



**National Latin American History Examination
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Middle School Division**

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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. Known for their large stone heads, which of the following is thought to be the first indigenous civilization in Mexico?

- A. Olmecs
- B. Toltecs
- C. Maya
- D. Aztec

2. Which of the following political phenomena, which is defined by a single charismatic leader, has dominated Brazilian politics since the mid 20th century?

- A. elitism
- B. liberalism
- C. populism
- D. radicalism

3. Which of the following Brazilian presidents overshadowed their groundbreaking election to office with a quick removal from office?

- A. Fernando Henrique Cardoso
- B. Luiz Inácio Luis de Silva
- C. Dilma Rousseff
- D. Michel Temer

4. Spanish conquistadors were drawn to Colombia in their search for which of the following legendary sources of wealth?

- A. Fountain of Youth
- B. Atlantis
- C. El Dorado
- D. Holy Grail

5. What New Mexico city was settled by conquistadors in 1609, making it the oldest capital city in North America?

- A. Albuquerque
- B. Santa Fe
- C. Las Cruces
- D. Roswell

6. Mexico was claimed for Spain by what Spanish conquistador?

- A. Francisco Hernández de Córdoba
- B. Hernán Cortés
- C. Francisco Pizarro
- D. Pedro de Alvarado

7. Which of the following best describes the profession of Miguel Hidalgo whose Grito de Dolores helped ignite revolution in Mexico?

- A. a doctor
- B. a politician
- C. a teacher
- D. a priest

8. The newly formed Republic of Texas drew their southern border separating them from Mexico at what river?

- A. Neches River
- B. Nueces River
- C. Rio Grande River
- D. Colorado River

9. The Zapatista Movement, inspired by revolutionary efforts of Emiliano Zapata, was focused on achieving social mobility and justice for which of the following groups?

- A. indigenous peasants
- B. creole farmers
- C. migrant workers
- D. indigenous priests

10. In what decade did the Castro family spark rebellion and establish a communist regime in Cuba?

- A. 1900s
- B. 1920s
- C. 1950s
- D. 1980s

11. Which of the following nations were NOT included in the 1993 North American Trade Agreement?

- A. Mexico
- B. Canada
- C. United States
- D. Cuba

12. Which of the following modern-day nations was NOT part of the Spanish Viceroyalty of Rio de la Plata?
- Argentina
 - Paraguay
 - Bolivia
 - Brazil
13. A thirteen-day crisis was sparked in 1962 after which of the following nations placed missiles in Cuba?
- United States
 - Soviet Union
 - United Kingdom
 - France
14. The 1914 completion of a canal in what Central American country connected Atlantic and Pacific Ocean trade?
- Costa Rica
 - Nicaragua
 - Honduras
 - Panama
15. Venezuela is the birthplace of what 19th century revolutionary leader?
- Francisco de Miranda
 - José Miguel Carrera
 - Bernardo O'Higgins
 - Simón Bolívar
16. Which of the following was the first Latina to be confirmed to the Supreme Court of the United States?
- Sandra Day O'Connor
 - Ruth Bader Ginsburg
 - Elena Kagan
 - Sonia Sotomayor
17. The Boland Amendments passed in the 1980s aimed to prevent the US government from providing direct support to what group trying to overthrow the Nicaraguan junta?
- Sandinistas
 - Contras
 - Commandos
 - Tupamaros
18. A war over territorial disputes between Chile and a Peruvian-Bolivian alliance was named for what body of water that borders 2 of the 3 nations?
- Pacific Ocean
 - Lake Titicaca
 - Lauca River
 - Mar Chiquita
19. Which of the following groups fled the growing violence of US militarism to settle in Monteverde, Costa Rica in 1951?
- Quakers
 - Methodists
 - Calvinists
 - Mennonites
20. Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro has been accused of allowing further destruction of which of the following landmarks?
- Ipanema Beach
 - Amazon Rainforest
 - Iguazu Falls
 - Sugar Loaf Mountain
21. Rio de Janeiro is protected by what prominent structure designed by Brazilian architect Heitor de Silva Costa?
- Our Lady of Aparecida
 - Statue of Father Cícero
 - Orla de Atalaia
 - Christ the Redeemer
22. Joseph Marion Hernández became the first Hispanic US Congressman in 1822 representing what new territory?
- Texas
 - New York
 - Florida
 - California
23. Which of the following best describes the Nazca features attributed to indigenous peoples in Peru?
- pyramids
 - geoglyphs
 - a system of roads
 - citadels
24. The mostly indigenous and Latino 158th Regimental Combat Team was highly praised by General Douglas MacArthur for their efforts in which of the following conflicts?
- World War I
 - World War II
 - Korean War
 - Vietnam War
25. The Mexican American War was waged over what former Mexican territory?
- Texas
 - New Mexico
 - Arizona
 - California
26. Ecuador's Galapagos Islands were home to the evolutionary experiments of which of the following scientists?
- Charles Darwin
 - Alfred Russel Wallace
 - Charles Lyell
 - Jean-Baptiste Lamarck
27. Which of the following groups constitutes Florida's largest Hispanic population?
- Dominicans
 - Puerto Ricans
 - Cubans
 - Mexicans

28. The Treaty of Tordesillas split land in the Americas between which colonizers?
- Britain and Spain
 - Spain and Portugal
 - Portugal and France
 - Britain and France
29. The nation of Panama seceded from which of the following nations in 1905?
- Venezuela
 - Colombia
 - Costa Rica
 - Brazil
30. Which of the following Central American nations does not host any populations of Maya people?
- Belize
 - Guatemala
 - El Salvador
 - Nicaragua
31. Brazil's state-owned Petrobras controls which of the following industries?
- oil
 - cement
 - iron
 - steel
32. The Creole case, which occurred aboard a British ship set for the Bahamas in 1841, can be best described as which of the following?
- a slave revolt
 - a crew mutiny
 - a peasant rebellion
 - a political coup
33. In 1978, Chile and Argentina ended their long-lasting dispute over what windy region that spans both nations?
- Pantanal
 - Gran Chaco
 - Patagonia
 - Llanos
34. The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean was designed to encourage economic cooperation as part of what international body?
- United Nations
 - World Bank
 - International Monetary Fund
 - World Trade Organization
35. Bermuda was first settled on accident by the company that had first set sail for what American colony?
- Massachusetts
 - Pennsylvania
 - Virginia
 - South Carolina
36. What disease was introduced into Haiti in 2010 when United Nations workers contaminated a river?
- yellow fever
 - typhoid fever
 - malaria
 - cholera
37. Which of the following 19th century meetings occurred in Ecuador but was actually aimed at discussing the independence of Peru?
- Guayaquil Conference
 - Congress of Spain
 - Rio Protocol
 - Mariano-Bidlack Treaty
38. Which of the following South-American nations does NOT list Spanish as an official language?
- Colombia
 - Guyana
 - Venezuela
 - Bolivia
39. Which of the following best describes the period called La Violencia in Colombian history?
- a civil war between the Conservative and Liberal political parties
 - a rebellion against an authoritarian government
 - a series of skirmishes between factory owners and labor unions
 - a civil war between peasants and landowners
40. Venezuela's large natural reserves of oil qualify it to be the only South American nation involved in what organization?
- International Energy Agency
 - Energy Communities Alliance
 - Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries
 - World Petroleum Council
41. The 1917 Jones-Shafroth Act granted US citizenship to residents what territory?
- Guam
 - Philippines
 - Cuba
 - Puerto Rico
42. Operation Wetback was launched by what US presidents in the 1950s in response to large waves of Mexican immigration?
- Franklin D. Roosevelt
 - Harry Truman
 - Dwight D. Eisenhower
 - John F. Kennedy
43. What canoe building indigenous group dominates the Amazon region of Brazil?
- Amanyé
 - Guaraní
 - Tikuna
 - Panará

44. Which of the following Aztec emperors is best known for his confrontation with and defeat by Spanish conquistadors?

- A. Itzcoatl
- B. Axayacatl
- C. Tizoc
- D. Moctezuma

45. Nicolás Maduro held which of the following occupations before being elected president of Venezuela in 2012?

- A. teacher
- B. janitor
- C. bus driver
- D. school administrator

46. The Brazilian state of Bahia is home to a large community of which of the following groups that led slave rebellions in the 19th century?

- A. black Muslims
- B. Portuguese indentured servants
- C. Brazilian slaves
- D. pardos

47. Which of the following authors won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1971 after serving as a Chilean senator?

- A. Pablo Neruda
- B. Vicente Huidobro
- C. Gabriela Mistral
- D. Nicanor Parra

48. Which of the following conflicts officially ended in 1920 with the election of president Alvaro Obregón?

- A. the Mexican War for Independence
- B. the Mexican Revolution
- C. the Mexican-American War
- D. Texas Revolution

49. Which of the following best describes the ideology of Peru's Shining Path political party?

- A. socialism
- B. liberalism
- C. communism
- D. conservatism

50. In 2003, Bolivia broke out in conflict that resulted in the nationalization of what industry that gives the conflict its name?

- A. gas
- B. sugar
- C. gold
- D. silver

51. Bolivia is one of the main producers of which of the following that the Aymara people use to treat altitude sickness?

- A. soy
- B. coca leaves
- C. sorghum
- D. cassava

52. Which of the following left-wing guerrilla groups focused on overthrowing the Uruguayan government in the 1960s and 70s?

- A. Tupamaros
- B. Tacuaras
- C. Farabundos
- D. Lautaros

53. Although they achieved independence from Spain a decade earlier, Uruguay established its official independence from Brazil in what decade?

- A. 1810s
- B. 1820s
- C. 1830s
- D. 1840s

54. What group of indigenous peoples, which includes the Taíno, dominated the Caribbean before European contact?

- A. Guaraní
- B. Maya
- C. Caribs
- D. Arawak

55. The modern shape of the contiguous United States was completed with the Gadsden Purchase in 1853 which included parts of which of the following current states?

- A. New Mexico and Texas
- B. Arizona and New Mexico
- C. California and Arizona
- D. Nevada and California

56. Which of the following nations earned its independence from Spain after the Spanish-American War?

- A. Panama
- B. Dominican Republic
- C. Cuba
- D. Costa Rica

57. Which of the following served as the capital of the Inca empire in Peru?

- A. Machu Picchu
- B. Pachacámac
- C. Ollantaytambo
- D. Cusco

58. Brazil relocated its capital in 1960 to which of the following cities?

- A. Rio de Janeiro
- B. Brasília
- C. Salvador
- D. São Paulo

59. Which of the following political parties dominated Mexican politics from the 1920s to 2000?

- A. National Action Party
- B. Democratic Revolution Party
- C. Institutional Revolutionary Party
- D. National Regeneration Movement

60. What US state has the smallest population of people who identify as Hispanic?
- Vermont
 - Illinois
 - Ohio
 - Maryland
61. Which of the following was the first nation in the Americas to abolish slavery?
- Jamaica
 - Bahamas
 - Haiti
 - Barbados
62. The island of Hispaniola was first colonized by what Spanish employed Italian?
- Amerigo Vespucci
 - Christopher Columbus
 - Francisco Vasquez de Coronado
 - Hernando de Soto
63. Which of the following nations formed the Triple Alliance in fighting to assert their sovereignty over Paraguay?
- Argentina, Brazil, and Chile
 - Chile, Bolivia, and Argentina
 - Brazil, Argentina, and Uruguay
 - Uruguay, Argentina, and Bolivia
64. Which of the following South American nations is home to numerous soccer superstars including Lionel Messi?
- Uruguay
 - Brazil
 - Paraguay
 - Argentina
65. Which of the following is known as Latin America's bloodiest dictator for his brutal 31-year rule over the Dominican Republic?
- Rafael Estrella Ureña
 - Rafael Trujillo
 - Jacinto Peynado
 - Manuel de Jesús Troncoso
66. Which of the following civil rights organizations was founded by Latino labor leader Cesar Chavez?
- United Farm Workers
 - Farm Labor Organization Committee
 - UnidosUS
 - La Via Campesina
67. The magazine Anauê was published by an October Manifesto inspired fascist movement in what South-American country?
- Argentina
 - Paraguay
 - Uruguay
 - Brazil
68. What English-speaking Central American nation was formerly known as British Honduras?
- Honduras
 - Guatemala
 - Belize
 - El Salvador
69. Which of the following Mexican-born artists is best known for their intense and surreal self-portraits?
- Frida Kahlo
 - Diego Rivera
 - José Clemente
 - Leonora Carrington
70. Lauro Cavazos was the first Latino Cabinet member in serving as which of the following for US president Ronald Reagan?
- Secretary of State
 - Secretary of Treasury
 - Secretary of Transportation
 - Secretary of Education
71. Missions were established in North America in an effort to spread which of the following faiths?
- Catholicism
 - Methodism
 - Lutheranism
 - Anglicanism
72. After Agustin Iturbide was deposed in 1823, Mexico adopted which of the following systems of government?
- monarchy
 - republic
 - oligarchy
 - democracy
73. The Alamo was founded to covert Native Americans as the first mission in what Texas city in 1718?
- San Jacinto
 - Refugio
 - San Antonio
 - Gonzales
74. Which of the following groups mostly concentrated in the Amazon consume the hallucinogenic drug yopo to access spirits?
- Yanomami
 - Kayapo
 - Wajapi
 - Kawahiva
75. Which of the following US presidents made building a wall at the US southern border a priority of their campaign and administration?
- George W. Bush
 - Barack Obama
 - Donald Trump
 - Joe Biden

Tiebreaker

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

After Brazil, what are the five most populous South American nations?