

**The 2012-2013 United States Geography Challenge - Regional Qualifying Exam – C Set**  
**Scoring System: 2 points for a correct answer, -1 for a wrong answer, 0 points for a blank answer!**

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- 1) Which lines run north to south?
  - a) Longitude
  - b) Latitude
  - c) Tropics
  - d) Ligature
  
- 2) Which of the following is not a nation of the United Kingdom?
  - a) Wales
  - b) Scotland
  - c) Ireland
  - d) England
  
- 3) What city, once known as Londinium, is now home to neighborhoods such as Soho and the West End?
  - a) Johannesburg
  - b) Paris
  - c) Los Angeles
  - d) London
  
- 4) Which of the following European countries is not a member of the European Union?
  - a) Greece
  - b) Austria
  - c) Norway
  - d) Sweden
  
- 5) Where is the native range of the platypus?
  - a) Japan
  - b) Western North America
  - c) Southern Africa
  - d) Eastern Australia
  
- 6) The collapse of Mt. Mazama created Crater Lake in which state?
  - a) Oregon
  - b) California
  - c) Minnesota
  - d) Texas
  
- 7) The Battle of Inchon was a decisive amphibious battle fought in which Asian country, also home to UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon?
  - a) Japan
  - b) Vietnam
  - c) South Korea
  - d) India

- 8) Which Latin American city is NOT on a coastline?
- a) Bogota
  - b) Panama City
  - c) Rio de Janeiro
  - d) Havana
- 9) Which of the following types of storms, one of which notably impacted the US in 2012, is most associated with the summer months?
- a) Alberta clipper
  - b) Derecho
  - c) Nor'Easter
  - d) Panhandle hook
- 10) Which civilization lived primarily on or near the Yucatan Peninsula?
- a) Navajo
  - b) Incan
  - c) Aztec
  - d) Mayan
- 11) Which river is the city of Louisville, Kentucky located on?
- a) Tennessee
  - b) Lexington
  - c) Ohio
  - d) Cumberland
- 12) The Bear Flag Revolt took place in Sonoma in which present-day state, which features a bear on its flag?
- a) Oregon
  - b) California
  - c) Maryland
  - d) Texas
- 13) The 1972 Winter Olympics were held on the island of Hokkaido in which Asian nation?
- a) South Korea
  - b) Vietnam
  - c) Japan
  - d) Taiwan
- 14) Singapore has four official languages: English, Tamil, Mandarin Chinese, and what other language, the language spoken in its nearest neighbor?
- a) Japanese
  - b) Malay
  - c) Mongolian
  - d) Korean
- 15) What city saw one of its bridges over the Mississippi River collapse in August 2007?
- a) Minneapolis
  - b) Kansas City
  - c) Memphis
  - d) New Orleans

- 16) Joseph Kony, who was widely publicized as a villain in early 2012, hails from which country that borders Lake Albert and Lake Victoria?
- a) Uganda
  - b) Israel
  - c) Chad
  - d) South Africa
- 17) What is the only US state without any natural lakes?
- a) Minnesota
  - b) Maine
  - c) Maryland
  - d) Hawai'i
- 18) The epicenter of the tragic 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake was located off the west coast of Sumatra, the largest island located entirely within which Asian country?
- a) India
  - b) Iran
  - c) Thailand
  - d) Indonesia
- 19) Which country is home to the cities of Durban and Pietermaritzburg and the province called Free State?
- a) South Africa
  - b) Egypt
  - c) Chad
  - d) India
- 20) Which of the following mountains is the highest peak in South America?
- a) Chimborazo
  - b) Aconcagua
  - c) Sugarloaf
  - d) Huascaran
- 21) What city on the Winooski River, with a population of 7,855, is the smallest state capital by population in the US?
- a) Olympia, WA
  - b) Pierre, SD
  - c) Bismarck, ND
  - d) Montpelier, VT
- 22) Guernsey, one of several islands off the coast of Normandy, is located in which body of water?
- a) English Channel
  - b) North Sea
  - c) Irish Sea
  - d) Bay of Biscay
- 23) Which hurricane, the cause of \$26.5 billion in damage, made its first American landfall in Homestead, Florida?
- a) Hurricane Andrew (1992)
  - b) Hurricane Ike (2008)
  - c) Hurricane Rita (2005)
  - d) Hurricane Hattie (1961)

- 24) Popocatépetl is an active volcano and second highest peak in which country?
- a) Mexico
  - b) Nicaragua
  - c) Gabon
  - d) Tanzania
- 25) Which of the following empires was NOT located in western Africa?
- a) Songhai
  - b) Olmec
  - c) Mali
  - d) Ghana
- 26) Which of the following Asian countries is a monarchy?
- a) North Korea
  - b) Mongolia
  - c) Thailand
  - d) Laos
- 27) Which Latin American country is considered the most non-democratic?
- a) Cuba
  - b) Brazil
  - c) Mexico
  - d) Costa Rica
- 28) Which of the following Canadian provinces is considered one of the Prairie Provinces?
- a) New Brunswick
  - b) Quebec
  - c) Alberta
  - d) Nunavut
- 29) Which long river has namesake colorful tributaries, two of which converge at Khartoum?
- a) Niger
  - b) Sudan
  - c) Nile
  - d) Zambezi
- 30) Jutland is the primary mainland component of which Scandinavian country?
- a) Iceland
  - b) Norway
  - c) Sweden
  - d) Denmark
- 31) What Spanish city, the largest in Basque country, is home to a branch of the Guggenheim Museum?
- a) Bilbao
  - b) Madrid
  - c) Barcelona
  - d) Lisbon

- 32) The Prime Meridian and the Equator intersect in the Atlantic Ocean nearest to what country?
- a) Chad
  - b) Senegal
  - c) Angola
  - d) Ghana
- 33) Before Juscelino Kubitschek moved the government to the planned city of Brasilia, what city served as Brazil's capital?
- a) São Paulo
  - b) Cidade de Brasil
  - c) Bahia
  - d) Rio de Janeiro
- 34) Which of the following countries was an independent state in the year 1980?
- a) Poland
  - b) Slovenia
  - c) Estonia
  - d) Armenia
- 35) What biome is generally characterized by coniferous forests and low temperatures, such as Alaska and Scandinavia?
- a) Taiga
  - b) Mediterranean
  - c) Riparian zone
  - d) Pelagic zone
- 36) Which is NOT the name of a desert in Australia?
- a) Tanami
  - b) Gibson
  - c) Great Sandy
  - d) Sonoran
- 37) The recently eruptive Mt. St. Helens is located in which mountain range?
- a) Adirondacks
  - b) Cascades
  - c) Coast Range
  - d) Brooks Range
- 38) Which island country has a majority of the population who are adherents to the Theravada branch of Buddhism?
- a) Japan
  - b) Sri Lanka
  - c) The Philippines
  - d) Singapore
- 39) Which of the following phenomena is measured on the Beaufort scale, which includes categories such as "calm" and "gale"?
- a) Humidity
  - b) Precipitation
  - c) Wind speed
  - d) Sunlight

- 40) What is the term for the body of water that forms when the meander of a river is cut off from the main channel?
- a) Yazoo stream
  - b) Oxbow lake
  - c) Meander scar
  - d) Deviant channel
- 41) According to the CIA, Niger leads the world with a 7.52 in what statistic, defined as the average number of births per woman?
- a) Total fertility rate
  - b) Gross National Product
  - c) Infant mortality rate
  - d) Human production coefficient
- 42) Puntland is a breakaway republic from which country on the Horn of Africa?
- a) Senega
  - b) Somalia
  - c) Guinea
  - d) Djibouti
- 43) Which Asian lake, drained by the Angara River, has its own species of seal?
- a) Tonle Sap
  - b) Three Gorges Lake
  - c) Lake Baikal
  - d) Lake Balkash
- 44) The basin of which river is home to the main industrial area of Italy?
- a) Po
  - b) Tiber
  - c) Rhine
  - d) Salso
- 45) What is the term for a mixture of molten and semi-molten rock found beneath the Earth's surface, often associated with volcanoes?
- a) Magma
  - b) Tephra
  - c) Lahar
  - d) Rockblow
- 46) What is the name for the island group containing Cuba and Hispaniola?
- a) Lesser Antilles
  - b) Greater Antilles
  - c) Main Sequence
  - d) Ria Archipelago
- 47) Which of the following port cities is NOT located on the Baltic Sea?
- a) Gdansk
  - b) Kaliningrad
  - c) Helsinki
  - d) Oslo

- 48) The United States dollar is the official currency of several other countries, including which Central American one containing a vital part of the world's shipping lanes?
- a) Egypt
  - b) Panama
  - c) Mexico
  - d) Brazil
- 49) The Sahara desert is home to which mountain range?
- a) Ghats
  - b) Serengeti
  - c) Drakensberg
  - d) Tibesti
- 50) The Napoleonic-era Battle of Austerlitz was fought near Brno in what present-day country?
- a) Spain
  - b) Czech Republic
  - c) Germany
  - d) Denmark