



**American Geography Examination
5th and 6th Grade Division
IAC Nationals 2024**

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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. Write the answer to your tiebreaker question in the box at the top of your scantron.

1. New Orleans is an important economic hub on what body of water?

- A. Chesapeake Bay
- B. Hudson Bay
- C. Pacific Ocean
- D. Gulf of Mexico

2. Cities in Missouri and Kansas that both formed near Kaw Point share what name?

- A. Kansas City
- B. Carson City
- C. Jefferson City
- D. Oklahoma City

3. Columbus, Cleveland, and Cincinnati are all large population centers of what state?

- A. Iowa
- B. Vermont
- C. Alaska
- D. Ohio

4. What New York city is divided into five boroughs?

- A. Rochester
- B. New York City
- C. Mount Vernon
- D. Utica

5. What once busiest immigrant processing station is shared by both New York and New Jersey?

- A. Liberty Island
- B. Angel Island
- C. Ellis Island
- D. Peanut Island

6. What Massachusetts capital city lies in a harbor at the mouth of the Charles River?

- A. Boston
- B. Hartford
- C. Wilmington
- D. Buffalo

7. Which of the following has been a major industry in West Virginia since the 19th century?

- A. entertainment
- B. coal mining
- C. technology
- D. international trade

8. Which of the following is the smallest US state by area?

- A. New Hampshire
- B. Delaware
- C. Massachusetts
- D. Rhode Island

9. Idaho is the largest producer in the US of which of the following?

- A. avocados
- B. oranges
- C. potatoes
- D. grapefruits

10. Which of the following is the most populous city in Virginia?

- A. Virginia Beach
- B. Charlotte
- C. Baltimore
- D. Charleston

11. Which of the following is the capital of Georgia?

- A. Harrisburg
- B. Richmond
- C. Atlanta
- D. Austin

12. The most populous city in both Oregon and Maine is named which of the following?

- A. Springfield
- B. Dover
- C. Portland
- D. Augusta

13. The DMV or National Capital Region is a metropolitan area at the convergence of what three states?
- Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana
 - Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota
 - Indiana, Tennessee, Illinois
 - District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia
14. Which of the following runs north to south across the western half of Vermont?
- Ohio River
 - Green Mountains
 - Great Basin Desert
 - Great Plains
15. What New England state's coast is shaped by features like Cape Cod and Buzzards Bay?
- Alabama
 - Oregon
 - Alaska
 - Massachusetts
16. Michigan has more lighthouses than any other US state due to its role in what Great Lakes industry?
- farming
 - husbandry
 - shipping
 - textiles
17. Virginia, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Kentucky all use what now legally defunct term in their full official state names?
- district
 - territory
 - kingdom
 - commonwealth
18. Which of the following is the only US state to share a border with Maine?
- New Hampshire
 - Alabama
 - Ohio
 - Pennsylvania
19. What state that contains Silicon Valley had the highest GDP in the US in 2023?
- California
 - Indiana
 - Missouri
 - Rhode Island
20. Which of the following is the tallest peak in the state of Washington?
- Mount Rainier
 - Mount Darwin
 - San Luis Peak
 - Windom Peak
21. Oregon is the top producer of which of the following in the contiguous 48 states?
- grapes
 - timber
 - cotton
 - cheese
22. In 1832, the federal government set aside land in Arkansas, now a National Park, to protect what geothermal feature?
- buttes
 - glaciers
 - oxbows
 - hot springs
23. What highest peak in North America measures as the tallest mountain in the world from base-to-peak on land?
- Dubois
 - Oso
 - Denali
 - Antora
24. In what US state do the Amish and Mennonites live in and around the Lehigh and Susquehanna valleys?
- Pennsylvania
 - Nebraska
 - South Dakota
 - South Carolina
25. Which of the following connects the two landmasses of Michigan?
- Seven Mile Bridge
 - Manhattan Bridge
 - Golden Gate Bridge
 - Mackinac Bridge
26. Which of the following is the most populous city in Wisconsin?
- Green Bay
 - Milwaukee
 - Kenosha
 - Wausau
27. What "Sunshine" state experiences more lightning strikes than any other US state?
- Virginia
 - Michigan
 - Kansas
 - Florida
28. Which of the following religious traditions dominates the "Bible Belt" in the US South?
- Islam
 - Eastern Orthodoxy
 - Baptist
 - Judaism

29. What lowest point of elevation in North America reached the highest air temperature ever recorded in 1913?
- Death Valley
 - Grand Canyon
 - Antelope Canyon
 - Royal Gorge
30. Which of the following is the largest producer of petroleum in the US?
- North Dakota
 - West Virginia
 - Colorado
 - Texas
31. Wyoming's Old Faithful is located in and protected by what national park?
- Yellowstone National Park
 - Arches National Park
 - Grand Teton National Park
 - Shenandoah National Park
32. Which of the following is true about Lebanon, Kansas?
- It's the capital of Kansas.
 - It's the geographical center of the US.
 - It contains Mount Rushmore.
 - It was built on the Mississippi River.
33. The Painted Desert and Petrified Forest are both included in what US state?
- Washington
 - North Dakota
 - Arizona
 - Texas
34. The southern half of Missouri is dominated by which of the following?
- The Ozarks
 - Colorado Plateau
 - Boise River
 - Redwood National Park
35. Tennessee is legally, economically, and culturally divided into how many separate Grand Divisions?
- nine
 - seven
 - five
 - three
36. Approximately half of Alaska's population lives in what city?
- Sitka
 - Anchorage
 - Fairbanks
 - Seward
37. New Hampshire's nickname comes from the abundance of what material in the state?
- peat
 - granite
 - silver
 - coal
38. West Virginia's western border is formed by which of the following?
- Lake Erie
 - Rocky Mountains
 - Ohio River
 - Allegheny Mountains
39. Which of the following is the capital of Wyoming?
- Salem
 - Carson City
 - Helena
 - Cheyenne
40. The Hoover Dam was built to control floods and produce hydroelectric power from which of the following?
- Colorado River
 - Snake River
 - Brazos River
 - Ohio River
41. Which of the following is the largest US state by area?
- California
 - Texas
 - Alaska
 - Montana
42. South Dakota's Homestake Mine in the Black Hills was the deepest mine in North America for which of the following?
- iron
 - nickel
 - tin
 - gold
43. The Museum of the Rockies was built in Bozeman to showcase the plethora of dinosaur fossils found in what state?
- Minnesota
 - Iowa
 - Montana
 - Oregon
44. Which of the following is the easternmost state of the continental US?
- Maine
 - Florida
 - North Carolina
 - New Jersey

45. What Hawaiian volcano erupted in the Big Island in September of 2023?
- A. Mount Shasta
 - B. Kilauea
 - C. Lassen Peak
 - D. Mount Saint Helens
46. Which of the following is used as a nickname for people in and from Indiana?
- A. Sandlapper
 - B. Buckeye
 - C. Sooner
 - D. Hoosier
47. The city of Denver is often referred to as what nickname it received due to its elevation?
- A. "Big Apple"
 - B. "The Heights"
 - C. "Mile High City"
 - D. "Summit City"
48. The string of barrier islands off the coast of North Carolina are known as which of the following?
- A. Mustang Islands
 - B. Florida Keys
 - C. Golden Isles
 - D. Outer Banks
49. The Red River forms part of the border between what two states?
- A. Texas and Oklahoma
 - B. Kentucky and Tennessee
 - C. Florida and Georgia
 - D. Colorado and New Mexico
50. The Bitterroot Mountains are one of the longest ranges in what largest North American chain?
- A. Sierra Madres
 - B. Rocky Mountains
 - C. Appalachian Mountains
 - D. Andes Mountains
51. Which of the following states is the only triple landlocked state in the US?
- A. Nebraska
 - B. Utah
 - C. Arkansas
 - D. Missouri
52. The economy of colonial South Carolina was dominated by the growing and selling of what good?
- A. indigo
 - B. corn
 - C. wheat
 - D. coffee
53. The Great Smoky Mountains help form the border between what two states?
- A. Pennsylvania and New York
 - B. Illinois and Indiana
 - C. Colorado and New Mexico
 - D. North Carolina and Tennessee
54. What US state is the most diverse with a diversity index of 76%?
- A. Vermont
 - B. Hawaii
 - C. Arizona
 - D. Illinois
55. Which of the following is located in Tornado Alley and therefore experiences severe thunderstorms and tornadoes?
- A. South Carolina
 - B. Ohio
 - C. Oklahoma
 - D. Utah
56. Which of the following is the official language of the United States?
- A. Mandarin
 - B. English
 - C. Spanish
 - D. There isn't an official language.
57. Which of the following connects Connecticut to the Atlantic Ocean?
- A. Bristol Bay
 - B. Biscayne Bay
 - C. Puget Sound
 - D. Long Island Sound
58. What highest peak of the Appalachians is known to natives as Attakulla?
- A. Mount Mitchell
 - B. Maroon Peak
 - C. Grizzly Peak
 - D. Mount Jarvis

59. Which of the following is shared by California, Nevada, and Arizona?

- A. San Joaquin River
- B. Sierra Nevada
- C. Mojave Desert
- D. Walker Lake

60. What Illinois county that includes Chicago is the second most populous county in the US behind Los Angeles

County?

- A. Broward County
- B. Maricopa County
- C. Cook County
- D. Harris County

Tiebreaker

This question will only be scored if there is a tie for placement on the exam. **This is a required question, but there is no penalty for a wrong answer to this question.**

Write your answer legibly in the space provided on your scantron.

According to a 2021 Census Bureau estimate, what is the population of Guam?