



National Historical *Geography Exam*

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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. Cahokia Mounds is a major archaeological site of what pre-Columbian Native American culture?

- A. Mississippian
- B. Monongahela
- C. Oneota
- D. La Jolla

2. Which of these was the main site of the Bronze Age Minoan civilization?

- A. Crete
- B. Sicily
- C. Corsica
- D. Rome

3. Which of these was NOT one of the Crusader States established following the First Crusade?

- A. the Emirate of Damascus
- B. the Kingdom of Jerusalem
- C. the County of Tripoli
- D. the Principality of Antioch

4. What Southeast Asian nation became the first independent country of the 21st century in 2002?

- A. Singapore
- B. Indonesia
- C. East Timor
- D. Brunei

5. The Industrial Revolution began in the textile industry in what country in the late eighteenth century?

- A. France
- B. Russia
- C. England
- D. the United States

6. The Maori are the indigenous people of which of the following?

- A. Australia
- B. New Zealand
- C. Hawai'i
- D. Fiji

7. Habitat 67, the Notre Dame Basilica, Bonsecours Market, and the Biosphere are all landmarks in what major Canadian city?

- A. Vancouver
- B. Toronto
- C. Calgary
- D. Montreal

8. The Rainbow Bridge, Shibuya Crossing, Imperial Palace, and the city's namesake Skytree are all landmarks in what East Asian city?

- A. Beijing
- B. Tokyo
- C. Shanghai
- D. Taipei

9. Which of these neighborhoods was the site of a major episode of violence and unrest in the summer of 1965 in the city of Los Angeles?

- A. Bel Air
- B. Griffith Park
- C. Watts
- D. Hollywood

10. Which of these areas is the most densely populated?

- A. Gibraltar
- B. Singapore
- C. Monaco
- D. Macau

11. The Residence Act, passed by Congress in 1790, provided for the creation of what city on land donated by two states?

- A. St. Louis
- B. Washington, DC
- C. Baltimore
- D. Cincinnati

12. The owl, which was sacred to its namesake goddess, was an important symbol of what ancient Greek city-state?

- A. Sparta
- B. Thebes
- C. Athens
- D. Delos

13. Damascus served as the capital of which Islamic Caliphate, the second established after the death of Muhammad, from the seventh to eighth centuries?
- Umayyad
 - Rashidun
 - Abbasid
 - Mamluk
14. Which of these faiths does NOT have a majority of its current adherents living in South Asia?
- Hinduism
 - Jainism
 - Islam
 - Sikhism
15. What was the common name of the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes until its name was officially changed in 1929?
- Czechoslovakia
 - Yugoslavia
 - Austria-Hungary
 - Transylvania
16. The Aztec city of Tenochtitlan was located in the historic center of which of the following Mexican cities?
- Cancun
 - Mexico City
 - Monterrey
 - Guadalajara
17. Inmates like Al Capone and 'Machine Gun' Kelly were inmates at what former prison located in San Francisco Bay?
- San Quentin
 - Angola
 - Parchman Farm
 - Alcatraz
18. The Grand Canal links what two major Asian rivers?
- Yellow and Yangtze
 - Indus and Ganges
 - Tigris and Euphrates
 - Mekong and Irrawaddy
19. Which of these was ruled by the Ptolemaic dynasty during the Hellenistic Period?
- Pergamum
 - Egypt
 - Macedon
 - Epirus
20. Which of these Portuguese explorers led the first European sea voyage to India?
- Vasco da Gama
 - Henry the Navigator
 - Bartolomeu Dias
 - Juan Cabrillo
21. Both Acadians and Isleños settled in what territory in the late 18th century, just prior to its acquisition by the United States?
- Florida
 - Texas
 - Louisiana
 - Ohio
22. Which of these opposed the Romans in the Punic Wars?
- the Gauls
 - the Carthaginians
 - the Macedonians
 - the Egyptians
23. In the early nineteenth century, Greece fought for and gained independence from what larger empire?
- Ottoman
 - Russian
 - British
 - French
24. Which of these was a major settlement of the Indus Valley Civilization?
- Dmanisi
 - Knossos
 - Dorylaeum
 - Mohenjo-daro
25. Which of these was NOT ruled by the Bourbon dynasty at some point between the 16th and 19th centuries?
- Spain
 - Mexico
 - Brazil
 - France
26. The Sandinista Liberation Front fought the Contras in what Central American nation in the twentieth century?
- Honduras
 - Costa Rica
 - Nicaragua
 - Belize
27. The Wounded Knee Massacre took place at the Pine Ridge Reservation in what is now what US state?
- Wyoming
 - Idaho
 - Oklahoma
 - South Dakota
28. Which of these essential navigation tools was one of the 'Four Great Inventions' of China?
- the sextant
 - the marine chronometer
 - the astrolabe
 - the compass

29. Which of these was invaded by Iraq in 1990, precipitating the Persian Gulf War?
- Iran
 - Kuwait
 - Lebanon
 - Syria
30. Which of these Central Asian countries is doubly landlocked?
- Uzbekistan
 - Turkmenistan
 - Kyrgyzstan
 - Tajikistan
31. Which of these is an important pass through the Appalachian Mountains near the junction of the states of Tennessee, Virginia and Kentucky?
- the Cumberland Gap
 - Independence Pass
 - Diamond Notch
 - Dixville Notch
32. Which of these was the capital of the Western Roman Empire during the fifth century CE?
- Pompeii
 - Ravenna
 - Constantinople
 - Venice
33. Which of these was NOT a major pre-colonial West African Empire?
- Great Zimbabwe
 - the Empire of Ghana
 - the Mali Empire
 - the Songhai Empire
34. Which of these leaders did NOT invade India by crossing the Khyber Pass?
- Genghis Khan
 - Cyrus the Great
 - Darius the Great
 - Napoleon
35. What international organization was established with the signing of the Maastricht Treaty in 1993?
- the United Nations
 - NATO
 - the Warsaw Pact
 - the European Union
36. What 1494 treaty divided the 'New World' between Spain and Portugal?
- the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo
 - the Treaty of Tordesillas
 - the Treaty of San Ildefonso
 - the Treaty of Ghent
37. Which of the following metropolitan areas is home to the US's largest population of Somali Americans and second-largest population of Hmong Americans?
- Dallas-Fort Worth
 - Minneapolis-Saint Paul
 - St. Louis
 - Kansas City
38. Which of these was NOT one of the kingdoms of the Chinese Three Kingdoms period?
- Cao Wei
 - Shu Han
 - Eastern Wu
 - Ming
39. The Gate of All Nations, the Apadana Palace, and the Throne Hall are all landmarks in what former ceremonial capital of the Achaemenid Persian Empire?
- Baghdad
 - Tehran
 - Persepolis
 - Tabriz
40. Which of these was expelled from the Malaysian federation in 1965?
- Malaya
 - Sarawak
 - North Borneo
 - Singapore
41. In 1869, the Transcontinental Railroad was completed at Promontory Point in what future US state?
- Nebraska
 - Colorado
 - Utah
 - Nevada
42. Al-Andalus is the name for the Muslim-controlled territory of which of these areas in the Middle Ages?
- England
 - the Iberian Peninsula
 - Germany
 - Italy
43. Tanzania was created from the union of the colony of Tanganyika with what other colony?
- Burundi
 - Zanzibar
 - Zambia
 - Rwanda
44. Dhaka, in what is now Bangladesh, was a center for the export of what good in the 17th and 18th centuries?
- gold and silver
 - coffee
 - cloth, especially muslin made from cotton
 - rice

45. In 1951, several European nations signed a treaty in Paris to regulate what two major industries?
- coal and steel
 - wine and sugar
 - automobiles and construction
 - weapons and aircraft
46. In 1807, due to the Napoleonic Wars, Portugal decided to move its royal court from Lisbon to what Brazilian city?
- Belo Horizonte
 - Rio de Janeiro
 - Brasilia
 - Recife
47. What event in Chicago in 1968 erupted into violence as anti-war and other demonstrators were beaten by police?
- the World Series
 - the Super Bowl
 - the Democratic National Convention
 - the annual UN General Assembly meeting
48. The Boxer Rebellion featured a 55-day siege of the Legation Quarter in what Chinese city?
- Shanghai
 - Hong Kong
 - Beijing
 - Guangzhou
49. In 1979, 52 Americans were captured at what location in Tehran and subsequently held hostage for over a year?
- a hotel
 - a nightclub
 - the US embassy
 - the University of Tehran
50. Angkor Wat was built by which of the following in the 12th century?
- the Mughal Empire
 - the Khmer Empire
 - Ayutthaya Kingdom
 - the Mongol Empire
51. The Denny Party and 'Doc' Maynard were important figures in the founding of what city, named for a local Native American leader, in the Pacific Northwest in the 1850s?
- Portland
 - Eugene
 - Tacoma
 - Seattle
52. Following the Union of Lublin in 1569, Poland was joined in a federation with which of these nations?
- Austria
 - Hungary
 - Lithuania
 - Germany
53. For centuries, the Barbary pirates operated from bases located in what region?
- the Horn of Africa
 - the southern tip of Africa
 - North Africa
 - Madagascar
54. In what part of South Asia was the Vijayanagara Empire established in the fourteenth century CE?
- north of the Bay of Bengal
 - on the Deccan Plateau in southern India
 - in the area of modern Pakistan and Afghanistan
 - in the immediate area of Delhi
55. In 1986, a nuclear disaster took place at what reactor complex near the town of Pripyat in Ukraine?
- Three Mile Island
 - Chernobyl
 - Fukushima
 - Fermi 1
56. The Democratic Republic of the Congo was formerly a colony of what European nation?
- Great Britain
 - Belgium
 - Germany
 - France
57. In 1960, 6-year-old Ruby Bridges became the first African American child in the South to attend a previously all-white school when she integrated William Frantz Elementary school in the Ninth Ward of what city?
- New Orleans
 - Baltimore
 - Richmond
 - Jackson
58. What East Asian city, located on the Taedong River, served as capital of both the Gojoseon and Goguryeo kingdoms, and serves as a current national capital today?
- Seoul
 - Pyongyang
 - Ulaanbaatar
 - Beijing
59. Which of the following has its world headquarters in the Renaissance Center in Detroit, a building complex originally financed by the Ford Motor Company?
- Stellantis
 - Tesla
 - General Motors
 - Boeing

60. The city known in the early twentieth century as Alma-Ata was the capital of what Soviet Socialist Republic?

- A. Kazakh SSR
- B. Uzbek SSR
- C. Tajik SSR
- D. Turkmen SSR

61. In what current US state is Harper's Ferry, site of John Brown's famous 1859 raid?

- A. Alabama
- B. Tennessee
- C. West Virginia
- D. North Carolina

62. Prior to invading England in 1066, William the Conqueror was duke of what French province, which had been conquered by Rollo in the 9th century?

- A. Lorraine
- B. Provence
- C. Brittany
- D. Normandy

63. The Kingdom of Aksum that was centered on what modern African nation from the first century CE until the early Middle Ages?

- A. South Africa
- B. Morocco
- C. Ethiopia
- D. Liberia

64. The Saur Revolution took place in which country in 1978, setting the stage for an invasion by the Soviet Union a year later?

- A. Saudi Arabia
- B. Afghanistan
- C. Libya
- D. Syria

65. The Treaty of Kanagawa was an 1854 treaty that opened Japanese ports to what nation?

- A. the Netherlands
- B. the United States
- C. Great Britain
- D. Portugal

66. Which of these nations did NOT gain independence in the 'Year of Africa' in 1960?

- A. Cameroon
- B. Madagascar
- C. Egypt
- D. Chad

67. In September 1920, a powerful bomb killed 30 people near Federal Hall on what famous New York City street?

- A. Wall Street
- B. Broadway
- C. Madison Avenue
- D. Fifth Avenue

68. The Jomon culture, named after 'cord-marked' pottery, was a prehistoric society in what modern Asian nation?

- A. Japan
- B. Thailand
- C. Vietnam
- D. Mongolia

69. The ancient city of Babylon was located in which of these modern nations?

- A. Iran
- B. Iraq
- C. Egypt
- D. Saudi Arabia

70. Which of these ruled Vietnam during the nineteenth century and was Vietnamese dynasty before French rule?

- A. the Tran dynasty
- B. the Ho dynasty
- C. the Le dynasty
- D. the Nguyen dynasty

71. Roger Conant and John Endecott were two early leaders of what English settlement founded in 1626?

- A. Charleston
- B. Salem
- C. Philadelphia
- D. Jamestown

72. To what island was Napoleon exiled after the Battle of Waterloo in 1815?

- A. Corsica
- B. Easter Island
- C. St. Helena
- D. Madagascar

73. What major trade route, developed by Ferdinand de Lesseps, was opened in 1869?

- A. the Suez Canal
- B. the Panama Canal
- C. the Seine-Nord Canal
- D. the Croydon Canal

74. What city was the capital of the British Raj until 1911?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Calcutta
- C. Lahore
- D. Lucknow

75. Which of these areas was NOT at least partly ruled by the Mongol Empire at its height?

- A. China
- B. Russia
- C. Iraq
- D. Norway

Tiebreaker

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

What were the five most populous states in the United States in the 1870 Census?