

**2019 US Geography Olympiad  
Middle School  
Multiple Choice Examination - Part 1**

**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.

Questions 1-8 are about the Special Administrative Region of Hong Kong.

1. Hong Kong is part of which of these countries?
  - A. Japan
  - B. Russia
  - C. China
  - D. the United Kingdom
2. A 55-kilometer bridge and tunnel project was completed in 2018 to connect Hong Kong to which of the following?
  - A. Vietnam
  - B. Thailand
  - C. Taiwan
  - D. Macau
3. What is the most commonly spoken first language in Hong Kong?
  - A. Mandarin
  - B. Cantonese
  - C. French
  - D. English
4. All of these are true of the demographics of Hong Kong EXCEPT which of the following?
  - A. it has a very low birth rate
  - B. it has a steadily growing population
  - C. Below 10% of its population is over age 65
  - D. its main ethnic group is Han Chinese
5. Hong Kong is among the most densely populated places in the world. Which of these areas is NOT more densely populated than Hong Kong?
  - A. Macau
  - B. Gibraltar
  - C. Singapore
  - D. Monaco
6. Hong Kong Island is separated from the Kowloon Peninsula by which of the following?
  - A. Scarborough Shoal
  - B. the Gulf of Thailand
  - C. Victoria Harbour
  - D. Malacca Straits
7. If it is 1:00pm on Saturday in Chicago, which of the following is the correct time in Hong Kong?
  - A. 2:00am on Sunday
  - B. 2:00am on Friday
  - C. 1:00pm on Sunday
  - D. 1:00am on Saturday
8. If Daniel leaves Hong Kong to return to San Francisco on a direct 13-hour flight on Sunday at 11:00am, what time will he arrive back in America?
  - A. 9:00am on Monday
  - B. 9:00am on Sunday
  - C. 9:00am on Saturday
  - D. 11:00am on Monday
9. The steel horse plow and the mechanical reaper were both important in the
  - A. Columbian Exchange
  - B. Agricultural Revolution
  - C. Progressive Era
  - D. Market Revolution
10. Prior to the 1800s, birth rates throughout the world were very high but population growth was low due to which of the following?
  - A. government intervention
  - B. the effects of the Industrial Revolution
  - C. high crime rates
  - D. high infant mortality rates
11. Migrants often have what benefit for their home country?
  - A. they send money back home to their families
  - B. they are no longer a burden on the social services in their home country
  - C. they free up jobs in their home country for others
  - D. they become tourists when they return and stimulate the economy
12. Hinduism is practiced by about how many people in the world?
  - A. 2 billion
  - B. 1.5 billion
  - C. 1 billion
  - D. 500 million
13. Which of the following glacial landforms is named due to its resemblance to prayer beads?
  - A. moraine
  - B. tarn
  - C. paternoster lake
  - D. esker

14. Aeolian landforms are those made by which of the following?

- A. wave action
- B. rivers
- C. landslides
- D. wind

15. All of these countries have a birth rate below replacement level EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. Germany
- B. Japan
- C. Mexico
- D. Italy

16. Which of these countries has more deaths from tornadoes per year on average than any other?

- A. the United States
- B. Bangladesh
- C. the Netherlands
- D. the United Kingdom

17. Which language family has the largest number of speakers in the world?

- A. Afro-Asiatic
- B. Sino-Tibetan
- C. Kra-Dai
- D. Indo-European

18. Which of these is NOT a landlocked European country?

- A. Montenegro
- B. Moldova
- C. Belarus
- D. Kosovo

19. Which of these is a primate city?

- A. New Orleans, LA
- B. Buenos Aires, Argentina
- C. Ottawa, Canada
- D. Perth, Australia

20. Which of the following is the subject of the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement?

- A. trade and commerce
- B. intellectual property
- C. climate change
- D. regional defense

21. Buffalo, NY and Cleveland, OH are located on what body of water?

- A. Lake Erie
- B. Lake Superior
- C. Atlantic Ocean
- D. Mississippi River

22. The transportation of sediments along a coast parallel to the shoreline is known by what name?

- A. mass movement
- B. longshore drift
- C. plucking
- D. bank erosion

23. Which of these US states contains the rainiest spot in America?

- A. Louisiana
- B. Florida
- C. Hawaii
- D. Washington

24. Which of these regions hosts the largest migration of land mammals in the world?

- A. the Okavango Delta
- B. the Serengeti
- C. Mount Kilimanjaro
- D. the Nile Delta

25. Which of the following is practiced by about 100 million people, mostly in Japan?

- A. Sikhism
- B. Jainism
- C. Shintoism
- D. Taoism

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

Questions 26-32 refer to the map in Section 1 of the resource booklet.

26. Which of these was the major earthquake in 2010?

- A. 2
- B. 5
- C. 6
- D. 10

27. Number 4 on the map is the location of which of the following?

- A. Lake Titicaca
- B. the Amazon River delta
- C. Lake Maracaibo
- D. Tegucigalpa

28. What number is on the approximate location of Lake Nicaragua?

- A. 3
- B. 8
- C. 9
- D. 10

29. Havana, Cuba is closest to which of the following?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 5
- D. 6

30. Which of the following is true of the island indicated by number 7?

- A. it is a part of the United Kingdom
- B. it is a part of the United States
- C. it is a part of the Netherlands
- D. it is an independent country

31. The area marked by number 8 is the approximate location of which of the following?

- A. a major rainforest
- B. major civil unrest due to the drug trade
- C. the capital of Guatemala
- D. the Panama Canal

32. Jamaica is shown by which number on the map?

- A. 5
- B. 6
- C. 7
- D. Jamaica is not numbered on the map

Questions 33-40 refer to the pictures in Section 2 of the resource booklet.

33. What type of plate boundary is shown by picture 1?

- A. transform
- B. convergent
- C. divergent
- D. plate boundary zone

34. What type of plate boundary is shown by picture 2?

- A. transform
- B. convergent
- C. divergent
- D. plate boundary zone

35. What type of plate boundary is shown by picture 3?

- A. transform
- B. convergent
- C. divergent
- D. plate boundary zone

36. Which of these pictures shows the type of boundary found between the North American Plate and Eurasian Plate that runs through Iceland?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. none of these

37. Which of these pictures shows the type of boundary found between the Nazca Plate and the South American Plate off the west coast of South America?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. none of these

38. A trench will form at which of the following?

- A. X
- B. Y
- C. the area indicated by the arrows in picture 3
- D. none of these

39. The area marked Z in picture 1 indicates which of the following?

- A. mantle
- B. oceanic crust
- C. continental crust
- D. magma

40. The west coast of the United States has which of the following types of plate boundaries?

- A. 1 and 2
- B. 2 and 3
- C. 1 and 3
- D. 2 only