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.