



National Women's History Exam

Women's History Examination IAC Nationals 2022

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Instructions – Mark your answers on the scantron provided. Correct answers are worth 2 points. Incorrect answers are worth –1 point. Questions left blank are worth 0 points.

1. Which of the following Shoshone women acted as a guide for the famous Lewis and Clark Expedition?

- A. Sacajawea
- B. Tonaioza
- C. Lozen
- D. Wirasuap

2. In January 1917, Alice Paul and 9 other suffragettes picketed outside what US landmark?

- A. the White House
- B. the US Capitol
- C. the Lincoln Memorial
- D. the Supreme Court

3. An Italian physician is the namesake of what educational method she created to emphasize self-directed activity in young children?

- A. learning pods
- B. homeschooling
- C. Montessori
- D. charter academies

4. Emilia Casanova de Villaverde appealed to the US government to aid which of the following nations in their fight for independence in the late 19th century?

- A. Cuba
- B. Dominican Republic
- C. Philippines
- D. Puerto Rico

5. Indigenous rights activist Dolores Cacuango directed one of the first bilingual schools with instruction in both Spanish and Quechua in what South American nation?

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

6. Anthropologist Margaret Mead's book profiles the lives of children of Ta'u in what island nation?

- A. Fiji
- B. Kiribati
- C. Samoa
- D. Tonga

7. Which of the following is not true of the Congressional career of Jeanette Rankin?

- A. She was the first woman elected to the House of Representatives in 1916.
- B. She was a Republican representative for the state of Wyoming.
- C. She voted against US involvement in both World War I and World War II.
- D. She used her position in Congress to advocate for national women's suffrage.

8. Which of the following poems by black poet Phyllis Wheatley focused on the colonies achieving freedom from England?

- A. *A Farewell to America*
- B. *On Being Brought from Africa to America*
- C. *His Excellency General Washington*
- D. *A Hymn to Humanity*

9. The 1992 *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* decision involved which of the following concepts?

- A. a "gag rule" barring abortion referrals
- B. a challenge to parental consent for abortion
- C. a challenge to a ban on using Medicaid funds for abortions
- D. an "undue burden" test for evaluating abortion laws

10. Mary Rowlandson wrote her famous accounts of 17th century native life after her capture during which of the following conflicts?

- A. Pequot War
- B. Esopus Wars
- C. King William's War
- D. Metacom's War

11. Which of the following Central American nations was home to activist Berta Caceres, who fought the construction of the Agua Zarca Dam?

- A. Honduras
- B. Panama
- C. Nicaragua
- D. Guatemala

12. Which of the following nations currently seats a larger percentage of women in parliament than men?

- A. Rwanda
- B. Cuba
- C. Bolivia
- D. Mexico

13. Empress Dowager Cixi is often blamed for the downfall of what dynasty because her reforms failed to save the imperial system?

- A. Song Dynasty
- B. Yuan Dynasty
- C. Ming Dynasty
- D. Qing Dynasty

14. The National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls was created in what nation to protect indigenous women?

- A. Australia
- B. Canada
- C. Mexico
- D. Russia

15. In 1984, Liechtenstein was the last European nation to grant women which of the following?

- A. the right to vote
- B. the ability to initiate divorce
- C. the right to own land
- D. the ability to hold public office

16. In which of the following conflicts did women lead the Bread March to Versailles that resulted in the relocation of the royal family?

- A. Glorious Revolution
- B. Spanish Civil War
- C. French Revolution
- D. German Peasants' War

17. Which of the following women, born Isabelle Baumfree, gave the famous "Ain't I a Woman?" speech?

- A. Sojourner Truth
- B. Phoebe Palmer
- C. Biddy Mason
- D. Harriet Tubman

18. Which of the following is not true of the life and career of Dorothea Dix?

- A. She was a major advocate of prison and asylum reform.
- B. She worked with Jane Addams to establish Hull House.
- C. She championed the indigenous right to healthcare.
- D. She helped recruit nurses for the Union army during the Civil War.

19. Dr. Mary Edwards Walker is the only woman to have received what highest military award for valor for her service during the Civil War?

- A. Purple Heart
- B. Silver Star
- C. Distinguished Service Cross
- D. Medal of Honor

20. Victoria Claflin Woodhull, the first woman to run for US president, picked which of the following abolitionists as her running mate?

- A. William Lloyd Garrison
- B. Susan B. Anthony
- C. Frances Harper
- D. Frederick Douglass

21. A *Ms.* article by Alice Walker focused on finding the unmarked grave of which author of *Their Eyes Were Watching God*?

- A. Zora Neale Hurston
- B. Langston Hughes
- C. Countee Cullen
- D. Claude McKay

22. Which of the following best describes the "feminine mystique" described in Betty Friedan's 1963 book?

- A. It was the assumption that women should find fulfillment through domesticity alone.
- B. It was the assertion that women should have equal pay in the workplace.
- C. It argued that women could be equal to while also being different from men.
- D. It was a challenge to make feminism more inclusive for all women.

23. The Food and Drug Administration first approved which of the following in 1960, marking a win for reproductive activists such as Margaret Sanger?

- A. Intrauterine Device
- B. Contraceptive Injection
- C. Oral contraceptives
- D. Contraceptive Patch

24. Queen Liliuokalani was the last sovereign ruler of which of the following nations before she was ousted by rouge Americans?

- A. Philippines
- B. Hawaii
- C. Guam
- D. Puerto Rico

25. In 2021, Kamala Harris became the first woman to serve in what high office in the United States?

- A. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Secretary of State
- D. Speaker of the House

26. Oneida activist Laura Cornelius Kellogg was one of the founding members of the Society of American Indians in what late Progressive Era decade?
- 1890s
 - 1900s
 - 1910s
 - 1920s
27. General Stonewall Jackson was given valuable information by spy Marie Boyd during which of the following conflicts?
- Civil War
 - War of 1812
 - Trail of Tears
 - Bleeding Kansas
28. Catharine Beecher's Female Seminary was considered revolutionary because it taught which of the following "masculine" subjects?
- Modern languages
 - Physical education
 - Fine Arts
 - Natural science
29. Which of the following best describes the purpose of the World War II propaganda poster Rosie the Riveter?
- to encourage women to join the war effort through manufacturing jobs
 - to remind women of the importance of educating their children at home
 - to teach women the importance of supporting their husbands' military service
 - to motivate women to leave their manufacturing jobs to make room for men returning from war
30. European women played the important role of hosting salons in which of the following intellectual movements?
- Renaissance
 - Protestant Reformation
 - Scientific Revolution
 - Enlightenment
31. Katherine G. Johnson's complex calculations supported the success of which of the following missions that placed the first man on the moon?
- Apollo 8
 - Apollo 10
 - Apollo 11
 - Apollo 13
32. Yaa Asantewaa of Ejisu led the Ashanti people as they resisted imperialism by what European power?
- Spain
 - France
 - Great Britain
 - Germany
33. Female activists of the 1920s like Jane Addams and Helen Keller were instrumental in the formation of which of the following civil rights organizations?
- American Civil Liberties Union
 - Congress of Racial Equality
 - National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
 - Anti-Defamation League
34. Which of the following Tudor monarchs famously never married to preserve her absolutism?
- Isabella I
 - Mary I
 - Catherine I
 - Elizabeth I
35. The National Organization of Women organized "Take Back the Night" marches to raise awareness for which of the following issues?
- segregation
 - sexual assault
 - reproductive rights
 - suffrage
36. Which of the following women was not nominated to the Supreme Court in the 21st century?
- Ruth Bader Ginsburg
 - Elena Kagan
 - Sonia Sotomayor
 - Amy Coney Barrett
37. Which of the following European nations has not elected a woman to a head of state position?
- United Kingdom
 - Kosovo
 - Latvia
 - Italy
38. In 1932, Hattie Caraway became the first woman elected for a full term in what political office for the state of Arkansas?
- Senator
 - US Representative
 - Governor
 - Mayor
39. William Lloyd Garrison hired orator Lucy Stone to write and deliver speeches on behalf of which of the following abolitionist organizations?
- American Anti-Slavery Society
 - Society for Promoting the Abolition of Slavery
 - New York Manumission Society
 - American Convention of Abolition Societies

40. Elizabeth Blackwell was the first woman to receive what type of academic degree in the United States?
- Juris Doctor (Law)
 - Medical Doctor
 - Ph.D.
 - Master's degree
41. Which of the following provinces became the first in Canada to allow women to vote in 1916?
- Saskatchewan
 - Ontario
 - Manitoba
 - British Columbia
42. Columbia University student Emma Sulkowicz carried which of the following items across campus for a year as a demonstration against sexual assault?
- a flag
 - a mattress
 - a chair
 - a mannequin
43. In *A Vindication on the Rights of Women*, Mary Wollstonecraft argues that women's perceived inferiority to men is caused by a lack of which of the following?
- education
 - civility
 - apprenticeship
 - money
44. American-born impressionist painter Mary Cassatt was famous for her focus on which of the following subjects?
- A mother and her child
 - A husband and his wife
 - A teacher and her students
 - A farmer and his family
45. Which of the following best describes the purpose of the #MeToo movement?
- to fight for equal pay
 - to protest discrimination in hiring processes
 - to organize for reproductive rights
 - to raise awareness of sexual assault
46. The youngest ever recipient of the Nobel Peace prize is what girls' education champion?
- Malala Yousafzai
 - Graca Machel
 - Angelique Kidjo
 - Michelle Bachelet
47. Which of the following best describes the purpose of the Australian Women's Land Army during World War II?
- It encouraged women to serve in the army.
 - It recruited women to work on farms that were left vacant by men sent to war.
 - It drafted women as nurses to serve overseas.
 - It supplied women with military positions like manning radio and other clerical roles.
48. Which of the following was elected to first female president of Ireland in 1990?
- Mary McAleese
 - Mary Robinson
 - Mari Geoghegan-Quinn
 - Mary O'Rourke
49. Which of the following is not true of the life and career of Frances Willard?
- She served as president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.
 - She had a public feud with Ida B. Wells over a lack of support of anti-lynching laws.
 - She was an outspoken supporter of mental health reform.
 - She was instrumental in the passage of the 18th Amendment.
50. Which of the following women was named the "Angel of the Battlefield" for her first aid heroism during the Civil War?
- Clara Barton
 - Frances Clayton
 - Loreta Velazquez
 - Sarah Rosetta Wakeman
51. Tagish prospector Kate Carmack's Yukon Territory discovery sparked what 1890s event?
- California Gold Rush
 - Great Australian Gold Rush
 - Central Otago Gold Rush
 - Klondike Gold Rush
52. Black feminist and prison abolitionist Angela Davis became heavily involved in what organization focused on black nationalism?
- Black Panther Party for Self-Defense
 - The Republic of New Africa
 - Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee
 - Southern Christian Leadership Conference
53. All of the following poems were composed by reclusive poet Emily Dickinson except?
- I Write About The Butterfly Nature*
 - I felt a Funeral, in My Brain*
 - Because I could not stop for death*
 - I heard a fly buzzed when I died*

54. Marie LaVeau's healing of the sick and spiritual guidance of the poor earned her the title of Voodoo Queen of which of the following cities?

- A. Atlanta
- B. Houston
- C. New Orleans
- D. Jackson

55. Which of the following early American colonies was supported by Powhatan princess Pocahontas?

- A. Jamestown
- B. Roanoke
- C. Plymouth
- D. Charles Towne

56. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a program called *Beti Bachao* aimed at what epidemic plaguing girls in India?

- A. murder
- B. rape and sexual assault
- C. human trafficking
- D. child marriage

57. Japanese mountaineer Junko Tabei made history as the first woman to reach the summit of what highest peak?

- A. Mt. Everest
- B. K2
- C. Kangchenjunga
- D. Lhotse

58. Which of the following activists was deported on the "Soviet Ark" in 1919 for her support of anarchism?

- A. Madalyn Murray O'Hair
- B. Louise Michel
- C. Emma Goldman
- D. Marie-Louise Berneri

59. Georgia O'Keefe's famous depiction of the "White Place" was just one example of the many landscapes she painted of what US state?

- A. Arizona
- B. Utah
- C. Colorado
- D. New Mexico

60. What 21st century midterm election cycle has been called a "Year of the Woman" due to record-breaking gains for women in Congress?

- A. 2006
- B. 2010
- C. 2014
- D. 2018

61. Which of the following granted the right to vote to women in the United States?

- A. 18th Amendment
- B. 19th Amendment
- C. 20th Amendment
- D. 21st Amendment

62. Ida Tarbell achieved national attention with her account of the history and corruption of what Gilded Age business giant?

- A. US Steel
- B. Standard Oil
- C. Carnegie Steel
- D. Bell Telephone Company

63. Which of the following Southeast Asian nations has debated the use of *Chbab Srey*, a poem describing a code of conduct for women and girls, in schools since the nineteenth century?

- A. Thailand
- B. Cambodia
- C. Laos
- D. Myanmar

64. Authorities in Almaty allowed the first women's march to occur on International Women's Day in 2021 in what central Asia nation?

- A. Uzbekistan
- B. Kyrgyzstan
- C. Tajikistan
- D. Kazakhstan

65. Which of the following novels introduced Ayn Rand's objectivist hero John Galt who was meant to represent the very best of humankind?

- A. *The Fountainhead*
- B. *We the Living*
- C. *Atlas Shrugged*
- D. *Anthem*

66. Which of the following laws finally established protections for the suffrage of black women over 30 years after women achieved the right to vote in the US?

- A. Equal Rights Amendment
- B. Help America Vote Act
- C. the 26th Amendment
- D. Voting Rights Act

67. Althea Gibson's Grand Slam championship was instrumental to the success of black women like Serena Williams in what sport?

- A. Golf
- B. Basketball
- C. Tennis
- D. Gymnastics

68. Carrie Nation was known for her violent activism on behalf of which of the following causes in the early 20th century?

- A. temperance
- B. suffrage
- C. abolition
- D. social reform

69. Which of the following Supreme Court decisions first established the right of privacy that would be later used to support access to birth control?

- A. *Griswold v. Connecticut*
- B. *United States v. Vuitch*
- C. *Eisenstadt v. Baird*
- D. *Roe v. Wade*

70. Despite the passage of numerous pieces of legislation to reduce the gender pay gap, women are still earn on average what percentage less than men in the United States?

- A. 5%
- B. 17%
- C. 30%
- D. 45%

71. Which of the following authors was made famous by her in-depth depiction of 4 daughters in the novel *Little Women*?

- A. Mary Baker Eddy
- B. Louisa May Alcott
- C. Julia Ward Howe
- D. Winifred Merrill

72. Which of the following best describes the purpose of environmentalist Wangari Maathai's Green Belt Movement?

- A. It encouraged rural women to plant trees to help restore rainwater and provide food.
- B. It instituted new farming technologies to combat hunger.
- C. It organized protests against the construction of dams that disrupted natural environments.
- D. It encouraged women to speak out against government sponsored deforestation.

73. In 2010, Sri Mulyani Indrawati became the most senior woman ever of what international aid organization that works to reduce world poverty?

- A. International Monetary Fund
- B. International Federation Red Cross
- C. World Vision
- D. World Bank

74. Amelia Bloomer was ridiculed for her liberal wearing of which of the following articles of clothing in the late 19th century?

- A. skirts
- B. dresses
- C. pants
- D. blouses

75. The Mirabal Sisters, who bravely resisted the Trujillo dictatorship in the Dominican Republic, are also known as which of the following?

- A. Las Mariposas
- B. Las Flores
- C. Las Abejas
- D. Las Rosas

Tiebreaker

Write your answer on the BACK of your scantron. Please label your responses 1-5.

Name any five individual women (i.e. who won the prize themselves and not part of a larger group like the Red Cross) who won the Nobel Peace Prize during the twentieth century.