The United States Geography Championships & The International Geography Bee
2019-2020 National Qualifying Exam – G Set Version

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Instructions: Print the Correct Answer in the space provided or leave it blank. Write Neatly!!! Correct answers are worth 2 points. Incorrect answers are -1 point. Questions left blank are worth 0 points.
You have 20 Minutes to complete this Exam.

1) Portland is the name of the largest cities by population in which two states?
   A) Iowa and Kansas  B) Ohio and Arkansas  C) Oregon and Maine  D) Indiana and Florida

2) Which of the following islands could you visit on a cruise in the Mediterranean Sea?
   A) Honshu  B) Cuba  C) Sicily  D) Ireland

3) Which is the only country in the world to border both Norway and North Korea?
   A) Canada  B) China  C) Sweden  D) Russia

4) Which term is used for an area of California where many technology companies are headquartered?
   A) Tornado Alley  B) Mississippi Delta  C) Silicon Valley  D) Olympic Peninsula

5) The flag of Canada contains what symbol in the middle?
   A) A cross  B) A crescent moon  C) A sun  D) A maple leaf

6) This question was written on Puerto Rico, which is one of the...
   A) Greater Antilles  B) Florida Keys  C) 50 US states  D) Aleutian Islands

7) The Appalachian Trail passes through which of the following states?
   A) Virginia  B) Louisiana  C) Minnesota  D) Arizona

8) What is the name of the largest lake in Utah?
   A) Great Pepper Lake  B) Great Salt Lake  C) Mustard Lake  D) Lake Salsa

9) Which modern-day country contains land once controlled by the Roman Empire?
   A) Pakistan  B) Papua New Guinea  C) Paraguay  D) Portugal

10) Which of these landmarks is found on the continent of Africa?
    A) Eifel Tower  B) Great Pyramid of Giza  C) Taj Mahal  D) Sydney Opera House

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11) Which of these states is located in New England?
   A) South Dakota  B) Rhode Island  C) Alabama  D) Washington

12) Which is the second largest country by land area in the world?
   A) Brazil  B) Canada  C) Kazakhstan  D) Russia

13) Which country is located entirely north of the Tropic of Cancer?
   A) Austria  B) Argentina  C) Angola  D) Australia

14) Another name for the line of 0 degrees longitude that passes through London, England is the...
   A) International Date Line  B) Equator  C) Prime Meridian  D) Continental Divide

15) Idaho, Texas, Florida, and Oklahoma all have which feature in common?
   A) They all contain land below sea level  B) They were all hit by a hurricane in 2018
   C) They all have a region known as a “panhandle”  D) They all have coastline on a Great Lake

16) Africa contains a coastline on all of the following except...?

17) In which country do the majority of the inhabitants speak a Romance language?
   A) China  B) Saudi Arabia  C) Iceland  D) Italy

18) Which of these Central American countries is the site of a canal connecting the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea?
   A) Honduras  B) Belize  C) El Salvador  D) Panama

19) India’s eastern coastline is on which body of water?
   A) Bay of Fundy  B) Bay of Biscay  C) Bay of Bengal  D) Bay of Pigs

20) Which California city is home to Fisherman’s Wharf, Lombard Street, and Golden Gate Park?
   A) Los Angeles  B) San Jose  C) San Francisco  D) Sacramento

21) Which Chinese city is the world’s largest by population?
   A) Lhasa  B) Shanghai  C) Wuhan  D) Hong Kong

22) The Nile Delta can be found in which North African country?
   A) Tunisia  B) Libya  C) Algeria  D) Egypt

23) Lake effect snow is a phenomenon that often affects which of these US cities?
   A) Memphis, TN  B) Boston, MA  C) Buffalo, NY  D) Dallas, TX

24) Which of these countries has the highest density of population in the world?
   A) Monaco  B) Mongolia  C) Moldova  D) Mali

25) Which of these countries is home to a native group of Polynesians known as the Maori?
   A) Switzerland  B) North Korea  C) Philippines  D) New Zealand

26) Which of these countries is most threatened by rising sea levels due to global warming?
   A) Bangladesh  B) Nepal  C) Bhutan  D) Kyrgyzstan
27) Which of these countries contains almost exactly half the total population of South America?
   A) Argentina  B) Brazil  C) Peru  D) Colombia

28) The Mile High City, referencing its elevation, is a nickname for which American city?
   A) Los Angeles  B) Denver  C) Atlanta  D) Omaha

29) Denmark has a land border with which country that lies directly to its south?
   A) Finland  B) Turkey  C) Germany  D) Greece

30) Which region is home to a national seashore in Massachusetts?
    A) Cape Cod  B) Cape Canaveral  C) Cape May  D) Cape Henlopen

31) Which of these regions has an active separatist movement that seeks independence from Spain?
    A) Ontario  B) Corsica  C) Catalonia  D) Wales

32) Malaysia, Indonesia, & Brunei share which large island off the coast of mainland Southeast Asia?
    A) Tasmania  B) Borneo  C) Luzon  D) Taiwan

33) Which two battles of the Civil War were fought in states that did not join the Confederacy?
    A) Cold Harbor & Chancellorsville  B) Gettysburg & Antietam
    C) Fredericksburg & Appomattox  D) Chickamauga & Chattanooga

34) This question was written on Sep. 1, 2019, while Hurricane Dorian was making landfall where?
    A) Hawaii  B) Bahamas  C) San Diego  D) Newfoundland

35) Deposits of rock left by retreating glaciers at the farthest extent of their advance are known as?
    A) Terminal moraines  B) Subduction zones  C) Tectonic plates  D) Fjords

36) The highest mountains in the world are found in which mountain range?
    A) Alps  B) Rockies  C) Himalayas  D) Appalachians

37) Vermont is the USA’s largest producer of what food product?
    A) Lobsters  B) Maple Syrup  C) Oranges  D) Garlic

38) The indigenous religion of Japan that venerates spirits known as kami is known as what?
    A) Jainism  B) Shinto  C) Taoism  D) Sufi Islam

39) Which island was in the news in Summer 2019 as Donald Trump wanted to buy it from Denmark?
    A) Iceland  B) Greenland  C) Bornholm  D) Spitsbergen

40) Which of these deserts can be found in southern Africa in Botswana and Namibia?
    A) Atacama  B) Sahara  C) Kalahari  D) Mojave

41) The Drake Passage and the Strait of Magellan can be found near the southern tip of what continent?
    A) Africa  B) North America  C) South America  D) Australia

42) In the USA, which of these states does NOT border the other three at the Four Corners point, the only spot in the USA where four states meet?
    A) Utah  B) Arizona  C) New Mexico  D) Montana
43) Which of these African cities is on the Indian Ocean at the end of a railway that leads to Nairobi?
A) Tunis  B) Mombasa  C) Cairo  D) Lagos

44) Which country contains the states of Victoria and Queensland, named after the British monarch of the 19th century?
A) Canada  B) Ireland  C) Australia  D) Mexico

45) Where would be the most logical place to build a canal?
A) Along the timberline  B) On abyssal plains  C) Across an isthmus  D) In a cirque

46) Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan were all once part of what entity?
A) British Commonwealth  B) Soviet Union  C) French Empire  D) ASEAN

47) Karst topography is commonly found in which state, including the landscape around Mammoth Cave?
A) North Dakota  B) Kentucky  C) Louisiana  D) Idaho

48) What largest city by population in the Amazon rainforest, is located near the confluence of the Rio Negro with the upper Amazon River?
A) Manaus  B) Recife  C) Florianopolis  D) Salvador

49) If as an AFS exchange student, you lived in the historical region of Manchuria with a Chinese host family, then in which Chinese province might you be studying?
A) Sichuan  B) Guangzhou  C) Heilongjiang  D) Hainan

50) Cabinda, which lies to the north of the short Atlantic coastline of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, is an exclave of which African country?
A) Sao Tome and Principe  B) Namibia  C) Gabon  D) Angola