



## **Recent History Examination IAC Asian Championships 2026 Elementary / Middle School 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.**

1. What global solidarity campaign, which went viral in October 2017, encouraged survivors to share experiences of sexual harassment?

- A. #MeToo movement
- B. Women's March
- C. #BlackLivesMatter
- D. Time's Up movement

2. Which longtime Zimbabwean president, who had ruled since 1980, was ousted in a coup in November 2017?

- A. Idi Amin
- B. Robert Mugabe
- C. Muammar Gaddafi
- D. Jacob Zuma

3. What 2017 hurricane caused catastrophic damage across Puerto Rico, leaving much of the island without power for months?

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

4. Which former Brazilian president was convicted of corruption in 2017 but returned to power in 2023?

- A. Dilma Rousseff
- B. Claudia Sheinbaum
- C. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva
- D. Michel Temer

5. Which Central American country saw thousands of migrants form large northward 'caravans' toward the U.S. border starting in 2018, fleeing gang violence and poverty?

- A. Colombia
- B. Cuba
- C. Panama
- D. Honduras

6. Which of these, which began as a photo sharing app, launched in 2010 and was acquired by Facebook for approximately \$1 billion in 2012?

- A. Instagram
- B. Pinterest
- C. Tumblr
- D. Snapchat

7. Which Barbadian singer of 'Diamonds' and 'Umbrella' headlined the Super Bowl LVII halftime show in February 2023, her first major live performance in seven years?

- A. Rihanna
- B. Cardi B
- C. Nicki Minaj
- D. Beyoncé

8. What prestige HBO drama that premiered in 2019 depicted the power struggles of a fictional right-wing media dynasty?

- A. Yellowstone
- B. Succession
- C. Veep
- D. Billions

9. A 2011 famine which claimed over 250,000 deaths was centered on the southern part of what East African nation?

- A. Somalia
- B. Namibia
- C. Morocco
- D. Tanzania

10. Which New Zealand prime minister became only the second elected world leader to give birth while in office in June 2018?

- A. Helen Clark
- B. Jenny Shipley
- C. Jacinda Ardern
- D. Judith Collins

11. Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 disappeared on a flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing in 2014 over what body of water?

- A. Mediterranean Sea
- B. Aegean Sea
- C. Atlantic Ocean
- D. Indian Ocean

12. Which Israeli prime minister was indicted on corruption charges in 2019, triggering a series of inconclusive elections in the country?

- A. Ehud Olmert
- B. Benjamin Netanyahu
- C. Ariel Sharon
- D. Ehud Barak

13. Which messaging and video-calling platform saw its user numbers increase dramatically during the COVID-19 pandemic?

- A. Skype
- B. Discord
- C. Zoom
- D. Google Meet

14. Which 2014 film directed by Richard Linklater, shot over 12 years with the same cast, won the Academy Award for Best Director?

- A. The Iron Giant
- B. Boyhood
- C. Moonlight
- D. Avengers: Endgame

15. Which of these events was held in South America for the first time in Brazil in 2016?

- A. the Eurovision Song Contest
- B. the Summer Olympics
- C. the Super Bowl
- D. the World Cup

16. Which British singer's 2015 album '25' produced the hit song 'Hello' and became one of the best-selling albums of the decade?

- A. Adele
- B. Beyoncé
- C. Amy Winehouse
- D. Rihanna

17. A 2019 fire devastated what medieval cathedral in Paris, prompting an outpouring of grief and pledges to fund its reconstruction?

- A. Sacré-Cœur
- B. Basilique Saint-Denis
- C. Notre-Dame de Paris
- D. Chartres Cathedral

18. Which global environmental campaign, founded in 1970 and held annually on April 22, celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020?

- A. World Planet Day
- B. Earth Day
- C. Climate Action Day
- D. Recycling Hour

19. In the mid-2010s, Europe experienced a migrant crisis when hundreds of thousands of refugees fled the civil war in what Middle Eastern nation?

- A. Egypt
- B. Syria
- C. Israel
- D. Saudi Arabia

20. Which Swedish climate activist founded the Fridays for Future school strike movement in 2018?

- A. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez
- B. Vanessa Nakate
- C. Autumn Peltier
- D. Greta Thunberg

21. Which generative AI chatbot, released by OpenAI in November 2022, became the fastest application in history to reach 100 million users?

- A. ChatGPT
- B. Claude
- C. Google Bard
- D. Bing Chat

22. Curiosity and Opportunity are NASA rovers that have explored the surface of which of the following?

- A. Mars
- B. the Moon
- C. Venus
- D. Pluto

23. Which 2017 Disney-Pixar film about a boy who enters the 'Land of the Dead' became the highest-grossing film in Mexican box office history?

- A. Brave
- B. Moana
- C. Beauty and the Beast
- D. Coco

24. The 2009 flu pandemic caused by the H1N1 variant is commonly named for which of these common animals?

- A. bald eagles
- B. swine or pigs
- C. hippopotamus
- D. zebra

25. Which liberal Vermont senator ran a 2016 presidential primary campaign, winning 23 states and popularizing the phrase 'political revolution'?

- A. Joe Biden
- B. Martin O'Malley
- C. Elizabeth Warren
- D. Bernie Sanders

26. Abiy Ahmed won a 2019 Nobel Peace Prize for helping to end a conflict between what two African nations?

- A. Egypt and South Africa
- B. Tanzania and Morocco
- C. Ethiopia and Eritrea
- D. Zimbabwe and Tunisia

27. Which South African leader and anti-apartheid activist, who died in 2013, became the president in 1994?

- A. Desmond Tutu
- B. Nelson Mandela
- C. Cyril Ramaphosa
- D. Thabo Mbeki

28. Which Pakistani-born politician made history in 2016 by becoming the first Muslim elected mayor of London?

- A. Boris Johnson
- B. David Cameron
- C. Benazir Bhutto
- D. Sadiq Khan

29. The 2022 Inflation Reduction Act directed hundreds of billions of dollars of government funding to which of these areas?

- A. green technology and renewable energy
- B. oil exploration in the Arctic
- C. building a new canal in Panama owned by the US
- D. new nuclear weapons and a space-based missile system

30. Which cryptocurrency, created in 2009 by 'Satoshi Nakamoto', has become the world's most valuable digital currency?

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

31. Activist Narges Mohammadi, a recipient of the 2023 Nobel Peace Prize, was imprisoned by what nation for protesting compulsory hijab laws?

- A. France
- B. Spain
- C. Iran
- D. India

32. On September 14, 2001, Congress authorized the Bush administration to invade what nation in response to the 9/11 attacks?

- A. Saudi Arabia
- B. Afghanistan
- C. Iran
- D. Pakistan

33. Which boy band became the first K-pop act to reach number one on the U.S. Billboard Hot 100 chart in 2020?

- A. BLACKPINK
- B. BTS
- C. TWICE
- D. EXO

34. In 2015 the Law and Justice party came to power in what European nation and controversially restructured the country's courts, triggering clashes with the EU?

- A. Poland
- B. the UK
- C. Russia
- D. Switzerland

35. Which of these people has NOT been a leader of Germany since 2000?

- A. Gerhard Schröder
- B. Friedrich Merz
- C. Liz Truss
- D. Angela Merkel

36. What network, whose shows include the news program 60 Minutes, was sued by President Trump in 2024?

- A. Fox News
- B. the BBC
- C. Newsmax
- D. CBS

37. Which Google-owned video platform, launched in 2005, became the world's dominant online video site?

- A. Vimeo
- B. Dailymotion
- C. Twitch
- D. YouTube

38. Which of these American gymnasts withdrew from several events at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics citing a mental block called 'the twisties'?

- A. Simone Biles
- B. Aly Raisman
- C. Gabby Douglas
- D. Nastia Liukin

39. Which ride-sharing startup, founded in San Francisco in 2009, was a pioneer of the smartphone-based 'gig economy'?

- A. Airbnb
- B. Expedia
- C. Uber
- D. DoorDash

40. Which federal government office was created in 2004 to oversee operations of all of the US intelligence agencies?
- A. Director of National Intelligence
  - B. FISA Court Judge
  - C. National Security Advisor
  - D. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs
41. Which of these following was defeated by George W. Bush in the presidential election of 2000?
- A. Ann Richards
  - B. Dick Cheney
  - C. Al Gore
  - D. Barack Obama
42. Which Apple product, unveiled in January 2007, transformed the smartphone industry by popularizing the touchscreen interface?
- A. iPad
  - B. iPod Touch
  - C. iPhone
  - D. MacBook Air
43. The Rana Plaza disaster, which killed over 1,100 workers at a clothing factory, took place outside of Dhaka in what Asian nation?
- A. India
  - B. Cambodia
  - C. China
  - D. Bangladesh
44. Which UN agency dedicated to global health declared the end of the West African Ebola epidemic in 2016?
- A. UNICEF
  - B. World Health Organization
  - C. Doctors Without Borders
  - D. CDC
45. The Camp Fire in November 2018 nearly destroyed the town of Paradise and became the deadliest ever fire in what US state?
- A. California
  - B. Mississippi
  - C. Louisiana
  - D. Tennessee
46. Which longtime Bolivian president was forced to resign and flee the country in November 2019 amid election fraud allegations?
- A. Nicolás Maduro
  - B. Evo Morales
  - C. Claudia Sheinbaum
  - D. Vicente Fox
47. Which North Korean dictator died in 2011 and was succeeded by his youngest son, Kim Jong-un, as leader of the country?
- A. Kim Jong-il
  - B. Syngman Rhee
  - C. Deng Xiopeng
  - D. Hu Jintao
48. Which Puerto Rican singer's 2017 track 'Despacito' helped usher in a global mainstream Latin music boom?
- A. Ozuna
  - B. Gloria Estefan
  - C. Luis Fonsi
  - D. J Balvin
49. Which Venezuelan president, who died of cancer in 2013, used oil wealth to fund social programs while moving the country away from democracy?
- A. Hugo Chávez
  - B. Che Guevara
  - C. Raul Castro
  - D. Fidel Castro
50. Which 2018 Marvel film starring Chadwick Boseman became the first superhero film nominated for the Academy Award for Best Picture?
- A. Captain America: Civil War
  - B. Thor: Ragnarok
  - C. Doctor Strange
  - D. Black Panther
51. Which Pakistani activist was shot in the head by the Taliban in 2012 for championing girls' education?
- A. Benazir Bhutto
  - B. Kailash Satyarthi
  - C. Malala Yousafzai
  - D. Shirin Ebadi
52. In 2009 President Omar al-Bashir of Sudan was charged with genocide and crimes against humanity related to atrocities in which region?
- A. the Niger Delta
  - B. Darfur
  - C. the Congo Basin
  - D. the Suez Canal
53. Which Ukrainian peninsula was annexed by Russia in 2014?
- A. Nagorno-Karabakh
  - B. Transnistria
  - C. Abkhazia
  - D. Crimea

54. Which 'Eras' artist had her MTV VMAs acceptance speech famously interrupted mid-speech by Kanye West in 2009?

- A. Rihanna
- B. Katy Perry
- C. Taylor Swift
- D. Lady Gaga

55. Which US president was impeached by the House for a second time in 2021 following the January 6 incident?

- A. Donald Trump
- B. Bill Clinton
- C. Barack Obama
- D. George W. Bush

56. Which 2010 legislation, signed by President Obama, required US companies to publicly disclose CEO pay?

- A. Social Security Act of 2010
- B. Build Back Better Act
- C. Dodd-Frank Act
- D. the 'Big Beautiful Bill'

57. In 2013 the Syrian government used which of these on civilians which prompted international calls for military action against the regime?

- A. bean bag rounds
- B. rubber bullets
- C. chemical weapons
- D. nuclear weapons

58. What type of natural disaster, one of the deadliest of its kind in US history, struck Joplin, Missouri in 2011?

- A. earthquake
- B. hurricane
- C. tornado
- D. snowstorm

59. Which Spanish tennis player won his first French Open title in 2005 at age 19 and went on to win a total of 14 over his long career?

- A. Roger Federer
- B. Novak Djokovic
- C. Andy Murray
- D. Rafael Nadal

60. Terrorists attacked the national stadium at Saint-Denis and the Bataclan theater in 2015 in what European capital?

- A. Madrid
- B. London
- C. Paris
- D. Berlin

## 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.

According to March 2026 industry estimates, how many visitors does YouTube.com get on average each day?