



European Geography Examination
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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. Spain, Portugal, and Andorra share what peninsula?

- A. Kola Peninsula
- B. Iberian Peninsula
- C. Cotentin Peninsula
- D. Italian Peninsula

2. Stockholm is the capital city of which of the following?

- A. Romania
- B. Belgium
- C. Sweden
- D. Cyprus

3. The Ukrainian city of Pripyat was abandoned in 1986 after a disaster at what power plant?

- A. Chernobyl
- B. Minsk
- C. Belene
- D. Żarnowiec

4. Which of the following is the poorest country in Europe as of 2024 largely due to ongoing conflicts and political instability?

- A. Czechia
- B. Switzerland
- C. Monaco
- D. Ukraine

5. Austria, Belgium, and Luxembourg share which of the following as an official language?

- A. Arabic
- B. French
- C. German
- D. Russian

6. Glaciers are responsible for what long, narrow inlets that dominate Norway's coast?

- A. grasslands
- B. plateaus
- C. canyons
- D. fjords

7. Which of the following is the smallest sovereign country in the world with an area of just 0.17 square mile?

- A. Luxembourg
- B. Vatican City
- C. Kosovo
- D. Belgium

8. Which of the following is the capital of Italy?

- A. Rome
- B. Florence
- C. Bologna
- D. Naples

9. What extensive mountain range extends across Europe from Nice to Trieste to Vienna?

- A. Alps
- B. Caucasus Mountains
- C. Ural Mountains
- D. Kunlun

10. Sweden shares physical land borders with what two other Nordic countries?

- A. Denmark and Poland
- B. Germany and Austria
- C. Norway and Finland
- D. Russia and Estonia

11. Which of the following separated the United Kingdom from France?

- A. Strait of Gibraltar
- B. Tyrrhenian Sea
- C. Baltic Sea
- D. English Channel

12. Brussels is considered the de facto capital of what organization that is headquartered there?
- ASEAN
 - European Union
 - Three Sea Initiative
 - OPEC
13. Which of the following is the capital of Iceland?
- Reykjavik
 - Vilnius
 - Oslo
 - Nuuk
14. What nation's path to EU membership has been complicated by disagreements with Greece over its name?
- Montenegro
 - Bosnia and Herzegovina
 - Czechia
 - North Macedonia
15. The small nation of Andorra is landlocked by what two neighboring countries?
- France and Spain
 - Italy and Switzerland
 - Belgium and Netherlands
 - Austria and Hungary
16. Mount Olympus is the highest point of what European nation?
- Liechtenstein
 - Greece
 - Lithuania
 - Romania
17. Finland and Sweden recently joined what international military alliance?
- AUKUS
 - Five Eyes
 - Warsaw Pact
 - NATO
18. Finland has earned what positive distinction seven years in a row as of 2024?
- prettiest country in the world
 - richest country in the world
 - happiest country in the world
 - youngest country in the world
19. Which of the following is the most densely populated European capital city?
- Zagreb
 - Warsaw
 - Helsinki
 - Paris
20. Jutland holds the continental portion of what nation?
- Switzerland
 - Turkey
 - Denmark
 - Latvia
21. Which of the following is the capital city of Austria?
- Athens
 - Berlin
 - Madrid
 - Vienna
22. The dissolution of Czechoslovakia is often referred to as which of the following?
- Concert of Europe
 - Yugoslav War
 - Velvet Divorce
 - October Revolution
23. al-Andalus refers to the period in which much of Spain was ruled by which of the following?
- Visigoths
 - Islamic states
 - Mongols
 - France
24. Europe's largest refugee crisis since World War II occurred in 2022 after the Russian invasion of which of the following?
- Ukraine
 - Turkey
 - Cyprus
 - Estonia
25. What Italian city built on a group of 126 islands is connected together by 472 bridges?
- Salerno
 - Pisa
 - Genoa
 - Venice
26. Which of the following lies between Greece and Italy?
- Strait of Dover
 - Ionian Sea
 - Sea of Azor
 - Gulf of Riga
27. Which of the following is the capital of Czechia?
- Chisinau
 - Kyiv
 - Bucharest
 - Prague
28. Which of the following is the highest mountain in Europe?
- Mount Elbrus
 - Grossglockner
 - Mount Ida
 - Musala

29. Which of the following forms a natural border between Spain and France?
- A. Balkan Mountains
 - B. Danube River
 - C. Tiber River
 - D. The Pyrenees
30. Which of the following does NOT border the Baltic Sea?
- A. Estonia
 - B. Latvia
 - C. Moldova
 - D. Finland
31. Svalbard and Jan Mayen are remote jurisdictions of what Scandinavian nation?
- A. Lithuania
 - B. Poland
 - C. Britain
 - D. Norway
32. Romania contains most of what second largest river delta in Europe?
- A. Rijn Delta
 - B. River Blackwater Delta
 - C. Po Delta
 - D. Danube Delta
33. Which of the following is not located on the island of Great Britain?
- A. Ireland
 - B. England
 - C. Scotland
 - D. Wales
34. What mostly stateless people are Europe's largest ethnic minority?
- A. Roma
 - B. Basques
 - C. Bretons
 - D. Serbs
35. Which of the following is NOT included within Fennoscandia?
- A. Finland
 - B. Netherlands
 - C. Norway
 - D. Sweden
36. The majority of Russia's population lives west of which of the following?
- A. Caucasus Mountains
 - B. Arkhangelsk
 - C. Volga River
 - D. Ural Mountains
37. Although it once housed a papacy, what country now reports as 40% atheist?
- A. Malta
 - B. Estonia
 - C. France
 - D. Slovenia
38. What Mediterranean coastline includes Cannes, Saint-Tropez, and the sovereign state of Monaco?
- A. Cabo de Gata
 - B. Navagio Beach
 - C. Amalfi Coast
 - D. French Riviera
39. Over half of Croatia's territory is dominated by what body of water?
- A. Sea of Marmara
 - B. Adriatic Sea
 - C. Celtic Sea
 - D. White Sea
40. What second largest city in Russia serves as both a strategic port and a cultural capital?
- A. Novgorod
 - B. Moscow
 - C. Saint Petersburg
 - D. Kursk
41. With 120 million speakers, which of the following is the most spoken language in Europe?
- A. French
 - B. Russian
 - C. Italian
 - D. English
42. Which of the following can NOT be found on the island of Cyprus?
- A. Mount Selvili
 - B. Kyrenia Mountains
 - C. Troodos Mountains
 - D. Mount Korab
43. Eighty percent of Greece's terrain can be described as which of the following?
- A. forested
 - B. mountainous
 - C. arctic
 - D. marshy
44. Which of the following is the largest island included in Insular Italy?
- A. Sicily
 - B. Cyprus
 - C. Sardinia
 - D. Corsica

45. Approximately 12% of Iceland's total land area is covered by which of the following?
- rivers
 - glaciers
 - valleys
 - mountains
46. Which of the following is Germany's largest export?
- petroleum
 - pharmaceuticals
 - clothing
 - motor vehicles and parts
47. Sweden's Aitik Mine is Europe's largest source of what mineral?
- coal
 - silver
 - copper
 - petroleum
48. Kosovo declared independence from which of the following in 2008?
- Bulgaria
 - Russia
 - Greece
 - Serbia
49. What London borough's Royal Observatory serves as the defining point of the Prime Meridian?
- Greenwich
 - Wandsworth
 - Westminster
 - Camden
50. What river flows through the center of Dublin and provides most of the city's water resources?
- River Corrib
 - River Lagan
 - River Erne
 - River Liffey
51. What body of water shared by North Macedonia and Albania is considered one of the oldest continuously existing lakes in the world?
- Lake Baikal
 - Hornindalsvatnet Lake
 - Lake of Ohrid
 - Lake Como
52. Romania uses stations at the Iron Gates to produce which of the following?
- nuclear power
 - microchips
 - refined oil
 - hydroelectric power
53. Which of the following is NOT true about the Baltic states?
- They all currently have female prime ministers.
 - They are all labeled low-income economies by the World Bank.
 - Lithuania is the most populous.
 - They are all members of NATO.
54. What river defines much of the border between France and Germany?
- Ebro
 - Dnister
 - Seine
 - Rhine
55. Finland is also known as the "Land of a Thousand" which of the following?
- canals
 - volcanoes
 - lakes
 - waterfalls
56. Which of the following is the historical capital of Herzegovina?
- Budapest
 - Konigsberg
 - Belgrade
 - Mostar
57. The International Criminal Court is headquartered in what South Holland province capital?
- The Hague
 - Geneva
 - Bratislava
 - Vaduz
58. Which of the following is the longest river in Italy?
- Belaya
 - Saone
 - Po
 - Tisa
59. Over 11,000 square kilometers of Slovenia is covered by which of the following?
- swamps
 - deserts
 - forests
 - tundra
60. What UNESCO World Heritage Site is the oldest national park in Croatia?
- Plitvice Lakes National Park
 - Pembrokeshire Coast Natural Park
 - Vatnajökull National Park
 - Triglav National Park

61. Which of the following best describes the town of Llivia?
- A. It's the capital city of Malta.
 - B. It's a Spanish exclave inside France.
 - C. It houses the headquarters of the UN.
 - D. It forms the border between San Marino and Italy.

62. Due to its mostly marshy terrain, Belarus contains large amounts of what material used for domestic heating and cooking?

- A. coal
- B. granite
- C. uranium
- D. peat

63. Which of the following are both autonomous regions of Portugal?

- A. Azores and Madeira
- B. Saint Martin and New Caledonia
- C. Sicily and Sardinia
- D. Aruba and Curacao

64. What European nation possesses the largest exclusive economic zone at over 11 million square kilometers?

- A. Finland
- B. Spain
- C. Germany
- D. France

65. The 1920 Treaty of Trianon established the modern day borders of what country?

- A. Poland
- B. Hungary
- C. Belarus
- D. Moldova

66. Which of the following is the only doubly landlocked country in Europe?

- A. Slovakia
- B. Czechia
- C. Liechtenstein
- D. Serbia

67. Which of the following is true of the Bulgarian winter resort Uzana?

- A. It's the geographical center of Bulgaria.
- B. The president of Bulgaria lives there.
- C. It's the highest zone of elevation in Bulgaria.
- D. It holds the largest natural deposits of iron ore.

68. What 1945 meeting resulted in the division of Germany into four occupied zones?

- A. Two Plus Four Agreement
- B. Potsdam Conference
- C. Sykes-Picot Agreement
- D. Paris Peace Conference

69. Faroese is closely related to and mutually intelligible with what North Germanic language?

- A. Elfdalian
- B. Jutlandic
- C. Icelandic
- D. Latvian

70. Kaali on the Estonian island of Saaremaa is an instance of which of the following?

- A. crystal caves
- B. a salt lake
- C. a white desert
- D. meteorite craters

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.

As of 2022, what is the population density of Monaco per square kilometer?