

**2018 US Geography Olympiad
Middle School
Multiple Choice Examination - Part 2**

Instructions – This portion of the multiple choice examination consists of 40 questions. You will receive two points for a correct answer. You will lose one point for an incorrect answer. Blank responses lose no points. Please fill in the bubbles completely on the answer sheet. You may write on the examination, but all responses must be bubbled on the answer sheet. All images are contained in the resource booklet. Diacritic marks such as accents have been omitted from place names and other proper nouns. You have one hour to complete both the written portion of the examination and this set of multiple choice questions.

1. What is an edge city?
 - A. it is another name for a suburb
 - B. a concentration of businesses, shopping and entertainment outside of a traditional downtown area
 - C. it is another name for a coastal city
 - D. an area of a major metro area that serves as a transportation hub
2. Which of these is a primate city that serves as a center of its nation's culture?
 - A. Dallas, Texas
 - B. Monterrey, Mexico
 - C. Vancouver, Canada
 - D. Paris, France
3. Visiting fragile and undisturbed natural areas in a responsible way is known by what term?
 - A. ecotourism
 - B. ethnocentrism
 - C. mass tourism
 - D. biodiversity
4. The increasing interaction between people, businesses, and governments due to transportation and communication technology is known as which of the following?
 - A. urbanization
 - B. the internet
 - C. globalization
 - D. telecommuting
5. Which of these countries has the lowest GDP per capita?
 - A. the United States
 - B. Canada
 - C. North Korea
 - D. Russia
6. NAFTA is a free trade agreement between which of the following?
 - A. the US, Mexico and Canada
 - B. the US and the EU
 - C. the US, Brazil and Venezuela
 - D. Canada and Mexico only
7. Which group of cities is part of the 'Rust Belt' in America?
 - A. Baton Rouge, Biloxi, Tallahassee
 - B. Orlando, Austin, Los Angeles
 - C. New York, Boston, Washington
 - D. Detroit, Dayton, Cleveland
8. The Human Development Index ranks countries based on social factors and what other measure?
 - A. size of the country
 - B. pollution
 - C. per capita income
 - D. available recreation areas
9. The state of Florida is most widely known for producing what crop?
 - A. wheat
 - B. citrus fruits
 - C. olives
 - D. corn
10. In South America, which of the following is used to make most ethanol?
 - A. beets
 - B. sugarcane
 - C. rice
 - D. soybeans
11. Which of these is usually grown in flooded fields?
 - A. tobacco
 - B. wheat
 - C. rice
 - D. corn
12. NATO is an organization that mainly promotes which of the following?
 - A. economic development
 - B. immigration services and human rights
 - C. safety, security and protection for member countries
 - D. humanitarian aid
13. What is an example of a political boundary that is also a natural physical boundary?
 - A. the border between Arkansas and Missouri instituted by the Missouri Compromise
 - B. the DMZ between North and South Korea
 - C. the Rio Grande River between Texas and Mexico
 - D. the Four Corners area in the US

14. Which of the following groups of countries make up the Baltic States?

- A. Albania, Bosnia, Montenegro
- B. Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia
- C. Hungary, Poland, Czech Republic
- D. Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan

15. In which of the following is the Shinto faith most commonly practiced?

- A. Japan
- B. Russia
- C. Argentina
- D. South Africa

16. Which of the following is located on the Horn of Africa?

- A. Zimbabwe
- B. Israel
- C. Jordan
- D. Somalia

17. Which of the following is NOT an Indo-European language?

- A. Russian
- B. Greek
- C. Abkhaz
- D. English

18. In which of the following is the Alhambra located?

- A. Spain
- B. Japan
- C. Thailand
- D. Russia

19. Lesotho is completely surrounded by what other country?

- A. Madagascar
- B. Italy
- C. South Africa
- D. Botswana

20. In geography, Thomas Malthus is famous for his theories regarding which of these?

- A. population growth
- B. diplomacy and war
- C. the spread of religion
- D. cultural assimilation

21. In connection with emigration, war, disease or poverty are examples of which of the following?

- A. supply factors
- B. drawing forces
- C. pull factors
- D. push factors

22. The largest lake by area in Africa is which of the following?

- A. Lake Ladoga
- B. Lake Chad
- C. Lake Victoria
- D. Lake Mweru

23. Which of these is the longest river in Australia?

- A. Ganges River
- B. Murray River
- C. Thames River
- D. Snake River

24. Rocks formed by the deposition and cementation of material at Earth's surface or in bodies of water are known as which of the following?

- A. sedimentary
- B. metamorphic
- C. igneous
- D. basalt

25. The Andes Mountains extend through all of the following countries EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. Brazil
- B. Ecuador
- C. Peru
- D. Colombia

26. Which third-longest river in Africa has its source in the Guinea Highlands?

- A. the Nile
- B. the Congo
- C. the Niger
- D. the Orange

The remaining questions on this part of the test will refer to pictures in the resource booklet.

Questions 27-30 refer to the photos in Section 1 of the resource booklet.

27. What large waterfall is pictured in the left image?

- A. Victoria Falls
- B. Angel Falls
- C. Niagara Falls
- D. Jog Falls

28. What country is located to the east of the waterfall in the left image?

- A. Canada
- B. the United States
- C. Venezuela
- D. Zambia

29. In addition to tourism, what other important function does the waterfall on the left serve?

- A. It is an important commercial port.
- B. It provides flood control for the surrounding area.
- C. It is a wildlife refuge.
- D. It provides a large amount of hydroelectric power.

30. What tallest waterfall in the world is pictured in the right image?

- A. Victoria Falls
- B. Angel Falls
- C. Niagara Falls
- D. Jog Falls

Questions 31-34 refer to the picture in Section 2 of the resource booklet.

31. What famous cultural landmark is pictured here?
- A. Ise Shrine
 - B. Chichen Itza
 - C. Machu Picchu
 - D. Angkor Wat
32. For what purpose was this complex constructed?
- A. religious worship
 - B. imperial palace
 - C. burial of a royal family
 - D. to promote trade and commerce
33. In what country is this complex?
- A. Japan
 - B. Mexico
 - C. Peru
 - D. Cambodia
34. In what historical period was this complex created?
- A. the 10th century BCE
 - B. the 1st century CE
 - C. the 5th century CE
 - D. the 12th century CE

40. Which of the following numbers is closest to the location of the Arctic Circle?

- A. 2
- B. 3
- C. 4
- D. 5

Questions 35-40 refer to the map in Section 3 of the resource booklet.

35. Which of these areas contains the capital city of Canada?
- A. 2
 - B. 3
 - C. 5
 - D. 6
36. What large body of water is labeled 4 on the map?
- A. Lake Superior
 - B. Lake Winnipeg
 - C. Frobisher Bay
 - D. Hudson Bay
37. What area, home to Great Bear Lake and Great Slave Lake, is marked number 3 on the map?
- A. Alberta
 - B. Vancouver
 - C. Northwest Territories
 - D. Nunavut
38. Vancouver Island is marked by which number?
- A. 1
 - B. 2
 - C. 5
 - D. 7
39. Which largest island in Canada is marked by number 5?
- A. Greenland
 - B. Iceland
 - C. Baffin Island
 - D. Victoria Island