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**Military History Examination
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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 was the dominant warship in the Mediterranean from the 4th to the 7th century BCE?

- A. the outrigger
- B. the penteconter
- C. the trireme
- D. the dromon

2. During the American Revolution, the worst Patriot defeat came with the taking of over 5,000 prisoners following the siege of what port city?

- A. Boston
- B. Charleston
- C. Baltimore
- D. New York

3. Russia invaded and annexed the Crimean Peninsula after the Revolution of Dignity in what year?

- A. 2006
- B. 2010
- C. 2014
- D. 2017

4. Romania's loss of territory during World War II led to a coup that ushered in a fascist dictatorship under which of the following?

- A. Ivan Bagryanov
- B. Josip Broz Tito
- C. Ion Antonescu
- D. Ismet Inonu

5. In 451, Attila and the Huns were defeated at which of these battles by a coalition of the Western Roman Empire and Germanic tribes?

- A. Catalunian Plains (Chalons)
- B. Red Cliffs
- C. Ikh Bayan
- D. Fei River

6. Gunpowder weapons were first developed during what Chinese dynasty?

- A. Ming
- B. Han
- C. Song
- D. Qin

7. Which of the following was NOT included in the Japanese campaigns launched on December 8, 1941?

- A. attack on Pearl Harbor
- B. Battle of the Coral Sea
- C. Malayan campaign
- D. Battle of Guam

8. What English novelist's essay "You and the Atomic Bomb" was one of the first to discuss the social implications of nuclear weapons?

- A. John Hersey
- B. Yoshie Hotta
- C. George Orwell
- D. H. G. Wells

9. Which of the following is considered Germany's last major offensive of World War II?

- A. Operation North Wind
- B. Operation Blockbuster
- C. Operation Christmas Tree
- D. Operation Spring Awakening

10. Historian Lynn White suggested in a 1962 book that which of the following inventions resulted in the introduction of feudalism to Europe in the 8th century?

- A. the crossbow
- B. the stirrup
- C. the saddle
- D. the longsword

11. Which of these was NOT a member of the Peloponnesian League during its namesake 5th century BCE war?

- A. Delos
- B. Sparta
- C. Corinth
- D. Megara

12. Which of these is NOT true of the Battle of Tsushima?

- A. it was a major defeat for the Russian Empire
- B. it is the only decisive naval battle fought between steel battleships
- C. it is the first naval battle in which radio played a decisive role
- D. it was the first major engagement in the Russo-Japanese War

13. Brutal suppression of Arab Spring protests by the government of Bashar al-Assad in 2011 has led to civil war in which of the following?
- Lebanon
 - Turkey
 - Oman
 - Syria
14. Which of the following was the target of Nazi Germany's amphibious Operation Sea Lion?
- United Kingdom
 - Poland
 - France
 - Soviet Union
15. Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius began his Meditations during which of these conflicts in the second century CE?
- the Parthian War
 - the Marcomannic Wars
 - the Cimbrian War
 - the Mithridatic Wars
16. Hormuz was captured in 1507 by which of the following during a namesake war with Safavid Persia?
- England
 - Spain
 - Portugal
 - Russia
17. An Allied victory at the First Battle of El Alamein halted the Axis advance on what nation?
- Egypt
 - Libya
 - Ethiopia
 - Sudan
18. The Évian Accords signed in March 1962 formalized the independence of which of the following?
- Algeria
 - Tunisia
 - Morocco
 - Senegal
19. The Schlieffen Plan of World War I called for Germany to invade France in which of these ways?
- a sea invasion from the north through Normandy
 - a sea invasion from the south through Cannes
 - a land invasion through Spain
 - a land invasion through the Netherlands and Belgium
20. The Genpei War led to the establishment of which of the following in the late 12th century?
- the Kamakura shogunate
 - the Nara period
 - the Heian period
 - the Kenmu restoration
21. Which of these was the climactic battle of the Second Punic War, resulting in the defeat of Hannibal and the surrender of Carthage?
- Trebia
 - Lake Trasimene
 - Metaurus River
 - Zama
22. Which of these was NOT one of the 'three emperors' who fought at the Battle of Austerlitz in 1805?
- Ferdinand I of Austria
 - Napoleon Bonaparte of France
 - Alexander I of Russia
 - Holy Roman Emperor Francis II
23. Which of the following Shia organizations has been at war with the Yemeni government since the early 2000s?
- Hizbollah
 - Houthis
 - Jundallah
 - Hamas
24. The Soviet Union invaded which of the following in October 1939 after it refused to sign a pact to build Soviet military bases?
- Latvia
 - Estonia
 - Lithuania
 - Finland
25. The Kalinga War was fought between the Kalinga and the Mauryan Empire under what ruler?
- Ashoka
 - Samprati
 - Brihadratha
 - Devavarman
26. In response to the widespread use of the cannon, fortifications commonly used what shape from the 16th to the 19th centuries?
- circle
 - star
 - diamond
 - hexagon
27. A victory in which of the following allowed United Nations Command to recapture Seoul from North Korean forces in 1950?
- Battle of Inchon
 - Battle of Pusan
 - Battle of Osan
 - Battle of Taejon
28. The massacre of the minority Tutsis by armed militant Hutus in occurred in which of the following in 1994?
- Uganda
 - Burundi
 - Rwanda
 - Tanzania

29. Which of these German colonies was taken over in 1914 by a namesake Expeditionary Force from New Zealand?
- German Southwest Africa
 - German Samoa
 - Togo
 - German East Africa
30. The Great Heathen Army is known for its devastation and pillaging of which of these locations in the 9th century?
- England
 - France
 - Italy
 - Greece
31. What Roman emperor won the Battle of Milvian Bridge in 312 and subsequently converted to Christianity after he and his soldiers legendarily saw a vision of the Chi Rho symbol?
- Diocletian
 - Maxentius
 - Constantius Chlorus
 - Constantine
32. The 'Thin Red Line' refers to an incident at which Crimean War Battle, at which the 93rd Highlanders stopped a Russian advance with their Minie rifles?
- the Battle of the Alma
 - the siege of Sevastopol
 - the Battle of Kurekdere
 - the Battle of Balaclava
33. Over a million Rohingya have fled which of the following nations whose military launched a genocide against them in 2016?
- Myanmar
 - Thailand
 - Bangladesh
 - Malaysia
34. What Wehrmacht tank commander led the Nazi campaign in North Africa?
- Wilhelm Keitel
 - Werner von Fritsch
 - Erwin Rommel
 - Franz Halder
35. The *Independence* class and the *Freedom* class are new ship classes designed for combat in what region by the United States Navy?
- littoral
 - alluvial
 - deep sea
 - lacustrine
36. Which of these leaders put down the Fronde in France in the middle of the 17th century?
- Charles IX
 - Henry IV
 - Louis XIV
 - Louis XVIII
37. What 1944 battle resulted in the Japanese successfully claiming important railroad connections in southern China?
- Battle of Shanghai
 - Battle of Changsha
 - Burma campaign
 - Siege of Tsingtao
38. The US government was implicated in scandal in the 1980s for illegally selling arms to Iran through what Iranian arms dealer?
- Adnan Khashoggi
 - Ansary Firouz
 - Maucher Ghorbanifar
 - Dara Fotouhi
39. The Senussi campaign of World War I involved an attack on what British protectorate in North Africa?
- Egypt
 - Libya
 - Syria
 - Jordan
40. The 1415 Battle of Agincourt was a decisive English victory over what rival European power?
- Russia
 - the Netherlands
 - France
 - Spain
41. Which of these is NOT true of the Warring States period in China?
- The Art of War* was written during this period
 - iron weapons became popular and saw widespread use
 - chariots became less popular and were replaced by cavalry
 - the first gunpowder weapons were used during this period
42. The Filiki Eteria was a secret organization formed in the early 19th century in order to secure the independence of what European nation?
- Yugoslavia
 - Greece
 - Bulgaria
 - Romania

43. What most recent addition to NATO sought membership due to the 2022 Russian invasion of Ukraine?
- Denmark
 - Finland
 - Norway
 - Poland
44. Which of the following was the site of a 900-day siege during Operation Barbarossa?
- Stalingrad
 - Smolensk
 - Moscow
 - Leningrad
45. Drabant, cataphract, hussar and cuirassier were all types of which of the following military unit?
- cavalry
 - infantry
 - marines
 - artillery
46. Cristovao da Gama's Portuguese troops intervened in a 16th century conflict between the Adal Sultanate and what East African empire led by the Solomonic Dynasty?
- Ethiopia
 - Mali
 - Great Zimbabwe
 - Kanem
47. Participation in and contributions to World War I accelerated a 'Home Rule' movement in which of these British colonies, which at one time during the war had a larger army than Britain itself?
- Australia
 - Canada
 - India
 - New Zealand
48. Which of the following was originally commissioned as the USS Phoenix before being sold to Argentina and sunk by a nuclear torpedo in May 1982?
- ARA General Belgrano
 - ARA Punta Delgada
 - ARA Hercules
 - ARA Comodoro Somellera
49. The 'Race to the Sea' during World War I involved a series of flanking moves as the Germans and the French advanced to what body of water?
- the Atlantic Ocean
 - the English Channel
 - the Mediterranean Sea
 - the Black Sea
50. Which of these was established in the late 16th century in the midst of the Eighty Years' War?
- Luxembourg
 - the Papal States
 - the Dutch Republic
 - the Electorate of Hanover
51. In the 3rd millennium BCE, longer sword blades were able to be forged using which of these metalloids combined with copper?
- silicon
 - arsenic
 - sulfur
 - gallium
52. What general commanded Union forces at the Battle of Shiloh in 1862?
- William Sherman
 - George McClellan
 - Ulysses Grant
 - Ambrose Burnside
53. Which of these is NOT true of the medieval weapon known as Greek fire?
- it was used to great effect in naval combat
 - it was used to save Constantinople from multiple sieges
 - it was often applied using pressurized nozzles similar to a modern flamethrower
 - its formula and composition have been conclusively determined in modern times
54. What January 1943 meeting between Roosevelt and Churchill included discussions of the plan to invade Italy?
- Cairo Conference
 - Casablanca Conference
 - Potsdam Conference
 - Atlantic Conference
55. After the fall of the Soviet Union, many of the former Soviet republics united together under which of the following in 1992?
- League of Nations
 - Collective Security Treaty
 - Mutual Defense Treaty
 - Warsaw Pact
56. Following European settlement in New Zealand, the Maori engaged in a period of intertribal warfare named for what weapon?
- spear
 - sword
 - musket
 - cannon

57. Disagreements over Japan's plan to engage with the US in World War II led to the resignation of what Prime Minister in October 1941?
- Fumimaro Konoe
 - Naruhiko Higashikuni
 - Teiichi Suzuki
 - Hideki Tojo
58. The Bosnian War ended in December 1995 with the signing of accords in what US city?
- Odenton, MD
 - Clovis, NM
 - Pensacola, FL
 - Dayton, OH
59. The first carrier-launched airstrike occurred during World War I with Sopwith Camels launched from the deck of what ship?
- the USS Enterprise
 - the HMS Dreadnought
 - the HMS Furious
 - the Japanese ship Akagi
60. Which of these is the common name for the late 16th century Japanese invasions of Korea?
- the Joseon War
 - the Ming War
 - the Pusan War
 - the Imjin War
61. The Battle of Raphia, one of the largest battles of the ancient world with an estimated 140,000 troops, was fought over control of Coele Syria between what two Hellenistic kingdoms?
- Ptolemaic Egypt and the Seleucid Empire
 - Antigonid Macedonia and Attalid Pergamum
 - Nabatea and Bithynia
 - Galatia and Cappadocia
62. Commodore George Dewey led the Asiatic Squadron to a victory in what decisive naval battle during the Spanish-American War?
- Havana Harbor
 - El Caney
 - Santiago de Cuba
 - Manila Bay
63. Which of these was the result of the 1071 Battle of Manzikert?
- a rousing victory for the Byzantine Empire
 - the Norman conquest of the Balkans
 - the capture of Emperor Romanos IV Diogenes by the Seljuks
 - the launching of the Second Crusade
64. The Boshin War and Satsuma Rebellion occurred during the reign of what 19th century Japanese emperor?
- Kokaku
 - Komei
 - Ninko
 - Meiji
65. The Cuban Missile Crisis resulted in a hotline that connected what two nations?
- Cuba and United States
 - United States and Turkey
 - Soviet Union and Cuba
 - United States and Soviet Union
66. Which of these was NOT one of the Ten Great Campaigns of the Qing dynasty of China?
- suppression of Taiwanese Aborigines
 - an invasion of Japan
 - pacification of Xinjiang
 - two campaigns against the Gurkhas
67. Which of these was an anti-Bolshevik state created in the Caucasus immediately following World War I?
- Nakhchivan
 - Nagorno-Karabagh
 - the Republic of Mountainous Armenia
 - the Transcaucasian Republic
68. The right-wing faction of the Kuomintang massacred Communists in what Chinese city in April of 1927?
- Guangzhou
 - Beijing
 - Wuhan
 - Shanghai
69. Which of these men, who served as First Lord of the Admiralty at its start, suffered significant political fallout as a result of the Gallipoli campaign?
- Lord Kitchener
 - Winston Churchill
 - H.H. Asquith
 - David Lloyd George
70. King William's War was the North American theater of what late 17th century conflict?
- the Seven Years' War (the French and Indian War)
 - the Franco-Dutch War
 - the Glorious Revolution
 - the Nine Years' War (the War of the Grand Alliance)
71. The defeat of the Roman Empire at which of these battles supposedly prompted Emperor Augustus to exclaim 'Quintilius Varus, give me back my legions'?
- Vosges
 - Gergovia
 - Teutoburg Forest
 - Watling Street

72. The 1823 Battle of Lake Maracaibo was the last engagement in the war for independence of what South American nation?

- A. Brazil
- B. Venezuela
- C. Chile
- D. Argentina

73. Scholars estimate that the military campaigns of Timur (Tamerlane) in the 14th century resulted in the deaths of what percentage of the world's population?

- A. 1%
- B. 2%
- C. 5%
- D. 25%

74. The Niños Heroes became icons due to their stand during an engagement in what 19th century conflict?

- A. the Mexican-American War
- B. the Mexican Revolution
- C. the Texas War of Independence
- D. the Brazilian War of Independence

75. Which of the following nations offered the support of their Air Force to airlift supplies to West Berlin in 1948 under Operation Pelican?

- A. France
- B. Australia
- C. Canada
- D. South Africa

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 people are currently serving as active-duty members of the United States Armed Forces?