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Military History 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 these was the most significant military technology used by the Qin and Han dynasties in their conquests and consolidation of power?

- A. gunpowder cannons
- B. crossbows
- C. steel armor
- D. 'Greek fire'

2. Which of these is true of the Battle of the Catalaunian Plains in 451 CE?

- A. the Romans lost the battle and Rome was sacked by Visigoths as a result
- B. the Pergamon surrendered to Rome and the city became part of the empire
- C. Arminius defeated the Roman legions commanded by Varus
- D. the Huns under Attila were defeated by the Romans and Visigoths

3. The Mamluks under Qutuz and Baibars defeated what invading force at the 1260 Battle of Ain Jalut?

- A. the Third Crusade
- B. the Ottomans
- C. Kievan Rus
- D. the Mongols

4. The end of the Thirty Years' War saw a new principle in international law regarding state sovereignty emerge that is named for what treaty that ended the war?

- A. the Treaty of Paris
- B. the Peace of Augsburg
- C. the Treaty of Westphalia
- D. the Treaty of Verdun

5. Which Union Civil War general was temporarily relieved of command in 1861 due to what his wife called a bout of 'melancholy insanity'?

- A. William T. Sherman
- B. Albert S. Johnston
- C. Edmund Kirby Smith
- D. Don Carlos Buell

6. Which of the following battles, by most estimates one of the bloodiest in human history, took place along a namesake French river between July and November 1916?

- A. Battle of the Champagne
- B. Battle of the Seine
- C. Battle of the Somme
- D. Battle of Verdun

7. The Battle of Kursk during World War II is considered to be the largest battle in history featuring which of these weapons?

- A. aircraft carriers
- B. tanks
- C. battleships
- D. submarines

8. Which of these best describes the German V-2 developed in the early 1940s?

- A. it was the first jet aircraft
- B. it was the first nuclear submarine
- C. it was the codename of the Nazi atomic weapon program
- D. it was the first long-range, guided ballistic missile

9. Joshua Milton Blahyi, a warlord in the First Liberian Civil War in the late 20th century, became famous for what nom de guerre?

- A. 'Carlos the Jackal'
- B. 'Old Gimlet Eye'
- C. 'General Butt Naked'
- D. 'Fighting Joe Hooker'

10. In 1983, a military barracks housing peacekeeping forces from France and the United States was bombed in what Lebanese city, killing hundreds of soldiers?

- A. Sidon
- B. Tripoli
- C. Beirut
- D. Byblos

11. The death of Alexander the Great led to a series of conflicts named for what Greek term for 'successor'?

- A. satrap
- B. phalanx
- C. hoplite
- D. diadochi

12. Hasdrubal Barca's defeat at Battle of the Metaurus in 207 BCE resulted in which of these?
- the end of the Third Punic War and the destruction of Carthage
 - the beginning of Julius Caesar's dictatorship
 - Carthaginian reinforcements were prevented from reaching Hannibal and he had to retreat to southern Italy
 - the Roman army continued into Gaul and began their conquest
13. Which of these was defeated by the Franks under Charles Martel at the Battle of Tours in 732?
- the Umayyad Caliphate
 - the Huns
 - the Mongols
 - the Ottomans
14. The Treaty of Amity and Commerce and the Treaty of Alliance, both signed in 1778, brought what European power into the American Revolution against the British?
- the Netherlands
 - Spain
 - Russia
 - France
15. What major Confederate stronghold on the Mississippi River fell to the Union on July 4, 1863?
- New Orleans
 - Port Hudson
 - Vicksburg
 - Baton Rouge
16. Which of the following commanded the American Expeditionary Force during World War I?
- Smedley Butler
 - John J. Pershing
 - Dwight D. Eisenhower
 - Douglas MacArthur
17. Which of the following proved a major advantage in the American victory at the Battle of Midway?
- the breaking of one of the Japanese Navy's main naval codes
 - the use of American nuclear weapons
 - suicide attacks by American aviators
 - the advanced technology of American aircraft carriers and fighter planes
18. President Lyndon Johnson sent American combat troops to Vietnam in the mid-1960s under a law named for what location?
- Saigon
 - the Gulf of Tonkin
 - Khe Sanh
 - Hue
19. Which of the following men led the Sergeants' Revolt in Cuba in 1933 and controlled the country until the Communist Revolution?
- Carlos Manuel de Cespedes
 - Fulgencio Batista
 - Fidel Castro
 - Valeriano Weyler
20. The incident that inspired the book and film Black Hawk Down took place at the Battle of Mogadishu during a civil war in what African nation?
- Eritrea
 - Ethiopia
 - Nigeria
 - Somalia
21. Which of the following was the main cause of the ancient Roman Social War fought between 91-88 BCE?
- Roman subjugation of slaves and gladiators
 - Rome's refusal to grant citizenship to allied Italian cities
 - the growing conflict between Julius Caesar and Pompey the Great
 - Sulla's attempt seize power in the Republic
22. In the 13th century, two invasions of Japan were stopped in part by typhoons that are referred to by what Japanese term?
- shugo
 - jito
 - gokenin
 - kamikaze
23. The late 15th century White Elephant War was a conflict between empires based in what two Southeast Asian neighbors?
- Cambodia and Thailand
 - China and Korea
 - Vietnam and Laos
 - India and Pakistan
24. The last battle for Venezuelan independence was won by Republican forces on what body of water?
- Angel Falls
 - Orinoco River
 - Guri Reservoir
 - Lake Maracaibo
25. The Battle of Yalu River in 1894 was a major engagement in which of these conflicts?
- the Russo-Japanese War
 - the First-Sino Japanese War
 - the Boxer Rebellion
 - the Taiping Rebellion

26. Which of these helped bring the US into World War I?
A. the sinking of the USS Maine
B. the sinking of the USS Arizona
C. an attack on the Aleutian Islands
D. the 1917 Zimmerman telegram
27. Which of the following was appointed commander of US Army Forces in the Far East by Franklin Roosevelt in July of 1941 amid rising tensions in the region?
A. Dwight Eisenhower
B. Omar Bradley
C. Douglas MacArthur
D. George Patton
28. Which of these was the leader of North Korea during the Korean War?
A. Kim Jong-un
B. Kim Il-sung
C. Roh Tae-woo
D. Lee Myung-bak
29. Which of these ended the Algerian War in 1962?
A. the Geneva Convention
B. the Treaty of Versailles
C. the Treaty of Paris
D. the Evian Accords
30. The Iran-Iraq War, which lasted from 1980 to 1988, was partly fought over a territorial dispute in which region?
A. Kurdistan
B. Gaza Strip
C. West Bank
D. Shatt al-Arab
31. What empire defeated the Egyptians at the Battle of Pelusium in 525 BCE and ruled during the 27th Dynasty?
A. Achaemenid Persia
B. Hittites
C. Phoenicians
D. Greeks
32. What dynasty was established by Kublai Khan after the Mongols conquered China in 1271?
A. Yuan dynasty
B. Song dynasty
C. Xia dynasty
D. Zhou dynasty
33. The defeat of Portugal at the 'Battle of Three Kings' in 1580 by the Sultanate of Morocco led to the fall of what Portuguese dynasty?
A. Bourbon
B. Hapsburg
C. Braganza
D. Aviz
34. The Army of the Three Guarantees united the forces of Vicente Guerrero and what future emperor of Mexico?
A. Hernan Cortés
B. Agustín Iturbide
C. Bartolome de las Casas
D. Christopher Columbus
35. The Boshin War helped bring about the direct rule of what emperor over Japan?
A. Taisho
B. Komei
C. Meiji
D. Ninko
36. Roughly what percentage of the 60 million European soldiers who fought in World War I were killed in action?
A. 30%
B. 13%
C. 5%
D. 2%
37. Which of these men, who served time in a prisoner of war camp, wrote about the bombing of Dresden in his novel Slaughterhouse Five?
A. Truman Capote
B. Kurt Vonnegut
C. John Irving
D. John Updike
38. The Falkland War resulted in which of the following in Great Britain in the early 1980s?
A. a rapid loss of prestige in the world community due to the British defeat
B. a sharp decline in the British economy due to international sanctions
C. a jump in popularity for Margaret Thatcher in Great Britain
D. the end of British colonialism due to the Falkland's independence
39. The NATO bombings of Yugoslavia in 1999 took place as a reaction to which of these?
A. the ongoing conflict in Kosovo and Yugoslav rejection of a NATO peacekeeping force in the region
B. violation of the Dayton Accords by the Serbs
C. an attack on UN peacekeepers
D. the escape of several prisoners from the International Criminal Tribunal for Yugoslavia
40. The Swat Valley in Pakistan was briefly taken over by which militant group in 2007?
A. the Taliban
B. Al-Qaeda
C. the PLO
D. ISIS

41. The Maccabean Revolt in Judea in the 2nd century BCE was a conflict with what empire?
- Athenian
 - Macedonian
 - Seleucid
 - Roman
42. Which of these was the most decisive weapon of the Hundred Years' War?
- cannon
 - longbow
 - corvus
 - rifle
43. The 1575 Battle of Tukaroi saw the Bengal Sultanate defeated by what major South Asian power led by Akbar?
- the Maratha Empire
 - the Mughal Empire
 - the Kingdom of Kandy
 - the British Raj
44. Empress Dowager Cixi initially supported the Chinese rebels and declared war on the Allied invaders during what 1899-1901 conflict?
- Ping-liu-li Uprising
 - Great Ming Uprising
 - Huizhou Uprising
 - Boxer Rebellion
45. A misunderstood order at the Battle of Balaclava in 1854 resulted in what famous action immortalized in a Tennyson poem?
- the stand of the 'Thin Red Line'
 - the 'Charge of the Light Brigade'
 - the 'Charge of the Heavy Brigade'
 - the 'Balaclava Storm'
46. Which of the following was the German plan to justify the invasion of Poland by staging false-flag attacks?
- Operation Marita
 - Operation Worek
 - Operation Peking
 - Operation Himmler
47. What author of Infantry Attacks and German field marshal committed suicide in 1944 after being implicated in a plot to assassinate Adolf Hitler?
- Claus von Stauffenberg
 - Friedrich Olbricht
 - Erwin von Witzleben
 - Erwin Rommel
48. The suicide attack on the US Navy ship USS Cole took place in what port city in 2000?
- Cairo, Egypt
 - Aden, Yemen
 - Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
 - Muscat, Oman
49. The Football War was a 100-hour conflict between what two nations?
- Nicaragua and Belize
 - Mexico and Guatemala
 - El Salvador and Honduras
 - Panama and Costa Rica
50. The island of Vieques gained attention in the late 1990s and early 2000s due to which of these uses by the US Navy?
- a weapons-testing ground
 - a prison for enemy combatants in the 'War on Terror'
 - a secret CIA training facility
 - a base for launching assaults on Cuba
51. The Trung Sisters led a short-lived rebellion against which of these Chinese dynasties in the 1st century CE?
- Qin
 - Sui
 - Han
 - Tang
52. The Eighty Years' War resulted in the independence of which of these?
- Portugal
 - the Dutch Republic
 - Prussia
 - Poland-Lithuania
53. The defeat of Toyotomi loyalist clans under Ishida Mitsunari at the Battle of Sekigahara led to the establishment of what era of Japanese history?
- the Sengoku Period
 - the Heian Period
 - the Meiji restoration
 - the Tokugawa shogunate
54. Which of the following is NOT true of the period known as the Reign of Terror?
- It lasted more than ten years.
 - France was controlled by the Committee of Public Safety.
 - It involved a series of massacres and public executions of French citizens.
 - It coincided with the War of the First Coalition.
55. During World War I, the Ottoman government conducted a genocide of about one million people of what ethnicity?
- Russians
 - Hungarians
 - Armenians
 - Egyptians

56. General Francisco Franco led which of these factions to victory in the Spanish Civil War?

- A. Nationalists
- B. Royalists
- C. Republicans
- D. Patriots

57. Which of these battles of the Pacific theater largely crippled the offensive capability of the Japanese Navy and was the first in which organized kamikaze attacks were used?

- A. Manila Bay
- B. Tsushima Strait
- C. Leyte Gulf
- D. Philippine Sea

58. The Geneva Conventions of 1949 prohibit all of these EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. attacking people parachuting from a crashing aircraft
- B. fighting under a flag of truce or surrender
- C. wearing an enemy military uniform
- D. using the symbols of the Red Cross or United Nations to attack an enemy

59. ANZAC Day, observed in Australia and New Zealand, commemorates which of the following military actions?

- A. an attempted Japanese invasion of Australia during World War II
- B. the Battle of the Somme
- C. the Battle of the Bulge
- D. the Gallipoli campaign

60. Which of the following leaders pushed Italy to invade Ethiopia in the 1930s?

- A. Benito Mussolini
- B. Joseph Stalin
- C. Franklin Roosevelt
- D. Neville Chamberlain

61. An Athenian force under Miltiades defeated the Persians at what notable 490 BCE battle outside of Athens?

- A. Marathon
- B. Actium
- C. Pharsalus
- D. Syracuse

62. In 865 CE, England was invaded by a force known as which of the following?

- A. the Spanish Armada
- B. the Golden Horde
- C. the Great Heathen Army
- D. the Normans

63. The Battle of Tondibi in 1591 resulted in the collapse of which of these?

- A. the Umayyad Caliphate
- B. the Songhai Empire
- C. the Kingdom of Luba
- D. the Zulu

64. The Anaconda Plan was designed to do which of these at the start of the American Civil War?

- A. prevent southern states from leaving the Union
- B. raise 75,000 volunteers for the Union Army
- C. blockade Confederate ports and divide the southern states at the Mississippi River
- D. prevent the Confederacy's recognition by Great Britain

65. Which of the following best describes the outcome of the First Battle of Marne in 1914?

- A. Trench warfare began on the Western Front after the German advance was halted.
- B. The Russian Second Army was almost completely destroyed.
- C. Germany retreated back out of France after devastating casualties.
- D. Alsace-Lorraine was annexed by Germany.

66. The French Committee of National Liberation, formed in 1943 by Henri Giraud and Charles de Gaulle, set up a transitional government in what African city before reclaiming Paris in 1944?

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

67. Operation Husky was the codename for which of the following during World War II?

- A. the Allied invasion of Sicily
- B. the Allied invasion of North Africa
- C. the German invasion of the Soviet Union
- D. the Axis bombing campaign in England

68. The Selous Scouts were known for the use of biological and chemical weapons and the killing of civilians during which 20th century African conflict?

- A. the Rhodesian Bush War
- B. the Arab Spring
- C. the Cedar Revolution
- D. the Carnation Revolution

69. In the 1795 Battle of Krtsanisi, Qajar Iran defeated the forces of the Kingdom of Kartli-Kakheti and Kingdom of Imereti to capture what city in the Caucasus?

- A. Baku
- B. Tbilisi
- C. Yerevan
- D. Sochi

70. Many historians and medical experts believe that wartime censorship may have increased mortality from which of these in the 20th century?

- A. the Pearl Harbor attacks
- B. the Vietnam War
- C. the 'Spanish' flu pandemic
- D. the sinking of the Lusitania

71. The 331 BCE Battle of Gaugamela was a decisive blow in Alexander the Great's conquest of what empire?

- A. Egypt
- B. Persia
- C. Assyria
- D. Babylon

72. Attila and Bleda led which of the following nomadic groups in the fifth century CE?

- A. Gauls
- B. Celts
- C. Picts
- D. Huns

73. What king of England, the last monarch killed in combat, died at the Battle of Bosworth Field in 1485?

- A. Henry VIII
- B. Henry VII
- C. George II
- D. Richard III

74. The British fought a series of wars against what empire located in their colony of the Gold Coast in the nineteenth century?

- A. the Ashanti
- B. the Fante
- C. the Zulu
- D. the Ndwandwe

75. The Germans violated the Hague Convention at the Second Battle of Ypres in utilizing what weapon?

- A. poison gas
- B. machine guns
- C. tanks
- D. howitzers

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.

By the end of 1918, how many men were serving in the British Army?