

UNITED STATES GEOGRAPHY OLYMPIAD
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
TEST B

You will be awarded two points for a correct answer. You will not lose any points for a blank response. You will lose one point for any incorrect answers. Please answer the 75 multiple-choice questions on the answer sheet. Then answer the 10 tiebreaker questions on the last page, separate it, and hand it to the proctor. Tiebreaker questions will only be used to determine medal placement.

- 1) Three Gorges Dam is a megaproject along the _____ River.
a) Columbia b) Mekong c) Yangtze d) Yellow

- 2) Oxford, MS; Ames, IA; Eugene, OR; and Tuscaloosa, AL are all examples of
a) Edge cities b) Inland ports c) College towns d) Indian reservations

- 3) Sonoma and Mendocino Counties in California are part of
a) The Bible Belt b) Wine Country c) Silicon Valley d) The Inland Empire

- 4) A system for classifying climate zones was developed by
a) Tetsuya Fujita b) Francis Beaufort c) Wladimir Köppen d) Charles Richter

- 5) Which of the following countries does the Niger River NOT pass through?
a) Niger b) Guinea c) Senegal d) Mali

- 6) Which of the following was introduced to the New World by explorers from Europe?
a) Potato b) Tomato c) Avocado d) Smallpox

- 7) Which of the following has NOT befallen Haiti in the last 100 years?
a) European colonization b) Dictatorship c) Cholera outbreak d) Earthquake

- 8) Which of the following countries is a member of the European Union?
a) Croatia b) Serbia c) Belarus d) Turkey

- 9) The Sea of Azov is fed directly by which river?
a) Dnieper b) Dniester c) Don d) Volga

10) The _____ Seismic Zone, centered around southeastern Missouri, caused earthquakes in 1811-1812 and may be active again.

- a) Ozark Plateau b) New Madrid c) Boot Heel d) St. Louis

11) Which of the following is NOT a landform created by glaciers?

- a) Moraine b) Mesa c) Cirque d) Horn

12) The Fergana Valley lies adjacent to what mountain range?

- a) Caucasus b) Andes c) Pamirs d) Urals

13) The Amundsen-Scott Base serves the

- a) Antarctic Peninsula b) North Pole c) South Pole d) The Moon

14) According to the *Guinness Book of World Records*, the Basilica of Our Lady of Peace is the world's largest church. It is in what city, which became its country's capital in 1983?

- a) Rome b) Jakarta c) Bloemfontein d) Yamoussoukro

15) Which of the following cities in the British Isles is NOT part of the United Kingdom?

- a) Belfast b) Galway c) Swansea d) Manchester

16) Which of the following metropolitan areas is NOT served by Interstate 95?

- a) Miami b) Washington, DC c) Boston d) Hartford

17) Which of the following attractions is part of a site known as the Acropolis?

- a) Pantheon b) Parthenon c) Great Pyramids of Giza d) Leaning Tower of Pisa

18) What kind of vegetation is one most likely to find in the Kalahari?

- a) Saguaro cacti b) Bromeliad plants c) Douglas fir trees d) Acacia trees

19) The Poconos are primarily in what state?

- a) Massachusetts b) North Carolina c) Pennsylvania d) Maine

20) The Seikan Tunnel and the Akashi-Kaikyo Bridge are both in what country?

- a) China b) Singapore c) South Korea d) Japan

21) Fort Knox, Lincoln's Birthplace, and the National Corvette Museum are all in what state?

- a) Tennessee b) Illinois c) Kentucky d) Indiana

22) Which of the following volcanoes has been continuously erupting since 1983?

- a) Kilauea b) Mauna Kea c) Cotopaxi d) Soufriere Hills

23) Aleppo and Homs are cities in

- a) Syria b) Jordan c) Saudi Arabia d) Lebanon

24) Rungrado First of May Stadium, used for large, state-sponsored Mass Games, is the largest stadium in the world and is located in what city?

- a) Beijing b) Pyongyang c) Seoul d) Tokyo

25) The Valdai Hills are in

- a) South Africa b) Canada c) Germany d) Russia

26) Which German state is where you would find the region of Franconia?

- a) Lower Saxony b) Bavaria c) Saarland d) Saxony

27) Mexico's Day of the Dead is considered a syncretic holiday because:

- a) It is celebrated by everyone regardless of religion
b) It is a federal holiday
c) It is a result of a combination of Christian and pre-Columbian polytheistic practices
d) Its occurrence is scheduled by the moon and not a fixed date on the calendar

28) Switzerland has a lot of lakes within its borders. Which of the following isn't one of them?

- a) Lake Geneva b) Lake Lucerne c) Lake Constance d) Lake Como

29) Which island group is closest to the coast of mainland Africa?

- a) Azores b) Cape Verde c) Canary Islands d) Madeira

30) Charlotte, Atlanta, and Trenton are all part of what physiographic province?

- a) Coastal Plain b) Appalachian Highlands c) Great Basin d) Piedmont

31) Saltation is:

- a) An increase in sodium chloride contents of a lake
- b) An igneous rock formation created by glacial erosion
- c) The migration of animal life due to a manmade feature like a canal
- d) The movement of particles in a stream

32) Diego Garcia is a British possession in what body of water?

- a) Atlantic Ocean
- b) Indian Ocean
- c) Mediterranean Sea
- d) Pacific Ocean

33) Which of the following is an example of an exclave?

- a) Kaliningrad
- b) Lesotho
- c) Maine
- d) Kosovo

34) Which of these countries is a co-principality?

- a) Monaco
- b) San Marino
- c) France
- d) Andorra

35) Which of the following would NOT be part of an American neighborhood planned using the theories of smart growth?

- a) Bike lanes
- b) Transit-oriented development
- c) Large yards
- d) Mixed-use construction

36) What are fjords created by?

- a) Vegetation
- b) Wind
- c) Ocean currents
- d) Glaciers

37) The Catatumbo _____ is/are a peculiar phenomenon around Lake Maracaibo and is likely the world's largest source of atmospheric ozone.

- a) Lightning
- b) Tornado
- c) Algae bloom
- d) Frog plague

38) Which of the following pairs of countries do not share a border?

- a) South Sudan and Kenya
- b) Ghana and Mali
- c) Chad and Cameroon
- d) Guinea and Liberia

- 39) Over the years, erosion at the Grand Canyon has exposed _____, layers of sedimentary rock arranged chronologically.
a) Strata b) Timestones c) Clayers d) Rhumb lines
- 40) Which of the following states has the highest percentage of federally-owned land?
a) South Dakota b) Texas c) South Carolina d) Nevada
- 41) Due to new technologies, the Athabaskan _____ have recently become a major source of fossil fuels in Canada.
a) Oil sands b) Oil shale fields c) Coal vein d) methane lakes
- 42) What city's downtown buildings were raised several feet in the 1850's and 1860's and had the flow of its central river reversed for sanitary purposes in 1900?
a) St. Louis b) Chicago c) Milwaukee d) Boston
- 43) The Annamese Mountains are a major range in what area?
a) Australia b) Indochina c) The Maghreb d) Tibet
- 44) What warm current runs along the East Coast of the United States?
a) Humboldt Current b) Chilean Current c) Georgian Current d) Gulf Stream
- 45) What is the name of the indigenous peoples of Guam?
a) Chamorro b) Siletz c) Waitangi d) Meni
- 46) What city is home to the Taj Mahal?
a) New Delhi b) Mumbai c) Hyderabad d) Agra
- 47) How many Mexican states border the United States?
a) 3 b) 4 c) 5 d) 6
- 48) In which of these cities would you find a national legislative body?
a) Cape Town, South Africa
b) Sucre, Bolivia
c) Amsterdam, the Netherlands
d) Putrajaya, Malaysia

- 49) What city's nickname is "the Capital of the Peruvian Amazon"?
- a) Lima b) Manaus c) Iquitos d) Arequipa
- 50) The inversion effect exacerbates the impact of photochemical _____ in cities like Los Angeles.
- a) UV rays b) rain c) traffic d) smog
- 51) Which present-day country was the site of a failed attempt at a Scottish colony by the Darien Company?
- a) Chile b) Brazil c) Panama d) Bahamas
- 52) Karst topography is responsible for what American landmark?
- a) Pikes Peak b) Niagara Falls c) Delicate Arch d) Mammoth Cave
- 53) Mazurkas, the Vistula River, and the largest present-day population of European bison are most associated with:
- a) Estonia b) Czech Republic c) Finland d) Poland
- 54) The Maasai people live primarily in which two countries?
- a) India and Pakistan
b) Senegal and Gambia
c) Kenya and Tanzania
d) South Africa and Namibia
- 55) Plymouth, the site of the *Mayflower* landing, is in what region of Massachusetts?
- a) North Shore b) South Shore c) Cape Cod d) Western Mass.
- 56) Which of the following Canadian cities is not primarily on an island?
- a) Vancouver, BC b) Victoria, BC c) Montreal, QC d) St. John's, NL
- 57) Since ancient times, Bahrain has been an important center for what industry?
- a) Wine b) Petroleum c) Pearl d) Copper

58) Norway ranks in the top five in all of the world in all but which of the following categories?

- a) Gross Domestic Product per capita
- b) Human Development Index
- c) Gross Mean Wealth per adult
- d) Gross Domestic Product

59) The Sava River connects three national capitals: _____, Zagreb, and Belgrade.

- a) Sarajevo
- b) Pristina
- c) Ljubljana
- d) Podgorica

60) What do Galveston, TX; Kitty Hawk, NC; and Atlantic City, NJ have in common?

- a) They all have several casinos
- b) They are all near the mouths of rivers that share their name with their states
- c) They are all at least partially built on barrier islands
- d) They all were damaged significantly by Superstorm Sandy

61) Despite its renown, the Thames is not the longest river in the United Kingdom. Which river, which starts in Wales and flows past Gloucester before entering the Bristol Channel, is the longest?

- a) River Severn
- b) River Shannon
- c) River Avon
- d) River Mersey

62) Which of the following African cities is furthest west?

- a) Bamako
- b) Bangui
- c) Monrovia
- d) Conakry

63) Which of the following cities has the most rainfall annually?

- a) Miami
- b) Denver
- c) Oklahoma City
- d) San Diego

64) Bornholm belongs to which country?

- a) Denmark
- b) Sweden
- c) Finland
- d) Poland

65) The "Crossroads of America" is the nickname of what city, where Interstates 65, 69, 70, and 74 pass through?

- a) Indianapolis
- b) Detroit
- c) Chicago
- d) Kansas City

- 66) What is the significance of the Casiquiare River?
a) Connects the Amazon basin to the Orinoco basin
b) Flows past Milan, Italy
c) Longest river in Angola
d) Crosses the North American Continental Divide
- 67) What country borders the Pacific via the Gulf of Fonseca.
a) North Korea b) Singapore c) Guatemala d) Honduras
- 68) Cape York Peninsula is a feature of what state?
a) New South Wales b) Queensland c) Massachusetts d) Maryland
- 69) What are you least likely to find on a hiking trail map?
a) Compass rose or north arrow b) Contour lines c) Legend d) Isobars
- 70) Tatars and Bashkirs are ethnic groups most predominantly found in what country?
a) Finland b) Mongolia c) Russia d) Iran
- 71) Which of the following world map projections is rectangular?
a) Mercator b) Robinson c) Winkel-Tripel d) Goode homolosine
- 72) Which of the following countries produces the fewest diamonds?
a) Russia b) Canada c) Sierra Leone d) Cuba
- 73) The Strait of Juan de Fuca is off the coast of what state?
a) California b) Washington c) Florida d) Texas
- 74) The Cantabrian Mountains are on what peninsula?
a) Italian b) Balkan c) Baja California d) Iberian
- 75) Which of the following countries has the highest percentage of Roman Catholics?
a) Australia b) Thailand c) Solomon Islands d) The Philippines

STOP.

The main part of the test is complete. These are tiebreaker questions that will ONLY BE USED TO BREAK TIES TO DECIDE THE TOP THREE POSITIONS IN EACH DIVISION. They will be graded in order.

SEPARATE THIS PAGE AND HAND IT TO THE TEST PROCTOR, EVEN IF YOU LEAVE IT BLANK

NAME: _____

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Fill in the blank.

1. Doggerland is a region that today lies covered by the _____ Sea.
2. The shortest state motto: "Hope", belongs to _____.
3. The Ghan is a transcontinental train in _____.
4. _____ is an indigenous language isolate is spoken today by hundreds of thousands of people in Western Europe? Give the answer in the native language to receive credit.
5. The Dalton Highway is in _____. (Name the state.)
6. The _____ Islands have a red, yellow, and blue flag and lie west of Turki.
7. _____'s Herero people were the targets of a genocide? (Name the country.)
8. Omotepe is an island in _____. (Name the body of water.)
9. Musandam is an exclave of _____.
10. The strip of Afghanistan that borders China is known as the _____ Corridor?