

International Academic Competitions

Recent History Examination 2024 Asian Championships

Name _____

School _____

Age _____

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. What largest online reference database was launched in January of 2001?

- A. Wikipedia
- B. JSTOR
- C. IMDb
- D. Academic Search

2. The Second People Power Revolution ousted Joseph Estrada from the presidency of which of the following nations?

- A. Japan
- B. Philippines
- C. Cambodia
- D. Australia

3. Which of the following was inaugurated as president of the United States in January 2001?

- A. Ross Perot
- B. Al Gore
- C. Joe Lieberman
- D. George W. Bush

4. In June 2001, Crown Prince Dipendra killed eleven members of what nation's royal family?

- A. Kazakhstan
- B. Mongolia
- C. Nepal
- D. China

5. Which of the following was responsible for the September 11 attacks on the twin towers of the World Trade Center?

- A. IRA
- B. Islamic Jihad Union
- C. ISIS
- D. al-Qaeda

6. Which of the following currencies first entered physical circulation among member states in 2002?

- A. franc
- B. euro
- C. peseta
- D. mark

7. A failed coup in 2002 removed what Venezuelan president from office for only 47 hours?

- A. Hugo Chavez
- B. Gustavo Noboa
- C. Richard Lagos
- D. Mireya Moscoso

8. The African Union was founded in May 2001 in what Ethiopian capital city?

- A. Addis Ababa
- B. Sirte
- C. Lagos
- D. Accra

9. What American spacecraft manufacturer was founded by Elon Musk in 2002?

- A. Blue Origin
- B. Rocket Lab
- C. SpaceX
- D. Boeing

10. What space shuttle known for carrying the first female astronaut of Indian origin into space disintegrated during its 2002 re-entry?

- A. Enterprise
- B. Columbia
- C. Challenger
- D. Endeavor

11. What game console that uses motion sensing controls and gesture recognition was released by Nintendo in 2006?

- A. Nintendo 64
- B. Game Boy
- C. Wii
- D. GameCube

12. The nonviolent change of power that ended Soviet leadership in Georgia in 2003 was named for which of the following?

- A. daisy
- B. rose
- C. tulip
- D. lily

13. What nation's nuclear weapons program was the topic of the 2003 six-party talks?

- A. Israel
- B. India
- C. North Korea
- D. Afghanistan

14. Angela Merkel became the first female Chancellor of which of the following in 2005?

- A. Spain
- B. Italy
- C. Germany
- D. Iceland

15. NASA secured the first images of what largest moon of Saturn in October of 2004?

- A. Titan
- B. Oberon
- C. Ganymede
- D. Galatea

16. Which of the following platforms was created in 2004 by Mark Zuckerberg?

- A. MySpace
- B. tumblr
- C. YouTube
- D. Facebook

17. Before she served as the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Michelle Bachelet was president of what South American nation?

- A. Chile
- B. Venezuela
- C. Costa Rica
- D. Dominica

18. The notorious criminal known as 'El Chapo' led the Sinaloa drug cartel in what country before he was imprisoned in the US?

- A. Brazil
- B. Mexico
- C. Canada
- D. Argentina

19. Which of the following released the Grammy award winning single "Yeah!" featuring Lil Jon and Ludacris in 2004?

- A. Chris Brown
- B. Drake
- C. Usher
- D. Frank Ocean

20. Tom Brady led which of the following teams to their first Super Bowl win in 2002?

- A. Oakland Raiders
- B. Carolina Panthers
- C. St Louis Rams
- D. New England Patriots

21. The International Astronomical Union's formal definition of a planet resulted in the demotion of which of the following in 2006?

- A. Haumea
- B. Pluto
- C. Ceres
- D. Makemake

22. Chinese government restrictions on internet usage are known by what clever nickname?

- A. the 'Great Firewall'
- B. the 'Googleplex'
- C. the 'Red Banner'
- D. the 'Red VPN'

23. What hurricane was responsible for destruction and extensive flooding in and around the city of New Orleans in 2005?

- A. Alpha
- B. Bernice
- C. Katrina
- D. Red

24. Which of the following was invented in 2008 as the first decentralized cryptocurrency?

- A. Bitcoin
- B. Ethereum
- C. Terra
- D. Dogecoin

25. Boko Haram launched an armed rebellion against what African government in July 2009?

- A. Rwanda
- B. Ethiopia
- C. Madagascar
- D. Nigeria

26. The European sovereign debt crisis in 2010 was triggered by loan defaults in which of the following nations?

- A. Estonia
- B. Turkey
- C. Greece
- D. Ireland

27. European air traffic was disrupted in 2010 by the eruptions of Eyjafjallajökull in what nation?

- A. Iceland
- B. United Kingdom
- C. Cyprus
- D. Malta

28. What Arab Spring movement involved the self-immolation of Mohamed Bouazizi and the ousting of dictator Zine El Abidine?

- A. Egypt
- B. Tunisia
- C. Yemen
- D. Bahrain

29. What Eternal General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea died in 2011?

- A. Jasper Tsang
- B. Naoto Kan
- C. Hu Jintao
- D. Kim Jong Il

30. Which of the following caused billions of dollars in damage in the US, Canada, and the Caribbean in October 2012?

- A. Hurricane Nicole
- B. Hurricane Sandy
- C. Hurricane Ian
- D. Hurricane Andrew

31. Xi Jinping was first elected to which of the following positions in 2012?

- A. Supreme Leader of North Korea
- B. Prime Minister of Pakistan
- C. President of Mongolia
- D. General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party

32. Experiments at the Large Hadron Collider in Geneva resulted in the discovery of what "God particle" in 2012?

- A. Higgs boson
- B. Tau neutrino
- C. Bottom quark
- D. Z boson

33. The National Movement for the Liberation of Azawad declared itself separate from what North African nation in 2012?

- A. Central African Republic
- B. Mali
- C. Uganda
- D. Somalia

34. Which of the following is true about Pope Francis?

- A. He was preceded by John Paul II.
- B. He served as the Archbishop of Warsaw.
- C. He became pope in 2005.
- D. He is the first pope from South America.

35. What Rockstar Games installment released in 2013 allows players to roam the fictional state of San Andreas?

- A. BioShock Infinite
- B. Saints Row IV
- C. Grand Theft Auto V
- D. Assassin's Creed IV

36. What former president was instrumental in advocating for South Africa to host the 2010 FIFA World Cup?

- A. Rupiah Banda
- B. Nelson Mandela
- C. Robert Mugabe
- D. Joseph Kabila

37. Approximately 11,000 West Africans died in the 2014 outbreak of which of the following diseases?

- A. Ebola
- B. Yellow fever
- C. Malaria
- D. Influenza

38. Narendra Modi was elected Prime Minister of which of the following nations in 2014?

- A. India
- B. Uzbekistan
- C. Thailand
- D. Brunei

39. In June of 2018, New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern became only the second elected leader in the world to do which of these in office?

- A. resign
- B. die
- C. give birth to a child
- D. be put in prison

40. The 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action set limits on what nation's nuclear program in exchange for sanctions relief?

- A. Russia
- B. France
- C. Pakistan
- D. Iran

41. Spirit, Opportunity, and Curiosity are all vehicles that have landed on and explored what planet during the last 20 years?

- A. Mars
- B. Jupiter
- C. Saturn
- D. Neptune

42. Which of the following is NOT true of the 2016 US presidential election?

- A. Hillary Clinton edged out Bernie Sanders for the Democratic nomination.
- B. Donald Trump secured 304 electoral votes.
- C. Hillary Clinton was the first female candidate of a major party.
- D. Donald Trump won the popular vote.

43. What Niantic and Nintendo collaboration game released in 2016 quickly became the best selling mobile game?

- A. Pokémon Go
- B. Flappy Bird
- C. Temple Run
- D. Crossy Road

44. Which of the following storms was NOT part of the very dangerous 2017 Atlantic Hurricane season?

- A. Hurricane Harvey
- B. Hurricane Katrina
- C. Hurricane Maria
- D. Hurricane Irma

45. The 2018 March for Our Lives demonstration was sparked by the Parkland high school shooting in what US state?
- Florida
 - Texas
 - Ohio
 - Colorado
46. Which of the following nations passed a law in 2018 that allowed women to drive?
- Libya
 - Cyprus
 - Saudi Arabia
 - Jordan
47. What highest grossing film of all time was written and directed by James Cameron and released in 2009?
- Titanic
 - Avengers: Endgame
 - Star Wars: Episode VII
 - Avatar
48. What Peabody Award winning Beyoncé album was surprise-released in 2016 alongside a 65-minute film of the same name?
- Views
 - Lemonade
 - Purpose
 - 25
49. Taylor Swift, Adele, and Coldplay feuded with what music streaming service over artist compensation in the 2010s?
- Spotify
 - Tidal
 - SoundCloud
 - Amazon Music
50. What critically acclaimed crime drama series ended Walter White's story with the episode "Felina" in September 2013?
- Narcos
 - Ozark
 - Breaking Bad
 - The Sopranos
51. Muhammadu Buhari, Goodluck Jonathan, and Bola Tinubu have all served in what highest office of a major African nation?
- Prime Minister of Seychelles
 - President of Nigeria
 - Prime Minister of Madagascar
 - King of Eswatini
52. With her 2024 win for *Midnights*, which of the following is the only artist to have won the Grammy's Album of the Year four times?
- Billie Eilish
 - Dua Lipa
 - Taylor Swift
 - Olivia Rodrigo
53. The roof and main spire of what Paris institution collapsed in a major fire in 2019?
- Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore
 - Sagrada Familia
 - Hagia Sophia
 - Notre-Dame
54. What progressive European nation became the first to legalize same-sex marriage in 2001?
- Hungary
 - Russia
 - the Netherlands
 - Bulgaria
55. What newly established military branch was the subject of 2020 Netflix workplace comedy starring Steve Carrell?
- Space Force
 - Coast Guard
 - Air Force
 - Navy SEALs
56. What Israeli Prime Minister was indicted for charges of bribery and fraud in 2019?
- David Ben-Gurion
 - Benjamin Netanyahu
 - Naftali Bennett
 - Ariel Sharon
57. Which of these was NOT one of the most popular internet browsers in the world in January 2000?
- Netscape Navigator
 - Internet Explorer
 - Google Chrome
 - Opera
58. What Amazon CEO became the first man to have a net worth exceeding \$200 billion in 2020?
- Jeff Bezos
 - Elon Musk
 - Michael Dell
 - Steve Jobs
59. The attack on the US Capitol in 2021 by supporters of Donald Trump is named for which of the following dates?
- March 12
 - January 6
 - December 25
 - November 4

60. Which of the following events created a path of totality across North America on April 8, 2024?

- A. annular solar eclipse
- B. hybrid eclipse
- C. partial lunar eclipse
- D. total solar eclipse

61. MORENA, the ruling party of Mexico since 2018, is the political party founded in part by what Mexican president?

- A. Andrés Manuel López Obrador
- B. Enrique Peña Nieto
- C. Felipe Calderón
- D. Vicente Fox

62. Which of the following became the first female, first Asian, and first black Vice President in US history in 2021?

- A. Ketanji Brown-Jackson
- B. Laphonza Butler
- C. Deb Haaland
- D. Kamala Harris

63. Which of these did NOT join the UN in the 2000s?

- A. South Sudan
- B. Kenya
- C. Switzerland
- D. Timor-Leste

64. Hideki Matsuyama became the first man from Japan to win a golf major in 2021 with his win at what Georgia tournament?

- A. Open Championship
- B. French Open
- C. Grand Prix
- D. Masters Tournament

65. Ingenuity's successful 2021 mission showed flight is possible in what planet's atmosphere?

- A. Mercury
- B. Mars
- C. Saturn
- D. Neptune

66. In 2021, Miguel Díaz-Canel became the first non-Castro in 62 years to lead what nation?

- A. Argentina
- B. Venezuela
- C. Cuba
- D. Jamaica

67. The Concorde, which was retired from service in 2003, was which of these in international travel?

- A. a supersonic airplane
- B. a space shuttle
- C. a European bullet train
- D. a trans-Atlantic ocean liner

68. Which of the following was rebranded as "X" after it was purchased by Elon Musk in 2022?

- A. Messenger
- B. Pinterest
- C. Threads
- D. Twitter

69. What former Japanese Prime Minister was assassinated in 2022 while giving a campaign speech?

- A. Li Keqiang
- B. Shinzo Abe
- C. Hun Sen
- D. Fumio Kishida

70. Which of the following was crowned king of the United Kingdom in May 2023?

- A. Felipe VI
- B. Charles III
- C. Harald V
- D. Albert II

71. Which of the following was the target of a 2023 arrest warrant for the unlawful deportation of Ukrainian children to Russia?

- A. Alexander Lukashenko
- B. Volodymyr Zelenskyy
- C. Vladimir Putin
- D. Andrzej Duda

72. The Israel-Hamas war that began in October 2023 has been waged mostly in what territory?

- A. East Jerusalem
- B. Al-Karak
- C. Golan Heights
- D. Gaza

73. What Caribbean nation declared a state of emergency after gangs stormed two prisons and demanded the resignation of Ariel Henry?

- A. Haiti
- B. Grenada
- C. Barbados
- D. Trinidad and Tobago

74. Three of the six films that have grossed over \$2 billion at the box office worldwide were directed by what person?

- A. Steven Spielberg
- B. James Cameron
- C. George Lucas
- D. Greta Gerwig

75. Shortly after his 2022 FIFA World Cup win with Argentina, Lionel Messi signed with what American team?

- A. Inter Miami
- B. Philadelphia Union
- C. Los Angeles FC
- D. Columbus Crew

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.

In US dollars, what was the average price of a ticket for a show on Taylor Swift's recent Eras Tour?