

The 2016 International History Olympiad

Polynesian History Exam

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Instructions: Circle the correct answer or leave it blank. Correct answers are worth 2 points. Incorrect answers are -1 point. Questions left blank are worth 0 points.

- 1) All Polynesian languages are ultimately derived from a distant ancestral proto-language that was spoken on which island?
 - a) Oahu
 - b) South Island
 - c) Honshu
 - d) Taiwan

- 2) Which island or island group was NOT first settled by Polynesians?
 - a) Tokelau
 - b) Mariana Islands
 - c) Niue
 - d) Wallis and Futuna

- 3) Which of these periods best corresponds to the estimated approximate date range of the first Polynesian settlement of Hawaii?
 - a) 10,000-5000 BC
 - b) 1000-200 BC
 - c) 300-1200 AD
 - d) 1800-1900 AD

- 4) Which Polynesian nation found a significant source of national income by selling the rights to its two-letter internet domain name in the early twentieth century?
 - a) Fiji
 - b) New Zealand
 - c) Tuvalu
 - d) Samoa

- 5) Polynesian cultivation of which crop, widespread by the time of first European contact, has given rise to theories of contact between Polynesians and native South Americans?
 - a) Rice
 - b) Sweet Potatoes
 - c) Pineapples
 - d) Tomatoes

- 6) Which Hawaiian island shares its name with a Polynesian fire god?
 - a) Maui
 - b) Molokai
 - c) Kauai
 - d) Oahu

- 7) The tallest mountain in New Zealand is named for which explorer, who was killed in Hawaii?
 - a) William Bligh
 - b) Vasco de Gama
 - c) James Cook
 - d) Ferdinand Magellan

- 8) Which vessels were instrumental in facilitating Polynesian settlement of the Pacific islands?
 - a) Triremes
 - b) Pirogues
 - c) Ironclads
 - d) Outrigger canoes

- 9) Which Norwegian explorer built the raft *Kon-Tiki* to test his controversial theories of how Polynesia could have been settled?
 - a) Vidkun Quisling
 - b) Thor Heyerdahl
 - c) Odin Spitsbergen
 - d) Fridtjof Nansen

- 10) Which Polynesian island is almost entirely deforested, and suffered widespread famine and social conflict 17th and 18th centuries largely due to poor land management practices?
 - a) Maui
 - b) Easter Island
 - c) North Island
 - d) Pitcairn Island

- 11) The native Polynesian population of New Zealand is known by what term?
 - a) Rapa Nui
 - b) Maori
 - c) Kahuna
 - d) Tapu

- 12) Which traditional Polynesian war dance is now commonly performed before rugby matches featuring the New Zealand national team known as the All-Blacks?
 - a) Haka
 - b) Hula
 - c) Taupo
 - d) Kea

- 13) Which Polynesian island group saw a large influx of indentured laborers from India when it was under British control in the 19th century?
- a) Samoa
 - b) Fiji
 - c) Hawaii
 - d) Tonga
- 14) Which sport has become so popular in American Samoa that its residents are said to be 40 times more likely to become professional players of this sport than Americans from the continental USA?
- a) Basketball
 - b) Ice Hockey
 - c) Baseball
 - d) American Football
- 15) Which French artist moved to Tahiti and painted many colorful paintings featuring its inhabitants?
- a) Eduard Manet
 - b) Claude Monet
 - c) Paul Cezanne
 - d) Paul Gauguin
- 16) Which tall, flightless bird, somewhat similar to an ostrich, was hunted to extinction by early settlers of New Zealand?
- a) Emus
 - b) Rheas
 - c) Kiwis
 - d) Moas
- 17) Easter Islanders developed an as-of-yet undeciphered written script called what?
- a) Hiva Oa
 - b) Rongorongo
 - c) Funafuti
 - d) Moai
- 18) Which Tongan warrior created a unified kingdom in Tonga in the 1840's and later declared Tonga a constitutional monarchy in 1875?
- a) Tāufa'āhau
 - b) Pōmare I
 - c) Apirana Ngata
 - d) David Kalākaua

- 19) Which American anthropologist wrote a much-criticized account of Polynesian adolescence in her book *Coming of Age in Samoa*?
- a) Ruth Benedict
 - b) Margaret Mead
 - c) Margaret Sanger
 - d) Mary Leakey
- 20) Which English word was NOT borrowed from a Polynesian language?
- a) Tattoo
 - b) Taboo
 - c) Hula
 - d) Kamikaze
- 21) Prior to World War I, Germany controlled a portion of which island group?
- a) Hawaii
 - b) Fiji
 - c) Samoa
 - d) Tonga
- 22) What name is given to the 1887 document written by Lorrin Thurston which largely stripped the Hawaiian king of his powers and disenfranchised many native Hawaiians?
- a) Musket Treaty
 - b) Iolani Memorandum
 - c) Hilo Dispatch
 - d) Bayonet Constitution
- 23) Which New Zealander became the first man to climb Mount Everest?
- a) George Mallory
 - b) Tenzing Norgay
 - c) Edmund Hillary
 - d) John Key
- 24) Which island chain was first settled after the others?
- a) Marquesas
 - b) Fiji
 - c) Tonga
 - d) Samoa
- 25) Which Hawaiian senator won the Medal of Honor for service in World War II and served for nearly 50 years, becoming the highest-ranking Asian-American politician in American history?
- a) Daniel Inouye
 - b) Mazie Hirono
 - c) David Ige
 - d) Daniel Akaka

- 26) A famous mutiny on board the *HMS Bounty* led to the resettlement of which island which had earlier been settled by a Polynesian population which vanished after economic disruptions?
- a) Norfolk Island
 - b) Christmas Island
 - c) Pitcairn Island
 - d) Easter Island
- 27) Which treaty was signed between Polynesian natives and the British regarding control of New Zealand in 1840?
- a) Treaty of Otago
 - b) Treaty of Wellington
 - c) Treaty of Waitangi
 - d) Treaty of Kermadec
- 28) The Pōmare Dynasty ruled which island group in the late 18th and 19th centuries?
- a) Hawaii
 - b) Fiji
 - c) Tahiti
 - d) Samoa
- 29) Which archipelago features the most southerly evidence of Polynesian settlement?
- a) Chatham Islands
 - b) Auckland Islands
 - c) Cook Islands
 - d) Samoa
- 30) Which island in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands was the site of a major 1942 World War II battle in which Japan lost four aircraft carriers?
- a) Midway
 - b) Wake
 - c) Molokai
 - d) Tarawa
- 31) Which Fijian golfer won The Masters in 2000 and the PGA Championship in 1998 and 2004?
- a) Vijay Singh
 - b) Arnold Palmer
 - c) Rory McIlroy
 - d) Junior Seau

- 32) Which island or island group has never been controlled by, or been in free association with New Zealand?
- a) Cook Islands
 - b) Niue
 - c) Tokalau
 - d) Tahiti
- 33) Which author died in and is buried in Samoa under a tombstone that contains his exquisite *Requiem* as follows:
- Under the wide and starry sky,
Dig the grave and let me lie.
Glad did I live and gladly die,
And I laid me down with a will.
This be the verse you grave for me:
Here he lies where he longed to be;
Home is the sailor, home from sea,
And the hunter home from the hill.*
- a) Herman Melville
 - b) Robert Louis Stevenson
 - c) Daniel Defoe
 - d) James Michener
- 34) Which New Zealand city has been the most populous city in Polynesia throughout the past 50 years, and also has the largest ethnic Polynesian population of any city on earth?
- a) Auckland
 - b) Wellington
 - c) Christchurch
 - d) Dunedin
- 35) Which was not a component of traditional Polynesian navigational techniques?
- a) Following groups of birds and other animals
 - b) Noting the positions of stars
 - c) Recognizing wave and current patterns
 - d) Using a magnetic compass and a sextant
- 36) Which country has controlled Tahiti and the Marquesas since the 19th century?
- a) United Kingdom
 - b) Chile
 - c) France
 - d) United States

- 37) Which Polynesian island group has NOT adopted a flag featuring the Union Jack?
- a) Hawaii
 - b) Fiji
 - c) New Zealand
 - d) Tonga
- 38) Which Polynesian country had the word “Western” in front of its name until the 1990’s, which led to a controversy when it was dropped?
- a) Fiji
 - b) Tuvalu
 - c) Samoa
 - d) Tonga
- 39) Which nation was the first worldwide to grant women a comprehensive right to vote?
- a) New Zealand
 - b) Fiji
 - c) Samoa
 - d) Kingdom of Hawaii
- 40) Samoa (population 191,000) defeated the USA (population 320,000,000) by the score of 25-16 in the 2015 World Cup of what sport?
- a) Cricket
 - b) Soccer (Football for non-North Americans)
 - c) Rugby
 - d) Canoe Racing
- 41) Which island in Polynesia has become a magnet for honeymooning couples and features many resorts with private bungalows built over open water?
- a) Bora Bora
 - b) Pitcairn Island
 - c) Stewart Island
 - d) Niue
- 42) Who became the current king of Tonga in 2012?
- a) Fielakepa II
 - b) Mulikha’amea I
 - c) Tupoumohefo III
 - d) Tupou VI

- 43) Which aviator who crossed the Atlantic in the *Spirit of St. Louis* is buried on the island of Maui?
- a) Amelia Earhart
 - b) Charles Lindbergh
 - c) Steve Fossett
 - d) Wilbur Wright
- 44) Which island group was attacked by Japanese planes in 1943?
- a) Hawaii
 - b) Tuvalu
 - c) Easter Island
 - d) New Zealand
- 45) Which film series was directed by New Zealander Peter Jackson and was shot in New Zealand?
- a) Narnia
 - b) Star Wars
 - c) Lord of the Rings
 - d) Kung Fu Panda
- 46) What type of American ship was not damaged in the Pearl Harbor attack?
- a) Battleships
 - b) Cruisers
 - c) Destroyers
 - d) Aircraft carriers
- 47) Which nation saw a 2006 coup led by Frank Bainimarama who remains its Prime Minister?
- a) Samoa
 - b) Tonga
 - c) Fiji
 - d) New Zealand
- 48) Polynesian languages evolved largely lacking which type of sounds?
- a) Affricates and other consonant clusters
 - b) Glottal stops
 - c) Voiceless stop consonants
 - d) Vowels
- 49) Which basic Hawaiian food has been produced for centuries from the taro plant?
- a) Ahi
 - b) Poi
 - c) Keanu
 - d) Iolani

- 50) Which man visited Easter Island three times during his time in power in the late 20th century?
- a) Hugo Chavez
 - b) Augusto Pinochet
 - c) Alberto Fujimori
 - d) Juan Peron
- 51) Who was the first US president to be born in Hawaii?
- a) Bill Clinton
 - b) George W. Bush
 - c) Millard Fillmore
 - d) Barack Obama
- 52) Whalers and missionaries originating primarily from what region of the USA had a major impact on 19th century Hawaiian history?
- a) Texas
 - b) New England
 - c) The Southeast
 - d) Pacific Northwest
- 53) Effective quarantining measures helped limit the toll from which disease in American Samoa in 1918?
- a) Measles
 - b) Rabies
 - c) Influenza
 - d) Zika
- 54) Which New Zealand artist scored a worldwide hit with the song “Royals” in 2013?
- a) Lucy Lawless
 - b) Helen Clark
 - c) Lorde
 - d) OMC
- 55) Which sect of Christianity, based in Utah, has sent many missionaries to Polynesia?
- a) Seventh-Day Adventists
 - b) Mormons
 - c) Methodists
 - d) Maronites
- 56) Jacob Roggeveen and Abel Tasman were early European explorers of Polynesia from which country?
- a) Great Britain
 - b) France
 - c) The Netherlands
 - d) Sweden

- 57) Father Damien is famous for treating people suffering from which disease in an isolated community on Molokai?
- a) Halitosis
 - b) Leprosy
 - c) Mumps
 - d) Tuberculosis
- 58) The Moto Nui islet played an important role in the Birdman cult of which island?
- a) Kauai
 - b) North Island
 - c) Hiva Oa
 - d) Easter Island
- 59) Which woman was the last monarch of Hawaii before it became a republic?
- a) Lili'uokalani
 - b) Ka'ahumanu
 - c) Liliha
 - d) Bernice Bishop
- 60) Which natural disaster afflicted the New Zealand city of Christchurch in 2011?
- a) Earthquake
 - b) Tsunami
 - c) Typhoon
 - d) Aurora Australis
- 61) Which Polynesian island group never saw native Polynesians lose political control during the colonial period?
- a) Samoa
 - b) Tonga
 - c) Fiji
 - d) New Zealand
- 62) The Kingdom of Rarotonga was a short-lived polity centered in which island group?
- a) Hawaii
 - b) Cook Islands
 - c) Fiji
 - d) Tahiti

- 63) Which fact is not true about the big island of Hawaii?
- a) It is where kona coffee has been grown for decades
 - b) It has been home to the Ironman Triathlon World Championships for the past 35 years
 - c) Its mountain of Mauna Loa has been monitored by the Hawaii Volcano Observatory since 1912
 - d) It is where the Hawaiian monarchy was centered at the Iolani Palace
- 64) What is a former name for Tuvalu?
- a) Ellice Islands
 - b) Line Islands
 - c) Gilbert Islands
 - d) Aotearoa
- 65) Which crop has been a common staple crop throughout Polynesia since before contact with Europeans except in New Zealand and Easter Island, where cold weather prevents it from flourishing?
- a) Breadfruit
 - b) Sorghum
 - c) Wheat
 - d) Corn (also known as maize)
- 66) Fiji is home to a Polynesian language, but many other aspects of its culture are reflective of what other grouping of Pacific islands, which also includes the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu?
- a) Austronesia
 - b) Melanesia
 - c) Macaronesia
 - d) Micronesia
- 67) Which Olympic gold medal Hawaiian swimmer helped to popularize surfing in the early 20th century?
- a) Don Ho
 - b) Duke Kahanamoku
 - c) David Kalākaua
 - d) Johnny Weissmuller
- 68) New Zealand troops helped defeat Rommel's Afrika Korps at which crucial battle fought in Egypt in 1942?
- a) Benghazi
 - b) Kasserine Pass
 - c) El Alamein
 - d) Suez

- 69) Which is a common Polynesian cultural practice that has been adopted by many other cultures?
- a) Tattooing
 - b) Totem poles
 - c) Cargo cults
 - d) Saunas
- 70) Clans such as the Teva and cult sites known as *marae* were features of Polynesian life on which island?
- a) Tahiti
 - b) Easter Island
 - c) Oahu
 - d) South Island
- 71) Which neighborhood on Oahu became the center of the Hawaiian tourist industry in the 20th century?
- a) Punch Bowl
 - b) Waianae
 - c) Waikiki
 - d) Haleakala
- 72) Te Kooti founded what syncretic religion in New Zealand that incorporates Christianity and traditional Polynesian beliefs?
- a) Ringatu
 - b) Santeria
 - c) Candomble
 - d) Druze
- 73) The Prime Minister of Tuvalu, Enele Sopoaga, said “Let’s do it for Tuvalu. For if we save Tuvalu we save the world” at a 2015 UN conference that focused on what threat?
- a) The spread of the brown tree snake
 - b) The Zika outbreak
 - c) Global warming
 - d) Unrestricted submarine warfare from the Samoan navy
- 74) Which island or island group recently shifted from driving on the right to driving on the left, and also shifted its time zone in 2011 so that it’s now west of the International Date Line?
- a) New Zealand
 - b) Tahiti
 - c) Easter Island
 - d) Samoa

- 75) Which lightly-populated Hawaiian island was the site of a namesake incident involving a Japanese fighter pilot who crash landed after the Pearl Harbor attack, and was later killed?
- a) Niʻihau
 - b) Lanai
 - c) Laysan
 - d) Kahoʻolawe