

**2020 US Geography Challenge  
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 1-6 are about the Special Capital Region of Jakarta.

1. Jakarta is the capital of which of these countries?

- A. the Philippines
- B. Malaysia
- C. Thailand
- D. Indonesia

2. Which of the following is the dominant religion of Jakarta?

- A. Roman Catholicism
- B. Islam
- C. Buddhism
- D. Judaism

3. With a population of approximately 34 million people, Jakarta has one of the most populous metropolitan areas in the world. Which of the following is the only metro area in the world with MORE people than Jakarta?

- A. Tokyo
- B. Delhi
- C. Mumbai
- D. Mexico City

4. All of these are challenges faced by the city of Jakarta EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. sea level rise
- B. a shrinking population
- C. traffic and congestion
- D. environmental and ecological issues

5. Jakarta is located on which of the following islands?

- A. Luzon
- B. Sumatra
- C. Java
- D. Bali

6. Which of the following best describes the climate of Jakarta?

- A. tropical monsoon climate
- B. Mediterranean hot summer climate
- C. semi-arid climate
- D. marine west coast climate

7. Judaism is practiced by approximately how many people in the world?

- A. 1 billion
- B. 100 million
- C. 50 million
- D. 15 million

8. Which of these countries has the highest total fertility rate?

- A. Japan
- B. Niger
- C. Brazil
- D. Australia

9. All of these are types of glacial lakes EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. esker
- B. kettle
- C. tarn
- D. paternoster

10. Accumulations of unconsolidated debris in current or formerly glaciated regions are known by what name?

- A. nunataks
- B. kame
- C. erratics
- D. moraines

11. Which of the following best defines the term 'primate city'?

- A. the capital city of any given country
- B. the largest city in its country that is both disproportionately larger than all other cities and also an economic and cultural center in that country
- C. the economic and financial center of a given country that generates the most revenue and economic activity
- D. the cultural and artistic center of a country

12. Which of these is considered a primate city within its country?

- A. Nice, France
- B. Manchester, England
- C. Tbilisi, Georgia
- D. San Francisco, USA

13. An isolated underwater volcanic mountain more than 660 feet below the ocean's surface is known by what name?

- A. mid-ocean ridge
- B. guyot
- C. lava dome
- D. lava field

14. Nobel Peace Prize winner Norman Borlaug was a pioneer in what 'revolution' that saw an increase in worldwide agricultural production?

- A. the Red Revolution
- B. the Orange Revolution
- C. the Green Revolution
- D. the White Revolution

15. Which of these US states contains the driest spot in America?

- A. Nevada
- B. Utah
- C. Arizona
- D. California

16. Which of the following is practiced by about 26 million people worldwide, the vast majority of which are in India?

- A. Sikhism
- B. Hinduism
- C. Islam
- D. Baha'i

17. Which of these is a landlocked African country?

- A. Namibia
- B. Botswana
- C. Zambia
- D. Zimbabwe

18. Which of these language families has the largest number of current speakers?

- A. Mayan
- B. Japonic
- C. Uralic
- D. Mongolic

19. Which of the following was most likely the cause of the 2011 Oklahoma earthquake?

- A. a nearby volcanic eruption
- B. the movement of the San Andreas Fault
- C. the injection of wastewater from oil drilling
- D. excessive tornadic activity

20. Which of the following constitute the three largest ethnic groups of Nigeria?

- A. Hausa, Igbo, Yoruba
- B. Hutu, Tutsi, Twa
- C. Mongo, Luba, Kongo
- D. Oromo, Amhara, Somali

21. Which of the following is true of the tropical rainforest biome?

- A. there is always a short dry season each year
- B. they are found only north of the equator
- C. they have the highest biodiversity of any terrestrial biome
- D. they are home to very few large mammals

22. All of these are types of mass wasting EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. slides
- B. flows
- C. subduction
- D. creep

23. A barchan is a type of which of the following?

- A. a glacier
- B. a tidal inlet
- C. a river delta

D. a sand dune

24. Vicksburg, Memphis and St. Louis are all located on what river?

- A. the Mississippi
- B. the Tennessee
- C. the Missouri
- D. the Arkansas

25. What country has largest number of its citizens living in foreign countries?

- A. Afghanistan
- B. India
- C. Syria
- D. Russia

26. Which of the following is most likely to have a birth rate below replacement level?

- A. a country in Southeast Asia
- B. a country in sub-Saharan Africa
- C. a South American country
- D. a Western European country

27. Which of the following is the term for a transfer of money, often by a worker in a foreign country, back to someone in their native land?

- A. taxes
- B. remittance
- C. tariff
- D. social welfare

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

Questions 28-34 refer to the image in the resource section of the examination.

28. Which of the following shows the location of the North Pole on this map?

- A. 5
- B. 6
- C. 7
- D. 8

29. All of the following countries have territory within the Arctic Circle EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. the United States
- B. Russia
- C. Estonia
- D. Denmark

30. Which of these is true of the position of the Arctic Circle?

- A. it is located at exactly 85 degrees north of the Equator
- B. it is located at exactly 45 degrees north of the Equator
- C. it is located at exactly 25 degrees north of the Equator
- D. it does not have a precisely fixed location and is currently located near 66 degrees north of the Equator

31. Which of the following shows the location of the Kamchatka Peninsula?

- A. 1

- B. just to the left of 2
- C. 4
- D. 7

32. Which of these is true of the area marked 8 on the map?

- A. it is part of Canada
- B. it is part of the United States
- C. about 40% of it is permanently covered by ice
- D. it is the least densely populated region in the world

33. Which of the following is the location of the Bering Sea?

- A. 2
- B. 5
- C. 6
- D. 7

34. Which of the following biomes would be prevalent in the area marked 3 on the map?

- A. taiga
- B. tundra
- C. steppe
- D. broadleaf forest

Questions 35-40 refer to the image in the resource section of the examination.

35. This image shows an illustration of which of the following?

- A. a farm irrigation plan
- B. the remnants of a glacier
- C. a meandering river and a floodplain
- D. tidal action

36. Which number indicates an oxbow lake?

- A. 2
- B. 3
- C. 5
- D. 6

37. The stream labeled 4 in the image is known by what name?

- A. a Yazoo tributary
- B. a snake tributary
- C. a Missouri tributary
- D. an outwash fan

38. Which of these is the term for an environment where fine silts and clays settle after a flood, usually behind a stream or river's natural levees?

- A. backswamp
- B. delta
- C. riffle
- D. rapids

39. Which number on the image shows where the environment described in question 38 would exist?

- A. 2
- B. 3
- C. 4
- D. 6

40. What would most likely cause a river to naturally abandon its previous course and move to a new path at a cutoff like the one shown in the image?

- A. someone building a levee
- B. animal action
- C. an earthquake
- D. flooding