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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. Hong Kong Island was ceded to Great Britain following the conclusion of what nineteenth century conflict?

- A. the Boxer Rebellion
- B. the First Opium War
- C. the Taiping Rebellion
- D. the Dungan Revolt

2. Which of these is the only Southeast Asian nation never to have been colonized by a European power?

- A. Vietnam
- B. Cambodia
- C. Laos
- D. Thailand

3. Which of these African cities served as the capital of Free France during World War II?

- A. Casablanca
- B. Brazzaville
- C. Kinshasa
- D. Algiers

4. What kingdom controlled the northern portion of the Korean peninsula and parts of Northeast China and the Russian Far East during the Unified Silla period of Korean history?

- A. Shandong
- B. Goguryeo
- C. Baekje
- D. Balhae

5. The Viking settlement at L'Anse aux Meadows was located in what modern-day Canadian province?

- A. Quebec
- B. Prince Edward Island
- C. Newfoundland and Labrador
- D. New Brunswick

6. What modern European state was ruled by the Knights Hospitaller until a successful invasion by Napoleon in 1798?

- A. Albania
- B. Andorra
- C. Malta
- D. Moldova

7. The Madjedbebe rock shelter in Arnhem Land shows the oldest evidence of human habitation in what nation in Oceania?

- A. New Zealand
- B. Australia
- C. Fiji
- D. Papua New Guinea

8. The Mauryan Empire flourished during which of these broad historical periods?

- A. the Stone Age
- B. the Bronze Age
- C. the Iron Age
- D. the Early Middle Ages

9. The Alliance of Small Island States represents nations such as Kiribati, Comoros, and Dominica in their fight against which of these global issues?

- A. climate change
- B. human trafficking
- C. over tourism
- D. nuclear proliferation

10. The Odrysian kingdom in present-day southeastern Europe was a state formed by what group in the 5<sup>th</sup> century BCE?

- A. Huns
- B. Thracians
- C. Macedonians
- D. Gauls

11. The Ainu are the indigenous people of the area surrounding what body of water?

- A. the Bering Sea
- B. the Sea of Okhotsk
- C. the South China Sea
- D. the Bay of Bengal

12. During the Fifteenth Dynasty, the Hyksos founded a new capital for Lower Egypt at what city on the northeastern part of the Nile Delta?

- A. Memphis
- B. Avaris
- C. Giza
- D. Rosetta

13. Which of these was a catalyst for the independence of Cape Verde, Mozambique, and Angola in 1975?

- A. the Carnation Revolution in Portugal
- B. independence movement in Rhodesia led by Ian Smith
- C. the death of Francisco Franco
- D. the OPEC oil embargo against the United States

14. In 1931, following the Mukden Incident, Japan invaded what area of China?

- A. Gansu
- B. Hainan
- C. Fujian
- D. Manchuria

15. What US state was the first to ratify the US Constitution in 1787?

- A. Pennsylvania
- B. Massachusetts
- C. Vermont
- D. Delaware

16. The Bar Confederation was formed at a namesake fortress in Podolia in 1768 to defend which of these polities?

- A. Ukraine
- B. the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth
- C. Prussia
- D. Moldavia

17. Metacom's War began with the hanging of three Wampanoags in what colony?

- A. New Hampshire
- B. Plymouth
- C. Connecticut
- D. Rhode Island

18. The Indian Rebellion of 1857 against British colonial rule began in what garrison town northeast of Delhi?

- A. Meerut
- B. Gwalior
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Banswara

19. President Dwight Eisenhower signed legislation in 1956 that sponsored the construction of which of these major infrastructure projects?

- A. state military bases
- B. federal airports
- C. elevated railways
- D. interstate highways

20. What Italian city was capital of the Western Roman Empire for most of the 5<sup>th</sup> century CE?

- A. Venice
- B. Pisa
- C. Ravenna
- D. Milan

21. What significant early hominid fossil was discovered in a cave at Zhoukoudian in China?

- A. Java Man
- B. Peking Man
- C. Tautavel Man
- D. Dmanisi Man

22. Which of these cities served as the capital of the Achaemenid Empire and today is said to contain the tomb of Cyrus the Great?

- A. Pasargadae
- B. Ecbatana
- C. Susa
- D. Akkad

23. In 1996, Tanzania moved its capital away from Dar es Salaam to what interior city?

- A. Arusha
- B. Mwanza
- C. Zanzibar City
- D. Dodoma

24. The moveable type printing press was introduced by Johannes Gutenberg in what European city in 1439?

- A. Berlin
- B. Prague
- C. Krakow
- D. Mainz

25. Protests against police brutality began after the death of George Floyd in what city in May 2020?

- A. Minneapolis
- B. Chicago
- C. Detroit
- D. Indianapolis

26. Which of these was NOT a French possession in India during the nineteenth and early twentieth century?

- A. Pondicherry
- B. Yanaon
- C. Bombay
- D. Chandernagor

27. Which of the following was completed in New York in 1825 to connect the Hudson River to a namesake Great Lake?

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

28. Muslim influence in modern-day Pakistan began with the conquest of Sindh and Multan by Muhammad ibn al-Qasim in the early 8<sup>th</sup> century CE on behalf of what caliphate?

- A. Rashidun
- B. Umayyad
- C. Abbasid
- D. Fatimid

29. The Missouri Compromise of 1820 admitted which of these states to the Union?
- Ohio
  - Virginia
  - Maine
  - Kansas
30. The Pale of Calais was a territory in Northern France ruled over by what nation from 1347 to 1558?
- Austria
  - the Netherlands
  - Spain
  - England
31. Which of these is NOT considered one of the Four Great Ancient Capitals of China?
- Shanghai
  - Nanjing
  - Luoyang
  - Chang'an (Xi'an)
32. The Saur Revolution took place in which country in 1978, and was followed by an invasion by the Soviet Union a year later?
- Syria
  - Lebanon
  - Libya
  - Afghanistan
33. DNA testing has revealed a close link between the Berber people of North Africa and which of these groups, suggesting a migration to Northern Europe after the last ice age?
- Saami
  - Yupik
  - Dene
  - Tlingit
34. Which of these is NOT considered one of the ancient 'cradles of civilization' by archaeologists?
- Mesopotamia
  - the Indus River Valley
  - the Amazon Rainforest
  - the North China Plain
35. Charles Curtis, the first Native American Vice President, was a member of what Kansas Territory tribe?
- Great Sioux Nation
  - Cherokee Nation
  - Kaw Nation
  - Choctaw Nation
36. Banja Luka is the largest city and administrative center of what region of the nation of Bosnia and Herzegovina?
- Republika Srpska
  - the Brcko District
  - the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
  - the Sarajevo District
37. The Proclamation of 1763 prohibited colonists from settling west of what natural boundary?
- Sierra Nevada
  - Appalachian Mountains
  - Mississippi River
  - Lake Michigan
38. The Lahore Resolution, adopted in 1940, was a key document in the national identity and foundation of what modern-day nation?
- Pakistan
  - Bangladesh
  - Sri Lanka
  - Afghanistan
39. Carrie A. Nation supported Prohibition through destructive 'hatchetations' of saloons in which of the following states?
- Arkansas
  - Nebraska
  - Iowa
  - Kansas
40. Charlemagne's Frankish Empire was divided into three kingdoms, one for each of his surviving sons, in what 843 CE treaty?
- Verdun
  - Granada
  - Versailles
  - Westphalia
41. Which of these best describes China's 'One Belt One Road' initiative?
- an economic plan to control all manufacturing of semiconductors in East Asia
  - a new regional collective security agreement with its East Asian allies
  - a large-scale infrastructure program involving developments and investment in China and many other nations
  - the development of high-volume air and sea shipping routes between China and the West Coast of the US
42. Disputes over the Shatt al-Arab and a desire to capture the province of Khuzestan were two reasons behind the invasion of which of these by Iraq in 1980?
- Iran
  - Kuwait
  - Saudi Arabia
  - Syria
43. By 1820, the United Provinces of the Rio de la Plata contained portions of all of these modern-day South American countries EXCEPT which of the following?
- Bolivia
  - Argentina
  - Uruguay
  - Colombia

44. In 1955, the Soviet Ministry of Defense established the Baikonur Cosmodrome in what modern-day nation, then a republic of the USSR?
- Kazakhstan
  - Uzbekistan
  - Turkmenistan
  - Kyrgyzstan
45. The Three Mile Island partial meltdown released radioactive gasses just outside what northern US capital?
- Boston
  - Harrisburg
  - Charleston
  - Dover
46. What Dutch city names the 1992 treaty that established the European Union?
- Rotterdam
  - The Hague
  - Maastricht
  - Haarlem
47. The “burned-over district” of upstate New York earned its name from increased religious activity during what 19th century movement?
- Great Awakening
  - Progressivism
  - Second Great Awakening
  - Populism
48. Which of these is the majority ethnic group in modern-day Sri Lanka?
- Tamil
  - Moors
  - Sinhalese
  - Burghers
49. An industrial decline in the 1960s and 1970s began to push former factory workers out of what formerly booming manufacturing region?
- the Sun Belt
  - the Bible Belt
  - the Rust Belt
  - the Corn Belt
50. Which of these is NOT true of the medieval state of Kievan Rus’?
- at its greatest extent it controlled the majority of the territory of modern Russia
  - it was an East Slavic state
  - it was ruled by the Rurikid Dynasty
  - it included such cities as Novgorod and Pskov
51. Which of these was the site of both one of the initial Mongol invasions of Japan in the 13<sup>th</sup> century and a decisive naval victory over Russia during the early 20<sup>th</sup> century?
- Bungo Channel
  - Tsushima Strait
  - Kii Channel
  - Hoyo Strait
52. Though disputed, many historians believe that which of the following was the capital city of the Mali Empire for most of its existence?
- Timbuktu
  - Niani
  - Jenne
  - Gao
53. In 1807, due to concerns over the Napoleonic Wars, Portugal moved its court from Lisbon to what colonial city?
- Luanda
  - Sao Paolo
  - Rio de Janeiro
  - Cidade de Pedra
54. What historical area of Central Asia was a center of Zoroastrianism, was conquered by Alexander the Great, and gained independence in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century BCE under Diodotus I Soter?
- Kokand
  - Bactria
  - Tarim
  - Tripardisus
55. The Potala Palace is a landmark in what capital of the Tibet Autonomous Region?
- Lhasa
  - Almaty
  - Ulaanbaatar
  - Nur-Sultan
56. Finlandization is a term used to refer to the influence of what other powerful nation over the policies of the Finnish government during the Cold War?
- the Soviet Union
  - the United States
  - Great Britain
  - Sweden
57. In what year did Hurricane Katrina devastate New Orleans and the Gulf Coast?
- 2005
  - 2002
  - 2010
  - 2012

58. The Ho Chi Minh trail during the Vietnam War crossed parts of all of these countries EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. Vietnam
- B. Myanmar
- C. Cambodia
- D. Laos

59. Before his March to the Sea, General Sherman ordered the burning of the business district of what southern city?

- A. Raleigh
- B. Birmingham
- C. Atlanta
- D. Fort Sumter

60. Which of these was NOT part of the Kalmar Union?

- A. Sweden
- B. Norway
- C. Prussia
- D. Denmark

61. Which of these was the name for the artificial island off Nagasaki that served as a trading post for the Portuguese and later the Dutch during the Edo Period of Japan?

- A. Kitakyushu
- B. Chubu
- C. Kansai
- D. Dejima

62. The Kingdom of Aksum was based primarily in what modern East African nation from the first century CE until the early Middle Ages?

- A. Ethiopia
- B. Tanzania
- C. Kenya
- D. Uganda

63. The Grand Ballcourt, the Temple of Kukulkan, and the Temple of a Thousand Warriors are all sites in what ancient Mesoamerican city on the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico?

- A. Tenochtitlan
- B. Chichen Itza
- C. Monte Alban
- D. Teotihuacan

64. The Ellora Caves in Maharashtra, India contain carvings and inscriptions from the period 600 to 1000 CE featuring all of these prominent religious traditions EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. Jainism
- B. Hinduism
- C. Shintoism
- D. Buddhism

65. The 'Great Stink' of 1858 resulted in the creation of which of these in late 19<sup>th</sup> century London?

- A. the London Underground
- B. a system of urban parks, including Battersea Park and Hampstead Heath
- C. the Metropolitan Fire Brigade
- D. the London sewer system

66. The Senedd Cymru, created in 1999, is the legislative assembly for what constituent of the United Kingdom?

- A. Scotland
- B. Northern Ireland
- C. Wales
- D. England

67. The oldest evidence of European cheesemaking was discovered along the Vistula River in the Kuyavia region of what nation?

- A. Poland
- B. Czech Republic
- C. Ukraine
- D. Belarus

68. Which of these ruled Vietnam during most of the nineteenth century?

- A. the Khmer Kingdom
- B. the Mac Dynasty
- C. the Le dynasty
- D. the Nguyen dynasty

69. Veii and Volsinii were city-states that were part of what culture in the seventh and sixth centuries BCE?

- A. Saxon
- B. Etruscan
- C. Minoan
- D. Cycladic

70. Which of these Spanish cities was the last to fall during the Reconquista?

- A. Cordoba
- B. Granada
- C. Malaga
- D. Gibraltar

71. The Rangoon bombing in present-day Yangon, Myanmar in 1983 was an attempt by North Korea to assassinate which of the following world leaders?

- A. Ronald Reagan of the US
- B. Margaret Thatcher of the UK
- C. Chun Doo-hwan of South Korea
- D. Javier Perez de Cuellar of the United Nations

72. The Principality of Antioch and the Kingdom of Jerusalem were created as a result of what conflict?

- A. the First Crusade
- B. the Third Crusade
- C. the Seventh Crusade
- D. the Napoleonic Wars

73. La Navidad, the settlement established by Christopher Columbus in 1492 from the wreck of the Santa Maria, was located in what modern-day nation?

- A. Dominican Republic
- B. Haiti
- C. Grenada
- D. St. Lucia

74. Operation Blue Star targeted the Golden Temple in which of the following Indian cities?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Chennai
- C. Chandigarh
- D. Amritsar

75. Which of these was the center of silver mining and the location of a royal mint in colonial Spanish South America?

- A. Panama City
- B. Acapulco
- C. Potosi
- D. Manila

### **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.

How many African nations gained their independence from the beginning of the 1950s to the end of the 1960s?