

Test: Latin American NCE - MS

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Which writer of the pamphlet Guerilla Warfare assisted the Castro brothers in toppling the Batista regime?

- A) Che Guevara
- B) Jacobo Arbenz
- C) Don Hidalgo
- D) William Walker

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What "Crisis" occurred when Nikita Krushchev ordered Soviet ballistics be placed on a Caribbean nation in response to the US's weapon stockpile in Turkey and Greece?

- A) Puerto Rican Crisis
- B) Cuban Missile Crisis
- C) The Bay of Pigs
- D) The Special Period

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Which country fought a 1982 conflict after attempting to wrest control of the Falkland Islands from the UK?

- A) Uruguay
- B) Argentina
- C) Brazil
- D) Chile

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Which European power historically controlled the modern state of Suriname and still has nominal control of Aruba, Bonaire, and Curacao?

- A) Denmark
- B) France
- C) Netherlands
- D) Spain

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Which lake named for a Central American nation was the focal point of a French attempt to open a canal that connects the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans?

- A) Lake Honduras
- B) Lake Belize
- C) Lake Panama
- D) Lake Nicaragua

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Which Caribbean island, currently a US commonwealth, was devastated by Hurricane Maria in 2017?

- A) US Virgin Islands
- B) Dominica
- C) Puerto Rico
- D) St. Croix

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Brazil produces a plurality of what plant crop rich in sucrose used to sweeten foods and drinks?

- A) Maple Syrup
- B) Sugarcane
- C) Agave Nectar
- D) Honey

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The Chicano holiday "Cinco De Mayo" celebrates the Mexican victory at the Battle of the Puebla over which European power that installed Maximilian I?

- A) Netherlands
- B) The United States
- C) UK
- D) France

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Which Central American nation disbanded its standing army after the National Liberation Army won a 44 day civil war?

- A) Honduras
- B) Panama
- C) El Salvador
- D) Costa Rica

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Which Portuguese nobleman discovered modern Brazil in 1500 and claimed it for his kingdom?

- A) Pedro Cabral
- B) Gil Eannes
- C) Bartolomeu Dias
- D) Ferdinand Magellan

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With US backing, Panama declared independence from what neighboring state?

- A) Costa Rica
- B) Colombia
- C) Honduras
- D) Venezuela

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Donations from Brazilian Catholics funded the construction of what statue found on top of Corcovado Mountain?

- A) Christ the Redeemer
- B) Our Lady of Guadalupe
- C) Christ of the Sacred Heart
- D) Christ of the Abyss

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Which Mexican Revolutionary sparked a manhunt led by John Pershing after he raided Columbus, New Mexico in 1915?

- A) Emiliano Zapata
- B) Pancho Villa
- C) Carmen Serdán
- D) Plutarcho Calles

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Which 15th century citadel was brought to American attention after the Hiram Bingham expedition, erroneously known as "The Lost City of the Inca?"

- A) Machu Picchu
- B) Nazca Lines
- C) Valdivia
- D) Cuzco

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SAETA Flight 232 tragically crashed into what Andean mountain, whose summit is farthest point on Earth's surface from Earth's center?

- A) Aconcagua
- B) Pichincha
- C) Chimborazo
- D) Cayambe

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What "Treaty" negotiated by Pope Julius II split the New World into Portuguese and Spanish spheres of influence?

- A) Treaty of Tlatelolco
- B) Hay-Bunilla Treaty
- C) Treaty of Tordesillas
- D) Treaty of Iguala

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Chile and Argentina nearly went to war in what region after the Beagle conflict occurred over the maritime rights of the title waterway?

- A) Las Pampas
- B) Tierra del Fuego
- C) Falkland Islands
- D) The Pantanal

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The death of a seaman on the USS Yankee led to the US occupation of what Caribbean capital, known for a time as Ciudad Trujillo?

- A) Santo Domingo
- B) Havana
- C) San Jose
- D) San Juan

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Which Nicaraguan right wing rebel group that opposed the Sandinistas named a "Scandal" with the nation of Iran?

- A) División del Norte
- B) Peronist
- C) Contras
- D) Marxists

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Rioting during a qualifier for what sport led to a short war between Honduras and El Salvador?

- A) Soccer
- B) Basketball
- C) Volleyball
- D) Cricket

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Which man of Japanese descent dominated Peruvian politics during the 1990s, weakening the Shining Path during his tenure?

- A) Alberto Fujimori
- B) Alejandro Toledo
- C) Shinzo Abe
- D) Abimael Guzman

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Which island, currently governed by Chile, is home to the Moai heads built by the Rapa Nui people?

- A) The Galapagos
- B) New Britain
- C) Easter Island
- D) Diego Garcia

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Which American industrialist founded a namesake settlement in the Amazon region to manufacture rubber to make tires?

- A) Karl Benz
- B) William Durant
- C) Elon Musk
- D) Henry Ford

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Which former slave began a revolt against Napoleonic France in modern day Haiti, later dying after being captured by Jean Baptiste Brunet?

- A) The Marquis de Lafayette
- B) Toussaint Louverture
- C) Henri I
- D) François Duvalier

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What city, planned by Oscar Neimeyer, replaced Rio de Janeiro as capital in 1960?

- A) Brasilia
- B) Sao Paulo
- C) Salvador
- D) Bahia

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Which Ecuadorian city names an 1822 meeting between Jose de San Martin and Simon Bolivar to discuss the future of independent South America?

- A) Guayaquil
- B) Loja
- C) Quito
- D) Miraflores

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What name, coined by American writer O. Henry, refers to an unstable Latin American nation that relies on limited resources to carry the economy?

- A) Third World nation
- B) Banana Republic
- C) Rentier State
- D) Narco-state

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Which Colombian drug lord, the head of the Medellin Cartel, caused a country wide manhunt in 1993 that led to his death?

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- A) Pablo Escobar
 - B) Joaquin "El Chapo" Gomez
 - C) El Chingon
 - D) Griselda Blanco

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Which war, whose treaty was mediated by Argentine politician Carlos Saavedra Lamas, ended in Paraguay gaining much of a namesake fertile region in the Rio De La Plata basin?

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- A) War of the Pacific
 - B) Gran Chaco War
 - C) Paraguayan War
 - D) The Pantanal War

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Which American fruit company orchestrated the overthrow of the socialist Jacobo Arbenz regime in Guatemala?

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- A) Foster Farms
 - B) Dole
 - C) United Fruit
 - D) Goya

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What island experienced a joint US-Caribbean invasion in 1983 that overthrew the People's Revolutionary Army, the military wing of the Marxist-Leninist New Jewel Movement?

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- A) Grenada
 - B) Barbados
 - C) St. Vincent and the Grenadines
 - D) Guadeloupe

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What indigenous people group that found the Mesoamerican cities of La Venta and San Lorenzo created giant stone heads?

- A) Aztec
- B) Olmecs
- C) Zapotec
- D) Kiche

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Lázaro Cárdenas nationalized what industry in the 1930s, creating the national company of PeMex?

- A) Oil
- B) Water
- C) Banks
- D) Gold Mining

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The first permanent Trans-Atlantic trade route connected the port of Manila to what modern Mexico resort town in Guerrero?

- A) Veracruz
- B) Acapulco
- C) Tabasco
- D) Cabo San Lucas

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After hearing of the tale of Caligula, what nation's dictator of Mariano Melgarejo made his horse Holofernes a consul?

- A) Paraguay
- B) Guyana
- C) Bolivia
- D) Dominican Republic

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Haitian dictator Papa Doc intimidated opponents by claiming to be a priest of what syncretic Haitian faith?

- A) Santeria
- B) Vodou
- C) Candomble
- D) Cao Dai

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Which "Emperor of the Aztec" was replaced by his brother Cuitláhuac and killed by his countrymen during negotiations between the Spanish and his native people?

- A) Itzcoatl
- B) Huayna Capac
- C) Seven Macaw
- D) Moctezuma

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With Spanish, which native tongue is spoken either as a first or second by the majority of Paraguayans?

- A) Guarani
- B) Tupi
- C) Quechua
- D) Carib

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Which Mexican priest began Mexico's War of Independence with his Grito de Dolores in 1810?

- A) Santa Anna
- B) Miguel Hidalgo
- C) Emiliano Zapata
- D) Vicente Guerrero

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Jamaat al Muslimeen attempted to overthrow the government of A.N.R. Robinson in which nation, taking over the Red House in Port of Spain?

- A) Trinidad and Tobago
- B) St. Kitts and Nevis
- C) Guyana
- D) Aruba

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Nazi Germany's Admiral Hans Langsdorff scuttled the Admiral Graf Spee on what body of water formed by the Uruguay and Parana rivers?

- A) Orinoco River
- B) Rio de La Plata
- C) Rio Negro
- D) Amazon River

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What policy, similar to gunboat diplomacy, justified US interventions in the Americas?

- A) The Square Deal
- B) Roosevelt Corollary
- C) Good Neighbor Policy
- D) Dollar Diplomacy

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The sinking of what US ship in Havana harbor led to a conflict between the US and Spain?

- A) USS Maine
- B) USS Arizona
- C) USS Hunley
- D) USS Nautilus

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The caste system of Colonial Latin America established what term for someone of mixed Amerindian and Iberian heritage?

- A) Tisoy
- B) Zambo
- C) Peninsulares
- D) Mestizo

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Which champion of the "Back to Africa" movement who was a native of Jamaica founded the UNIA?

- A) Marcus Garvey
- B) Leopold Senghor
- C) WEB DuBois
- D) Booker T. Washington

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Which byproduct of sugarcane production was traded from the Caribbean to the Thirteen Colonies to produce rum?

- A) Molasses
- B) Ethanol
- C) Sugarcane Juice
- D) Cachaça

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Which animal names a US "operation" that financially supported the Augusto Pinochet regime in Chile and rooted out Peronists during the Dirty War?

- A) Golden Eagle
- B) Seagull
- C) Alpaca
- D) Condor

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Crop Over, the Caribbean equivalent to Brazil's Carnival, first began on which island where the slave Bussa led a revolt that hoped to capture Bridgetown?

- A) Dominica
- B) Barbados
- C) St. Vincent and the Grenadines
- D) Bahamas

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Ocean Atlas, the largest underwater statue in the world, sits off the coast of what island capital named for a German duchy?

- A) Nassau
- B) Port au Prince
- C) Belmopan
- D) Basseterre

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Which capital is home to La Casa Rosada, first built by President Julio Roca and currently the residence of Alberto Fernández of the Justicialist Party?

- A) Santiago
- B) Buenos Aires
- C) Bogota
- D) Lima

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Which former actress, known as "The Spiritual Leader" of Argentina, became the subject of a 1970s Andrew Lloyd Webber musical?

- A) Evita Peron
- B) Angela Peron
- C) Isabel Peron
- D) Christina Peron

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Although they are known as "Panama Hats," what Andean nation produces the majority of the world's supply?

- A) Colombia
- B) Bolivia
- C) Peru
- D) Ecuador

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Mario Vargas Llosa described what political party as "The Perfect Dictatorship" due to its 70 year stranglehold over Mexican politics in the 20th century

- A) PRI
- B) PAIS Alliance
- C) PLC
- D) PAN

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Which founding father was born on a plantation in Nevis, later moving to the Thirteen Colonies after being orphaned?

- A) Thomas Jefferson
- B) Alexander Hamilton
- C) George Washington
- D) James Madison

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Which British ship was used by naturalist Charles Darwin to round the tip of South America and travel to the Galapagos Islands?

- A) HMS Cerberus
- B) HMS Endeavour
- C) HMS Beagle
- D) HMS Nonsuch

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Which site in Cuba, currently under permanent lease to the US, was used to hold dangerous prisoners during the War on Terror?

- A) Matanzas
- B) Santiago
- C) Guantánamo Bay
- D) Camaguey

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A 2009 coup in what nation captured sitting President Manuel Zelaya in his Presidential Palace force his exile to Costa Rica in a matter of hours?

- A) Belize
- B) Guatemala
- C) Panama
- D) Honduras

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Which son of Huayna Capac fought his brother, Huascar, in a Civil War for the Incan throne shortly before being executed by Francisco Pizarro?

- A) Atahualpa
- B) Pachacuti
- C) Manco Capac
- D) Tupac Amaru

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Samuel Sharpe led a slave revolt in the 1830s in Jamaica, beginning on the outskirts of what tourist destination and second largest city in the Caribbean?

- A) Runaway Bay
- B) Montego Bay
- C) Willemstad
- D) Port of Spain

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What term that is likely the origin of the word "Buckaroo" is the Mexican Spanish term for "Cowboy?"

- A) Charro
- B) Paniolo
- C) Caballero
- D) Vaquero

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Which Italian first formed his "Redshirts" legion while fighting for the Colorados of Uruguay in their struggle with the Blancos?

- A) Matteo Renzi
- B) The Count of Cavour
- C) Victor Emannuelle II
- D) Giuseppe Garibaldi

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King George III names which former British colony's capital?

- A) Guyana
- B) Turks and Caicos
- C) British Virgin Islands
- D) Suriname

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Which poet who wrote "Guantanamera" died while fighting the Cuban War of Independence?

- A) José Martí
- B) Junot Díaz
- C) Julia Alvarez
- D) Gabriel Garcia Marquez

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What protege of Lula da Silva was ousted after the worst of Operation Car Wash and other budgetary embezzlement?

- A) Dilma Rousseff
- B) Álvaro Uribe
- C) Mauricio Macri
- D) Jair Bolsonaro

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Which man targeted through much of the 1960s by Operation Mongoose said "If surviving assassination attempts were an Olympic event, I would win the gold medal."

- A) Salvador Allende
- B) Fulgencio Batista
- C) Maurice Bishop
- D) Fidel Castro

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Argentine Hércules Florence pioneered an early form of what technology three years prior to the invention of the Daguerrotype?

- A) Electric Lightbulb
- B) Elevators
- C) Photography
- D) Phonography

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Which system of Native enslavement did reformers like Bartolomé de las Casas petition the Spanish government to end in the 1500s?

- A) Mita
- B) Triangle trade
- C) Encomienda
- D) Audiencias

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Which Caribbean island frequently switched hands between the British and French, becoming known as the "Helen of the West Indies?"

- A) Bonaire
- B) St. Lucia
- C) Anguilla
- D) Barbados

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Multiple South American nations fought off a Spanish attempt to sieze the Chincha Islands, which were rich in what fertilizer that comes from bat and bird droppings?

- A) Humus
- B) Saltpeter
- C) Ammonia
- D) Guano

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Deposed Ecuadorian President Abdalá Bucaram championed what nickname one would believe is insulting?

- A) El Gordo
- B) El Loco
- C) El Enojado
- D) El Tempestuoso

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What Mayan city of the Yucatan is home to the El Castillo step pyramid, a Temple of Kukalcan?

- A) Tikal
- B) Teotihuacan
- C) Chichen Itza
- D) Tenochitlan

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What capital city was occupied by the victorious Chileans in the War of the Pacific after that city's nation came to the aid of Bolivia?

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- A) Sucre
 - B) Caracas
 - C) Lima
 - D) Quito

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Grenada's flag depicts which spice, one its main exports, that is often used in puddings and eggnog?

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- A) Cinnamon
 - B) Cardamom
 - C) Nutmeg
 - D) Cayenne

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What holiday names Columbus' first settlement, and therefore the first Western European settlement, in the New World?

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- A) Easter
 - B) All Saints' Day
 - C) Advent
 - D) Christmas

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Which October 2020 Category Four Hurricane devastated the coast of Nicaragua and Honduras?

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- A) Hurricane Matthew
 - B) Hurricane Eta
 - C) Hurricane Sally
 - D) Hurricane Delta