

The 2012-2013 United States Geography Challenge - Regional Qualifying Exam – B Set

Scoring System: 2 points for a correct answer, -1 for a wrong answer, 0 points for a blank answer!

Name: _____ School: _____ Birthdate: _____

- 1) Which state's capital city is just east of Lake Tahoe?
 - a) California
 - b) Texas
 - c) Nevada
 - d) Colorado

- 2) What country's parliament meets near the Danube River in Bratislava?
 - a) Czech Republic
 - b) Slovakia
 - c) Croatia
 - d) Sweden

- 3) The Nazca Lines are mysterious desert formations on what continent?
 - a) South America
 - b) Europe
 - c) Australia
 - d) Antarctica

- 4) Lake Oahe, a lake in the Dakotas, is a reservoir along the path of what river?
 - a) Mississippi
 - b) Colorado
 - c) Missouri
 - d) Red

- 5) Which country's namesake mountain is the second tallest in Africa, located just 200 miles from Mt. Kilimanjaro?
 - a) Uganda
 - b) Djibouti
 - c) South Africa
 - d) Kenya

- 6) What is the term applied to the art of making maps?
 - a) Mapology
 - b) Latitudism
 - c) Calligraphy
 - d) Cartography

- 7) Which phenomena are measured on the Enhanced Fujita scale?
 - a) Tornadoes
 - b) Hurricanes
 - c) Snowstorms
 - d) Earthquakes

- 8) The Nubian Desert is a subset of what larger African desert?
 - a) Kalahari
 - b) Namib
 - c) Serengeti
 - d) Sahara

9) Which of these Mexican states is NOT along its border with the United States?

- a) Sonora
- b) Chihuahua
- c) Coahuila
- d) Yucutan

10) The Neva River flows past what Russian city, a port in the western part of the country?

- a) Moscow
- b) St. Petersburg
- c) Nizhniy Novgorod
- d) Stalingrad

11) Which African country features a narrow portion of territory jutting out from its eastern border known as the Caprivi Strip?

- a) Mozambique
- b) Egypt
- c) Namibia
- d) Senegal

12) The ancient city of Tenochtitlan was located in land now occupied by what present-day city?

- a) Mexico City
- b) Cancun
- c) Rio de Janeiro
- d) Phoenix

13) Which of these would be most likely to feature the Pyrenees?

- a) A thematic map of Portugal
- b) A physical map of France
- c) A political map of Germany
- d) An isobar map of Belgium

14) Which major Venezuelan river's name means "a place to paddle?"

- a) Orinoco
- b) Maracaibo
- c) Amazon
- d) Chavez

15) Which smallest Canadian province has its capital at Charlottetown?

- a) Alberta
- b) Ontario
- c) New Brunswick
- d) Prince Edward Island

16) The Prime Meridian has an alternate name that comes from the name for a neighborhood of what larger city?

- a) Paris
- b) New York
- c) London
- d) Liverpool

- 17) Which Central American country, located between Nicaragua and Panama, topped the New Economic Foundation's Happy Planet index in 2012?
- a) Costa Rica
 - b) Honduras
 - c) El Salvador
 - d) Guatemala
- 18) Which meteorological event, most often considered in relation to South Asia, is a reversal of wind direction caused by the uneven heating of land and water?
- a) Cyclones
 - b) Devshirme
 - c) Monsoon
 - d) Maelstroms
- 19) The monolith Uluru is also known by what other name?
- a) Ayers Rock
 - b) Mt. Everest
 - c) Japan
 - d) El Capitan
- 20) The Grand Canal, a 1,104-mile artificial waterway, is located in the eastern half of what nation?
- a) Turkey
 - b) Italy
 - c) China
 - d) Australia
- 21) Lemurs are native to what island nation?
- a) Australia
 - b) Japan
 - c) The Maldives
 - d) Madagascar
- 22) Which of the following cities is along Florida's Atlantic coast?
- a) Orlando
 - b) Fort Lauderdale
 - c) Tampa
 - d) Tallahassee
- 23) Which two capital cities are along the Rio de la Plata?
- a) Asuncion and Caracas
 - b) Madrid and Lisbon
 - c) Buenos Aires and Brasilia
 - d) Montevideo and Buenos Aires
- 24) Adam's Bridge was once a land bridge that connected India with what neighbor?
- a) Sri Lanka
 - b) The Maldives
 - c) Bangladesh
 - d) Myanmar

- 25) Which of the following types of display has the least distortion in representing the Earth's surface?
- Mercator projection
 - Robinson projection
 - Azimuthal projection
 - A globe
- 26) What is the term of the dry areas in the interior of continents that are caused by coastal mountains, such as the High Desert of Oregon?
- Rain shadow
 - Hot plain
 - Arida
 - Zone of no water
- 27) The coast of Norway is dotted with fjords, which are created by what features?
- Volcanoes
 - Glaciers
 - Landslides
 - Tidal waves
- 28) Which lake, located along the New York-Vermont border, is often called the Sixth Great Lake and, like Loch Ness, is said to be home to a legendary monster?
- Lake Burlington
 - Lake George
 - Lake Champlain
 - Lake Lucerne
- 29) Sarawak and Sabah are subdivisions on which large island, shared between three countries?
- Borneo
 - New Guinea
 - Luzon
 - Sri Lanka
- 30) Which of the following nations does NOT use the Euro as its official currency?
- Ireland
 - Italy
 - Austria
 - United Kingdom
- 31) What island is shared by the nations of Haiti and the Dominican Republic?
- Hispaniola
 - Jamaica
 - Domincaiti
 - South Florida
- 32) Mount Mitchell, the highest peak in the Appalachians, is in what state?
- Pennsylvania
 - North Carolina
 - Maryland
 - Georgia

- 33) What is the name for the ratio of distance on a map to distance in the real world?
- a) Distance generator
 - b) Enlargement quotient
 - c) Size factor
 - d) **Scale**
- 34) Which entity did Argentina fight with the United Kingdom over in 1982?
- a) **The Falkland Islands**
 - b) Buenos Aires
 - c) St. Helena
 - d) Santos Island
- 35) The Berber people are most associated with which of the following countries?
- a) France
 - b) **Morocco**
 - c) Egypt
 - d) Ethiopia
- 36) The Gulf of Tonkin is an arm of what sea?
- a) Red Sea
 - b) **South China Sea**
 - c) Yellow Sea
 - d) Sea of Japan
- 37) Which Australian city is the capital of South Australia?
- a) Perth
 - b) Brisbane
 - c) Melbourne
 - d) **Adelaide**
- 38) The cedar tree is a national symbol of what country?
- a) Iraq
 - b) Iran
 - c) Syria
 - d) **Lebanon**
- 39) Which Libyan city was the site of a September 11, 2012 attack on a consulate that killed U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens?
- a) Tripoli
 - b) Sirte
 - c) Misrata
 - d) **Benghazi**
- 40) Which sea names a climate type characterized by warm, dry summers and mild, wet winters?
- a) Caribbean Sea
 - b) **Mediterranean Sea**
 - c) Baltic Sea
 - d) Coral Sea
- 41) Which is the only borough of New York City that is not on an island?
- a) Manhattan
 - b) Brooklyn
 - c) **The Bronx**
 - d) Queens

42) Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma all did major damage in the United States during which year?

- a) 1994
- b) 2001
- c) 2005
- d) 2009

43) Haile Selassie I was the emperor of what East African country, which fought against Italy twice between 1895 and 1936?

- a) Kenya
- b) Egypt
- c) Ethiopia
- d) Chad

44) The two most widely-spoken members of the Finno-Ugric language family are Finnish and what other language, the native tongue of Miklós Horthy and Imre Nagy?

- a) Polish
- b) Swedish
- c) Czech
- d) Hungarian

45) Which large expanse of wetlands in southeastern Virginia and northeastern North Carolina is known for its groups of runaway slaves?

- a) Okefenokee Swamp
- b) Great Dismal Swamp
- c) The Everglades
- d) The Richmond Marshes

46) The Chari River is the main tributary of what rapidly-shrinking central African lake?

- a) Lake Chad
- b) Lake Volta
- c) Aral Sea
- d) Lake Niger

47) The Karakum desert occupies 70% of the land of what central Asian country, which until 2006 was known for its eccentric yet cruel dictator?

- a) Kyrgyzstan
- b) Afghanistan
- c) Turkmenistan
- d) Iran

48) The Jin Mao Tower is a tall skyscraper near the Huangpu River in the up-and-coming Pudong district of what Asian city?

- a) Beijing
- b) Kyoto
- c) Taipei
- d) Shanghai

49) The Troodos Mountains are the largest mountain range on what island?

- a) Corsica
- b) Sicily
- c) Cyprus
- d) Long Island

50) Uppsala University is a prestigious institution of higher learning in which nation?

- a) Finland
- b) Germany
- c) Sweden
- d) Denmark

