



National Women's History Exam

Examination 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. Rosa Parks' refusal to give up her bus seat in 1955 sparked a citywide boycott in what Alabama city?
 - A. Montgomery
 - B. Charleston
 - C. Little Rock
 - D. Baton Rouge
2. What colonial Massachusetts town accused over 100 women of witchcraft and executed 14 of them?
 - A. Plymouth
 - B. Salem
 - C. New Amsterdam
 - D. Roanoke
3. Katharine Graham became the first female to head a major American newspaper when she took charge of what DC publication?
 - A. Chicago Sun
 - B. NY Times
 - C. Washington Post
 - D. Wall Street Journal
4. Zora Neale Hurston was a central figure of what 1920s-1930s NYC cultural movement?
 - A. Modern Muralism
 - B. Impressionism
 - C. Scientific Revolution
 - D. Harlem Renaissance
5. What US Navy rear admiral is credited with developing COBOL and writing the first computer manual?
 - A. Grace Hopper
 - B. Zelda Fitzgerald
 - C. Shirley Chisholm
 - D. Clara Bow
6. Nellie Bly's exposé "Ten Days in a Mad-House" sparked investigations into and reforms in which of the following?
 - A. education
 - B. religion
 - C. mental health care
 - D. voting rights
7. Phyllis Wheatley composed several essays concerning figures like King George III and George Washington in the lead up to what conflict?
 - A. Civil War
 - B. American Revolution
 - C. World War I
 - D. Spanish-American War
8. The Harriet Tubman Tribute Act of 2025 calls for the abolitionist to replace Andrew Jackson on what American bill?
 - A. \$5
 - B. \$1
 - C. \$100
 - D. \$20
9. Amelia Earhart achieved which of the following in 1932?
 - A. She was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean.
 - B. She discovered the double helix structure of DNA.
 - C. She founded the Women's Christian Temperance Union.
 - D. She opened the first Planned Parenthood clinic.
10. What region unknown to early America was explored by Lewis and Clark under the guidance of Sacagawea?
 - A. Ohio River Valley
 - B. Deep South
 - C. Pacific Northwest
 - D. Appalachia
11. What party pursued the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment under the leadership of Alice Paul?
 - A. American Anti-Slavery Society
 - B. National Women's Party
 - C. Anti-Saloon League
 - D. American Public Health Association

12. What fourth First Lady is often referred to as the “first First Lady” due to her definition of the role as a hostess and advisor?

- A. Dolley Madison
- B. Rachel Jackson
- C. Martha Washington
- D. Mary Todd Lincoln

13. The 19th amendment to the Constitution granted women which of the following?

- A. access to birth control
- B. the ability to service in public office
- C. the ability to get married
- D. the right to vote

14. What southern colony was transformed by Eliza Pinckney’s development of indigo as a cash crop?

- A. California
- B. Ohio
- C. South Carolina
- D. Indiana

15. What suffragist was arrested in 1872 after attempting to vote under the 14th and 15th amendments?

- A. Victoria Woodhull
- B. Susan B. Anthony
- C. Sojourner Truth
- D. Margaret Sanger

16. Which of the following was the first woman to serve on the Supreme Court?

- A. Sandra Day O’Connor
- B. Elena Kagan
- C. Amy Coney Barrett
- D. Sonia Sotomayor

17. Frances Perkins served as FDR’s Secretary of Labor during the implementation of what plan to address the Great Depression?

- A. Great Society
- B. Dollar Diplomacy
- C. America First
- D. New Deal

18. Jane Addams and Ellen Gates Starr opened Hull House in 1889 to serve the working class community in what Illinois city?

- A. Jackson
- B. Portland
- C. Chicago
- D. Raleigh

19. What anti-lynching journalist was a founding member of the NAACP?

- A. Dorothea Dix
- B. Ida B. Wells
- C. Anne Bradstreet
- D. Sarah Grimke

20. Clara Barton established the American Red Cross in 1881 almost 20 years after her service as a nurse in what conflict?

- A. Civil War
- B. War of 1812
- C. Mexican War
- D. Metacom’s War

21. The first female elected to the US Congress represented what state?

- A. North Dakota
- B. Florida
- C. Montana
- D. Arizona

22. The “flapper” girl became a beacon of female independence during what decade?

- A. 2000s
- B. 1880s
- C. 1970s
- D. 1920s

23. Rosie the Riveter was used to promote which of the following during World War II?

- A. women working in war industries
- B. women educating their sons
- C. women enlisting in the armed forces
- D. women fulfilling traditional roles in the home

24. Federal judge Sarah T. Hughes was the first woman to administer the Presidential Oath of Office in 1963 to which of the following?

- A. Woodrow Wilson
- B. Lyndon B. Johnson
- C. Ronald Reagan
- D. Bill Clinton

25. Eleanor Roosevelt arranged for Marian Anderson to perform on the steps of what DC monument in 1939?

- A. Liberty Bell
- B. Mount Rushmore
- C. Statue of Liberty
- D. Lincoln Memorial

26. The 2022 decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization overturned abortion protections set by what 1973 case?

- A. McDonald v. Chicago
- B. Brown v. Board of Education
- C. Roe v. Wade
- D. Schenck v. US

27. Billie Jean King defeated Bobby Riggs in the 1973 Battle of the Sexes in what sport?

- A. diving
- B. basketball
- C. tennis
- D. lacrosse

28. Women Airforce Service Pilots mobilized a volunteer corps of women to do which of the following during World War II?

- A. fly new planes to coastal airfields
- B. serve soldiers in mess halls
- C. clean barracks on naval destroyers
- D. organize communications on the warfront

29. Mattel became a Fortune 500 company just six years after Ruth Handler's launch of what toy?

- A. Hot Wheels
- B. Etch-a-Sketch
- C. Barbie
- D. Rock 'Em Sock 'Em Robots

30. What former First Lady served as a delegate to the United Nations General Assembly after she was widowed in 1945?

- A. Rosalynn Carter
- B. Eleanor Roosevelt
- C. Mamie Eisenhower
- D. Helen Taft

31. Due to her prolific record of inventions, Beulah Louise Henry is often referred to as which of the following?

- A. Lady Edison
- B. Iron Lady
- C. Lady with the Lamp
- D. Moses of Her People

32. Which of the following became the first female astronaut to represent the US in 1983?

- A. Linda Coffee
- B. Ann Lane
- C. Sally Ride
- D. Susan Stern

33. What month was declared National Women's History Month by Congress in 1987?

- A. August
- B. December
- C. March
- D. July

34. Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Jenn Psaki, and Karoline Leavitt have all served as what executive branch spokesperson?

- A. Legislative Aide to US Senator
- B. Under Secretary of Defense
- C. Law Clerk of the Supreme Court
- D. White House press secretary

35. Which of the following served as the chair of the Federal Reserve before being named Joe Biden's secretary of treasury?

- A. Nancy Pelosi
- B. Janet Yellen
- C. Majorie Taylor Greene
- D. Elizabeth Warren

36. The decision in *Faulkner v. Jones* allowed Shannon Faulkner to become the first female cadet at what South Carolina military college?

- A. The Citadel
- B. Corps of Cadets
- C. Great Lakes
- D. Norwich

37. What first Jewish woman to sit on the Supreme Court said there would be enough women on the court "when there are nine"?

- A. Barbara Mikulski
- B. Aileen Cannon
- C. Condoleezza Rice
- D. Ruth Bader Ginsburg

38. Susie Wiles was named the first female White House Chief of Staff in January 2025 by what second term president?

- A. George W. Bush
- B. Donald Trump
- C. Barack Obama
- D. Jimmy Carter

39. Which state elected two female senators simultaneously in 1993, making it the first state to have two women serving concurrently?

- A. Texas
- B. Mississippi
- C. California
- D. Idaho

40. Ketanji Brown Jackson was the first black woman to serve as which of the following?

- A. President of the US
- B. Secretary of State
- C. Supreme Court justice
- D. Speaker of the House

41. What youngest woman to ever be elected to Congress won a major upset victory in 2018 and has been reelected by New York's 14th district in every election since?

- A. Virginia Foxx
- B. Marcy Kaptur
- C. Lisa Murkowski
- D. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

42. What president signed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act into law in 2009?

- A. Dwight D. Eisenhower
- B. Barack Obama
- C. Richard Nixon
- D. Calvin Coolidge

43. What former Democratic representative from Hawaii now serves as Director of National Intelligence in the Trump administration?

- A. Tulsi Gabbard
- B. Megyn Kelly
- C. Jeanine Pirro
- D. Lauren Boebert

44. Before being nominated for Vice President in 2008, Sarah Palin served as governor of what state?

- A. New York
- B. Maryland
- C. Alaska
- D. Alabama

45. Bill Clinton chose which of the following to serve as his secretary of state from 1997-2001?

- A. Amy Klobuchar
- B. Pam Bondi
- C. Hillary Clinton
- D. Madeleine Albright

46. Democrat Kathy Hochul currently serves as governor of what state?

- A. Texas
- B. New York
- C. Florida
- D. Wyoming

47. Nancy Reagan's first of its kind national anti-drug campaign carried what slogan?

- A. "Return to Normalcy"
- B. "Happy Days are Here Again"
- C. "Just Say No"
- D. "Peace that Follows"

48. Before being elected governor of Michigan in 2019, which of these was the first female Democrat to lead the Michigan state House of Representatives?

- A. Gretchen Whitmer
- B. Michelle Obama
- C. Lauren Boebert
- D. Kristi Noem

49. What New York congressperson's nomination to be the US ambassador to the United States was withdrawn in March 2025?

- A. Maxine Waters
- B. Melania Trump
- C. Stacey Abrams
- D. Elise Stefanik

50. As of March 2025, which of the following states is not currently represented by at least one female senator?

- A. Maine
- B. South Carolina
- C. Illinois
- D. Minnesota

51. What Chicago-born, Chicano author wrote *The House on Mango Street* and *Woman Hollering Creek and Other Stories*?

- A. Edith Wharton
- B. Louisa May Alcott
- C. Sandra Cisneros
- D. Gertrude Stein

52. Harriet Beecher Stowe is best known for what anti-slavery book published in 1852?

- A. *Uncle Tom's Cabin*
- B. *The House of Mirth*
- C. *Everything that Rises Must Converge*
- D. *O, Write My Name*

53. What First lady headed the Task Force on National Health Care Reform in the late 1990s?

- A. Claudia Johnson
- B. Betty Ford
- C. Jackie Kennedy
- D. Hillary Clinton

54. What swimmer became the first ever to win six World Championship gold medals in the same event with her 2023 win in the 800m?

- A. Sue Bird
- B. Katie Ledecky
- C. Trinity Rodman
- D. Coco Gauff

55. Mary Barra, Abigail Johnson, and Julie Sweet are on the 2024 list of top 10 powerful women due to their success in what top business position?

- A. Governor
- B. Prime Minister
- C. Chief Executive Officer
- D. Chancellor

56. What Sabrina Carpenter song was the most streamed song globally in the 2024 Spotify Wrapped?

- A. "Cruel Summer"
- B. "Die with a Smile"
- C. "Lose Control"
- D. "Espresso"

57. *Call Her Daddy* and *Good Hang* with Amy Poehler are examples of what popular digital medium?

- A. advice columns
- B. almanacs
- C. period pieces
- D. podcasts

58. The Professional Women's Hockey League is composed of 6 teams from what two nations?

- A. Russia and China
- B. Mexico and Argentina
- C. United States and Canada
- D. Cuba and Bahamas

59. What woman who holds the record for most Grammy Awards won claimed her first Album of the Year title with Cowboy Carter in 2025?

- A. Dua Lipa
- B. Beyoncé
- C. Missy Elliott
- D. Sia

60. What country music superstar donated \$1 million to Vanderbilt to aid in the research and development of the COVID-19 vaccine?

- A. Dolly Parton
- B. Olivia Rodrigo
- C. Josephine Baker
- D. Patsy Cline

61. Margaret Mitchell's *Gone With the Wind* explores Civil War and Reconstruction society in what Georgia capital?

- A. Baltimore
- B. Atlanta
- C. Springfield
- D. Brownsville

62. What busy actress will appear in *Dune: Messiah*, *Spider-Man: Brand New Day*, and *Euphoria's* fourth season in 2025?

- A. Aaliyah
- B. Solange
- C. Cher
- D. Zendaya

63. Which of the following careers is NOT currently dominated by women in the US?

- A. nurses
- B. engineers
- C. preschool teachers
- D. phlebotomists

64. Alice Walton's status as the richest woman in the world is largely attributed to her inheritance of stock from what company?

- A. GameStop
- B. Blockbuster
- C. Costco
- D. Walmart

65. What WNBA team won their first championship in 2024?

- A. Las Vegas Aces
- B. Minnesota Lynx
- C. New York Liberty
- D. Chicago Sky

66. Which of the following became the Democratic nominee for president after Joe Biden withdrew from consideration in 2021?

- A. Kamala Harris
- B. Ashley Moody
- C. Marsha Blackburn
- D. Tina Smith

67. USA women have won 10 out of 12 Olympics entered and 9 of the last 12 World Cups in what sport?

- A. basketball
- B. fencing
- C. softball
- D. water polo

68. Meta placed a gag order on Sarah Wynn-Williams for publishing *Careless People* in March 2024 about her time at what network?

- A. Truth Social
- B. Facebook
- C. X
- D. Reddit

69. Before her Broadway debut in *& Juliet*, Charli D'Amelio rose to fame during the pandemic on what social media platform?

- A. Bluesky
- B. TikTok
- C. tumblr.
- D. MySpace

70. What 1960 Southern Gothic Novel by Harper Lee has been a target of banned book campaigns due to its discussion of race?

- A. *Beloved*
- B. *Little Women*
- C. *To Kill a Mockingbird*
- D. *The Awakening*

71. Which of the following was NOT written by poet and author Sylvia Plath?

- A. *Ariel*
- B. *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*
- C. *The Bell Jar*
- D. *The Colossus and Other Poems*

72. What Doechii song that claims "somebody's watching me" has TikTokers recreating a sibling dance from *The Fresh Prince of Bel Air*?

- A. *Anxiety*
- B. *Single Ladies*
- C. *Poker Face*
- D. *Blank Space*

73. MacKenzie Scott's philanthropy is funded in large part by her 4% stake in what company owned by her ex-husband Jeff Bezos?

- A. Oracle
- B. Nvidia
- C. Amazon
- D. Samsung

74. Ruth Porat has served as Chief Financial Officer, Chief Investment Officer, and President of what Google parent company?

- A. Tesla
- B. Salesforce
- C. Solar Winds
- D. Alphabet

75. Seattle Kraken assistant coach Jessica Campbell is the first female to hold that position in what major sports league?

- A. NHL
- B. CFL
- C. Premier League
- D. PGA

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 the publication of the 2024 Forbes list, what is the net worth of Diane Hendricks, the wealthiest self-made woman in the US and co-founder of ABC Supply?