

**The 2015 International History Olympiad Practice Qualifying Exam**

**Instructions: Students should circle the correct answer. They have 30 minutes to take the Exam. Score 2 points for a correct answer, 0 for a blank answer, and -1 for an incorrect answer.**

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- 1) Which famous Roman was NOT an emperor?
  - A) Marcus Aurelius
  - B) Augustus
  - C) Cincinnatus
  - D) Hadrian
  
- 2) Which woman became famous as a nurse during the Crimean War?
  - A) Eleanor Roosevelt
  - B) Florence Nightingale
  - C) Virginia Woolf
  - D) Marie Curie
  
- 3) Which modern-day country was never part of the British Empire?
  - A) Malaysia
  - B) India
  - C) Sri Lanka
  - D) Thailand
  
- 4) Which historian is known as the first critical historian for his history of the Peloponnesian War?
  - A) Thucydides
  - B) Hippocrates
  - C) Aristarchus
  - D) Livy

- 5) Paul Bocuse and Julia Child influenced the development of what field?
- A) Painting
  - B) Literature
  - C) Architecture
  - D) Cooking
- 6) Ian Thorpe won multiple gold medals in swimming at the 2000 Summer Olympics in what city?
- A) Beijing
  - B) Barcelona
  - C) Sydney
  - D) London
- 7) The Peace of Westphalia ended what 17<sup>th</sup> century conflict that devastated present-day Germany?
- A) Hundred Years' War
  - B) Thirty Years' War
  - C) Seven Years' War
  - D) Seven Weeks' War
- 8) Muslim rulers who ruled from Damascus under the Umayyad Dynasty and who followed Muhammad were known as:
- A) Dervishes
  - B) Janissaries
  - C) Mamelukes
  - D) Caliphs
- 9) Which civilization flourished in South America?
- A) Mayan
  - B) Incan
  - C) Olmec
  - D) Toltec
- 10) Which soccer (or football – the non-American kind) player won several world cups for Brazil and played on the clubs Santos and the New York Cosmos?
- A) Zinedine Zidane
  - B) Ronaldinho
  - C) Lionel Messi
  - D) Pele

- 11) Which country fought on the side of the Central Powers in World War I?  
A) Italy  
B) Japan  
C) Germany  
D) Soviet Union
- 12) Who was the Greek god of the sea?  
A) Ares  
B) Hades  
C) Zeus  
D) Poseidon
- 13) Which historian is known for his masterpiece entitled *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*?  
A) Edward Gibbon  
B) Charles Dickens  
C) Arnold Toynbee  
D) Will Durant
- 14) Which animal went extinct on Mauritius in the 17<sup>th</sup> century?  
A) Great Auk  
B) Dodo  
C) Barbary Lion  
D) Sabre-toothed Tiger
- 15) Which part of the United Kingdom held an independence referendum in 2014?  
A) England  
B) Northern Ireland  
C) Wales  
D) Scotland
- 16) During the American Civil War, which state remained part of the Union and did not join the Confederacy?  
A) Florida  
B) Virginia  
C) Maryland  
D) North Carolina
- 17) Which code did the Samurai warriors of Japan live by?  
A) Jujitsu  
B) Origami  
C) Bushido  
D) Fukuoka

- 18) Which native island of Bob Marley is where Reggae music developed through the influence of Rastafarians?
- A) Cuba
  - B) Jamaica
  - C) Puerto Rico
  - D) Barbados
- 19) Which province of Canada held a referendum on independence in the 1990's?
- A) Quebec
  - B) Ontario
  - C) Manitoba
  - D) Nova Scotia
- 20) Which French king reigned throughout the second half of the 17<sup>th</sup> century and built a magnificent palace at Versailles?
- A) Louis XIII
  - B) Louis XIV
  - C) Louis XV
  - D) Louis XVI
- 21) Which major oil-producing country has not joined the cartel known as OPEC?
- A) Venezuela
  - B) Iran
  - C) Saudi Arabia
  - D) Norway
- 22) Which writer is famous for his Victorian-era novels such as Oliver Twist and David Copperfield?
- A) William Shakespeare
  - B) Jonathan Swift
  - C) Charles Dickens
  - D) George Bernard Shaw
- 23) Which battle was fought just outside Moscow between Russian troops and those in Napoleon's army?
- A) Austerlitz
  - B) Waterloo
  - C) Borodino
  - D) Wagram

- 24) Which of the following physicists led the Manhattan Project?
- A) Robert Oppenheimer
  - B) Werner Heisenberg
  - C) Enrico Fermi
  - D) Niels Bohr
- 25) Which Spanish artist is famous for his historical painting *The Third of May 1808*?
- A) Diego Velazquez
  - B) Pablo Picasso
  - C) El Greco
  - D) Francisco Goya
- 26) Which group attacked many Northern European towns in the 9<sup>th</sup> century AD?
- A) Mongols
  - B) Vikings
  - C) Huns
  - D) Ottoman Turks
- 27) Which Chinese dynasty was in power exactly two thousand years ago?
- A) Ming
  - B) Qing
  - C) Han
  - D) Yuan
- 28) Which man served as the first prime minister of India?
- A) Mohandas Gandhi
  - B) Jawaharlal Nehru
  - C) Manmohan Singh
  - D) Narendra Modi
- 29) Which groups fought the British Empire in different conflicts in what is now South Africa?
- A) Zulus and Boers
  - B) Mau Maus and Kikuyus
  - C) Abyssinians and Somalis
  - D) Yorubas and Igbos
- 30) Which country in South America was a former Portuguese colony?
- A) Argentina
  - B) Uruguay
  - C) Colombia
  - D) Brazil

- 31) Which language was never spoken by people who lived in the Roman Empire?
- A) Latin
  - B) Greek
  - C) Aramaic
  - D) Nahuatl
- 32) Which mens tennis player has won the most Grand Slam events in history?
- A) Pete Sampras
  - B) Jimmy Connors
  - C) Rafael Nadal
  - D) Roger Federer
- 33) Which French fashion designer was famous for her number 5 perfume and dressing women in pants?
- A) Brigitte Bardot
  - B) Coco Chanel
  - C) Carla Bruni
  - D) Edith Piaf
- 34) Which queen of England helped lead her country to victory over the Spanish Armada?
- A) Elizabeth I
  - B) Elizabeth II
  - C) Mary I
  - D) Mary II
- 35) Which of the following was an early Christian heresy?
- A) Transubstantiation
  - B) Arianism
  - C) Franciscans
  - D) Opus Dei
- 36) Which American president was not assassinated?
- A) James Garfield
  - B) John F. Kennedy
  - C) Thomas Jefferson
  - D) Abraham Lincoln
- 37) Which significant event happened on November 9, 1989?
- A) John Paul II became pope
  - B) The Berlin Wall fell
  - C) Prince William was born
  - D) Iraq invaded Kuwait

- 38) Who was the first man to reach the South Pole?
- A) Matthew Perry
  - B) Robert Peary
  - C) Robert Falcon Scott
  - D) Roald Amundsen
- 39) Which country in Central America abolished its army and has developed a widely-praised health care system?
- A) Guatemala
  - B) El Salvador
  - C) Honduras
  - D) Costa Rica
- 40) Which is not a conflict that has developed in the Caucasus region since the fall of the Soviet Union?
- A) Nagorno-Karabakh dispute between Armenia and Azerbaijan
  - B) Russian invasion of Georgia
  - C) Separatists seeking independence for Chechnya
  - D) Transnistria's status within Moldova
- 41) Which group developed the largest contiguous land empire in history?
- A) Romans
  - B) Chinese
  - C) Mongols
  - D) Seljuks
- 42) Which person never won the Nobel Prize for Literature?
- A) Sinclair Lewis
  - B) Mario Vargas Llosa
  - C) Igor Stravinsky
  - D) Winston Churchill
- 43) Which American state was once an independent country?
- A) Texas
  - B) New York
  - C) Alaska
  - D) Louisiana
- 44) Which man was influential in the development of mass-produced automobiles?
- A) Henry Ford
  - B) Michael Chevrolet
  - C) Bill Pontiac
  - D) Guglielmo Ferrari

- 45) Which was not an intellectual movement of the 19<sup>th</sup> century?
- A) Romanticism
  - B) Nationalism
  - C) Transcendentalism
  - D) Fascism
- 46) Which present-day country's islands of Java and Sumatra were invaded by Japan in World War 2?
- A) Malaysia
  - B) Brunei
  - C) Indonesia
  - D) Papua New Guinea
- 47) Which Egyptian pharaoh advocated a monotheistic approach to religion?
- A) Tutankhamun
  - B) Hatshepsut
  - C) Ramses the Great
  - D) Akhenaton
- 48) Which Austrian developed the technique of psychoanalysis?
- A) Egon Schiele
  - B) Hermann Maier
  - C) Sigmund Freud
  - D) Gustav Klimt
- 49) Which Russian city was built to be a seaport and a "window to the west"?
- A) Moscow
  - B) Vladivostok
  - C) St. Petersburg
  - D) Magnitogorsk
- 50) Which two countries split apart from a union in the 1990's?
- A) Belgium and The Netherlands
  - B) Czech Republic and Slovakia
  - C) Sudan and South Sudan
  - D) Haiti and the Dominican Republic