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**Asian Geography Examination  
2024 Asian Championships**

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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 in the box at the top of your scantron.**

1. Which of the following was NOT a territory in French Indochina?

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

2. Which of the following serves as the main shipping channel between the Indian and Pacific oceans?

- A. Bering Strait
- B. Strait of Malacca
- C. Erie Canal
- D. Strait of Hormuz

3. What faith was introduced to East Africa and Southeast Asia by Arab merchants traveling through the Indian Ocean?

- A. Animism
- B. Shintoism
- C. Orthodox Christianity
- D. Islam

4. The 1947 Partition of India resulted in the creation of which of the following nations?

- A. Mongolia and South Korea
- B. Nepal and China
- C. India and Pakistan
- D. Vietnam and Malaysia

5. What Middle Eastern nation has the second largest oil reserves in the world behind Venezuela?

- A. Tunisia
- B. Turkmenistan
- C. Sudan
- D. Saudi Arabia

6. Which of the following became the permanent capital of China in 1949?

- A. Karakorum
- B. Beijing
- C. Xi'an
- D. Ye

7. What two continents are divided at the Sinai Peninsula by the Suez Canal?

- A. Asia and Africa
- B. Australia and Asia
- C. North America and South America
- D. Europe and Asia

8. What largest religious structure in the world serves as both a Hindu and Buddhist temple in Cambodia?

- A. Church of the Holy Sepulchre
- B. Koutoubia Mosque
- C. Valencia Cathedral
- D. Angkor Wat

9. What highest mountain above sea level lies within the Himalayas in South Asia?

- A. Lhotse
- B. Kangchenjunga
- C. Mount Everest
- D. Mount Kilimanjaro

10. Which of the following is the capital of Iran?

- A. Islamabad
- B. Tehran
- C. Kabul
- D. Manama

11. The hajj, a pillar of the Islamic faith, is a pilgrimage to what holy city?

- A. Rome
- B. Istanbul
- C. Mecca
- D. Moscow

12. The Strait of Hormuz serves as a major transit path for what lucrative resource?

- A. timber
- B. bananas
- C. crude oil
- D. uranium

13. What Iraqi capital was chosen as the capital of the Abbasid Caliphate in 762 CE?

- A. Ankara
- B. Riyadh
- C. Baghdad
- D. Damascus

14. Which of the following spanned from Central Asia to Central Europe making it the largest contiguous land empire in history?

- A. Achaemenid Empire
- B. Mongol Empire
- C. Umayyad Empire
- D. Srivijaya Empire

15. The 2023 presidency of the G7 was held by what nation led by Prime Minister Fumio Kishida?

- A. Japan
- B. Laos
- C. Iraq
- D. China

16. A 2023 heat wave claimed the lives of 179 in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar in what South Asian nation?

- A. Lebanon
- B. Yemen
- C. Qatar
- D. India

17. Which of the following forms a border between Pakistan and Afghanistan?

- A. Ural Mountains
- B. Khyber Pass
- C. Indus River
- D. Lake Van

18. Which of the following has the largest population of Muslims in the world?

- A. Iraq
- B. Pakistan
- C. Indonesia
- D. Egypt

19. The novel coronavirus that caused the COVID-19 pandemic was first discovered in what Hubei Province capital?

- A. Wuhan
- B. Kunming
- C. Fuzhou
- D. Chengdu

20. Turkmenistan contains four small exclaves claimed by what northern neighbor?

- A. Estonia
- B. Uzbekistan
- C. Thailand
- D. Yemen

21. The Srivijaya Empire was based on what Indonesia island?

- A. Mauritius
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Taiwan
- D. Sumatra

22. The 1990 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait sparked a war named for what nearby body of water?

- A. Gulf of Mexico
- B. Persian Gulf
- C. Gulf of Guinea
- D. Bay of Bengal

23. What militant group based in Lebanon has fired thousands of rockets at Israel since the beginning of the Israel-Hamas war?

- A. PIJ
- B. Sultan Murad
- C. Houthis
- D. Hezbollah

24. Which of the following overtook China to become the world's most populated country in April 2023?

- A. India
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Pakistan
- D. Indonesia

25. Bhutan created which of the following to measure the well-being of their population?

- A. Gross Domestic Income
- B. Gross Domestic Product
- C. Gross National Happiness
- D. Gross National Product

26. What river's basin was the birthplace of ancient Chinese civilization?

- A. Po River
- B. Yellow River
- C. Volga River
- D. Pearl River

27. According to the Abrahamic religions, Moses received the Ten Commandments in which of the following places?

- A. Mount Cho Oyu
- B. Mount Blanc
- C. Mount Sinai
- D. Mount Kenya

28. Zoroastrianism, Mithraism, and Manichaeism are all religious traditions that originated in what current Islamic republic?

- A. Iran
- B. Pakistan
- C. Bahrain
- D. Oman

29. What East Asian language is the most spoken language in the world?

- A. Vietnamese
- B. Telugu
- C. Bengali
- D. Mandarin

30. Kazakhstan's largest shared border is with what northern neighbor?
- Russia
  - India
  - China
  - Iran
31. The Xizang Autonomous Region is more often referred to as which of the following?
- Guangxi
  - Tibet
  - Inner Mongolia
  - Ningxia
32. Which of the following bodies of water is NOT considered to be included in West Asia?
- Gulf of Aqaba
  - Gulf of Oman
  - Gulf of Tonkin
  - Gulf of Aden
33. Which of the following has been recognized as a state by 135 UN Member Nations but not by the US and Western allies?
- Changhai
  - Abkhazia
  - Kuwait
  - Palestine
34. Jordan, Egypt, and Lebanon all recognize which of the following as their only official language?
- Arabic
  - Hebrew
  - Farsi
  - Turkish
35. Jengish Chokusu is the highest peak in what Central Asian mountain range?
- Ruwenzori
  - Carpathian Mountains
  - Caucasus Mountains
  - Tian Shan
36. The South China Sea Arbitration was a territorial dispute concerning issues like the nine-dash line between what two nations?
- Japan and Russia
  - China and the Philippines
  - India and Iran
  - Maldives and Sri Lanka
37. In 1938, Philbun changed Siam's name to reflect the unification of what people under his regime?
- Thai
  - Javanese
  - Ho
  - Khmer
38. What only landlocked nation of mainland Southeast Asia has been historically used as a buffer state by its neighbors?
- Vietnam
  - Cambodia
  - Myanmar
  - Laos
39. Japan lies within what active tectonic belt of volcanoes and earthquakes?
- Antarctic Plate
  - Mid-Ocean Ridge
  - Cantabrian Arc
  - Ring of Fire
40. Sri Lanka experiences which of the following during the Maha and Yala seasons?
- monsoons
  - earthquakes
  - typhoons
  - tsunamis
41. Which of the following best describes the Rub' al Khali that spans a third of the Arabian Peninsula?
- It's a mountain range.
  - It's an underground aquifer.
  - It's a desert.
  - It's a continental rift.
42. Bangladesh and Nepal are separated by what stretch of land that surrounds the city of Silliguri?
- Lucknow
  - Chicken's Neck
  - Christmas Pie
  - French Lick
43. What second largest desert of Asia covers an area of 1.295 million square kilometers?
- Karakum Desert
  - Arabian Desert
  - Gobi Desert
  - Thar Desert
44. What mountain range mostly contained within Iran includes Mount Dena?
- Zagros Mountains
  - Balkan Mountains
  - Ural Mountains
  - Altai Mountains
45. Brunei, Indonesia, and Singapore all list which of the following as an official language?
- Lao
  - Thai
  - Malay
  - Tagalog

46. India harvests what kind of energy from the volcanic Barren Island?
- A. biomass energy
  - B. wind energy
  - C. solar energy
  - D. geothermal energy
47. Which of the following is the capital of Mongolia?
- A. Tashkent
  - B. Ulaanbaatar
  - C. Bishkek
  - D. Ashgabat
48. Ninety-five percent of Armenia's population practice which of the following traditions?
- A. Yazidism
  - B. Catholicism
  - C. Sunni Islam
  - D. Oriental Orthodoxy
49. What Central Asian body of water has been internationally recognized as in crisis due to its rapid desiccation in the 2010s?
- A. Aral Sea
  - B. Mediterranean Sea
  - C. Sea of Azov
  - D. Caspian Sea
50. Latakia and Tartus are main trading ports for Syria on what body of water?
- A. Caspian Sea
  - B. Black Sea
  - C. Mediterranean Sea
  - D. Arabian Sea
51. North and South Korea are divided on what line of latitude?
- A. 17th parallel
  - B. 38th parallel
  - C. 23rd parallel
  - D. 66th parallel
52. Which of these Chinese traditions emphasized the importance of one's role in both their family and in society?
- A. Folk traditions
  - B. Daoism
  - C. Legalism
  - D. Confucianism
53. Which of the following was the top export of both Armenia and Georgia in 2022?
- A. coal
  - B. diamonds
  - C. copper
  - D. petroleum
54. What largest emirate of the United Arab Emirates has the second-largest population?
- A. Umm Al Quwain
  - B. Fujairah
  - C. Ajman
  - D. Abu Dhabi
55. High rates of intestinal disease in Georgia in the 1990s were traced to the pollution of which of the following?
- A. Timor Sea
  - B. Yellow Sea
  - C. North Sea
  - D. Black Sea
56. Which of the following does NOT currently administer the territory of Kashmir?
- A. Afghanistan
  - B. China
  - C. India
  - D. Pakistan
57. What southern terminus of the Grand Canal reached a population of one million people 600 years before London?
- A. Lijiang
  - B. Hangzhou
  - C. Pingyao
  - D. Dali
58. Which of the following is the least populous country in Asia?
- A. Maldives
  - B. Singapore
  - C. Qatar
  - D. Georgia
59. The Philippines and Indonesia are both examples of which of the following?
- A. basins
  - B. isthmuses
  - C. buttes
  - D. archipelagos
60. The Fergana Valley in Central Asia is irrigated by which of the following rivers?
- A. Lena
  - B. Indus
  - C. Syr Darya
  - D. Liao
61. Which of the following is the only Central Asian state that generates all of its water resources within their own territory?
- A. Nepal
  - B. Kyrgyzstan
  - C. Armenia
  - D. Tajikistan

62. Which of the following is the largest of the four main islands of Japan?

- A. Hokkaido
- B. Honshu
- C. Shikoku
- D. Kyushu

63. What landlocked salt lake is the lowest land-based elevation on Earth?

- A. Dead Sea
- B. Lake Baikal
- C. Issyk Kul
- D. Uvs Lake

64. Bangladesh contains the delta plains of all of the following EXCEPT?

- A. Ganges
- B. Mekong
- C. Brahmaputra
- D. Meghna

65. Which of the following is true about Gangkhar Puensum?

- A. It has been claimed by both China and Bhutan.
- B. It's the highest unclimbed mountain in the world.
- C. It's the highest peak in India.
- D. It lies on the border between Bhutan and India.

66. Which of the following was the last to proclaim independence from the Soviet Union in December of 1991?

- A. Turkmenistan
- B. Tajikistan
- C. Azerbaijan
- D. Kazakhstan

67. Which of the following correctly identifies the countries known as the Four Asian Tigers?

- A. Maldives, Brunei, Malaysia, Cambodia
- B. China, Japan, Indonesia, North Korea
- C. Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan
- D. Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Myanmar, Thailand

68. The headquarters of the Olympics Council of Asia is located in what Persian Gulf capital city?

- A. Amman
- B. Doha
- C. Muscat
- D. Kuwait City

69. Which of the following is NOT true about Bhutan?

- A. It is a landlocked nation.
- B. It's a constitutional monarchy.
- C. It shares a border with Myanmar.
- D. Its capital city is Thimphu.

70. Vietnam's capital city of Hanoi literally means "inside the river" in reference to the city's position between what two rivers?

- A. Red and Black rivers
- B. Irrawaddy and Wang rivers
- C. Mekong and Ping rivers
- D. Yangtze and Pearl rivers

71. What empire of late antiquity, also known as the 'Empire of Iranians', conquered much of modern-day Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia and parts of Central Asia?

- A. Wu Empire
- B. Sasanian Empire
- C. the Kandyen Kingdom
- D. Gupta Empire

72. The end of the Genpei War in Japan resulted in a military government based in which of these cities?

- A. Osaka
- B. Kamakura
- C. Nagasaki
- D. Hiroshima

73. In 1948, Muhammad Ali Jinnah said in a speech that which of these should be the state language and lingua franca of Pakistan?

- A. Urdu
- B. Tamil
- C. Hindi
- D. Sanskrit

74. The Rattanakosin Kingdom ruled the area of which of these modern-day nations from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> centuries?

- A. Malaysia
- B. Indonesia
- C. Vietnam
- D. Thailand

75. Ha Long Bay is a notable example of karst topography in what Southeast Asian nation?

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

## Tiebreaker

This question will only be scored if there is a tie for placement on the exam. **This is a required question, but there is no penalty for a wrong answer to this question.**

Write your answer legibly in the space provided on your scantron.

As of the 2022 national census, what was the population of Bangladesh?