



Map and Flag 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.

Questions 1-40 refer to the flag images in the resource section.

1. The flag of Maryland shows the red and white banner of the Crossland family along with the banner of what founder of the original colony?
 - A. the Duke of York
 - B. Lord Liverpool
 - C. William Penn
 - D. Lord Baltimore
2. Switzerland's flag is unusual for which of these reasons?
 - A. it is one of the only flags with a cross on it
 - B. it is one of the only flags with a red and white color scheme
 - C. it is one of only two square national flags in the world
 - D. it is one of the only flags that looks the same upside down

3. The unique flag shown here represents what least-populous African nation?
 - A. Madagascar
 - B. Seychelles
 - C. Niger
 - D. South Africa
4. The two-headed eagle is featured on the flag of Serbia, shown here, and what other neighboring nation?
 - A. Montenegro
 - B. Hungary
 - C. Poland
 - D. Greece
5. The only non-rectangular national flag in the world belongs to what mountainous nation?
 - A. Nepal
 - B. Pakistan
 - C. Peru
 - D. Mongolia
6. The Saudi Arabian flag features an inscription called the shahada, which is a holy creed of what major world religion?
 - A. Buddhism
 - B. Islam
 - C. Orthodox Christianity
 - D. Shinto
7. The flag of Bermuda shows that it is an overseas territory of what European country?
 - A. Spain
 - B. France
 - C. Germany
 - D. Great Britain
8. This is the flag of what European microstate and 'Most Serene Republic'?
 - A. Andorra
 - B. Monaco
 - C. San Marino
 - D. Vatican City
9. In 2006, the governor of Louisiana signed a law to standardize what unusual feature on the state flag?
 - A. the number of blood drops coming from the mother pelican
 - B. the state motto
 - C. the number of pelican chicks
 - D. the shape of the flag
10. The flag of Algeria features a star and crescent design which is also featured on the flag of which of these other nations?
 - A. Russia
 - B. the Netherlands
 - C. France
 - D. Turkey

11. The red background of Vietnam's flag shows its connection to what political ideology?

- A. democracy
- B. monarchy
- C. communism
- D. theocracy

12. What communist Asian nation is represented by the flag shown here?

- A. Myanmar
- B. Cambodia
- C. South Korea
- D. North Korea

13. The flag shown here represented what nation that existed during much of the 20th century?

- A. Yugoslavia
- B. USSR
- C. Czechoslovakia
- D. Austria-Hungary

14. Which of these is NOT true of the flag of the state of Ohio?

- A. it is the only non-rectangular state flag
- B. it is the only state flag with a red, white, and blue color scheme
- C. it has a circular 'O' that represents the state
- D. 13 of the stars on the flag represent the original 13 colonies

15. The flag of New Mexico has a symbol in its center of what Native American people who have ancient roots in the state?

- A. Iroquois
- B. Huron
- C. Pueblo
- D. Seminole

16. The UN flag shows a map projection that is centered on which of these areas?

- A. the South Pole
- B. the North Pole
- C. the Equator
- D. the United States

17. The spears and shield of a Maasai warrior are featured on the flag of what East African nation?

- A. Kenya
- B. Egypt
- C. South Africa
- D. Nigeria

18. The flag of Texas, shown here, is known by which of these nicknames?

- A. 'Old Glory'
- B. the 'Stars and Stripes'
- C. the 'Alamo Flag'
- D. the 'Lone Star Flag'

19. In the flag of Palau, shown here, the yellow disc represents the full moon and the light blue background represents which of these?

- A. the Atlantic Ocean
- B. the Pacific Ocean
- C. the Gulf of Mexico
- D. the Caribbean Sea

20. The design of the Liberian flag is heavily influenced by its historical ties to what other nation?

- A. France
- B. the United Kingdom
- C. Spain
- D. the United States

21. The oldest continuously used national flag, shown here, belongs to what Nordic country?

- A. Denmark
- B. Iceland
- C. Greenland
- D. Estonia

22. The bicolor flag of Monaco shares a color scheme and design with the flag of what Asian country that is the world's most populous Muslim-majority nation?

- A. the Philippines
- B. Brunei
- C. Timor-Leste
- D. Indonesia

23. The flag shown here represents the 'Cooperation Council' of states that border what body of water?

- A. the Pacific Ocean
- B. the Persian Gulf
- C. the Gulf of Mexico
- D. the Adriatic Sea

24. The flag of Greece is part of a family of world flags, like those of Switzerland and the Republic of Georgia, that feature which of these?

- A. white stripes
- B. blue stripes
- C. the Christian cross
- D. a blue and white color scheme

25. In the summer of 2024, the flag shown here will be flown along the Seine River when the opening ceremonies of what event take place in Paris?

- A. the World Cup
- B. the World Series
- C. the Euro Championships
- D. the Olympics

26. The 'new sun of Liberty' adorns the flag of what recently renamed European nation?

- A. North Macedonia
- B. Slovenia
- C. Slovakia
- D. Kosovo

27. The flag of the Netherlands is the oldest member of which of these flag families, which includes the flags of France, Romania, and Italy?

- A. red, white, and blue
- B. tricolor
- C. stars and stripes
- D. bicolor

28. This flag represents what major international organization created following World War II to protect America and its allies?

- A. the Commonwealth of Independent States
- B. Interpol
- C. NATO
- D. UNESCO

29. Which of these is the reason that the state flag of Indiana has 19 stars?

- A. it was the 19th state admitted to the union
- B. it has 19 cities
- C. it has 19 counties
- D. it is bordered by 18 other states

30. The star below the yellow line on the flag of Nauru represents its geographical position south of what location?

- A. Australia
- B. the International Date Line
- C. the South Pole
- D. the Equator

31. The flag of Estonia shown here is thought by many to symbolically represent which of these?

- A. a ship arriving at a port
- B. a forest and sky in winter with snow on the ground
- C. the shape of the capital, Tallinn
- D. the threat of invasion by Russia

32. The flag of Malawi, which symbolizes the dawn of freedom, was adopted in what decade where many African nations gained independence?

- A. the 1710s
- B. the 1830s
- C. the 1890s
- D. the 1960s

33. The flag shown here was adopted after which of these groups took over Afghanistan in 2021?

- A. the Taliban
- B. the USSR
- C. the Kurds
- D. Boko Haram

34. The flag shown here flies over the Parlamentsgebäude in what European capital on the Danube River?

- A. Berlin
- B. Paris
- C. Vienna
- D. Bratislava

35. The 'Southern Cross' is part of the starry sky seen on the flag of what South American nation?

- A. Colombia
- B. Peru
- C. Chile
- D. Brazil

36. The flag of Puerto Rico, shown here, is nearly identical to the flag of Cuba except for which key difference?

- A. on the Cuban flag the triangle is red and the stripes are blue and white
- B. the Cuban flag has no star
- C. the Cuban flag has 50 stars
- D. the Cuban flag is black and white

37. The star in the center of the Arizona state flag represents the production of what metal, of which Arizona is a leading producer?

- A. mercury
- B. copper
- C. silver
- D. lithium

38. The flag shown here is the symbol of what densely populated British territory on the Iberian Peninsula with a famous namesake 'rock'?

- A. Gibraltar
- B. Bermuda
- C. the Pitcairn Islands
- D. the Cayman Islands

39. The flag shown here is a symbol of the international treaty that governs which of these areas?

- A. the Moon
- B. the Arctic
- C. Antarctica
- D. the International Space Station

40. This flag shows the US eagle holding three arrows that represent the major islands of what American territory?

- A. Guam
- B. American Samoa
- C. the Northern Mariana Islands
- D. the US Virgin Islands

Questions 41-50 refer to map 1 in the resource section.

41. Which of these locations on the map was invaded by Russia in 2014?

- A. 8
- B. 9
- C. 10
- D. 11

42. Which of these best describes the location marked 13 on the map?

- A. it is the country of Lithuania
- B. it is part of Poland
- C. it is an exclave of Russia
- D. it is a territory of the UK

43. Which of these is NOT the approximate location of a national capital?

- A. 1
- B. 4
- C. 14
- D. 15

44. Which of these best describes number 8 on the map?

- A. it is the approximate location of Istanbul
- B. it is part of Greece
- C. it is part of the Black Sea coast region of the Republic of Georgia
- D. it is part of the Baltic States

45. What country is indicated by number 2 on the map?

- A. Ireland
- B. Denmark
- C. the Netherlands
- D. Belgium

46. The island at number 12 on the map is which of the following?

- A. a territory of Norway
- B. a possession of Russia
- C. a British Overseas Territory
- D. part of Estonia

47. Which of these nations gained its independence the most recently?

- A. 2
- B. 3
- C. 6
- D. 15

48. Which of these best describes the relative location of Reykjavik, Iceland to the location marked 1 on the map?

- A. Reykjavik is approximately 4,200 miles west
- B. Reykjavik is approximately 1,150 miles northwest
- C. Reykjavik is approximately 350 miles north
- D. Reykjavik is approximately 1,000 miles east

49. Which of the countries indicated by the numbers below has the highest population?

- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 5
- D. 6

50. Which of these was NOT part of the Soviet Union until the early 1990s?

- A. 8
- B. 10
- C. 11
- D. 14

Questions 51-60 refer to map 2 in the resource section.

51. Which Australian state is located at number 5 on the map?

- A. Western Australia
- B. Victoria
- C. New South Wales
- D. Queensland

52. The capital of New Zealand is located at which of these numbers on the map?

- A. 9
- B. 10
- C. 11
- D. 12

53. Where on the map is Canberra, Australia located?

- A. 5
- B. 6
- C. 7
- D. 8

54. What is the name of the island at number 12 on the map?

- A. North Island
- B. South Island
- C. Tasmania
- D. New Caledonia

55. Number 9 on the map is part of which of these nations?

- A. Malaysia
- B. the Philippines
- C. Papua New Guinea
- D. Indonesia

56. Which of these is true of the area marked number 4 on the map?

- A. it is part of Malaysia
- B. it is an independent nation
- C. it is part of Indonesia
- D. it is part of Australia

57. Which of these locations is closest to the Equator?

- A. 1
- B. 9
- C. 8
- D. 6

58. What island of the Philippines is located at number 2 on the map?

- A. Borneo
- B. Sulawesi
- C. Luzon
- D. Mindanao

59. What island nation is located just north of number 1 on the map?

- A. Vanuatu
- B. Tuvalu
- C. Taiwan
- D. Nauru

60. Which of these locations is almost directly west of the Hawaiian Islands?

- A. 1
- B. 5
- C. 10
- D. 11

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.

What is the straight-line distance between Canberra, Australia and Washington, DC in miles?