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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.

- Which of the following was first built as separate retaining barriers in northern China in the 3rd century BCE by the Qin dynasty?
 - Temple of Heaven
 - Great Wall of China
 - Foguang Temple
 - Wang Family Compound
- Which of the following seceded from Pakistan in 1971?
 - Bangladesh
 - Tibet
 - Nepal
 - Afghanistan
- What Chinese explorer mapped Southeast Asia and East Africa in his seven voyages between 1405 to 1433?
 - Vasco de Gama
 - Marco Polo
 - Zheng He
 - Ibn Battuta
- The Vedas are the oldest example of literature written in what language?
 - Aramaic
 - Linear B
 - Cuneiform
 - Sanskrit
- Which of the following religious traditions was NOT founded in India?
 - Islam
 - Sikhism
 - Hinduism
 - Buddhism
- Which of the following was established by Genghis Khan in 1206?
 - Achaemenid Empire
 - Safavid Empire
 - Mongol Empire
 - Arab Empire
- What political party first introduced the idea of partitioning India to create a separate state for Muslims?
 - Indian National Congress
 - All-India Muslim League
 - Hindu Mahasabha
 - National People's Party
- What formerly isolated nation was forced to reopen its trading ports by US Commodore Matthew Perry in 1854?
 - Iran
 - Philippines
 - Malaysia
 - Japan
- Which of the following was used by Chinese kings and emperors to legitimize their ruler as early as the 11th century BCE?
 - Mandate of Heaven
 - Survival of the Fittest
 - Neo-Confucianism
 - Muhammad's Succession
- The network of Eurasian trade routes that connected Europe to luxury goods in China was named for what important good?
 - glass
 - tea
 - silk
 - wheat
- Timor Leste is the only Southeast Asian nation that is not a member of what economic union?
 - Pacific Alliance
 - Gulf Cooperation Council
 - Association of Southeast Asian Nations
 - South Asian Free Trade Area
- The first use of paper for records is dated to 8 BCE in what nation?
 - Singapore
 - China
 - Maldives
 - Brunei
- Saigon was renamed in 1976 in honor of communist revolutionary and former president?
 - Ho Chi Minh
 - Deng Xiaoping
 - Le Duan
 - Kim Il Sung

14. The Boshin War contributed to the fall of what military-based political system in Japan?

- A. khanate
- B. sultanate
- C. caliphate
- D. shogunate

15. What semitic people produced the first mature alphabet with a fixed writing direction?

- A. Parthians
- B. Phoenicians
- C. Akkadians
- D. Macedonians

16. Which of the following conquered China in 1279 and established the Yuan dynasty?

- A. Mongols
- B. Bengalis
- C. Turks
- D. Kazakhs

17. The Chinese unsuccessfully tried to conquer what land in the Goguryeo-Sui War in the 7th century?

- A. Russia
- B. India
- C. Mongolia
- D. Korea

18. What nation launched an attack on the city of Rafah in May 2024 as part of a campaign to eliminate Hamas?

- A. Yemen
- B. Turkiye
- C. Israel
- D. Armenia

19. Ancient Malabar coastal cities like Muziris attracted traders who wanted access to which of the following goods?

- A. gunpowder
- B. spices
- C. horses
- D. paper

20. The Bhakti movement gained traction in India quickly because it offered spirituality outside of what strict Hindu social structure?

- A. the five vows
- B. filial piety
- C. the Eightfold path
- D. the caste system

21. Which of the following successfully defended against Mongol invasions of India from 1221 to 1327?

- A. Delhi Sultanate
- B. Song dynasty
- C. Joseon kingdom
- D. Kushan Empire

22. Which of the following currently has the highest per capita GDP in Asia?

- A. Syria
- B. Yemen
- C. Singapore
- D. Timor Leste

23. Which of the following founded the Mughal Empire in 1526?

- A. Akbar
- B. Babur
- C. Shah Jahan
- D. Aurangzeb

24. The Great Game was a fight for influence in Central Asia between what two nations in the 19th century?

- A. Russia and Britain
- B. USA and Japan
- C. China and the Ottomans
- D. India and France

25. Which of the following served as the first female Prime Minister of India?

- A. Sajidha Mohamed
- B. Sirimavo Bandaranaike
- C. Benazir Bhutto
- D. Indira Gandhi

26. Liu Bang's 206 BCE insurrection overthrew the Qin dynasty and established what golden age dynasty?

- A. Tang
- B. Han
- C. Xin
- D. Shang

27. What longest serving President of Indonesia established an authoritarian regime in Indonesia after the 1967 fall of Sukarno?

- A. Souphanouvong
- B. Pol Pot
- C. Suharto
- D. Jatti

28. European rule in Southeast Asia ended in 1984 when Britain ended what nation's protectorate status?

- A. Myanmar
- B. China
- C. Vietnam
- D. Brunei

29. Qin Shi Huang ordered a mass burning of books in 213 BCE under the guise of what secular Chinese philosophy?

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

30. Which of the following led the Egyptian revolution of 1952 before being elected president of Egypt in 1956?
- Yosef Sprinzak
 - Ibrahim al-Hamdi
 - Gamal Abdel Nasser
 - Jacques Soustelle
31. Which of the following founded the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in 1932?
- Fahd
 - Khalid
 - Abdullah
 - Ibn Saud
32. The Sikh Empire was established in 1799 in what Northwest region of India?
- Uttar Pradesh
 - Punjab
 - Bihar
 - Karnataka
33. Which of the following best describes the 1953 agreement to halt the Korean War?
- An annexation of South Korea to North Korea was approved by both nations.
 - A peace treaty was signed that included reparations from both nations.
 - A ceasefire was agreed upon and the DMZ was established to separate the nations.
 - An agreement was signed to resume fighting after the Christmas holiday.
34. What Japanese city hosted the delayed 2020 Summer Olympics in July 2021?
- Tokyo
 - Busan
 - Xi'an
 - Nara
35. During the Qing dynasty, China was ruled by what Tungusic ethnic group?
- Cossacks
 - Manchus
 - Hindi
 - Kurds
36. What regime was responsible for the 1975-1979 Cambodian genocide?
- Mughal Empire
 - Pagan Kingdom
 - Rattanakosin Kingdom
 - Khmer Rouge
37. The Taiping Rebellion sought to overthrow the Qing dynasty and convert the Han people to a new syncretic version of what faith?
- Christianity
 - Zoroastrianism
 - Tengrism
 - Islam
38. Which of the following was NOT ever a Soviet republic?
- Uzbekistan
 - Kazakhstan
 - Pakistan
 - Turkmenistan
39. Though religiously tolerant, the founders of the Vijayanagara Empire were devout worshippers of what Hindu destroyer god?
- Shiva
 - Brahma
 - Devi
 - Vishnu
40. The era of Chinese history dominated by warlords was sparked in 184 CE with what peasant revolt?
- Rebellion of the Seven States
 - Rebellion of Han Zhao
 - Rebellion of the Three Guards
 - Yellow Turban Rebellion
41. What 1899-1901 uprising led by the Society of Righteous and Harmonious Fists sought to expel foreign influence from China?
- Boxer Rebellion
 - Huang Chao Rebellion
 - Nian Rebellion
 - Red Turban Rebellion
42. Which of the following served as the first president of the Republic of China?
- Cao Kun
 - Zhou Ziqi
 - Chiang Kai-shek
 - Hu Wiede
43. The Warring States period greatly reduced the emperor's power in what longest-lasting ancient Chinese dynasty?
- Ming
 - Zhou
 - Han
 - Xia
44. What medieval Indian dynasty repeatedly invaded and occupied Sri Lanka?
- Gahadavala dynasty
 - Shunga dynasty
 - Nanda dynasty
 - Chola dynasty
45. The Gulf War began with the 1990 Iraqi invasion of which of the following?
- Kuwait
 - Iran
 - Lebanon
 - Bahrain

46. Ito Hirobumi was the first person to serve under which of the following titles in 1900?
- Shogun of Japan
 - Prime Minister of Japan
 - President of Japan
 - Emperor of Japan
47. The May Fourth Movement was sparked by the allowance of Japan to retain Chinese territories by what 1919 treaty?
- Treaty of Kanagawa
 - Mountbatten Plan
 - Treaty of Versailles
 - Paris Peace Accords
48. What Turco-Mongol conqueror lends his name to a 14th-16th century renaissance of arts and sciences among the Gunpowder Empires?
- Safi
 - Ashoka
 - Murad
 - Timur
49. What southwestern Indian state was a Portuguese territory from 1510 until its annexation in 1961?
- Goa
 - Puducherry
 - Telangana
 - Kerala
50. What former prosecutor narrowly defeated Lee Jae-myung in the 2022 South Korean presidential election?
- Tsai Ing-wen
 - Yoon Suk Yeol
 - Fumio Kishida
 - Srettha Thavisin
51. What only Chinese emperor of peasant descent established the Embroidered Uniform Guard to purge opposing officials and generals?
- Emperor Taizu
 - Hongwu Emperor
 - Jiajing Emperor
 - Emperor Gaozu
52. The United Arab Emirates currently consists of how many emirates?
- twelve
 - one
 - twenty
 - seven
53. What Indian nationalist tried to form a military alliance with Germany or Japan during World War II to achieve Indian independence?
- Subhas Chandra Bose
 - Muhammad Ali Jinnah
 - Maulana Azad
 - Vinayak Damodar Savarkar
54. The Laguna Copperplate Inscription dated to 900 CE is the earliest known document in the Philippines to include which of the following?
- a reference index
 - an illumination
 - a calendar date
 - an incorrect translation
55. Which of the following leaders was NOT deposed during the Arab Spring in the early 2010s?
- Saddam Hussein
 - Hosni Mubarak
 - Ali Abdullah Saleh
 - Muammar Gaddafi
56. The literature and politics of the Sangam period in India was dominated by what Dravidian people?
- Parsi
 - Tamil
 - Gujarati
 - Brokpa
57. Which of the following controlled almost 30% of the world's wealth between 1 CE and 1000 CE?
- Japan
 - Iran
 - Egypt
 - India
58. The Treaty of Nanking ceded which of the following to the British empire in 1842?
- Shanghai
 - Taiwan
 - Hong Kong
 - Tibet
59. Which of the following was initiated by the Chinese government in the 1960s to improve defense and industrial infrastructure?
- Third Front campaign
 - Green Revolution
 - Tanzimat reforms
 - Five Year Plan
60. The 1910 Meiji reforms westernized the city governments of what Southeast Asian nation?
- Indonesia
 - Philippines
 - Bangladesh
 - Thailand
61. What two Japanese clans clashed in the Genpei War during the late Heian period?
- Han and Fujiwara
 - Muromachi and Tang
 - Taira and Minamoto
 - Yayoi and Edo

62. Which of the following is the national legislature of Japan?
- National Diet
 - National People's Congress
 - National Assembly
 - Supreme People's Assembly
63. The Middle Kingdom of Egypt began with the reunification of Egypt under the reign of what Eleventh Dynasty pharaoh?
- Sneferu
 - Mentuhotep II
 - Ramesses I
 - Djoser
64. What first Premier of the People's Republic of China met Richard Nixon in Beijing in 1972 to establish relations with the US?
- Jiang Zemin
 - Lin Mu
 - Hua Guofeng
 - Zhou Enlai
65. The 641 marriage of Princess Wencheng and Songtsan Gampo temporarily settled territory disputes between what two nations?
- China and Tibet
 - Japan and Korea
 - Mongolia and China
 - India and Tibet
66. The Maurya Empire formed in 322 BCE from what Mahajanapada kingdom that settled in the Central Ganges Plain?
- Asmaka
 - Kuru
 - Magadha
 - Surasena
67. The Second Burmese Empire was centered in what principality that was a minor vassal state until 1510?
- Champa
 - Toungoo
 - Siam
 - Manipur
68. Which of the following nations saw the ousting of Askar Akayev in the 2005 Tulip Revolution?
- Jordan
 - Azerbaijan
 - Bhutan
 - Kyrgyzstan
69. The Chanyuan Treaty signed in 1005 established peace between what two major powers in China?
- Song dynasty and Liao dynasty
 - Chi dynasty and Wei dynasty
 - Han dynasty and Xiongnu Empire
 - Jin dynasty and Eastern Wu kingdom
70. The Partition of India officially went into effect in August of what year?
- 1919
 - 1947
 - 1857
 - 1935
71. What nomadic empire amassed the largest contiguous land empire in history in the 13th century?
- Vijayanagara Empire
 - Tokugawa Shogunate
 - Abbasid Caliphate
 - Mongol Empire
72. The Mekong Delta has been under control of what nation since 1757?
- Vietnam
 - North Korea
 - Japan
 - Pakistan
73. What largest Philippine island holds both the capital city and most populous city of the Philippines?
- Cebu
 - Siquijor
 - Samal
 - Luzon
74. What Muslim sultanate of India successfully repelled Mongol invasions in the 13th century?
- Srivijaya Empire
 - Chola dynasty
 - Maratha Empire
 - Delhi Sultanate
75. What Asian city's namesake 'Skytree' became one of the 5 tallest structures in the world upon its 2011 completion?
- Tokyo
 - Vladivostok
 - Incheon
 - Ulaanbaatar

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.

What is the land area of Bangladesh in square miles?