

**2015 UNITED STATES GEOGRAPHY OLYMPIAD
ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
TEST B: GEOGRAPHY OF THE WORLD**

You will be awarded two points for a correct answer. You will not lose any points for a blank response. You will lose one point for any incorrect answers. Please answer the 50 multiple-choice questions on the answer sheet. Then answer the 10 tiebreaker questions on the last page, separate it, and hand it to the proctor. Tiebreaker questions will only be used to determine medal placement.

- 1) Which of the following Mexican states does not border the United States?
a) Chihuahua b) Coahuila c) Sonora d) Chiapas



- 2) Which of the following ecological regions, shown here, serves as the border between the Sahara and the Savanna?
a) Taiga
b) Sahel
c) Veldt
d) Sundarbans

- 3) Wasabi, tempura, and udon are part of the cuisine of which country?
a) China b) Japan c) Nigeria d) Australia



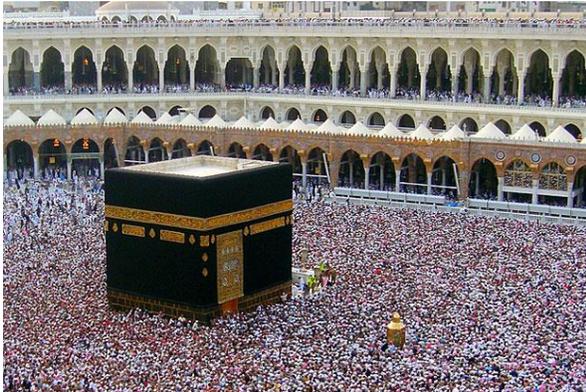
- 4) Which would you not find in the highlighted country?
a) Transfagarasan Highway
b) Transylvania
c) Transit infrastructure in Bucharest
d) Transnistria

5) Which of the following is not located in Antarctica?

- a) Vinson Massif b) Queen Maud Land c) Ross Ice Shelf d) Novosibirsk

6) Which country has seen a recent series of earthquakes around its capital of Kathmandu?

- a) Bhutan b) Ecuador c) Iceland d) Nepal



7) The Ka'aba, seen here, is a holy site in what city?

- a) Jerusalem
b) Mecca
c) Rome
d) Baghdad

8) Shown here is Wroclaw, a city in which heavily-industrialized region which was once formerly controlled by Prussia and Germany but is now split between Poland and the Czech Republic?

- a) Pomerania
b) Silesia
c) Bohemia
d) Genovia



9) The Irrawaddy River is the longest river in which country?

- a) Thailand b) Bangladesh c) Burma (Myanmar) d) Cambodia

10) Which of the following cannot be found in Northern Territory?

- a) Cape York Peninsula b) Darwin c) Uluru (Ayers Rock) d) Alice Springs

11) If you flew directly in a straight line from Hamburg to Munich, which German state's territory would you fly over?

- a) Berlin b) Rheinland-Pfalz c) Lower Saxony d) Brandenburg



12) Shown here is one of the several Heritage sites in what city, a former imperial capital of its country?

- a) Kyoto
- b) Hue
- c) Chengdu
- d) Kaohsiung

13) Which of the following biomes is least prevalent in Europe?

- a) Boreal forest
- b) Temperate rainforest
- c) Desert
- d) Mediterranean vegetation

14) Which city, located in the Kurdish region of Iraq, has seen the least fighting over the past ten years?

- a) Baghdad
- b) Ramadi
- c) Basra
- d) Erbil

15) Which of the following is a nearly-impassable stretch of rainforest in southern Panama?

- a) Darien Gap
- b) Ojos de Salado
- c) The Impasiblo
- d) River of Forest

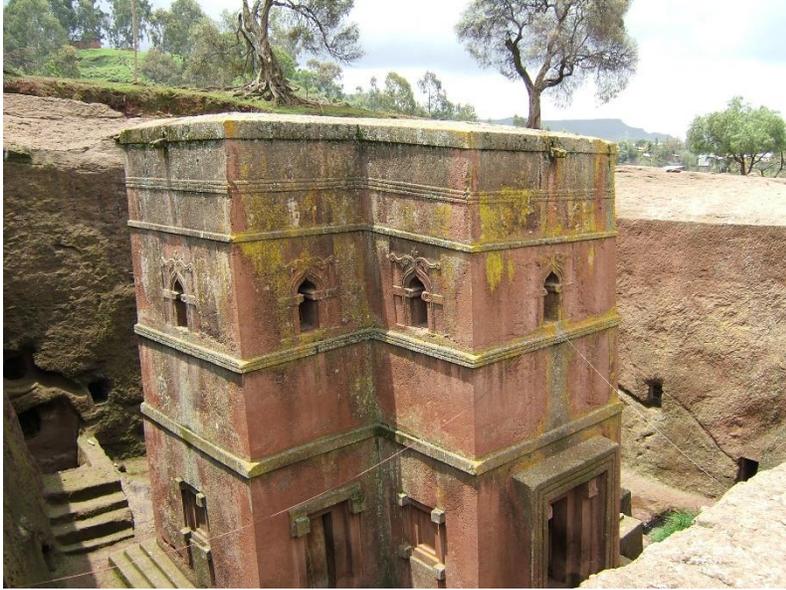


16) Shown here is the Rama IX Bridge, spanning the Chao Phraya River in what city?

- a) Hong Kong
- b) Yangon
- c) Bangkok
- d) Dhaka

17) What is the second-tallest mountain in the world?

- a) K2
- b) Mount Aconcagua
- c) Mount Kilimanjaro
- d) Kanchenjunga



18) Shown here is a church in which country, which has a majority Christian population?

- a) Ethiopia
- b) Tunisia
- c) Morocco
- d) Chad

19) Which present day country's territory was invaded by Alexander the Great, but not by the Roman Empire, which never expanded that far east?

- a) Iraq
- b) Pakistan
- c) Syria
- d) Lebanon

20) Which of the following countries has the highest life expectancy?

- a) Albania
- b) Croatia
- c) Norway
- d) Moldova



21) What island is shown here?

- a) Palawan
- b) Crete
- c) South
- d) Mauritius

22) Which country is a city-state that lies off the southern tip of the Malay Peninsula?

- a) Hong Kong
- b) Singapore
- c) Brunei
- d) Fiji

23) Despite being the largest city in its country, the city whose skyline is on the left is not one of its country's three capitals.

- a) Mumbai
- b) Johannesburg
- c) Sao Paulo
- d) Cape Town



24) Which country does not possess nuclear weapons?

- a) Russia
- b) North Korea
- c) China
- d) South Korea

25) Which of the following countries is not in NATO?

- a) Ukraine
- b) France
- c) United Kingdom
- d) Poland



26) Shown here is St. Basil's Cathedral, a landmark in what city?

- a) Moscow
- b) St. Petersburg
- c) Helsinki
- d) Oslo

27) Control of which region has been disputed by India, Pakistan, and China?

- a) Bangladesh
- b) Kashmir
- c) Wakhan
- d) Kafiristan

28) Istria is a peninsula primarily belonging to which of the following countries?

- a) Croatia
- b) Greece
- c) Cyprus
- d) Albania



29) Shown here is the reconstructed bridge at Mostar. The original bridge at this location was destroyed in 1993 in which country?

- a) Slovenia
- b) Bosnia and Herzegovina
- c) Macedonia
- d) Cyprus

30) Which of these pairs of words name two South American native languages?

- a) Quechua and Guarani
- b) Nahuatl and Omotepe
- c) Blanquise and Tlaloc
- d) Caipirinha and Tezco

31) What is the only island shared between three countries?

- a) Papua New Guinea
- b) Luzon
- c) Java
- d) Borneo

32) Classica American cars, as seen here, are most associated with what Caribbean metropolis due to poor relations with the United States in recent decades?

- a) Port-au-Prince
- b) Port of Spain
- c) Havana
- d) Kingston





33) Shown here, with blue upper and lower stripes, a red central section, and a black-and-white representation of a temple, is the flag of what country?

- a) Laos
- b) Cambodia
- c) India
- d) South Korea

34) Which of the following island groups belongs to Spain?

- a) Canary Islands
- b) Cape Verde Islands
- c) Madeira Islands
- d) Azores

35) The Rub al-Khali is also known by what name in English?

- a) Western Wall
- b) Empty Quarter
- c) Green Zone
- d) Lighthouse of Alexandria

36) Which of the following is the most popular spectator sport in India?

- a) Snooker
- b) Buzkashi
- c) Basketball
- d) Cricket

37) Which Chinese city was part of United Kingdom before 1997?

- a) Hong Kong
- b) Chongqing
- c) Shanghai
- d) Macao

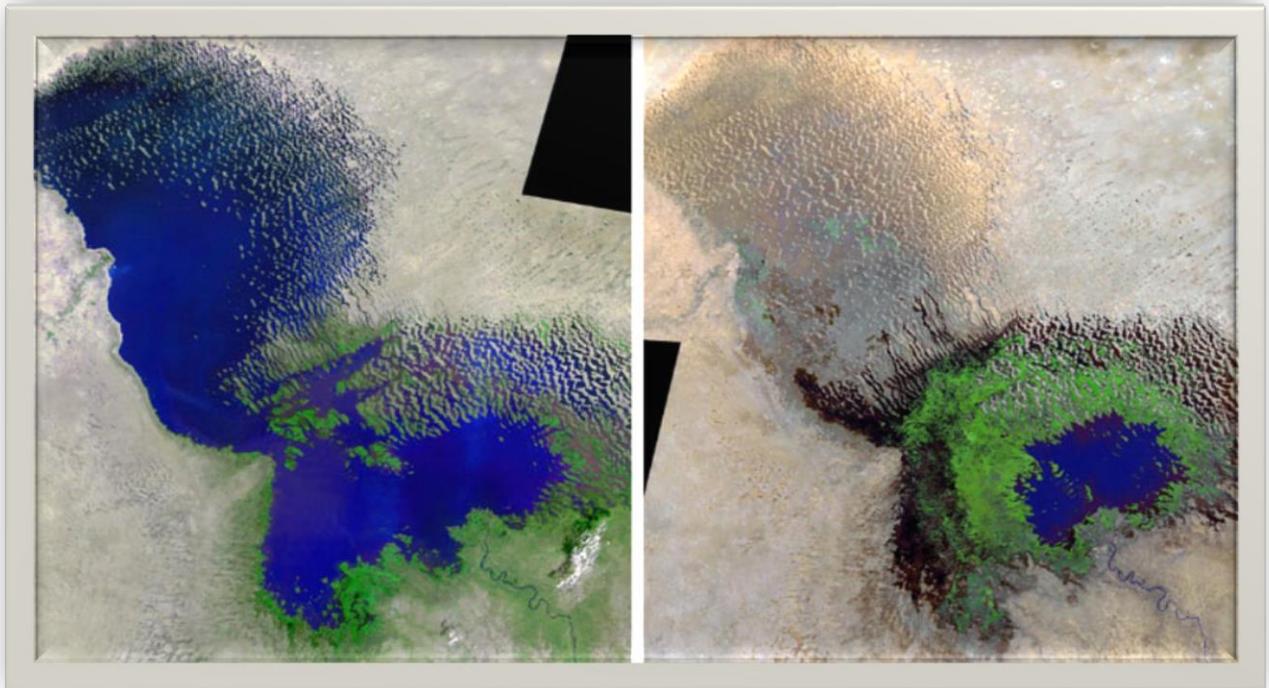
38) The Shetland and Orkney Islands are part of which country?

- a) Scotland
- b) Wales
- c) England
- d) Northern Ireland



39) Shown here is a slum in Port Harcourt, in the heart of the oil region of which of these countries, the largest oil producer in Africa?

- a) Burundi
- b) Algeria
- c) Nigeria
- d) South Africa



40) The above image shows the drying of what body of water, fed primarily by the Chari River?

- a) Aral Sea b) Caspian Sea c) Lake Urmia d) Lake Chad

41) Which of these countries does not border China?

- a) Tajikistan b) Turkmenistan c) Kyrgyzstan d) Kazakhstan



42) These pillar-like geologic features, the inspiration for the floating "Hallelujah Mountains" from the 2009 film *Avatar*, are located in what country?

- a) Spain
b) Canada
c) China
d) Somalia

43) The Port of Rotterdam, shown here, is the largest in Europe. Which country is it in?

- a) Belgium
- b) The Netherlands
- c) Germany
- d) Denmark



44) The Nubian Desert lies within which country?

- a) Sudan
- b) Saudi Arabia
- c) Niger
- d) Namibia

45) Israel does not currently control which of the following?

- a) Golan Heights
- b) West Jerusalem
- c) Sinai Peninsula
- d) Negev Desert

46) What is the largest city by population in South America?

- a) Sao Paulo
- b) Buenos Aires
- c) Lima
- d) Caracas

47) If as an AFS exchange student, you lived on the Hortobagy Plain and argued with your host family about their president, Viktor Orbán's pro-Russian policies, you'd be studying in which country?

- a) Hungary
- b) Sweden
- c) Lithuania
- d) Belarus

48) Which of the following is not an independent country?

- a) Fiji
- b) Tuvalu
- c) Niue
- d) Tonga

49) Which of the following is considered one of the Maritime Provinces of Canada?

- a) Nova Scotia
- b) Manitoba
- c) Yukon
- d) Ontario

50) Which of the following rivers flows into the Pacific Ocean?

- a) Ob
- b) Lena
- c) Volga
- d) Amur

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The main part of the test is complete. These are tiebreaker questions that will ONLY BE USED TO BREAK TIES TO DECIDE THE TOP THREE POSITIONS IN EACH DIVISION. They will be graded in order.

SEPARATE THIS PAGE AND HAND IT TO THE TEST PROCTOR, EVEN IF YOU LEAVE IT BLANK

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Fill in the blank.

- 1) _____ is the capital of Okinawa.
- 2) _____ is the highest point on New Guinea.
- 3) Barranquilla is a coastal city in _____. (Name the country.)
- 4) The _____ Pool is a widening of the Congo River near Kinshasa.
- 5) St. Petersburg, Russia is on the _____ River.
- 6) Tynwald, one of the oldest parliaments in the world, is located on _____. (Name the island.)
- 7) The Gulf of Sidra indents _____. (Name the country.)
- 8) _____ is a city on the Songhua River and the capital of Heilongjiang Province, the northernmost province in China.
- 9) The _____ Plateau dominates south-central India.
- 10) Fort-de-France is the capital of _____