

**2021 US Geography Championships
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.

Questions 1-8 are about the city of Nairobi and the country of Kenya.

1. Which of these is true of the population of Nairobi?

- A. it is the most populous city in Africa
- B. it is the most populous city in the Southern Hemisphere
- C. the population of its metro area is about 10 million
- D. it is the second-largest city in Kenya

2. All of these are true of Nairobi's place in Kenya EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. the government of Kenya has concentrated its recent investment in cities like Mombasa instead of Nairobi
- B. it is the capital of Kenya
- C. it is the primate city of Kenya
- D. it is the economic and financial center of Kenya

3. Which of the following is NOT true of the climate of Nairobi?

- A. it has a subtropical highland climate
- B. the city is at a very low elevation with an average less than 20 feet above sea level
- C. evenings in June and July can dip below 50 degrees Fahrenheit
- D. the warmest part of the year is December to March

4. All of these border Kenya EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. South Sudan
- B. Ethiopia
- C. Tanzania
- D. South Africa

5. Kenya was formerly a colony of which of the following?

- A. France
- B. Great Britain
- C. Germany
- D. the Netherlands

6. Which of these is the largest ethnic group in Kenya?

- A. Bantu
- B. Ashanti

- C. Kikuyu
- D. Hutu

7. Which of the following is true of the religious makeup of Kenya?

- A. it is majority Muslim
- B. the majority of Kenyans are nonreligious
- C. the majority of Kenyans follow traditional faiths
- D. the vast majority of Kenyans are Christian

8. Which of the following pairs are the official languages of Kenya?

- A. English and Swahili
- B. English and Afrikaans
- C. Arabic and Berber
- D. French and Arabic

Questions 9-17 are about forests.

9. All of these are among the top 5 nations in forested area (measured in square miles or kilometers) EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. Russia
- B. Brazil
- C. Germany
- D. China

10. Which of the following countries has the highest percentage of its territory covered with forests?

- A. Iceland
- B. Iraq
- C. Iran
- D. North Korea

11. The highest percentage of the world's forests are in which of the following regions?

- A. tropical
- B. boreal
- C. temperate
- D. subtropical

12. Forests in the Pacific Northwest and Appalachian regions of the United States would most likely be which of the following types?

- A. tropical rainforests
- B. boreal forests
- C. subtropical dry forests
- D. temperate rainforests

13. Which of the following is the main difference between a savanna and a forest?

- A. savannas have no trees
- B. trees in savannas are spaced widely enough that the tree canopies do not close
- C. unlike forests savannas only occur in areas with heavy rainfall
- D. savannas have a higher tree density than forests

14. Forests perform all of these functions in the environment EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. converting carbon dioxide into oxygen and biomass
- B. purifying water

- C. increasing the food productivity of grazing land
- D. mitigating natural hazards like floods

15. Any reservoir, natural or otherwise, that accumulates and stores some carbon-containing chemical compound for an indefinite period is known by which of these terms?

- A. regulative material
- B. carbon sink
- C. removal units
- D. ecosystems

16. Forests store most of their sequestered carbon in which of the following?

- A. dead wood
- B. either in living biomass or dead organic material in the soil, depending on the biome
- C. in plant litter or duff on the surface
- D. forests do not sequester significant amounts of carbon

17. Which of these is the largest forest in the world?

- A. Tongass National Forest in Alaska
- B. the Sunderbans in India and Bangladesh
- C. Kinabalu Park in Malaysia
- D. the Amazon Rainforest in South America

Questions 18-25 are about lakes.

18. Which of the Great Lakes is the largest by volume?

- A. Superior
- B. Huron
- C. Erie
- D. Ontario

19. Lake Victoria is the largest lake on which continent?

- A. South America
- B. Europe
- C. Africa
- D. Antarctica

20. All of these are true of the Caspian Sea EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. it lies between Europe and Asia
- B. it is entirely freshwater
- C. it is the world's largest inland body of water
- D. it can be classified as a lake or a sea

21. Which of the following is both the deepest lake in the world and the lake with the largest volume of freshwater in the world?

- A. Great Bear Lake
- B. Great Slave Lake
- C. Lake Baikal
- D. Lake Malawi

22. A lake that forms in a basin formed by dissolving limestone is known as what type of lake?

- A. tectonic lake
- B. aeolian lake
- C. fluvial lake
- D. solution lake

23. Anthropogenic lakes are lakes that are created in which of the following ways?

- A. by a meteor impact
- B. by an earthquake
- C. by a volcanic eruption
- D. artificially by humans, like a reservoir

24. A lake that has held water for more than 1 million years is known as which of the following?

- A. ancient lake
- B. crater lake
- C. glacial lake
- D. tidal basin

25. All of these are true of the Aral Sea EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. it was the fourth largest lake in the world in 1960
- B. much of the water flowing into the lake was diverted for industry and agriculture
- C. recent projects have restored most of the water to the Aral Sea
- D. the eastern portion of the Aral Sea has become the Aralkum Desert since the water has dried up

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

Questions 26-30 refer to the diagram in Section 1 of the resource booklet.

26. This image shows landforms made by which of the following processes?

- A. wind erosion
- B. water erosion
- C. a retreating glacier
- D. human activity

27. Due to their shape, the lakes labeled 7 on the image have what name?

- A. plate lakes
- B. trench lakes
- C. kettle lakes
- D. cylinder lakes

28. What type of moraine is labeled 8 on the image?

- A. terminal or end moraine
- B. Veiki moraine
- C. lateral moraine
- D. washboard moraine

29. Which number on the image shows an esker?

- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 5
- D. 9

30. Which of the following, labeled 6 on the map, is an elongated hill shaped like a half-buried egg?

- A. outwash fan
- B. cirque stairway
- C. u-valley

D. drumlin

Questions 31-40 refer to the map in Section 2 of the resource booklet.

31. Which number on the map shows part of Turkey?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 5

32. Which number on the map shows the country of North Macedonia?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 9
- D. 10

33. Numbers 7, 8 and 9 on the map indicate the sites of which of the following?

- A. major meteor strikes from the Cenozoic era
- B. the sites of major hurricanes in the last decade
- C. active volcanoes
- D. major island or coastal settlements

34. Number 10 on the map indicates which of the following?

- A. the Dalmatian Coast of Croatia
- B. the Black Sea coast of Georgia
- C. the Cycladic Islands
- D. the southern border of Russia

35. Which of these numbers indicates the island of Crete?

- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 5
- D. 6

36. Number 13 on the map indicates which of the following?

- A. the Black Sea
- B. the Red Sea
- C. the Aegean Sea
- D. the Ionian Sea

37. Which number on the map shows the Adriatic Sea?

- A. 11
- B. 12
- C. 14
- D. 15

38. Which number on the map indicates the site of the ancient Roman city of Pompeii?

- A. 4
- B. 5
- C. 6
- D. 9

39. What part of Europe not shown on this map does have active volcanoes?

- A. Iceland

B. the Swiss Alps

C. the French Alps

D. the Spanish Pyrenees

40. All of these are true of Malta EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. its capital is Valletta
- B. it is part of the Balearic Islands
- C. it is indicated by number 6 on the map
- D. it is in the Mediterranean Sea