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Instructions – Mark your answers on the scantron provided. Correct answers are worth 2 points. Incorrect answers are worth –1 point. Questions left blank are worth 0 points. Write the answer to your tiebreaker question on the back of your scantron.

1. Which of the following is the largest city in China by population?

- A. Beijing
- B. Shanghai
- C. Guangzhou
- D. Chongqing

2. Which mountain range serves as a natural boundary between China and India?

- A. Himalayas
- B. Kunlun Mountains
- C. Tianshan Mountains
- D. Hengduan Mountains

3. Which of these rivers is the longest in China and the third longest in the world?

- A. Yellow River
- B. Yangtze River
- C. Pearl River
- D. Mekong River

4. Which of these is the second most-practiced religion in India, after Hinduism?

- A. Christianity
- B. Islam
- C. Judaism
- D. Sikhism

5. Which Indian city is known as the "Pink City" due to the dominant color of its buildings like the Hawa Mahal?

- A. Jaipur
- B. Udaipur
- C. Jaisalmer
- D. Agra

6. The Khyber Pass connects what two nations?

- A. India and China
- B. India and Pakistan
- C. Pakistan and Afghanistan
- D. India and Nepal

7. Which city in China is famous for its archaeological sites and the discovery of the Terracotta Army by farmers in 1974?

- A. Xi'an
- B. Chengdu
- C. Guilin
- D. Lhasa

8. Which of these is the most common religious affiliation in South Korea, selected by a majority of South Koreans on the most recent census?

- A. Presbyterian
- B. 'not affiliated'
- C. Korean Sindo
- D. Buddhist

9. Which of these cities is a major financial hub, ranked fourth in the Global Financial Centres Index, and headquarters of major banks like HSBC?

- A. Shenzhen
- B. Hong Kong
- C. Guangzhou
- D. Hangzhou

10. Which of these rivers serves as a natural boundary between northern and southern China?

- A. Huai River
- B. Yangtze River
- C. Yellow River
- D. Pearl River

11. The Huangshan mountain range is also known by what colorful English name?

- A. Blue Peaks
- B. Black Hills
- C. Green Zone
- D. Yellow Mountains

12. Which city in China is known for its historic sites, including the Forbidden City and the Chairman Mao Memorial Hall?

- A. Beijing
- B. Xi'an
- C. Hangzhou
- D. Chengdu

13. Which of these provinces in China is known for its spicy cuisine, including dishes like Mapo Tofu and Kung Pao Chicken?

- A. Sichuan
- B. Hunan
- C. Shandong
- D. Jiangsu

14. Which region in China is known for its production of porcelain and is home to the famous "Porcelain Tower of Nanjing"?
- Jiangsu
 - Henan
 - Shaanxi
 - Liaoning
15. The Sundarbans are the largest example of what kind of forest in the world?
- tropical rainforest
 - temperate rainforest
 - temperate broadleaf
 - mangrove
16. Zhangjiajie National Forest Park in China is known for its distinctive mountains that are now named for what sci-fi blockbuster film?
- Lord of the Rings
 - Star Trek
 - Avatar
 - Dungeons and Dragons
17. Which of the following is the largest ethnic group in China?
- Han
 - Zhuang
 - Uighur
 - Hui
18. Which of these is a religious or philosophical tradition of Chinese origin which emphasizes living in harmony with 'the way'?
- Confucianism
 - Shinto
 - Taoism
 - Buddhism
19. Which of these helped protect Sri Lanka from the forces of the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami?
- its coastal mountains
 - unusual tidal forces that surround the island
 - its vast coastal mangrove ecosystem
 - man-made floodwalls
20. All of these border the Indian Plate EXCEPT which of the following?
- the Pacific Plate
 - the Eurasian Plate
 - the Australian Plate
 - the African Plate
21. The area of Longji in China known as the 'Dragons Backbone' is a winding sloping area made by which of these?
- a meteor impact crater
 - terraced rice fields made by humans
 - a u-shaped valley made by a glacier
 - a canyon made by a river
22. Which of the following is the highest mountain in Japan?
- Mount Aso
 - Mount Tateyama
 - Mount Haku
 - Mount Fuji
23. Which of the following is the largest desert in China and the fifth largest desert in the world?
- Gobi Desert
 - Taklamakan Desert
 - Badain Jaran Desert
 - Kumtag Desert
24. Which of the following is the largest freshwater lake in India?
- Chilika Lake
 - Vembanad Lake
 - Dal Lake
 - Wular Lake
25. What colorfully-named river in China is known as the "Mother River" and is considered the cradle of Chinese civilization?
- Yellow River
 - Yangtze River
 - Pearl River
 - Mekong River
26. Which city is the capital of Pakistan?
- Lahore
 - Karachi
 - Islamabad
 - Rawalpindi
27. Which Japanese city was hit by a devastating earthquake in 1995?
- Tokyo
 - Osaka
 - Kobe
 - Yokohama
28. The 'Dragon King', Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, is the head of state of which of the following nations?
- Nepal
 - Bhutan
 - Maldives
 - Afghanistan
29. All of these are true of Nepal EXCEPT which of the following?
- it experiences monsoons
 - it is a landlocked nation
 - it contains part of the Indo-Gangetic Plain
 - less than 1% of the land area of the country is in the alpine zone

30. Which of these natural features separates Hong Kong Island and Kowloon?
- Albert Bay
 - Hong Kong Bay
 - Elizabeth Harbour
 - Victoria Harbour
31. Which of the following is the largest freshwater lake in China?
- Poyang Lake
 - Dongting Lake
 - Qinghai Lake
 - Taihu Lake
32. Which river is the longest in Japan?
- Kitakami River
 - Tone River
 - Shinano River
 - Yoshino River
33. Which former capital of Japan has a silka deer population in its namesake park and is home to the historic Todaiji Temple?
- Nara
 - Hiroshima
 - Nagasaki
 - Kobe
34. Which of these is NOT one of the 'Seven Sister States' of Northeast India?
- Arunachal Pradesh
 - Uttar Pradesh
 - Manipur
 - Meghalaya
35. The Ajanta and Ellora Caves are known for their stunning examples of what kind of ancient structure?
- Christian cathedrals
 - trading centers
 - rock-cut temples and monasteries
 - apartment buildings
36. Which religious tradition has the largest following in Vietnam?
- Buddhism
 - Confucianism
 - Christianity
 - Islam
37. What is the modern-day capital of Mongolia?
- Ulaanbaatar
 - Astana
 - Bishkek
 - Tashkent
38. After Honshu, which of these Japanese islands has the largest population?
- Hokkaido
 - Shikoku
 - Shimoshima
 - Kyushu
39. Roughly what percentage of Japan is forested, mountainous and unsuitable for agricultural, industrial or residential use?
- 98%
 - 75%
 - 40%
 - 25%
40. Burkhan Khaldun, the supposed birthplace of Genghis Khan, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site in what modern-day nation?
- China
 - Tibet
 - Nepal
 - Mongolia
41. Which province is known for its vast grasslands and is often associated with traditional Mongolian culture?
- Inner Mongolia
 - Xinjiang
 - Sichuan
 - Guangdong
42. Which of the following is the largest island of Japan?
- Kyushu
 - Hokkaido
 - Honshu
 - Shikoku
43. Which of these is NOT true of Lake Biwa?
- it is an ancient lake
 - it is the largest freshwater lake in Japan
 - it is the highest navigable lake in the world
 - it is located near Kyoto
44. 8. Which of the following is the highest peak in India?
- Kanchenjunga
 - Nanda Devi
 - Denali
 - Annapurna
45. Which of these rivers forms the Attock Gorge in northern Pakistan?
- Indus River
 - Kabul River
 - Swat River
 - Gilgit River

46. Which Vietnamese city was formerly known as Saigon?
- Hanoi
 - Da Nang
 - Ho Chi Minh City
 - Hai Phong
47. Kublai Khan wrote a poem inspired by Longevity Hill at what location in Beijing?
- Forbidden City
 - Summer Palace
 - Great Wall
 - Tiananmen Square
48. Under Chinese law, Macau and Hong Kong are classified as which of the following?
- colonies
 - dependencies
 - special administrative regions
 - reservations
49. Which of these is the official state political and philosophical ideology of North Korea?
- Sado Musul
 - Juche
 - Arirang
 - Songun
50. Which of these is the most geologically stable area in East Asia?
- Japan
 - Taiwan
 - the Korean Peninsula
 - northern China
51. Which region in China is known for its frequent earthquakes along the Longmenshan Fault, including a namesake one in 2008 near Chengdu?
- Pearl River Delta
 - Yangtze River Delta
 - Gobi Desert
 - Sichuan Basin
52. Which strait separates Japan from South Korea?
- Tsugaru Strait
 - Korea Strait
 - Kanmon Strait
 - Tsushima Strait
53. Due to its location on the Pacific Ring of Fire, Japan is prone to all of these EXCEPT which of the following?
- earthquakes
 - tsunamis
 - volcanic eruptions
 - tornadoes
54. Which of these is NOT true of Uttar Pradesh?
- it is the most populous state in India
 - it is the most populous country subdivision in the world
 - it is home to such landmarks as the Taj Mahal and the Prem Mandir
 - it contributes well over 50% of India's Gross Domestic Product
55. Which most populous city in Pakistan and capital of Sindh province is also a major financial and industrial hub?
- Islamabad
 - Peshawar
 - Karachi
 - Quetta
56. Which ethnic group constitutes the majority in Vietnam?
- Kinh
 - Tay
 - Hmong
 - Cham
57. Laos, Thailand, Cambodia, and Vietnam organized a commission in 1995 to coordinate the care of what Southeast Asian river?
- Ganges River
 - Huang He River
 - Mekong River
 - Yangtze River
58. The Kyoto Protocol is a landmark international agreement on which of the following?
- trade and commerce
 - climate change
 - the elimination of land mines
 - collective security
59. The eight nations of South Asia account for roughly what percentage of the world's population?
- 40%
 - 35%
 - 25%
 - 15%
60. The Karakum Desert in Central Asia is bordered by what two mountain ranges?
- Ural and Atlas
 - Caucasus and Hindu Kush
 - Hindu Kush and Yin
 - Caucasus and Ural
61. As of 2023, which of these nations has a larger economy than the Chinese province of Guangdong?
- Spain
 - Mexico
 - Australia
 - Japan

62. Which of the following is a religious pilgrimage trail in Japan, known for its network of Buddhist temples and its own syncretic faith?
- Nakasendo Trail
 - Kumano Kodo
 - Tokaido Trail
 - Shikoku Pilgrimage
63. Which of these rivers is considered the holiest river in Hinduism?
- Yamuna River
 - Brahmaputra River
 - Godavari River
 - Ganges River
64. Which state in India is known as the "Land of Kings" and is famous for its forts and palaces?
- Rajasthan
 - Gujarat
 - Maharashtra
 - Punjab
65. Which province in Pakistan is the most fertile in the country and is often referred to as the "Breadbasket of Pakistan"?
- Sindh
 - Punjab
 - Balochistan
 - Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
66. Which of these was NOT part of the colony of French Indochina?
- Cambodia
 - Laos
 - Burma
 - Cochinchina
67. China, Japan and Korea all practice a traditional ritual for making what popular beverage that involves specialized tools and pouring techniques?
- milk
 - orange juice
 - tea
 - wine
68. Which of these is true of the Kaesong Industrial Zone?
- it is a region of North Korea on the border with China
 - it is North Korea's only major seaport for international trade
 - it is the only area of North Korea completely exempt from American and EU economic sanctions
 - it is a region of North Korea on the border with South Korea
69. Which of these is the largest ethnic group in Pakistan?
- Balochs
 - Muhajirs
 - Pashtuns
 - Punjabis
70. Bibimbap, gochujang, kimchi, and bulgogi are all staples of the cuisine of which South Asian nation?
- South Korea
 - Japan
 - Taiwan
 - Mongolia
71. Which of the following is an autonomous region in China with a significant Uighur population and cultural influences from Central Asia?
- Inner Mongolia
 - Xinjiang
 - Guangxi
 - Ningxia
72. Which island in Japan is famous for its floating torii gate and Shinto shrine?
- Amami Oshima
 - Okinawa
 - Miyajima
 - Yakushima
73. Which of these deserts is located in the northwestern part of India and is one of the largest deserts in the world?
- Rann of Kutch
 - Deccan Plateau
 - Thar Desert
 - Sundarbans
74. In 1973, the Indian government under Indira Gandhi launched a 'Project' to protect what critically endangered namesake creature and national symbol of India?
- the grey mongoose
 - the Asiatic lion
 - the caracal
 - the Bengal tiger

75. Which of these is one of the most important archaeological sites of the Indus River Valley Civilization, located in Pakistan?

- A. Pergamon
- B. Hisarlik
- C. Mohenjo-daro
- D. the Valley of the Kings

Tiebreaker

This question will only be scored if there is a tie for placement on the exam. There is no penalty for a wrong answer to this question. Write your answer legibly on the back of your scantron.

What was the population of Vietnam as reported in its 2019 census?