The United States Geography Olympiad & The International Geography Bee
2018-2019 National Qualifying Exam – E Set Version

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Instructions: Print the Correct Answer in the space provided or leave it blank. Write Neatly!!! Correct answers are worth 2 points. Incorrect answers are -1 point. Questions left blank are worth 0 points.

You have 20 Minutes to complete this Exam.

1) Which of these four places is not a continent?
   A) Australia    B) South America    C) Argentina    D) Antarctica

2) In which city would you find Vladimir Putin’s office, St. Basil’s Cathedral, and the Kremlin?
   A) Paris    B) London    C) Rome    D) Moscow

3) Which of these mountain ranges is found in Asia?
   A) Andes    B) Rockies    C) Himalayas    D) Alps

4) How many US states have a coastline on the Pacific Ocean?
   A) Zero    B) Two    C) Three    D) Five

5) Which of these US states is at greatest risk from being struck by Category 5 Hurricanes?
   A) Florida    B) New York    C) California    D) Nebraska

6) Which of the following is also a line of latitude?
   A) Tropic of Capricorn    B) Prime Meridien    C) 170 degrees East    D) International Date Line

7) Toucans, Anacondas, and Piranhas can all be found in the wild in which of these countries?
   A) Brazil    B) Kenya    C) Japan    D) Canada

8) Which of these US states have hosted the Winter Olympics?
   A) Illinois & Georgia    B) Utah & New York    C) Alaska & Texas    D) Delaware & Kentucky

9) Which of these countries uses the Yen as its unit of currency?
   A) France    B) Japan    C) Mexico    D) Burkina Faso
10) Which capital city of Germany was where the inaugural International Geography Bee World Championships were held in July 2018?
   A) London   B) Athens   C) Bonn   D) Berlin

11) Which of these countries has fought several wars with its neighbor, India?
    A) Pakistan   B) Norway   C) Algeria   D) Mexico

12) Which of these US rivers flows into the Gulf of Mexico?
    A) Mississippi   B) Delaware   C) Colorado   D) Potomac

13) Which is currently the largest country on earth by total land area?
    A) China   B) Russia   C) USA   D) Brazil

14) Though India is projected to ultimately surpass it, which is the largest country by population?
    A) USA   B) Japan   C) Germany   D) China

15) What is the region in Northern Europe where Sweden, Norway, and Denmark are found called?
    A) Latvia   B) Arabia   C) Scandinavia   D) Iberia

16) A flight from Milwaukee to Detroit would cross which of the Great Lakes?
    A) Lake Michigan   B) Lake Ontario   C) Lake Superior   D) Lake Erie

17) Which of these countries shares an island with the nation of Haiti?
    A) Jamaica   B) Bahamas   C) Saint Lucia   D) Dominican Republic

18) Which country with capital at Hanoi is where US forces fought a war in the 1960's?
    A) Singapore   B) Vietnam   C) Thailand   D) Malaysia

19) Which desert is NOT located in Africa?
    A) Sahara   B) Namib   C) Kalahari   D) Mojave

20) Which city is located farthest south in the state of Florida?
    A) Miami   B) Orlando   C) Jacksonville   D) Tallahassee

21) This question was written in a train station in Zurich, the largest city by population in which country?
    A) Ireland   B) Switzerland   C) Turkey   D) Saudi Arabia

22) Driving due north out of New Mexico, what state would you first enter?
    A) Montana   B) Idaho   C) Colorado   D) Oregon

23) Which of these countries is smallest in land area?
    A) Portugal   B) Monaco   C) Greece   D) Poland

24) Which of these cities is found in part in the north of India?
    A) Chennai   B) Dhaka   C) New Delhi   D) Colombo

25) Which of these US cities is located on the shores of Lake Erie?
    A) Houston   B) Los Angeles   C) New York City   D) Cleveland
26) Which of these countries has a coastline along the Arctic Ocean?
   A) China   B) Japan   C) Russia   D) Iraq

27) If as an AFS exchange student, you lived with a Portuguese-speaking family in the largest country in South America, then you would be studying where?
   A) Mexico   B) Brazil   C) Venezuela   D) Cuba

28) What does a cartographer do?
   A) Climbs mountains   B) Predicts climate   C) Makes maps   D) Translates languages

29) Which waterway connects the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans?
   A) Suez Canal   B) Panama Canal   C) Red Sea   D) Gulf of Mexico

30) Which of the following is true about the city of Toronto?
   A) It’s the capital city of Canada   B) It’s the largest city by population in Canada
   C) It’s located in Alberta   D) It is a port city on the Pacific Ocean

31) Which of the following states is located in the Corn Belt?
   A) Iowa   B) Maine   C) Arizona   D) South Carolina

32) Which of these airlines flies directly from Newark to Lisbon?
   A) TAP Air Portugal   B) Air Serbia   C) Aeromexico   D) Air Canada

33) The Nile River flows primarily in which direction?
   A) North to South   B) South to North   C) East to West   D) West to East

34) Which is the only US state located south of the Tropic of Cancer?
   A) Florida   B) Texas   C) California   D) Hawaii

35) Which is the name of the world’s second highest mountain?
   A) Mount Everest   B) K2   C) Mont Blanc   D) Pike’s Peak

36) Which of the following islands is located in the Atlantic Ocean?
   A) Easter Island   B) Bermuda   C) New Guinea   D) Madagascar

37) Which of the following countries lies largely in the Sahara Desert?
   A) Libya   B) Spain   C) Armenia   D) Pakistan

38) The land of which of these countries was never once part of the Roman Empire?
   A) Italy   B) France   C) Greece   D) South Africa

39) Which is the largest city by population to lie on the Delaware River?
   A) New York City   B) Philadelphia   C) Dover   D) Wilmington

40) Which of these countries has a flag that is red, white, and blue?
   A) United Kingdom   B) Germany   C) China   D) Jamaica

41) Which of these countries was once part of the Soviet Union?
   A) Japan   B) Kazakhstan   C) Spain   D) Iceland
42) Which of these countries does not have land borders with any other countries?
   A) Malaysia   B) New Zealand   C) Iran   D) Bangladesh

43) Coniferous trees are found in greatest abundance in which biome?
   A) Taiga   B) Tundra   C) Desert   D) Mangrove swamp

44) Control of which of these cities was handed over from Britain to China in 1997?
   A) Shanghai   B) Beijing   C) Taipei   D) Hong Kong

45) Which footpath runs for over 2000 miles in the Eastern USA?
   A) Oregon Trail   B) Appalachian Trail   C) Santa Fe Trail   D) Pacific Crest Trail

46) Siberia is found in which of these areas?
   A) Asiatic Russia   B) Southern China   C) North Africa   D) Middle East

47) Which of these countries is found in the South Pacific Ocean?
   A) Samoa   B) Philippines   C) St. Kitts and Nevis   D) Cyprus

48) Water from which of these rivers ultimately flows into the Bay of Bengal?
   A) Ganges   B) Indus   C) Yangtze   D) Euphrates

49) A narrow passage of land between two wider landmasses is called what?
   A) Strait   B) Isthmus   C) Moraine   D) Massif

50) Which country is completely surrounded by South Africa?
   A) Swaziland   B) Mozambique   C) Lesotho   D) Angola