

UNITED STATES GEOGRAPHY CHALLENGE --- A SET QUALIFYING TEST |

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Scoring System! 2 points for correct answer, 0 for left blank, -1 for incorrect response. Answer Accordingly!!!

- 1) Which of these is not a major language of Nigeria?
 - a) English
 - b) Igbo
 - c) Azeri
 - d) Yoruba

- 2) Which state is home to a Corn Palace in Mitchell, a famous drugstore in Wall, and an incomplete mountain sculpture of Crazy Horse south of Rapid City?
 - a) South Dakota
 - b) Missouri
 - c) Minnesota
 - d) Delaware

- 3) The Tethys, Iapetus, and the Poseidon are ancient what's?
 - a) Cats
 - b) Clouds
 - c) Moons
 - d) Oceans

- 4) Which national capital is on the second largest freshwater lake in Central America and located about 30 miles from its largest?
 - a) Panama City, Panama
 - b) San Salvador, El Salvador
 - c) Belmopan, Belize
 - d) Managua, Nicaragua

- 5) Which of the following does not belong to Norway?
 - a) Bouvet Island
 - b) Baffin Island
 - c) Svalbard
 - d) Jan Mayen

- 6) Which Australian city serves as the capital of its state?
- a) Cairns
 - b) Fremantle
 - c) Adelaide
 - d) Murray
- 7) Which Asian country is the primary home to the Uyghur people?
- a) Turkey
 - b) Vietnam
 - c) China
 - d) India
- 8) The Front Range is a line of mountains including Mount Evans and Pikes Peak that has its northern end is near Casper in what state?
- a) Wyoming
 - b) Utah
 - c) Nebraska
 - d) Montana
- 9) Which of the following seas does not border Italy?
- a) Ionian Sea
 - b) Ligurian Sea
 - c) Tyrrhenian Sea
 - d) Aegean Sea
- 10) What is the name for the type of weather front where a mass of cold air overtakes a mass of warm air?
- a) Destructive Front
 - b) Occluded Front
 - c) Back Front
 - d) Snow Front
- 11) The Maghreb refers to what part of the world?
- a) Mesopotamia
 - b) North Africa
 - c) South Africa
 - d) Eastern Brazil

- 12) Following the deadly earthquake in Haiti in 2010, an outbreak of what disease killed nearly 8,000 as of January 2013?
- a) Cholera
 - b) Syphilis
 - c) Herpes
 - d) Dysentery
- 13) The territory of the West Bank is so named due to its location in relation to what body of water?
- a) Tigris River
 - b) Mediterranean Sea
 - c) Judas Lake
 - d) Jordan River
- 14) Which environmental issue in America is compounded by the atmospheric phenomenon known as thermal inversion?
- a) Smog in Los Angeles
 - b) Nuclear radiation at Three Mile Island, Pennsylvania
 - c) Invasive species in Louisiana wetlands
 - d) Bee plague in Utah
- 15) Which of the following countries utilizes the Euro as its currency?
- a) Norway
 - b) Switzerland
 - c) Italy
 - d) Sweden
- 16) Dry weather and strong winds have recently contributed to what peculiar weather phenomena in Australia?
- a) Sand clouds
 - b) Dust rain
 - c) Fire tornadoes
 - d) Reverse rain
- 17) What was the name Westerners used to refer to Beijing under the Wade-Giles Romanization system?
- a) Shanghai
 - b) Chongqing
 - c) Peking
 - d) Tianjin

- 18) Which peninsula is bounded by the Gulf of Aqaba and the Gulf of Suez?
- a) Arabian
 - b) Horn of Africa
 - c) Sinai
 - d) Gibraltar
- 19) The 1987 Meech Lake Accord, negotiated by Brian Mulroney, is key in the movement for sovereignty of which place?
- a) British Columbia
 - b) California
 - c) Texas
 - d) Quebec
- 20) Which of the following islands is a Dutch possession?
- a) Curacao
 - b) St. Kitts
 - c) Trinidad
 - d) Montserrat
- 21) Which of the following rivers flows into the Indian Ocean?
- a) Nile
 - b) Zambezi
 - c) Orange
 - d) Congo
- 22) Which city in northeastern Italy was its own independent city near the middle of the 20th century?
- a) Venice
 - b) Trieste
 - c) Reggia
 - d) Milan
- 23) Quipu was a counting system used primarily in which present day country?
- a) Brazil
 - b) Mexico
 - c) Canada
 - d) Peru

- 24) The Erie Canal connects Lake Erie with which river?
- a) Ohio
 - b) Mississippi
 - c) Connecticut
 - d) Hudson
- 25) To the nearest degree, what is the latitude of the Arctic Circle?
- a) 66
 - b) 50
 - c) 60
 - d) 88
- 26) Cecil Rhodes famously worked on which continent, which he hoped to have a north-south empire dominating over?
- a) Africa
 - b) Antarctica
 - c) North America
 - d) Asia
- 27) Occidental, Oriental, and del Sur mountain ranges named Sierra Madre criss-cross which nation?
- a) Brazil
 - b) Syria
 - c) Mexico
 - d) Panama
- 28) Most of Ukraine falls under which biome?
- a) Steppe
 - b) Boreal forest
 - c) Desert
 - d) Mediterranean
- 29) Which country is the site of ethnic violence in Goma, a recent Ebola outbreak in Kikwit, and the former home of Mobutu Sese Seko?
- a) Central African Republic
 - b) Democratic Republic of the Congo
 - c) South Africa
 - d) Zimbabwe

- 30) What is the name given to the highest level of subnational divisions in Japan?
- a) Provinces
 - b) Cantons
 - c) Parishes
 - d) Prefectures
- 31) Which city is America's largest state capital by population?
- a) Phoenix, AZ
 - b) Sacramento, CA
 - c) Richmond, VA
 - d) Jefferson City, MO
- 32) The passage separating South America and Antarctica, south of Cape Horn, is named for whom?
- a) Sir Francis Drake
 - b) Queen Elizabeth I
 - c) Simon Bolivar
 - d) Ferdinand Magellan
- 33) The 1815 Battle of Waterloo was fought in which country, also home to Liege and Antwerp?
- a) France
 - b) Belgium
 - c) Germany
 - d) Austria
- 34) 50 nations claim mostly unpopulated holdings in what place?
- a) The Moon
 - b) Australia
 - c) Antarctica
 - d) Greenland
- 35) Which of the following countries does not have a monarch?
- a) Thailand
 - b) Sri Lanka
 - c) Bhutan
 - d) Cambodia
- 36) The second-highest peak in Africa shares its name with which East African nation?
- a) Malawi
 - b) Tanzania
 - c) Somalia
 - d) Kenya

- 37) Which city, which shares its name with a pepper, is the capital of French Guiana?
- a) Tabasco
 - b) Cayenne
 - c) Poblano
 - d) Bell City
- 38) Which city on the Willamette River was named for a city in Maine?
- a) Portland, OR
 - b) Salem, OR
 - c) Olympia, WA
 - d) Bangor, WA
- 39) Which small European nation on the Rhine River counts false teeth as one of its major exports?
- a) Monaco
 - b) San Marino
 - c) Luxembourg
 - d) Liechtenstein
- 40) Barchan and star are names for what type of wind creations?
- a) Blizzards
 - b) Sand dunes
 - c) Waves
 - d) Hills
- 41) The Ogallala _____ is a crucial but rapidly-shrinking feature of the Great Plains.
- a) River
 - b) Desert
 - c) Aquifer
 - d) Prairie
- 42) The Isle of Man is within what sea?
- a) Arctic Sea
 - b) Baltic Sea
 - c) North Sea
 - d) Irish Sea
- 43) Novaya Zemlya, an Arctic archipelago, is an extension of what mountain range?
- a) Cascades
 - b) Tamirs
 - c) Urals
 - d) Brooks Range

- 44) The Red River of the North separates what two states?
- a) North Dakota and Minnesota
 - b) Iowa and Illinois
 - c) Montana and South Dakota
 - d) Illinois and Indiana
- 45) Which country, with capital at Honiara, was the site of the battle of Guadalcanal?
- a) Tuvalu
 - b) Solomon Islands
 - c) Micronesia
 - d) Fiji
- 46) Which US president has a national capital named after him?
- a) John Adams
 - b) Thomas Jefferson
 - c) James Monroe
 - d) James Madison
- 47) Which city is home to the Prado Museum?
- a) Madrid
 - b) Barcelona
 - c) Lisbon
 - d) Toledo
- 48) La Paz, Bolivia is the largest city in what elevated plateau?
- a) Sierra Manteca
 - b) Patagonia
 - c) Pampas
 - d) Altiplano
- 49) The Baikonur Cosmodrome, a Russian space program base, is in what former Soviet republic?
- a) Turkmenistan
 - b) Belarus
 - c) Georgia
 - d) Kazakhstan
- 50) A multi-state compact was signed by several Southwestern states, including Arizona and Colorado, with the purpose of managing the use of what?
- a) Tax revenue from toll roads
 - b) Mineral sources in the Rockies
 - c) The Colorado River
 - d) Movement of goods