**2025 US Geography Championships
Multiple Choice Examination
7th and 8th Grade Division**

Instructions – This examination consists of 40 questions. You will receive two points for a correct answer. You will lose one point for an incorrect answer. Blank responses lose no points. Please fill in the bubbles completely on the answer sheet. You may write on the examination, but all responses must be bubbled on the answer sheet. All images are contained in the resource document. Diacritic marks such as accents may have been omitted from place names and other proper nouns. You have 35 minutes to complete this examination.

Questions 1-5 are about biomes.

1. Which of these biomes would you find in Antarctica?
   A. temperate seasonal
   B. desert
   C. tundra
   D. temperate rainforest

2. In which biome would you most likely find elephants, zebras, and cheetahs?
   A. tundra
   B. taiga
   C. savanna
   D. hot desert

3. Which biome would be the best for agriculture due to the type of soil and vegetation usually found there?
   A. temperate grassland
   B. tropical rainforest
   C. cold desert
   D. tundra

4. Which biome covers most of Canada and Russia and usually contains coniferous trees?
   A. cold desert
   B. taiga
   C. savanna
   D. temperate grassland

5. Which of these is true of species richness in biomes?
   A. the tundra has the most diverse plants and animals
   B. biomes with the least rainfall have the largest plants and trees
   C. deserts usually have more plant and animal species than rainforests
   D. the most diverse biomes are those with both high rainfall and high temperature

Questions 6-10 are about glacial landforms.

6. Which glacial feature forms when a block of ice is buried and then melts?
   A. moraine
   B. esker
   C. drumlin
   D. kettle lake

7. What are moraines made of?
   A. glacial till and debris
   B. water
   C. solid bedrock
   D. ice

8. Which landform marks the farthest advance of a glacier?
   A. lateral moraine
   B. terminal moraine
   C. drumlin
   D. esker

9. Which of these best defines a drumlin?
   A. A bowl-shaped depression
   B. A crack in the ice
   C. A hill made of glacial till shaped by glacier movement
   D. A frozen waterfall

10. Which of the following is NOT formed by glacial erosion?
   A. cirque
   B. u-shaped valley
   C. arete
   D. delta

Questions 11-15 are about political geography.

11. Which of these best defines a nation-state?
   A. A country with many ethnic groups
   B. A state with no clear borders
   C. A state whose population shares a common culture and identity
   D. A former colony

12. Which of the following is an example of a stateless nation?
   A. Germans
   B. Kurds
   C. Canadians
   D. Japanese

13. Which of the following countries is an example of a fragmented state?
    A. Indonesia
    B. Brazil
    C. South Africa
    D. Germany

14. Which term describes a region that is completely surrounded by another country?
    A. Exclave
    B. Enclave
    C. Frontier
    D. Island

15. Which of the following is an example of a landlocked country?
    A. Australia
    B. Japan
    C. Switzerland
    D. Mexico

Questions 16-20 refer to image 1 in the resource section.

16. Which number on the map indicates the Gulf of Tonkin, the site of a 1964 incident off the coast of North Vietnam that helped draw the US into the Vietnam War?
    A. 9
    B. 10
    C. 11
    D. 12

17. Number 1 on the map shows the location of what densely populated island city-state?
    A. Singapore
    B. Taiwan
    C. Hong Kong
    D. Borneo

18. What three nations share the island marked number 13 on the map?
    A. the Philippines, China, and Australia
    B. New Zealand, Japan, Russia
    C. Vietnam, Bangladesh, Cambodia
    D. Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei

19. What landlocked Asian nation is shown at number 5 on the map?
    A. Mongolia
    B. Pakistan
    C. Laos
    D. Malaysia

20. Which of these is true of the island shown at number 8?
    A. it is technically part of Africa
    B. it is owned by France
    C. it is part of Japan
    D. it is the southernmost province of China

Questions 21-25 refer to image 2 in the resource section.

21. This image illustrates which of these concepts in geography?
    A. the concentric zone model of cities
    B. the demographic transition model
    C. chain migration patterns
    D. agricultural development models

22. In stage 2 of the model seen here what would be expected to happen to death rates?
    A. they would increase rapidly
    B. they would increase slightly
    C. they would stay roughly the same as in stage 1
    D. they would decrease rapidly

23. Which of these would be expected to happen to population growth in stage 2 of this model?
    A. it would stay the same as in stage 1
    B. it would increase rapidly
    C. it would decrease rapidly
    D. this model does not give information about population increase

24. All of these would result in lower birth rates in stage 4 of this model EXCEPT which of the following?
    A. increased educational opportunities for women
    B. better technology
    C. economic development
    D. war with other countries

25. The United States would most likely be in which stage of this model of development?
    A. 4
    B. 3
    C. 2
    D. 1

Questions 26-30 refer to image 3 in the resource section.

26. According to the map, which country leads the world in annual deforestation?
    A. Canada
    B. the US
    C. Brazil
    D. Russia

27. According to the map, which of these is true about deforestation in Australia?
    A. it loses over 5 million hectares of forest a year
    B. it loses between 100,000 and 500,000 hectares a year
    C. It loses under 50,000 hectares a year
    D. there is no data about deforestation in Australia

28. Which of the following is a major cause of deforestation in the Amazon Rainforest?
    A. fishing
    B. urban air pollution
    C. cattle ranching and agriculture
    D. volcanic activity

29. Deforestation contributes to climate change primarily by doing which of these?
    A. changing the Earth's orbit
    B. increasing carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere
    C. blocking sunlight
    D. causing acid rain

30. Which of the following is a consequence of deforestation?
    A. soil erosion and loss of habitat
    B. an increase in biodiversity
    C. more freshwater resources
    D. greater oxygen production

Questions 31-35 are about culture.

31. Which of these best defines culture?
    A. The plants and animals in an area
    B. Shared beliefs, customs, and practices of a group of people
    C. Natural landscapes of a region
    D. The political system of a country

32. Which of the following is an example of material culture?
    A. Religious beliefs
    B. Language
    C. Clothing
    D. Values

33. Which term describes the spread of culture from one place to another?
    A. socialization
    B. urbanization
    C. diffusion
    D. acculturation

34. Which of these terms refers to the belief that your culture is superior to others?
    A. ethnocentrism
    B. multiculturalism
    C. globalization
    D. cultural relativism

35. Popular culture is most often spread through which of these methods?
    A. oral tradition
    B. agricultural practices
    C. family units
    D. mass media and the internet

Questions 36-40 are about deserts.

36. Which of these causes most landforms in deserts to form?
    A. glacial movement
    B. tectonic uplift
    C. wind and water erosion
    D. volcanic activity

37. Which of these best defines an erg?
    A. A rocky desert pavement
    B. A large area of shifting sand dunes
    C. A type of desert lake
    D. A dried-up riverbed

38. Which of the following is a crescent-shaped dune formed by consistent wind?
    A. Star dune
    B. Transverse dune
    C. Barchan dune
    D. Linear dune

39. Which feature forms when wind removes fine particles, leaving coarser material behind?
    A. Playa
    B. Blowout
    C. Mesa
    D. Desert pavement

40. How are mesas and buttes different?
    A. Mesas are underwater, buttes are not
    B. Mesas are larger and have a wider flat top
    C. Buttes are formed by wind, mesas by glaciers
    D. Buttes are volcanic, mesas are sedimentary