

The 2013-2014 United States Geography Olympiad - National Qualifying Exam – B Set

Scoring System: 2 points for a correct answer, -1 for a wrong answer, 0 points for a blank answer!

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- 1) Which river is the central river of Pakistan and was home to the Harappan civilization?
 - a) Tigris
 - b) Euphrates
 - c) Indus
 - d) Ganges

- 2) Which state shares a land border with exactly one other state?
 - a) Maine
 - b) Florida
 - c) Alaska
 - d) Delaware

- 3) The Southern Cone is the name of a region on what continent?
 - a) South America
 - b) Europe
 - c) Australia
 - d) Africa

- 4) Which of the following cities is the capital of a sovereign country?
 - a) Plymouth, Montserrat
 - b) Cap-Haitien, Haiti
 - c) Oranjestad, Aruba
 - d) Roseau, Dominica

- 5) Which of the following is NOT the name of a desert region of Africa?
 - a) Namib
 - b) Serengeti
 - c) Kalahari
 - d) Nubian

- 6) Which of the following countries was never a member of the Soviet Union?
 - a) Kazakhstan
 - b) Turkmenistan
 - c) Afghanistan
 - d) Azerbaijan

- 7) In which of the following countries is French NOT an official language?
- a) Canada
 - b) Switzerland
 - c) Austria
 - d) Belgium
- 8) Which South African city is home to Table Mountain and is the legislative capital of the country?
- a) Cape Town
 - b) Pretoria
 - c) Johannesburg
 - d) Durban
- 9) In the original version of the computer game *Oregon Trail*, the game ended with a rafting trip down which river?
- a) Volga
 - b) Rio Grande
 - c) Columbia
 - d) Colorado
- 10) A tepui is a South American variety of what type of landform, a flat-topped mountain with steep sides?
- a) Mesa
 - b) Cindercone
 - c) Bluff
 - d) Volcanic neck
- 11) Which of the following is the name for a type of French political subdivision?
- a) State
 - b) Département
 - c) County
 - d) Parish
- 12) The Ghats, the Deccan Plateau, and the Vindhya Range are all physical features of what country?
- a) Thailand
 - b) Sri Lanka
 - c) India
 - d) Nepal
- 13) What is the meteorological nickname given to the south central portion of the United States, particularly areas of Oklahoma, Texas, and Kansas?
- a) Tornado Alley
 - b) Thunderstorm Highway
 - c) Hurricane Drive
 - d) Cyclone Row

- 14) On a map of the scale 1:15,000, one inch on the map represents what distance on the Earth?
- a) 15,000 feet
 - b) 15,000 furlongs
 - c) 15,000 inches
 - d) 15,000 miles
- 15) Which of the following countries was located within the extent of the Songhai Empire?
- a) Egypt
 - b) Niger
 - c) Madagascar
 - d) Namibia
- 16) In which of the following tiny countries is caning still a common punishment for crimes?
- a) Andorra
 - b) Vatican City
 - c) Singapore
 - d) Monaco
- 17) Which Canadian province is home to the city of Windsor, as well as Georgian Bay and Point Pelee?
- a) British Columbia
 - b) Ontario
 - c) Quebec
 - d) Manitoba
- 18) Which of the following rivers flows through Portugal?
- a) Manzanares
 - b) Guadalquivir
 - c) Ebro
 - d) Tagus
- 19) On which day of the year will the sun be directly overhead at noon at the Tropic of Cancer?
- a) June 21
 - b) February 29
 - c) December 21
 - d) March 21
- 20) Which of the following areas is affected most frequently by hurricanes?
- a) Bay of Campeche
 - b) Gulf of Bothnia
 - c) Sea of Tranquility
 - d) Puget Sound
- 21) Which African country is one of two countries in the world with its capital on an oceanic island, but over half the country's landmass is on a continental mainland?
- a) Somalia
 - b) Equatorial Guinea
 - c) Seychelles
 - d) South Sudan

- 22) Which of the following cities is NOT its country's largest by population?
- a) Prague, Czech Republic
 - b) Warsaw, Poland
 - c) Zurich, Switzerland
 - d) Munich, Germany
- 23) Hangul is the name of the alphabet of what language?
- a) Mandarin Chinese
 - b) Korean
 - c) Japanese
 - d) Vietnamese
- 24) The 1980 Winter Olympics were held in Lake Placid in what Northern New York mountain range?
- a) Catskills
 - b) Adirondack Mountains
 - c) Blue Ridge Mountains
 - d) Mohawk Hills
- 25) Which of the following countries is an OPEC member state?
- a) Panama
 - b) Argentina
 - c) Venezuela
 - d) Brazil
- 26) Landsat, SPOT, and IKONOS are all examples of what?
- a) Islands of Greece
 - b) Mapmaking companies
 - c) Imagery satellites
 - d) Map projections
- 27) Which of the following Australian cities is the capital of the state of Victoria?
- a) Canberra
 - b) Sydney
 - c) Perth
 - d) Melbourne
- 28) Which of the following countries is NOT a member of the European Union?
- a) Croatia
 - b) Malta
 - c) Norway
 - d) United Kingdom
- 29) Moraine, esker, and drumlin are all terms relating to what?
- a) Glaciers
 - b) Earthquakes
 - c) Rivers
 - d) Volcanoes

- 30) The Levant refers to a region on the eastern shore of what body of water?
- a) Mediterranean Sea
 - b) Caspian Sea
 - c) Black Sea
 - d) Indian Ocean
- 31) What city is the largest US state capital by population, currently ranking as the US's fifth largest city?
- a) Austin, Texas
 - b) Indianapolis, Indiana
 - c) Phoenix, Arizona
 - d) Sacramento, California
- 32) The Huangpu River enters the Yangtze River in what city, the world's largest by population?
- a) Beijing
 - b) Shanghai
 - c) Guangzhou
 - d) Harbin
- 33) Which of the following countries became landlocked in the 1990's?
- a) Ethiopia
 - b) Mauritania
 - c) Chad
 - d) Cameroon
- 34) What is the name of the aquifer that lies under parts of the Great Plains?
- a) Crosby
 - b) Nebraska
 - c) Lakota
 - d) Ogallala
- 35) What is the name of the area of low winds around the Equator?
- a) Azzi Region
 - b) Quiet Zone
 - c) La Nina
 - d) Doldrums
- 36) Which region of Southern Italy is home to the dangerous Ndrangheta organized crime organization?
- a) Lombardy
 - b) Calabria
 - c) Cantabria
 - d) Tonisoprania
- 37) Which body of water is located 200 miles southeast from Lake Titicaca?
- a) Yellow River
 - b) Pee-Dee River
 - c) Lake Poopo
 - d) Stream of Consciousness

- 38) Which of the following is NOT a monarchy?
- a) The Philippines
 - b) Thailand
 - c) Malaysia
 - d) Bhutan
- 39) Transkei and Venda were 2 of what type of territory, native homelands during apartheid in South Africa?
- a) Separation states
 - b) Bantustans
 - c) Internal colonies
 - d) Shires
- 40) Which is a location within the British Isles?
- a) The Sea of Boy
 - b) The City of Girl
 - c) The Isle of Man
 - d) The Volcano of Woman
- 41) The famous Galapagos Islands are a territory that belongs to what country?
- a) Colombia
 - b) Chile
 - c) Ecuador
 - d) New Zealand
- 42) What former Portuguese colony features an AK-47 on its flag?
- a) Malawi
 - b) Mozambique
 - c) Angola
 - d) Algeria
- 43) If, as an AFS exchange student your new school was located within the Ringstrasse and near the Staatsoper and the Donaukanal, in which city would you be studying?
- a) Vienna
 - b) Copenhagen
 - c) Sofia
 - d) Newcastle-Upon-Tyne
- 44) The Sherpa ethnic group lives predominantly in what country?
- a) Afghanistan
 - b) Pakistan
 - c) Bangladesh
 - d) Nepal

- 45) The Everglades Swamp helps drain what body of water?
- a) Lake Okeechobee
 - b) Lake Ponchartrain
 - c) Okefenokee Swamp
 - d) St. Johns River
- 46) What national capital is across the Gulf of Finland from Helsinki?
- a) Stockholm
 - b) Riga
 - c) Tallinn
 - d) Moscow
- 47) In which of the following countries is Shi'a Islam the state religion?
- a) Afghanistan
 - b) Saudi Arabia
 - c) Iran
 - d) Turkey
- 48) Which are the two states in the USA where it is illegal to pump your own gas at a gas station and an attendant must do it instead?
- a) New Jersey and Oregon
 - b) California and Florida
 - c) Texas and Illinois
 - d) Guam and Saipan
- 49) Which of the following Native American tribes was NOT based in the Southwest?
- a) Apache
 - b) Navajo
 - c) Nez Perce
 - d) Hopi
- 50) The James Bond film *Casino Royale* showed Bond taking a high speed train to a seaside casino in Montenegro. Why was this a pretty stupid thing to show?
- a) Because Montenegro isn't a real place.
 - b) Because Montenegro is an island in the Pacific, inaccessible by trains.
 - c) Because there are no high speed train lines in Montenegro.
 - d) Because Montenegro lacks both casinos and a coastline.