



Map and Flag Examination IAC Asian Championships 2026 Varsity / Junior Varsity Division

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.

Questions 1-40 refer to the images in the resource section.

1. This flag was used in the early 20th century for what independent state that is now a part of China?

- A. Hong Kong
- B. Macau
- C. Tibet
- D. Nepal

2. The flag of Nunavut features a red inukshuk in the center, which is a type of stone landmark built by what native people who inhabit the territory?

- A. Mohawk
- B. Inuit
- C. Cherokee
- D. Tlingit

3. Shown here is the personal flag of what European ruler?

- A. Charles III of the UK
- B. Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands
- C. Albert II of Monaco
- D. Hans-Adam II of Liechtenstein

4. The gonfalon shown here is a type of flag based on an early type of flag used by the legions of which ancient empire?

- A. Persians
- B. Phoenicians
- C. Egyptians
- D. Romans

5. The 'Golden Arrowhead' flag of Guyana was designed in the 1960s by American Whitney Smith who coined what term for the study of the history and symbolism of flags?

- A. vexillology
- B. numismatics
- C. philately
- D. chivalry

6. This flag represents the Metis people, a mixed ancestry Indigenous people in what nation?

- A. Canada
- B. Mexico
- C. Costa Rica
- D. Iceland

7. The frigatebird and a rising sun are found on the flag of what island nation in Micronesia?

- A. the Philippines
- B. Kiribati
- C. New Guinea
- D. New Zealand

8. What type of tree, partly named for its native country, is seen on this flag?

- A. French pine
- B. Swedish fir
- C. Lebanese cedar
- D. Panama palm

9. The grey crowned crane, native to Sub-Saharan Africa, is at the center of what national flag?

- A. Morocco
- B. Algeria
- C. Eritrea
- D. Uganda

10. Liechtenstein added a crown to its flag in 1937 to distinguish it from the flag of what Western Hemisphere nation?

- A. Cuba
- B. Mexico
- C. Haiti
- D. Brazil

11. Malawi is one of how many national flags that feature the sun?

- A. more than 15
- B. 10
- C. 7
- D. 5

12. The 'Lone Star' flag shown here represents what southern US state?

- A. Minnesota
- B. New York
- C. Washington
- D. Texas

13. The Swaraj flag shown here, adopted by the Indian National Congress in 1931 as an early flag of India, was based on a design from what leader?

- A. C. Rajagopalachari
- B. Mahatma Gandhi
- C. K. M. Munshi
- D. B. R. Ambedkar

14. What world religion is represented by the flag known as the Nishan Sahib pictured here?

- A. Protestant Christianity
- B. Roman Catholicism
- C. Sikhism
- D. Islam

15. In a F1 race, a green flag like this one means which of the following?

- A. the end of the race
- B. hazard or debris on the track
- C. faster cars are approaching
- D. the start of the race or the end of a caution

16. The red on the flag of the Dominican Republic represents which of the following?

- A. fire and blood from the independence struggle of the 19th century
- B. close economic and social ties to Spain
- C. peaceful connection with its neighbor Haiti
- D. kinship with the US

17. Which of these are represented by the five rings on the Olympic flag?

- A. the founding countries of the Olympic movement
- B. the five rules of Olympic competition
- C. the five inhabited continents
- D. there is one ring for each billion people on earth in 1900

18. The red on the flag of North Korea represents what political ideology?

- A. theocracy
- B. anarchism
- C. democracy
- D. communism

19. The colors of the 'Belgrano flag' shown here came to symbolize the 19th century independence of Central and South American countries from what European power?

- A. Portugal
- B. Spain
- C. the US
- D. France

20. The flag shown here was proposed in 1948 as the new flag of what European nation, which eventually adopted a very similar design for its current flag?

- A. Germany
- B. Romania
- C. Serbia
- D. Croatia

21. Created in 1960, what European nation's flag features a large image of the outline of the country?

- A. Malta
- B. Croatia
- C. Cyprus
- D. Latvia

22. What country, which officially gained independence in 2002, adopted the flag seen here in 1975 at the end of Portuguese colonization?

- A. Namibia
- B. Timor-Leste
- C. Cambodia
- D. Albania

23. The flag of Papua New Guinea is one of several to feature what constellation that is visible below the 35th parallel?

- A. Ursa Major
- B. the Southern Cross
- C. Orion
- D. Andromeda

24. What national flag, shown here, features four trigrams from the I Ching around the central taijitu symbol?

- A. Taiwan
- B. Indonesia
- C. Cambodia
- D. South Korea

25. The Spanish flag is a member of what flag family that includes the flags of Ireland and France?

- A. triband
- B. Christian cross
- C. crescent
- D. stars and stripes

26. Red six-pointed stars, representing milestones in the city's history, are at the center of the flag of what major US city on Lake Michigan?

- A. New Orleans
- B. Baltimore
- C. New York City
- D. Chicago

27. What South American nation ruled from Montevideo has three official flags, including this one, the 'Flag of the Treinta y Tres'?

- A. Argentina
- B. Uruguay
- C. Chile
- D. Peru

28. The flag seen here was adopted in 2024 by what nation after the fall of the Assad regime?

- A. Libya
- B. Syria
- C. Lebanon
- D. Jordan

29. What US Pacific territory, namesake of a major World War II naval battle, is represented by this flag?

- A. Midway Atoll
- B. Guam
- C. US Virgin Islands
- D. Northern Mariana Islands

30. The flag of Slovakia, like those of Serbia and Croatia, belongs to what flag family with a red, white, and blue color scheme?

- A. Pan-Slavic
- B. Pan-Colombian
- C. Trucial States
- D. United Nations

31. The flag of the Acadiana region of southern Louisiana symbolizes in part what two colonial powers that ruled the area before the 19th century?

- A. the UK and Mexico
- B. Russia and Sweden
- C. the Netherlands and Portugal
- D. France and Spain

32. The flag here was proposed in 1996 to represent which of the following?

- A. the UN
- B. the EU
- C. Antarctica
- D. the Galapagos Islands

33. This flag represented what unrecognized African state in the 1960s and 70s, an area that became the nation of Zimbabwe?

- A. Rhodesia
- B. Katanga
- C. Biafra
- D. Transvaal

34. The flag seen here is often used to represent what Mexican state, also the name of a popular dog breed?

- A. Jalisco
- B. Oaxaca
- C. Quintana Roo
- D. Chihuahua

35. Which of these is represented by the yellow stripe on the flag of Nauru?

- A. the Prime Meridian
- B. the Equator
- C. the Tropic of Cancer
- D. the Tropic of Capricorn

36. What Nordic nation's flag is considered the oldest national flag still currently in use?

- A. Norway
- B. Sweden
- C. Denmark
- D. Finland

37. The 'Fiesta Flag' seen here represents what largest city in California?

- A. Sacramento
- B. San Francisco
- C. Los Angeles
- D. San Diego

38. The 'Broken Trident' on the flag of Barbados is connected to the trident carried by what Greek god of the sea?

- A. Zeus
- B. Poseidon
- C. Ares
- D. Apollo

39. This flag represents the national police force, commonly called 'the Mounties', of what nation in the Americas?

- A. Canada
- B. the US
- C. Mexico
- D. Costa Rica

40. What branch of the UK military has been represented by this flag since it was created in the early 20th century?

- A. Marines
- B. Air Force
- C. Army
- D. Navy

Questions 41-50 refer to Map 1 in the resource section.

41. Which of these abbreviations is often used to describe the countries in this region of the world?

- A. MENA
- B. NATO
- C. ECOWAS
- D. SEATO

42. Iran is located at which number on the map?

- A. 10
- B. 11
- C. 12
- D. 13

43. The Strait of Hormuz, located south of Iran, connects what two bodies of water?

- A. the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden
- B. the Red Sea and the Mediterranean Sea
- C. the Mediterranean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean
- D. the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman

44. Which of these cities is the capital of the country at number 5 on the map?

- A. Rabat
- B. Tunis
- C. Algiers
- D. Cairo

45. The island at number 15 is part of the territory of what neighboring nation?

- A. Somalia
- B. Oman
- C. Ethiopia
- D. Yemen

46. In addition to fighting with Iran, Israel has also been engaged in bombing campaigns in the neighboring nation marked at what number on the map?

- A. 6
- B. 7
- C. 9
- D. 16

47. What number is closest to the mouth of the Nile River?

- A. 5
- B. 7
- C. 17
- D. 18

48. What small East African nation is shown at number 17 on the map?

- A. Djibouti
- B. Sudan
- C. Ethiopia
- D. Somalia

49. Morocco has actual control over about 70% of what disputed territory shown at number 1 on the map?

- A. South Sudan
- B. The Gambia
- C. Western Sahara
- D. Canary Islands

50. Which of these is NOT true of the flag of Gibraltar, the territory shown at number 3 on the map?

- A. it is the only British Overseas Territory without the Union Jack on its flag
- B. it features a red and white color scheme with a gold key
- C. the castle on the flag does not represent a real building
- D. it prominently features the image of the Spanish flag

Questions 51-60 refer to Map 2 in the resource section.

51. Which number on the map shows the mouth of the Amazon River?

- A. 6
- B. 10
- C. 12
- D. 1

52. Which of these numbers is closest to the Equator?

- A. 5
- B. 9
- C. 11
- D. 14

53. The Falkland Islands are located between what two numbers on the map?

- A. 14 and 15
- B. 12 and 13
- C. 1 and 3
- D. 5 and 6

54. Which of these is true of the desert located at number 16?

- A. it has a polar desert climate
- B. it has basically no life within it, including humans
- C. it is the largest fog desert in the world
- D. it has a short monsoon season but is still a dry desert environment

55. The estuary at number 13 is known by what name?

- A. Rio Negro
- B. Parana
- C. Orinoco
- D. Rio de la Plata

56. What two national capitals are on either side of number 13 on the map?

- A. La Paz and Sucre
- B. Montevideo and Buenos Aires
- C. Caracas and Bogota
- D. Lima and Georgetown

57. Numbers 1 and 2 on the map are both within the territory of what nation?

- A. Ecuador
- B. Paraguay
- C. Argentina
- D. Peru

58. Which number does NOT point to an area within the Brazilian Rainforest?

- A. 4
- B. 9
- C. 10
- D. 11

59. The strait named for Ferdinand Magellan is shown at what number on the map?

- A. 1
- B. 6
- C. 7
- D. 15

60. What major South American mountain, the peak of which is the farthest point from the center of the Earth, is shown at number 3 on the map?

- A. Chimborazo
- B. Aconcagua
- C. Cabaraya
- D. Tupungato

Questions 61-70 do not refer to images.

61. Which of these flags is NOT a member of the Christian cross family?

- A. the UK
- B. the US
- C. Switzerland
- D. Tonga

62. The flag of Turkmenistan has a multicolored stripe that shows a historical tie to what woven art form?

- A. silk-screening
- B. crochet
- C. carpet making
- D. needlepoint

63. Which African flag features a Maasai shield and crossed spears?

- A. Nigeria
- B. Egypt
- C. Kenya
- D. South Africa

64. Which of these national flags does NOT feature a sun in its design?

- A. Japan
- B. North Macedonia
- C. Kazakhstan
- D. Romania

65. Which of these two states adopted newly redesigned flags in 2024?

- A. Utah and Minnesota
- B. Texas and Louisiana
- C. Mississippi and South Carolina
- D. California and Oregon

66. Which one of these flags does NOT feature a red, white, and blue color scheme?

- A. France
- B. Great Britain
- C. Russia
- D. Romania

67. The only square national flags in the world belong to Switzerland and what microstate?

- A. Andorra
- B. Vatican City
- C. Monaco
- D. San Marino

68. Both Georgia and Mississippi have changed their state flag designs in the last 30 years to remove what controversial symbol?

- A. images of slaves
- B. the Confederate battle flag
- C. images of Native Americans
- D. weapons

69. Many of the flags in the Crescent family represent countries with which of these as their major religion?

- A. Sikhism
- B. Buddhism
- C. Hinduism
- D. Islam

70. One of the earliest US flag designs, dating back to 1776, is very similar to the flag used by what corporation instrumental to British colonization?

- A. East India Company
- B. DeBeers
- C. Rothschild Bank
- D. Company of Merchant Adventurers

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 total number of current national, overseas territories, federal provinces, and states that incorporate the Union Jack in their flags?