



**American Geography Examination  
7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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

61. Which of the following is NOT a Four Corners state?

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

62. Which of the following is the capital of North Dakota?

- A. Bismarck
- B. St Paul
- C. Pierre
- D. Des Moines

63. Due to its appealing corporate laws, almost half of the corporations listed on the S&P 500 are incorporated in which of the following?

- A. Washington
- B. Michigan
- C. New York
- D. Delaware

64. The Elephant Butte Reservoir was created by damming what river that bisects New Mexico?

- A. Columbia River
- B. Savannah River
- C. Rio Grande
- D. Pecos River

65. Kentucky Bend is an exclave completely surrounded by what two states?

- A. Indiana and Michigan
- B. Missouri and Tennessee
- C. Maryland and Delaware
- D. Georgia and Alabama

66. Which of the following is NOT a majority-minority population state?

- A. California
- B. Maryland
- C. Texas
- D. New Jersey

67. Eastern Rhode Island is dominated by the lowlands of what body of water?

- A. Narragansett Bay
- B. Lake Tahoe
- C. Crater Lake
- D. Chandler Bay

68. Both the Decorah and Manson craters can be found in which of the following?

- A. Maine
- B. Hawaii
- C. Florida
- D. Iowa

69. What Great Lake is the largest and deepest body of water in Minnesota?

- A. Lake Superior
- B. Lake Erie
- C. Lake Huron
- D. Lake Michigan

70. Which of the following is NOT an insular territory of the US?

- A. Puerto Rico
- B. Samoa
- C. Guam
- D. Northern Mariana Islands

## 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?