



World History 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 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

51. The Treaty of Westphalia ended what European religious war?

- A. Napoleonic Wars
- B. War of Spanish Succession
- C. Thirty Years’ War
- D. French and Indian War

52. The British Indian Empire was partitioned into what two nations in 1947?

- A. Laos and Cambodia
- B. India and Pakistan
- C. China and Bhutan
- D. Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan

53. The 11th century Siege of Antioch occurred during what Christian mission to retake the Holy Land?

- A. First Crusade
- B. Mongol invasions
- C. Teutonic War
- D. Muslim conquest of Spain

54. The USMCA is a trade agreement between which of the following countries?

- A. Moldova, Croatia, Armenia
- B. Mongolia, China, Azerbaijan
- C. Mali, Chad, Uganda
- D. Mexico, Canada, United States

55. Puyi abdicated in 1912 as the last emperor of what last Chinese dynasty?

- A. Xia
- B. Qing
- C. Sui
- D. Song

56. Constantine’s Edict of Milan ended state-sponsored persecutions of what people in 313 CE?

- A. Christians
- B. Africans
- C. Buddhists
- D. Cossacks

57. What continent was carelessly divided between European powers in the 1884 Berlin Conference?

- A. Antarctica
- B. Europe
- C. South America
- D. Africa

58. What last emperor of the Western Roman Empire surrendered to Odoacer in 476 CE?

- A. Marcus Aurelius
- B. Diocletian
- C. Romulus Augustus
- D. Maximus I

59. What ancient East Asian civilization is credited with the “Four Great Inventions” of the compass, gunpowder, paper, and printing?

- A. Iran
- B. China
- C. Egypt
- D. Germany

60. Patrice Lumumba served as the first prime minister of what newly independent nation in 1960?

- A. Democratic Republic of the Congo
- B. Turkiye
- C. Kyrgyzstan
- D. Bangladesh

61. Amid the Cold War and rising pan-Arabism, the Middle East was further destabilized by the 1947 UN plan to partition what British mandate?

- A. Afghanistan
- B. Georgia
- C. Saudi Arabia
- D. Palestine

62. As of May 2025, which of the following currently serves as Prime Minister of Australia?

- A. Terrance Drew
- B. Robert Golob
- C. Christopher Luxon
- D. Anthony Albanese

63. What Chinese belief system emphasized familial obligations and merit-based social and political organization?

- A. Daoism
- B. Tengriism
- C. Confucianism
- D. Shintoism

64. Which of the following is not currently a member of the Association of Southeast Asian nations?

- A. Brunei
- B. Papua New Guinea
- C. Laos
- D. Malaysia

65. What last Hohenzollern to be King of Prussia was a famous patron of the arts and the Enlightenment?

- A. Frederick the Great
- B. Francis I
- C. Louis XIV
- D. Peter the Great

66. After the death of Alexander the Great, his generals fought in what conflicts over control of the empire?

- A. Greco-Persian Wars
- B. Peloponnesian Wars
- C. Wars of the Diadochi
- D. Punic Wars

67. At its peak, the Kilwa Sultanate controlled the entire length of what East African trading territory?

- A. Swahili Coast
- B. Horn of Africa
- C. Congo Basin
- D. Mediterranean Coast

68. What current President of Mauritania became chairperson of the African Union in February 2024?

- A. Muammar Gaddafi
- B. Mohamed Ould Ghazouani
- C. Robert Mugabe
- D. Denis Sassou-Nguesso

69. Which of the following was established as an independent Slavic state in 681 CE?

- A. Hungary
- B. Germany
- C. Luxembourg
- D. Bulgaria

70. What system did the Inca develop to keep records and communicate with each other?

- A. mounds
- B. stela
- C. quipu
- D. adobe

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?