



World History Examination 4th Grade and Under 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 HMB Endeavor captain claimed the eastern coast of Australia for British colonization in 1770?

- A. Amerigo Vespucci
- B. James Cook
- C. Vasco de Gama
- D. Zheng He

2. Gojoseon was the first state to politically organize what peninsula?

- A. Arabia
- B. Iberia
- C. Malaysia
- D. Korea

3. What Indonesian president seized power in 1965 and initiated a massacre of half a million alleged members of the PKI?

- A. Suharto
- B. Pol Pot
- C. Ho Chi Minh
- D. Kim Jong-il

4. Spain began colonizing the Americas after the accidental landing of what explorer in 1492?

- A. Christopher Columbus
- B. Diogo Cao
- C. Ferdinand Magellan
- D. Henry Hudson

5. The Nile Delta was the center of ancient civilizations formed in what modern day nation?

- A. Eritrea
- B. Chad
- C. Egypt
- D. South Sudan

6. What Ancient Hellenic city-state governed with an early form of direct democracy?

- A. Memphis
- B. Salamis
- C. Athens
- D. Nineveh

7. As many as 50 million people of Europe died in the 14th century due to which of the following?

- A. Spanish Reconquista
- B. Volga Bulgaria
- C. Great Fire of Rome
- D. Black Death

8. The 1500 BCE migrations of what people led to the spread and development of languages like Swahili in Sub-Saharan Africa?

- A. Mughals
- B. Bantu
- C. Zagros
- D. Aryans

9. Early civilizations in modern-day India and Pakistan centered around what body of water?

- A. South China Sea
- B. Indus River
- C. Volga River
- D. Gulf of Hormuz

10. What European colonizer was the first to establish physical control of the lucrative spice trade in Malacca in 1511?

- A. Portugal
- B. Russia
- C. Italy
- D. Belgium

11. The Tokugawa Shogunate ended in 1868 when the Meiji Restoration ushered in what transformation in Japan?

- A. isolationism
- B. communism
- C. industrialization
- D. Islamism

12. What island nation suffered coups in 1987, 2000, and 2006 that all caused significant damage to the capital Suva?

- A. Suriname
- B. Nepal
- C. Monaco
- D. Fiji

13. What prominent Hindu-Buddhist temple complex is featured on the flag of Cambodia?

- A. Lama Temple
- B. Kinkaku-ji
- C. Schwedagon Pagoda
- D. Angkor Wat

14. Copernicus and Galileo were instrumental in establishing new understandings of the universe during what European intellectual movement?

- A. Scientific Revolution
- B. Green Revolution
- C. French Revolution
- D. Agricultural Revolution

15. During the Cold War, East Pakistan seceded and established itself as what independent nation?

- A. Tibet
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Mongolia
- D. Myanmar

16. Which of the following belief systems did NOT originate on the Indian subcontinent?

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

17. Which of the following is credited with inventing moveable type on a printing press in Europe in 1440?

- A. Martin Luther
- B. Niccolo Machiavelli
- C. Johannes Gutenberg
- D. Charles Martel

18. Hannibal commanded the forces of what ancient Roman enemy in the Second Punic War?

- A. Carthage
- B. Macedonia
- C. Assyria
- D. Thrace

19. What African enclave that provides diamonds to the US was levied a 50% tariff in April 2025?

- A. Egypt
- B. Mozambique
- C. Ghana
- D. Lesotho

20. Which of the following was built on Lake Texcoco to serve as the capital of the Aztec Empire?

- A. Bagan
- B. Juneau
- C. Cahokia
- D. Tenochtitlan

21. What nation won its independence from Indonesia in 2002?

- A. Nepal
- B. East Timor
- C. Comoros
- D. Sri Lanka

22. Father and son Pierre and Justin Trudeau have both served as prime minister of what nation?

- A. Venezuela
- B. Nicaragua
- C. Canada
- D. Mexico

23. What Russian region was home to nomadic peoples like the Khitan before it was developed as an agricultural province by the empire?

- A. Cerrado
- B. Wallacea
- C. Siberia
- D. Perucica

24. What faith born in India was transmitted into China along the Silk Roads as early as the 2nd century BCE?

- A. Buddhism
- B. Baha'i
- C. Islam
- D. Wahhabism

25. What general consolidated control of France after the French Revolution?

- A. Napoleon Bonaparte
- B. Maximilian Robespierre
- C. David Hume
- D. John Churchill

26. What wealthy leader of Mali caused inflation in places like Cairo by giving out too much gold along his hajj to Mecca?

- A. Kebra Negast
- B. Mansa Musa
- C. Lukeni lua Nimi
- D. Nyatsimba Mutota

27. Growing Pan-Africanism and independence of seventeen nations gave 1960 what name?

- A. the Miracle on Ice
- B. the Start of Something New
- C. the Great Awakening
- D. the Year of Africa

28. What nations were split at the 38th parallel in 1945 then again in 1953?
- A. Brunei and Indonesia
 - B. Thailand and Cambodia
 - C. Bhutan and India
 - D. North and South Korea
29. The 1861 Emancipation Manifesto did which of the following in Russia?
- A. abolished the tsardom
 - B. established a tax on beards
 - C. freed the serfs
 - D. created a communist economy
30. King Henry VIII broke away from the Catholic Church during the Reformation and established which of the following?
- A. Lutheranism
 - B. Anglicanism
 - C. Anabaptism
 - D. Calvinism
31. Haiti became the world's first black republic after achieving independence from what colonizer?
- A. France
 - B. Portugal
 - C. the Netherlands
 - D. England
32. What East African nation largely avoided European colonization due to their early conversion to Christianity?
- A. Ethiopia
 - B. Azerbaijan
 - C. Oman
 - D. Kuwait
33. The Indian subcontinent experienced almost two centuries of relative peace under what Muslim empire that took power in 1526?
- A. Marathas
 - B. Ottomans
 - C. Timurids
 - D. Mughals
34. Immigration to Australia tripped between 1851 and 1871 after Edward Hargraves' discovery of what resource?
- A. water
 - B. gold
 - C. corn
 - D. lumber
35. What physicist and polymath established classical mechanics and the laws of motion in the last 17th century?
- A. Francis Bacon
 - B. John Locke
 - C. Isaac Newton
 - D. Baruch Spinoza
36. Genghis Khan united nomadic tribes in 1206 to establish what empire?
- A. Mamluk Empire
 - B. Holy Roman Empire
 - C. Mongol Empire
 - D. Srivijaya Empire
37. Early settlements in the Fertile Crescent largely centered around what two rivers?
- A. Tigris and Euphrates
 - B. Yellow and Yangtze
 - C. Mississippi and Ohio
 - D. Nile and Zambezi
38. While under Muslim rule, Spain was given which of the following Arab names?
- A. Transoxiana
 - B. al-Andalus
 - C. Sindh
 - D. Caucasus
39. The Tagalog Insurgency fought to gain independence from what nation that sought to annex the Philippines after the Spanish-American War?
- A. Greece
 - B. Libya
 - C. France
 - D. United States
40. What Marshall Islands coral reef was evacuated after World War II to make way for US nuclear testing?
- A. Amazon Reef
 - B. Miami Terrace
 - C. Great Barrier Reef
 - D. Bikini Atoll
41. The Mongols failed to conquer what East Asian nation twice in the late 13th century?
- A. Vietnam
 - B. India
 - C. Japan
 - D. Indonesia
42. What "people of the Long House" established their confederacy in present-day New York?
- A. Haudenosaunee (Iroquois)
 - B. Omaha
 - C. Kaw
 - D. Olmec
43. Which of the following split from Ethiopia to become its own nation in 1993?
- A. Eritrea
 - B. Central African Republic
 - C. Namibia
 - D. Burundi

44. The Bronze Age Minoan civilization was centered on what island?

- A. Ibiza
- B. Crete
- C. Rhodes
- D. Elba

45. What “gunpowder empire” first established Shia Islam as the state religion of Iran?

- A. Visigoths
- B. Manchus
- C. Delhi Sultanate
- D. Safavid dynasty

46. The Schism of 1054 was a split between which of the following?

- A. Venice and Genoa
- B. East and West Germany
- C. the Catholic and Orthodox churches
- D. Austria and Hungary

47. Which of the following reestablished control over Afghanistan in 2021 after the removal of US forces?

- A. Hezbollah
- B. Taliban
- C. Hamas
- D. Houthis

48. A 1887-1889 confrontation between the US, Germany, and the British centered on control of what South Pacific archipelago?

- A. Canary Islands
- B. Solomon Islands
- C. Galapagos Islands
- D. Samoan Islands

49. What Berber dynasty founded the city of Marrakesh amid their century-long reign on the West African coast?

- A. Almoravids
- B. Abbasids
- C. Umayyads
- D. Timurids

50. What “Quaid-e-Millat” served as the first prime minister of Pakistan until his assassination in 1951?

- A. Sheikh Mujibur Rahman
- B. Jawaharlal Nehru
- C. Mahatma Gandhi
- D. Liaquat Ali Khan

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.

How many Australians were registered to vote in the 2022 national elections?