



Map and Flag Examination 7th and 8th Grade Division IAC Nationals 2025

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. The flag of Nottinghamshire in England predictably features an image of what famous archer at its center?

- A. Robin Hood
- B. William Tell
- C. Alfred the Great
- D. William the Conqueror

2. Many of the state flags in what South American nation, like the one of Sergipe seen here, mirror the famous green, yellow, and blue color scheme of its national flag?

- A. Chile
- B. Brazil
- C. Argentina
- D. Paraguay

3. The Swedish flag is one of five in the world to feature what type of cross characteristic of Scandinavian flags?

- A. St. George's cross
- B. Orthodox cross
- C. Maltese cross
- D. Nordic cross

4. In 1901 Mark Twain jokingly proposed this flag design for what territory acquired by the US following the Spanish-American War?

- A. the Philippines
- B. Mexico
- C. Panama
- D. Texas

5. The flag of the United Houma Nation, a tribe indigenous to southern Louisiana, features what crustacean that is central to the cuisine of the area?

- A. shrimp
- B. blue crab
- C. crawfish
- D. langoustine

6. The flag shown here represents the Coast Guard of what nation?

- A. Japan
- B. China
- C. Iceland
- D. Canada

7. The flag of the Caribbean island nation of Dominica is the only national flag in the world to feature what type of colorful bird?

- A. raven
- B. parrot
- C. bald eagle
- D. cardinal

8. Appropriately, the flag seen here represents what second-largest city in France?

- A. Avignon
- B. Nice
- C. Lyon
- D. Marseilles

9. This flag represents what small African nation, which is made up of three islands in the Indian Ocean?

- A. Madagascar
- B. Rwanda
- C. Comoros
- D. Somalia

10. With the exception of the seal in the middle, the state flag of Florida is identical to that of what neighboring state?

- A. Alabama
- B. Georgia
- C. Mississippi
- D. South Carolina

11. The flag of the British East India Company, seen here, helped inspire the flag of what new nation in the 1770s?

- A. Scotland
- B. Germany
- C. the US
- D. Ireland

12. The flag of Paraguay, the front of which is pictured here, is the only national flag in the world to have which of these?

- A. an animal on it
- B. a red, white, and blue color scheme
- C. a different image on the back than on the front
- D. a gun on it

13. The Israeli flag features the six-pointed star in its center that represents what majority religion in the country?

- A. Roman Catholicism
- B. Judaism
- C. Buddhism
- D. Hinduism

14. The flag seen here, with a yellow circle in the middle meant to represent both the sun and a particular letter, is the flag of what Florida city?

- A. Orlando
- B. Miami
- C. Panama City
- D. Tallahassee

15. This flag represents what Italian island with its capital at Palermo?

- A. Sardinia
- B. Corsica
- C. Capri
- D. Sicily

16. The flag with the sixteen-petal chrysanthemum seen here has been the symbol of the emperor of what Asian nation since 1869?

- A. Japan
- B. China
- C. Mongolia
- D. North Korea

17. The flag of Eswatini, pictured here, shares which of the following with the flag of Kenya?

- A. they both have a traditional African shield and spears in the center
- B. they are based on the British Union Jack
- C. they are part of the 'stars and stripes' flag family
- D. they both contain an eagle

18. The flag of the province of Quebec reflects its heritage as a former colony of what nation?

- A. Prussia
- B. Belgium
- C. Denmark
- D. France

19. What massive island, which has been frequently in the news in 2025, is represented by the 'midnight sun' flag seen here?

- A. Iceland
- B. Greenland
- C. Baffin Island
- D. Victoria Island

20. For 70 years this was the personal flag of what monarch of the UK who died in 2022?

- A. Charles III
- B. Edward VIII
- C. Elizabeth II
- D. Victoria

21. 'Monarch' the bear is supposedly the model for the grizzly bear on what US state flag?

- A. Louisiana
- B. Montana
- C. North Dakota
- D. California

22. The flag of San Antonio, Texas has what famous landmark in its center?

- A. Reunion Tower
- B. the Alamo
- C. the Blanton Museum
- D. the Texas State Capitol

23. For nearly 200 years, the flag of the Dutch East India Company seen here flew over what Southeast Asian capital city, formerly known as Batavia?

- A. Hong Kong
- B. Bangkok
- C. Jakarta
- D. Beijing

24. The flag of Angola, pictured here, is one of only five national flags in the world to feature which of these things?

- A. a star
- B. the color red
- C. the color black
- D. a sword

25. Appropriately, the flag for Arizona's largest city features an image of what mythical creature?

- A. phoenix
- B. unicorn
- C. griffin
- D. Pegasus

26. The 'Pine Tree Flag', featuring a common symbol of colonial New England, was used frequently during what major conflict in American history?

- A. World War II
- B. the American Revolution
- C. Vietnam
- D. the Persian Gulf War

27. The Wiphala flag, which represents indigenous peoples of the Andes, was adopted as a national symbol of what South American nation in 2009?

- A. Panama
- B. Brazil
- C. Bolivia
- D. Honduras

28. The flag and coat of arms of the St. Gallen canton of Switzerland features the fasces, a symbol used prominently in what ancient empire?

- A. Aztec
- B. Roman
- C. Gupta
- D. Mongol

29. This flag represents what easternmost African nation with its capital at Mogadishu?

- A. Kenya
- B. Tanzania
- C. Somalia
- D. Nigeria

30. The flag seen here, with its famous seagull logo in the center, represents what US government agency that is instrumental in weather forecasting and hurricane tracking?

- A. FBI
- B. NOAA
- C. EPA
- D. CIA

31. The flag of the state of Wisconsin prominently features what animal, a symbol of the state and the mascot of its flagship university?

- A. fox
- B. horse
- C. badger
- D. zebra

32. The star above the Soyombo symbol on the former flag of Mongolia shows its dominance by what form of government until 1992?

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

33. The light blue on the flag of Uzbekistan symbolizes which of these things?

- A. forests and wildlife
- B. oil exploration
- C. the sky and water
- D. sunset and the moon

34. The Mexican flag is the only national flag that shows what animal, which has been captured by the golden eagle at the center?

- A. lizard
- B. turtle
- C. dragon
- D. snake

35. The stars on the flag seen here represents the four states of what small island nation in the Pacific?

- A. the Federated States of Micronesia
- B. New Zealand
- C. Australia
- D. Indonesia

36. The white crescent moon in the center of the flag of the Maldives, also seen on the flags of Pakistan and Turkey, demonstrates a connection to what major world religion?

- A. Islam
- B. Christianity
- C. Jainism
- D. Sikhism

37. The state flag of Alaska prominently features what famous grouping of stars in its bottom right corner?

- A. Orion's Belt
- B. the Big Dipper
- C. Castor and Pollux
- D. the Little Wolf

38. The flags of New Zealand, seen here, as well as Australia, Papua New Guinea, and Samoa, all have a version of what constellation that is a major feature of the night sky in the Southern Hemisphere?

- A. the North Star
- B. the Southern Cross
- C. the Crab Nebula
- D. the Aurora Borealis

39. The 'banner of St. Mark' is the flag of what Italian city famous for its canals?

- A. Florence
- B. Rome
- C. Ravenna
- D. Venice

40. The flag shown here represents Balochistan, the largest but least populous province of what country?

- A. China
- B. Pakistan
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Tibet

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

41. The island marked 5 on the map is part of which country?

- A. the UK
- B. Cuba
- C. Haiti
- D. the US

42. Which numbers on the map show areas that were former colonies of Great Britain?

- A. 2 and 10
- B. 3 and 4
- C. 1 only
- D. 12 only

43. Maya ruins like Chichen Itza are found at what number on the map?

- A. 12
- B. 9
- C. 7
- D. 6

44. Number 6 on the map shows what famous body of water in South America that is not truly a lake despite its common name?

- A. the Dead Sea
- B. Lake Maracaibo
- C. Lake Amazonia
- D. Lake Victoria

45. What major worldwide shipping route is located at number 7 on the map?

- A. the Darien Gap
- B. the Erie Canal
- C. the Trans-Pacific Partnership
- D. the Panama Canal

46. What country's namesake lake is shown at number 9 on the map?

- A. Honduras
- B. Belize
- C. Nicaragua
- D. Cuba

47. All of these are part of the Greater Antilles EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 10

48. What is the capital of the island nation at number 1 on the map?

- A. Kingston
- B. Port au Prince
- C. Havana
- D. Tegucigalpa

49. Which of these islands is shared by the countries marked 3 and 4 on the map?

- A. St. Croix
- B. Hispaniola
- C. St. Martin
- D. St. Thomas

50. Which of these Central American nations is NOT numbered on the map?

- A. Honduras
- B. Costa Rica
- C. Panama
- D. Guatemala

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

51. Number 14 on the map shows which of the following?

- A. the Central African Republic
- B. the Cabinda exclave of Angola
- C. Lake Victoria
- D. Nigeria

52. The small, landlocked country of Burundi is shown at what number on the map?

- A. 2
- B. 4
- C. 5
- D. 10

53. The body of water at number 9 and the nation at number 10 both share what name?

- A. Tanzania
- B. Kenya
- C. Mozambique
- D. Madagascar

54. Which number on the map shows an enclaved country?

- A. 5
- B. 11
- C. 12
- D. 14

55. What small nation is shown at number 11 on the map?

- A. South Africa
- B. Eswatini
- C. Namibia
- D. Botswana

56. The body of water at number 7 on the map shares a name with what city in Yemen?

- A. Aden
- B. Beirut
- C. Cairo
- D. Addis Ababa

57. What nation on the map is home to tens of thousands of unique species of plants and animals, including the ring-tailed lemur?

- A. 3
- B. 5
- C. 6
- D. 8

58. The Horn of Africa is nearest to which of these numbers on the map?

- A. 13
- B. 10
- C. 6
- D. 1

59. Which of these is the most populous city in the country at number 13 on the map?

- A. Johannesburg
- B. Nairobi
- C. Lagos
- D. Accra

60. What nation is located at number 4 on the map?

- A. Democratic Republic of the Congo
- B. Namibia
- C. Tanzania
- D. Egypt

Questions 61-70 do not refer to images.

61. Which of these national flags is NOT part of the Christian cross family?

- A. Greece
- B. Germany
- C. Switzerland
- D. the UK

62. The flag of Malaysia belongs to both the crescent family and what other flag family that contains the flag of the US?

- A. stars and stripes
- B. tricolors
- C. pan-African
- D. pan-Arab

63. Many people believe that the flag of the European Union is a reference to what figure from Christianity, who is mentioned wearing a crown of 12 stars in the Bible?

- A. Moses
- B. Abraham
- C. Isaac
- D. the Virgin Mary

64. The flag of the state of Rhode Island features which of these nautical items surrounded by 13 stars?

- A. battleship
- B. anchor
- C. sailboat
- D. cannon

65. Which of these has the only non-rectangular state flag in the US?

- A. Maine
- B. Washington
- C. Ohio
- D. South Carolina

66. Which of these state flags does NOT feature a state seal in the middle of a blue background?

- A. Texas
- B. Idaho
- C. Connecticut
- D. Kentucky

67. What Central Asian nation, famous for its carpets, has a red stripe with carpet patterns on the left side of its flag?

- A. Nepal
- B. Turkmenistan
- C. Pakistan
- D. India

68. Which of these national flags does NOT feature a sun?

- A. North Macedonia
- B. the Philippines
- C. Rwanda
- D. Saudi Arabia

69. Both Pakistan and Nigeria have flags that contain only what two colors?

- A. green and white
- B. black and brown
- C. red and blue
- D. gold and silver

70. Both the flag of Saudi Arabia and the newly adopted flag of what other nation contain the Islamic declaration of faith known as the Shahada?

- A. Albania
- B. Afghanistan
- C. Algeria
- D. Andorra

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.

For how long in years, months, and days has the current flag of the United States been its official flag?