



World Geography 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. What nation governed from Jakarta has the world's largest Muslim population?
 - A. Brazil
 - B. Spain
 - C. Indonesia
 - D. Tanzania
2. What nation achieved independence from Sudan in July 2011?
 - A. South Sudan
 - B. Niger
 - C. Mali
 - D. Burkina Faso
3. Which of the following nations does NOT border the Indian Ocean?
 - A. Madagascar
 - B. Tanzania
 - C. Somalia
 - D. Morocco
4. The Bosphorus and Dardanelles straits separate Anatolia from what peninsula?
 - A. Scandinavia
 - B. Balkans
 - C. Baja California
 - D. Cape Horn
5. Which of the following has the largest exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of all sovereign nations in Oceania?
 - A. United States
 - B. Japan
 - C. Australia
 - D. France
6. What South American river is the largest river by discharge volume of water in the world?
 - A. Amazon River
 - B. Athabasca River
 - C. Atbara River
 - D. Aras River
7. Which of the following is the deepest known point in the ocean?
 - A. Milwaukee Deep
 - B. Challenger Deep
 - C. Java Deep
 - D. Meteor Deep
8. Which of the following is the capital of Iran?
 - A. Moscow
 - B. Kyiv
 - C. Ankara
 - D. Tehran
9. Kohala, Mauna Kea, Hualalai, Mauna Loa, and Kilauea are the five shield volcanoes that overlap to form which of the following?
 - A. Tonga
 - B. Samoa
 - C. Hawaii
 - D. Vanuatu
10. What Himalaya peak is the highest mountain in the world above sea level?
 - A. K2
 - B. Mount Everest
 - C. Lhotse
 - D. Makalu
11. What second longest African river measures as the world's deepest river?
 - A. Orange River
 - B. Niger River
 - C. Senegal River
 - D. Congo River

12. The Almendares River flows south to north through what Caribbean capital before entering the Straits of Florida?

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

13. What largest coral reef system is located in the Coral Sea?

- A. Coral Triangle
- B. Amazon Reef
- C. Great Barrier Reef
- D. Isla Perez

14. Which of the following serves as the seat of the government and parliament of New South Wales?

- A. Papara
- B. Christchurch
- C. Houma
- D. Sydney

15. Afghanistan shares a border with which of the following nations?

- A. Iraq
- B. Uzbekistan
- C. Mongolia
- D. India

16. What driest nonpolar desert in the world lies on the western coastal edge of the Andes Mountains?

- A. Gobi Desert
- B. Taklamakan Desert
- C. Atacama Desert
- D. Kalahari Desert

17. What Ring of Fire archipelago that consists of 14,124 islands is also 66% covered in forest?

- A. Japan
- B. Australia
- C. Turkey
- D. Malaysia

18. Which of the following is Australia's largest island?

- A. Lizard Island
- B. K'gari
- C. Kangaroo Island
- D. Tasmania

19. Which of the following is the northernmost capital city of Africa?

- A. Windhoek
- B. Tunis
- C. Nairobi
- D. Bamako

20. What percentage of the Earth is covered by oceanic salt water?

- A. 70%
- B. 99%
- C. 4%
- D. 36%

21. Botswana and Zimbabwe are landlocked by all of the following countries EXCEPT?

- A. Namibia
- B. South Africa
- C. Uganda
- D. Mozambique

22. Mount Tahat is the tallest peak of what Sahara highland region?

- A. Snowy Mountains
- B. Cantabrian Mountains
- C. Taurus Mountains
- D. Hoggar Mountains

23. Paraguay shared borders with all of these EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. Brazil
- B. Uruguay
- C. Argentina
- D. Bolivia

24. In what oceanic zone do algae and phytoplankton conduct photosynthesis?

- A. photic zone
- B. benthic zone
- C. intertidal zone
- D. twilight zone

25. Which of these is NOT a tributary of the Amazon River?

- A. Purus
- B. Jurua
- C. Orinoco
- D. Madeira

26. The Strait of Gibraltar separates what two nations?

- A. Gabon and Equatorial Guinea
- B. Eswatini and Lesotho
- C. Yemen and Ethiopia
- D. Morocco and Spain

27. What nation includes the Godavari, Krishna, Ganga, and Yamuna rivers?

- A. Maldives
- B. India
- C. Kuwait
- D. Azerbaijan

28. What warm Atlantic Ocean current originates in the Gulf of Mexico before moving up the east coast of the US before reaching Europe?
- Gulf Stream
 - Antarctic Circumpolar Current
 - Kuroshio Current
 - Agulhas Current
29. Which of the following is the capital of New Zealand?
- Port Moresby
 - Honiara
 - Wellington
 - Suva
30. What landlocked salt lake of the Jordan Rift Valley is the world's lowest land-based elevation?
- North Sea
 - Sea of Azov
 - Red Sea
 - Dead Sea
31. Which of the following describes a bight?
- a cliff face formed by erosion over time
 - a concave bend on a coastline that forms an open bay
 - a communities of trees that form in the rain shadow of a mountain
 - a crater formed either naturally or unnaturally
32. Bandar Seri Begawan is the capital city of what Borneo-based nation?
- Brunei
 - Manila
 - Dili
 - Majuro
33. The Gulf of Guayaquil is part of what larger body of water?
- Caribbean Sea
 - Mediterranean Sea
 - Pacific Ocean
 - Atlantic Ocean
34. What large lake and endorheic basin that lies between Europe and Asia is famous for its oil and caviar industries?
- Baltic Sea
 - Persian Gulf
 - Sea of Japan
 - Caspian Sea
35. Kyrgyzstan is landlocked by all of the following nations EXCEPT?
- Kazakhstan
 - Russia
 - Uzbekistan
 - Tajikistan
36. Which of the following best describes the oceanic pole of inaccessibility known as Point Nemo?
- It is the place in the ocean that is farthest from land.
 - It is the highest mountain peak under the ocean's surface.
 - It is the largest deepwater trench in the ocean floor.
 - It is the shortest point between two separate landmasses.
37. What Democratic Republic of the Congo city is the most densely populated city in Africa?
- Cairo
 - Lagos
 - Kinshasa
 - Port Louis
38. Which of the following is the capital of Colombia?
- Mexico City
 - Santo Domingo
 - Bogota
 - Cayenne
39. Viti Levu is the largest island of what nation that includes the cities of Suva and Lautoka?
- Fiji
 - Australia
 - Tuvalu
 - Solomon Islands
40. Which of the following is true of Cape York in Queensland?
- It's the southernmost point of Australia.
 - It's the northernmost point of Australia.
 - It's the easternmost point of Australia.
 - It's the westernmost point of Australia.
41. Which of the following can NOT be found in Asia?
- Tebesjuak Lake
 - Thar Desert
 - Plateau of Tibet
 - Lop Nur
42. Anatolia makes up the majority of the land area of what nation?
- Qatar
 - Ukraine
 - Armenia
 - Turkiye
43. What Bantu syncretic language is the most common lingua franca in East and Central Africa?
- Arabic
 - Swahili
 - French
 - English

44. Which of the following shares a land border with Brazil?
- A. Chile
 - B. Ecuador
 - C. Argentina
 - D. Panama
45. Macquarie Harbour and Port Davey are Australia examples of what narrow sea inlets formed by glaciers?
- A. makhtesh
 - B. alluvial plain
 - C. fjords
 - D. swamp
46. What West African nation was known as the Gold Coast before assuming its current name in 1957?
- A. Cameroon
 - B. Ghana
 - C. Angola
 - D. Kenya
47. The Caroline Islands are a scattered archipelago divided politically between what two nations?
- A. Federated States of Micronesia and Palau
 - B. Philippines and China
 - C. Sri Lanka and Pakistan
 - D. Mozambique and Madagascar
48. Which of the following is the smallest African nation by total area?
- A. Djibouti
 - B. Cote d'Ivoire
 - C. Madagascar
 - D. Seychelles
49. The Asian continent is separated from North America by which of the following?
- A. Bass Strait
 - B. Strait of Malacca
 - C. Bering Strait
 - D. Strait of Magellan
50. The Strait of Hormuz connects what two bodies of water?
- A. Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman
 - B. Red Sea and Gulf of Aden
 - C. Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal
 - D. Yellow Sea and South China Sea
51. Central America's highest peak, Volcán Tejumulco, can be found in what nation?
- A. Honduras
 - B. Belize
 - C. Mexico
 - D. Guatemala
52. Which of these is the largest body of water?
- A. Gulf of Mexico
 - B. Sea of Okhotsk
 - C. Philippine Sea
 - D. Norwegian Sea
53. Omsk, Samara, and Chita are all cities found in what nation?
- A. Turkmenistan
 - B. Russia
 - C. Yemen
 - D. Philippines
54. The Cook Strait separates the North and South Islands of what nation?
- A. New Zealand
 - B. Bahamas
 - C. Maldives
 - D. Cabo Verde
55. What sacred Sikh mountain spans the border between the Sikkim State of India and Nepal's Taplejung District?
- A. Rimo III
 - B. Tirich Mir
 - C. Cho Oyu
 - D. Kangchenjunga
56. The headwaters of the Irtysh and Ob Rivers are in what mountains that lie at the convergence of Russia, China, and Mongolia?
- A. Zagros Mountains
 - B. Himalayas
 - C. Altai Mountains
 - D. Apennines
57. What river that formed the border between Outer and Inner Manchuria now constitutes the eastern border between Russia and China?
- A. Amur River
 - B. Volga River
 - C. Irrawaddy River
 - D. Euphrates River
58. Which of the following is the capital of Mongolia?
- A. Riyadh
 - B. Ulaanbaatar
 - C. Astana
 - D. Sanaa
59. Which of the following possesses the largest proven oil reserves in Africa?
- A. Uganda
 - B. Egypt
 - C. Gabon
 - D. Libya

60. Which of the following is the capital of Saint Lucia?

- A. Roseau
- B. Kingstown
- C. Castries
- D. Basseterre

61. What narrow semi-enclave in West Africa is formed entirely around the banks of a namesake river?

- A. The Gambia
- B. Liberia
- C. Benin
- D. Togo

62. Which of the following is the most populous country in the world as of May 2025?

- A. United States
- B. India
- C. Nigeria
- D. China

63. Kiribati consists of 32 atolls and what solitary island?

- A. Yap
- B. Nendo
- C. Banaba
- D. Pohnpei

64. The Central American land bridge between North and South is an example of which of the following?

- A. oceanic ridge
- B. dune system
- C. abyssal fan
- D. isthmus

65. What small bodies of water serve as the southwest and southeast shores of the Sinai Peninsula?

- A. Dead Sea and Persian Gulf
- B. Red Sea and Mediterranean Sea
- C. Gulf of Suez and Gulf of Aqaba
- D. Gulf of Aden and Tadjoura

66. What submarine volcano's 2021 eruption that rated a VEI-5 produced a tsunami that affected numerous Pacific islands?

- A. Ol Doinyo Lengai
- B. Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai
- C. Nevado del Ruiz
- D. Suwanosejima

67. Which of the following nations does NOT border the Gulf of Thailand?

- A. Laos
- B. Cambodia
- C. Thailand
- D. Malaysia

68. Which of these is the largest lake by volume?

- A. Lake Malawi
- B. Lake Titicaca
- C. Lake Llanquihue
- D. Lake Balkhash

69. What autonomous Somali region in the Horn of Africa is the westernmost point of the continent?

- A. Annaba
- B. Free State
- C. Darfur
- D. Puntland

70. What island chain lies between the Bay of Bengal and a namesake sea?

- A. Paracel Islands
- B. Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- C. Greater Sunda Islands
- D. Spratly Islands

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 size of Papua New Guinea's exclusive economic zone in square kilometers?