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Instructions: Circle the correct answer or leave it blank. Correct answers are worth 2 points. Incorrect answers are -1 point. Questions left blank are worth 0 points.

1) Which country is now home to more kilometers of high-speed rail than any other?
   a) Japan  
   b) France  
   c) China  
   d) USA

2) Which body of water sees the fewest number of tropical cyclones?
   a) Mediterranean Sea  
   b) Caribbean Sea  
   c) Sea of Japan  
   d) Sargasso Sea

3) Which state is usually not considered to be part of the sociocultural region known as the Bible Belt?
   a) Alabama  
   b) Tennessee  
   c) Arkansas  
   d) Delaware

4) Which eastern state is home to no National Parks?
   a) South Carolina  
   b) Maine  
   c) Florida  
   d) New Jersey

5) Which of these cities will never see the sun be directly overhead at the zenith of the sky?
   a) Nairobi  
   b) Bogota  
   c) Singapore  
   d) Rome
6) Which of the following trails passes through the Sierra Nevada Mountains?
   a) Appalachian Trail
   b) Natchez Trace
   c) Pacific Crest Trail
   d) Continental Divide Trail

7) Which of the following could a tourist NOT do in Spain?
   a) Go on a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela
   b) Throw tomatoes at strangers at the Tomatilla Festival
   c) Be gored by a bull during the Festival of San Fermin in Pamplona
   d) Participate in the World Air Guitar Championships in Oulu

8) This exam question was written in Drogheda, a city in Ireland, famous for what?
   a) Being sacked by Oliver Cromwell’s troops
   b) Being the only point in the British Isles below sea level
   c) Being an exclave of Scotland
   d) Being the last stronghold of the Cornish language

9) Which country’s existence is most threatened by the consequences of climate change?
   a) Malta
   b) Maldives
   c) Cyprus
   d) Fiji

10) The Grand Trunk Road was a historically important route when and where?
    a) During the British Empire’s rule of India
    b) During French colonization of the American Midwest
    c) During the Incan Empire’s conquest of the Andes
    d) During the Japanese campaigns in Southeast Asia in World War II

11) What is a drumlin?
    a) A small drum used in traditional Portuguese fado songs
    b) A small hill created by the actions of glaciers
    c) A mine in the Ural Mountains created during the Soviet period
    d) A fault line that is not on the edge of a tectonic plate

12) Which country has not been selected to host an upcoming Winter or Summer Olympic Games?
    a) Japan
    b) South Korea
    c) Brazil
    d) Argentina
13) Which country in South America is most dependent on oil exports to sustain its national budget?
   a) Columbia
   b) Venezuela
   c) Chile
   d) Uruguay

14) In which country is the Gini coefficient the highest?
   a) Equatorial Guinea
   b) Sweden
   c) Poland
   d) Tunisia

15) What state is known as the Sunflower State?
   a) Kansas
   b) Hawai’i
   c) Florida
   d) Montana

16) Which of the following cities is the center of the Bollywood film industry?
   a) Chennai
   b) Mumbai
   c) New Delhi
   d) Kolkata

17) In terms of percentage of land area affected, deforestation has been most severe in which country?
   a) Finland
   b) Haiti
   c) Canada
   d) Libya

18) Which two places are not connected by a bridge?
   a) Sweden and Denmark
   b) Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick
   c) Sicily and mainland Italy
   d) Brooklyn and Staten Island

19) The boxing match known as the Thrilla in Manila took place in which country?
   a) Zaire
   b) Philippines
   c) USA
   d) Malaysia
20) Which Mexican state is least prone to hurricane strikes?
   a) Baja California Sur
   b) Yucatan
   c) Quintana Roo
   d) Chihuahua

21) Which island is home to two countries?
   a) Puerto Rico
   b) Antigua
   c) Aruba
   d) Hispaniola

22) Which of the following states has not seen any of its electoral votes go to a Democratic presidential candidate in the past 20 years?
   a) Colorado
   b) Utah
   c) Massachusetts
   d) North Carolina

23) What does hypoxic mean when used in connection with a lake or other body of water?
   a) There are lots of fish
   b) There are very low amounts of oxygen
   c) The water is infected with cowpox virus
   d) The body of water is rapidly shrinking

24) Which country has seen the smallest number of Syrian refugees enter in 2015?
   a) Germany
   b) Ireland
   c) Turkey
   d) Austria

25) Zoroastrianism and Baha’i both originated in what is now which present-day country?
   a) Turkey
   b) India
   c) Kazakhstan
   d) Iran

26) What landmass is most distorted on a map with a Mercator projection relative to its actual size?
   a) Australia
   b) South America
   c) Italy
   d) Greenland
27) According to the 2000 census, which of the following states had the highest number of counties where a plurality of residents identified as having Norwegian-American ethnicity?
   a) Vermont
   b) North Dakota
   c) Idaho
   d) Arkansas

28) Which current helps keep Northern Europe warmer than other landmasses at that latitude?
   a) Humboldt Current
   b) El Nino
   c) Gulf Stream
   d) Irish Conveyor

29) Which state has seen more of its native birds go extinct than any other in the past 200 years?
   a) California
   b) Texas
   c) Hawaii
   d) Florida

30) Which two countries stayed neutral in World War II?
   a) Denmark and Norway
   b) Switzerland and Austria
   c) Spain and France
   d) Sweden and Portugal

31) Which country is the current primary global supplier of rare earth metals?
   a) Sweden
   b) Oman
   c) USA
   d) China

32) Which of the following four rivers has the largest drainage basin?
   a) Delaware
   b) Mississippi
   c) Connecticut
   d) Illinois

33) If you opened an atlas to look at a map of the Atlas Mountains, which country’s territory might you wish to look at?
   a) Libya
   b) Cameroon
   c) Algeria
   d) Swaziland
34) Which country’s official language is a member of the Slavic language family?
   a) Romania
   b) Hungary
   c) Austria
   d) Bulgaria

35) Which region of Russia is crossed by a namesake railroad that ends in Vladivostok?
   a) Siberia
   b) Chechnya
   c) Tver
   d) Kaliningrad

36) Which is not an actual country?
   a) Guinea
   b) Guinea-Bissau
   c) Guyana
   d) Guineastan

37) Which country’s economy is the most diversified?
   a) Saudi Arabia
   b) Malta
   c) Nauru
   d) Canada

38) Which county does not currently have the Union Jack on its flag?
   a) Australia
   b) Fiji
   c) New Zealand
   d) Philippines

39) Ian Fleming’s house named “Goldeneye” and the opening scene of Dr. No in Kingston can both be found where?
   a) Cuba
   b) Jamaica
   c) Barbados
   d) Trinidad

40) Which Canadian province is one of the world’s largest wheat producers and is also one of the Prairie Provinces?
   a) Nova Scotia
   b) British Columbia
   c) Saskatchewan
   d) Quebec
41) Which is NOT true of the Indian state of Uttar Pradesh?
   a) It’s home to more people than Britain, France, and Italy combined
   b) It’s located in Northern India
   c) Its capital is Lucknow
   d) It has a coastline on the Arabian Sea

42) The lowest-elevation land point in the world not covered by water or glaciers can be found where?
   a) The shores of the Dead Sea
   b) Death Valley
   c) Lake Eyre
   d) Faroe Islands

43) Which island in Indonesia was not connected to the others during the last Ice Age?
   a) Bali
   b) Java
   c) Sumatra
   d) New Guinea

44) If you attend the International Geography Olympiad next summer in Beijing, which site could you expect to see while you’re there?
   a) The Bund
   b) Victoria Harbor
   c) The Forbidden City
   d) The Amur River

45) Which present-day country’s territory was never conquered by Alexander the Great?
   a) Lebanon
   b) Iraq
   c) Israel
   d) Tunisia

46) If, as an AFS exchange student, you lived with a Yoruba speaking family near Lagos, you’d be studying in what country?
   a) South Africa
   b) Ghana
   c) Nigeria
   d) Kenya
47) Kim chi, a spicy pickled cabbage dish, and a particular way of preparing barbecued beef are elements of the culinary traditions of what country?
   a) India
   b) Denmark
   c) South Korea
   d) Paraguay

48) Pope Francis could show you the Teatro Colon in his home city of...?
   a) Santiago
   b) Buenos Aires
   c) Sao Paulo
   d) Havana

49) “Alluvium” is a term that refers to:
   a) Soil or sediments deposited by a river
   b) A rare metal found only in Iran and Iraq
   c) Type of law that regulates agricultural activity
   d) Precipitation buildup at the top of an alpine glacier

50) “White flight” refers to:
   a) Eisenhower’s expansion of Air Force bases around the world
   b) Movement of Caucasians from urban areas to suburbs in the middle-to-late 20th century
   c) The yearly migration of snowy owls, as observed primarily in Nunavut and Manitoba.
   d) The Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia