

The 2013-2014 United States Geography Olympiad - National Qualifying Exam – C 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) The Potomac and Susquehanna Rivers flow into which bay?
 - a) Chesapeake Bay
 - b) Delaware Bay
 - c) Florida Bay
 - d) Bay Buchanan

- 2) The second-highest mountain in Africa shares its name with what country, also the site of a recent terrorist attack at a shopping mall in Nairobi?
 - a) Tanzania
 - b) The Gambia
 - c) Kenya
 - d) Ethiopia

- 3) What Danish-Russian explorer is best known for his exploration on the east coast of Russia and the south and west coasts of Alaska?
 - a) James Cook
 - b) Abel Tasman
 - c) Vitus Bering
 - d) Aleut Aleutovich

- 4) Which of the following cities is NOT on the mainland of Asia?
 - a) Kuala Lumpur
 - b) Singapore
 - c) Bangkok
 - d) Shanghai

- 5) Which constituent nation of the United Kingdom, which includes the Firth of Tay and the town of Lockerbie, is set to have an independence referendum in September 2014?
 - a) England
 - b) Scotland
 - c) Wales
 - d) Northern Ireland

- 6) Which of the following rivers is NOT a tributary of the Amazon?
- a) Negro
 - b) Roosevelt
 - c) Parana
 - d) Madeira
- 7) Which of the following countries is doubly landlocked (i.e. all countries that border it are also landlocked?)
- a) Afghanistan
 - b) Kazakhstan
 - c) Uzbekistan
 - d) Marshall Islands
- 8) 0 degrees longitude, also known as the Prime Meridian, is defined by the location of what building?
- a) White House, Washington
 - b) Eiffel Tower, Paris
 - c) Parliament Building, Quito
 - d) Greenwich Observatory, London
- 9) Which US state is home to the Olympic Peninsula, Walla Walla, and the world's first Starbucks?
- a) Washington
 - b) Delaware
 - c) Idaho
 - d) Alaska
- 10) Which term describes soil that is at or below the freezing point of water year-round?
- a) Frozosol
 - b) Permafrost
 - c) Alaskan Mud
 - d) Moraine
- 11) What is the name of the sparsely populated region of southern Argentina and Chile that consists of grasslands, hills, and mountains?
- a) Patagonia
 - b) Pampas
 - c) Altiplano
 - d) Tierra Gauchos

- 12) The Great Barrier Reef is off the coast of which Australian state?
- a) New South Wales
 - b) Western Australia
 - c) Queensland
 - d) South Australia
- 13) Which African country was where the spectacularly named Omar Bongo ruled as a dictator for decades from the capital of Libreville?
- a) Gabon
 - b) Sierra Leone
 - c) Egypt
 - d) South Africa
- 14) If you wanted to study a Finno-Ugric language as an exchange student, which would be the most logical country to live in for a year?
- a) Turkey
 - b) Norway
 - c) Bulgaria
 - d) Hungary
- 15) What American city's main thoroughfare is Peachtree Street?
- a) Miami, Florida
 - b) Los Angeles, California
 - c) Atlanta, Georgia
 - d) Providence, Rhode Island
- 16) What language, spoken by the Incans, is, along with Spanish, an official language of Peru and Bolivia?
- a) Lima
 - b) Quechua
 - c) Quetzal
 - d) Huascanan

- 17) What is the name for the climatic and biological transition region between the Sahara Desert and the savannah?
- a) Santo
 - b) Salat
 - c) Safari
 - d) Sahel
- 18) What Italian city is on the Adriatic Sea?
- a) Genoa
 - b) Rome
 - c) Florence
 - d) Venice
- 19) What river connects the Sea of Galilee to the Dead Sea?
- a) Jordan River
 - b) Jerusalem River
 - c) Styx River
 - d) Euphrates River
- 20) Which of the following countries does NOT border Mozambique?
- a) Swaziland
 - b) Lesotho
 - c) Zimbabwe
 - d) Malawi
- 21) Great Dismal and Okefenokee are notable examples of what?
- a) Swamps
 - b) Lakes
 - c) Indian tribes
 - d) Canals
- 22) What is a name of one of the major Pacific island groups?
- a) Macaronesia
 - b) Magnesia
 - c) Amnesia
 - d) Melanesia

- 23) Which of the following cities is along the U.S.-Mexico border and has been the site of much drug trafficking-related violence?
- a) Guadalajara
 - b) Acapulco
 - c) Juarez
 - d) Mexico City
- 24) Which of the following rivers does NOT flow through Germany?
- a) Elbe
 - b) Ebro
 - c) Rhine
 - d) Danube
- 25) In 2012, what storm socked the Northeast coast, causing serious damage along the Jersey Shore?
- a) Sarah
 - b) Sandy
 - c) Sadie
 - d) Cindy
- 26) A line tracing the longest straight line distance on the Earth (or any sphere) is known by what name?
- a) Great circle
 - b) Circumline
 - c) Spheroidal Line
 - d) Graticule
- 27) The Igbo and Yoruba are two of the major ethnic groups in what country?
- a) Nigeria
 - b) Japan
 - c) South Africa
 - d) Somalia
- 28) What country is currently home to the Dodecanese Islands?
- a) Spain
 - b) Libya
 - c) Italy
 - d) Greece

- 29) Which Southeast Asian country, the most bombed country in world history, is home to the Hmong people and has developed into a popular river tubing destination for adventurous backpackers?
- a) Thailand
 - b) Malaysia
 - c) Laos
 - d) East Timor
- 30) Which of the following countries is farthest east?
- a) Cuba
 - b) Grenada
 - c) Jamaica
 - d) Barbados
- 31) Which of the following peaks is not in California?
- a) Lassen Peak
 - b) Mount Elbert
 - c) Mount Shasta
 - d) Mount Whitney
- 32) You begin a train trip in South Tyrol and you wish to visit Bohemia. If your Eurail pass only lets you travel through one intervening country, which country could that be?
- a) Slovakia
 - b) Austria
 - c) Switzerland
 - d) Portugal
- 33) Cairo is the largest metropolitan area in Africa. Which city, which is not a national capital, is second?
- a) Kinshasa
 - b) Lagos
 - c) Dakar
 - d) Cape Town
- 34) The Gulf of Tonkin is between the Asian mainland and what island?
- a) Tonle Sap
 - b) Honshu
 - c) Borneo
 - d) Hainan

35) Which ocean's floor is home to the world's longest mountain chain?

- a) Atlantic
- b) Pacific
- c) Indian
- d) Arctic

36) Which of the following regions is home to the pilgrimage city of Santiago de Compostela?

- a) Castile
- b) Andalusia
- c) Catalonia
- d) Galicia

37) Which country is the smallest by population in Central America?

- a) Nicaragua
- b) Panama
- c) Honduras
- d) Belize

38) What is the time difference between Halifax, Nova Scotia and Anchorage, Alaska, assuming both are on standard time?

- a) 3 hours
- b) 4 hours
- c) 5 hours
- d) 6 hours

39) The MILF has been engaged in an insurgency primarily on Moro, Sulu, and other islands in what country?

- a) Japan
- b) Brazil
- c) The Philippines
- d) New Zealand

40) Victoria Falls is located on what river?

- a) Nile
- b) Zambezi
- c) Orange
- d) Congo

- 41) The eastern boundary of European Russia is often considered to be what north-south mountain range?
- a) Urals
 - b) Caucasus
 - c) Siberian Alps
 - d) Novgors
- 42) Which Chinese city is in the Pearl River Delta?
- a) Guangzhou
 - b) Hohhot
 - c) Lhasa
 - d) Xi'an
- 43) Which of the following countries was never colonized by a European power?
- a) Angola
 - b) Algeria
 - c) Liberia
 - d) Congo
- 44) What is the name of the range of low mountains that stretches across southern Missouri into Arkansas and far eastern Oklahoma?
- a) Dickey
 - b) Ozark
 - c) Branson
 - d) Wichita
- 45) South America's Cape Horn is separated from Antarctica by a "Passage" named for what explorer?
- a) Pedro Cabral
 - b) Francis Drake
 - c) Christopher Columbus
 - d) James Cook
- 46) What country is home to Lake Van and the historical regions of Bithynia and Pontus?
- a) Turkey
 - b) Iran
 - c) Syria
 - d) Greece

- 47) In which state could you tour Ben and Jerry's headquarters, ski at the resort of Stowe on Mt. Mansfield, and attend a renowned foreign language camp at Middlebury College?
- a) Massachusetts
 - b) New Hampshire
 - c) New York
 - d) Vermont
- 48) In which of the following countries is Christianity NOT the majority religion?
- a) Ireland
 - b) Bulgaria
 - c) Italy
 - d) Albania
- 49) In which country, formerly known as Ceylon, could you travel from Colombo to Kandy?
- a) Bangladesh
 - b) Sri Lanka
 - c) Taiwan
 - d) Singapore
- 50) Which Great Lake is the only one with a state or provincial capital on its shores?
- a) Lake Erie
 - b) Lake Michigan
 - c) Lake Ontario
 - d) Lake Huron