in French and what other local language?

- A. Arabic
- B. Igbo
- C. Urdu
- D. Swahili

36. The French Quarter is a historic neighborhood in what US city?

- A. Houston
- B. Atlanta
- C. New Orleans
- D. Charleston

37. Mount Elbrus, the highest in Europe, is in which of these ranges?

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

38. The Hagia Sophia is a major landmark in which of these historic cities?

- A. Moscow
- B. Istanbul
- C. Athens
- D. Krakow

39. In what European nation would you find a natural formation like this?

- A. Italy
- B. Switzerland
- C. France
- D. Norway

40. The two areas shown in red on this map are the Galapagos Islands and what South American nation to which they belong?

- A. Argentina
- B. Ecuador
- C. Colombia
- D. Venezuela

41. Stonehenge is an example of what type of structure made of large stones?

- A. pyramid
- B. earthwork
- C. megalith
- D. barrow

42. This photograph shows what famous ancient temple?

- A. San Vitale
- B. Temple of Zeus
- C. Temple of Vesta
- D. Parthenon

43. A Soyuz rocket sits on a launchpad at the space launch facility in which of these Central Asian nations?

- A. Afghanistan
- B. Kazakhstan
- C. Mongolia
- D. Uzbekistan

44. The Cliffs of Dover are in the southern part of what country along its namesake 'channel'?

- A. England
- B. Portugal
- C. Greece
- D. Croatia

45. This famous tower is a tourist attraction in what city?

- A. Sienna
- B. Venice
- C. Milan
- D. Pisa

46. These sinkholes, common on Mexico's Yucatan peninsula, are known by what name?

- A. lahar
- B. pingo
- C. cenote
- D. stylolite

47. Kilauea is an active volcano in what US state?

- A. Alaska
- B. Hawai'i
- C. Washington
- D. Oregon

48. The Church of the Savior on Blood in St. Petersburg, Russia commemorates which of these events?

- A. the end of World War II
- B. the Bolshevik Revolution
- C. the assassination of Tsar Alexander II
- D. the death of Stalin

49. The satellite image shown here shows nighttime images of what two nations?

- A. North and South Korea
- B. India and Pakistan
- C. the US and Canada
- D. the France and Germany

50. This is a sign in the airport that services what capital city?

- A. Budapest, Hungary
- B. Zagreb, Croatia
- C. Ankara, Turkey
- D. Tbilisi, Georgia

51. The Three Gorges dam, shown here, spans which of these major Asian rivers?

- A. Yangtze
- B. Mekong
- C. Ganges
- D. Irrawaddy

52. What Roman city was covered in ash by Mount Vesuvius in 79 CE?

- A. Capri
- B. Agrigento
- C. Pompeii
- D. Veii

53. The Mona Lisa is housed in what famous French museum?

- A. Musee d'Orsay
- B. Centre Pompidou
- C. Versailles
- D. Louvre

54. Macau, shown here, was formerly a colony of which European power?

- A. Portugal
- B. Spain
- C. Russia
- D. Germany

55. This satellite image shows a hurricane entering what body of water?

- A. Caribbean Sea
- B. Gulf of Mexico
- C. Bay of Bengal
- D. South China Sea

56. Arches National Park is just north of Moab in what US state?

- A. California
- B. Arizona
- C. Nevada
- D. Utah

57. St. Kinga's Chapel inside of the Wieliczka Mine in Poland is carved from which of these materials?

- A. rock salt
- B. copper
- C. diamond
- D. iron

58. The largest of the three waterfalls at Niagara Falls is named for which of these?

- A. mist
- B. a curtain
- C. a whirlpool
- D. a horseshoe

59. Merdeka 118 is a megatall skyscraper in what Asian city?

- A. Shanghai
- B. Kuala Lumpur
- C. Jakarta
- D. Osaka

60. What mountain can be seen at the mouth of Guanabara Bay in Rio de Janeiro?

- A. Pico da Neblina
- B. Galan
- C. Sugarloaf Mountain
- D. Cerro Bayo

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 government statistics, how many ships passed through the Panama Canal between October 1, 2023 and September 30, 2024?