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2022 New York City History Exam

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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.

1. The name ‘Manhattan’ in the Lenape language translates as a place with many of which of these?

- A. lakes
- B. hills
- C. stones
- D. birds

2. Which of these explorers was the first European to sight New York Harbor and named the area Nouvelle-Angoulême?

- A. Juan Rodrigues
- B. Henry Hudson
- C. Giovanni da Verrazzano
- D. Adriaen Block

3. Which of these is NOT true of Peter Minuit?

- A. he returned to the colony as governor after it was ceded to the English
- B. he was involved in the purchase of territory on both Manhattan and Staten Island by the Dutch
- C. he helped establish the colony of New Sweden in the 1630s
- D. he served as director of New Netherland from 1626 to 1632

4. Which of these happened as a result of Kieft's War?

- A. the growth of the colony accelerated to combat the growing threat from the Lenape
- B. it ended armed resistance by the Lenape and the other Algonquin tribes
- C. the Dutch West India Company recalled Willem Kieft
- D. the Dutch West India Company decided to sell the colony to England

5. Which of these best describes the Flushing Remonstrance?

- A. it was signed by English settlers who had in New Netherland illegally
- B. it was signed in response to the ban on Jewish worship in the colony
- C. it resulted in an immediate policy change by Peter Stuyvesant and the colonial authorities
- D. it is considered a precedent for the Free Exercise Clause of the Bill of Rights

6. Under brief Dutch occupation during the Third Anglo-Dutch War, New York was renamed which of the following?

- A. New England
- B. New Orange
- C. New London
- D. New Amsterdam

7. Leisler's Rebellion broke out in colonial New York in the aftermath of what English conflict?

- A. War of the Roses
- B. Glorious Revolution
- C. Anglo-Dutch War
- D. English Civil War

8. Which of the following was founded as King's College in 1754?

- A. New York University
- B. Barnard College
- C. Baruch College
- D. Columbia University

9. Which of the following American Revolutionary battles occurred first in colonial New York?

- A. Battle of Fort Washington
- B. Battle of St. Louis
- C. Battle of Long Island
- D. Battle of Saratoga

10. What Continental Army officer caught spying on the British in Manhattan was hanged for espionage?

- A. Nathan Hale
- B. Benedict Arnold
- C. John Laurance
- D. Henry Livingston

11. Which of the following was produced by the Stamp Act Congress that met in New York City in 1765?

- A. An Ordinance and Constitution of the General Assembly
- B. New York Charter of Privileges
- C. A Summary View of the Rights of British America
- D. Declaration of Rights and Grievances

12. Which of these New York City mayors was arrested in 1776 for alleged involvement in a plot to assassinate George Washington?

- A. David Matthews
- B. Whitehead Hicks
- C. James Duane
- D. Richard Varick

13. Which of these was made from the statue of King George III in Bowling Green Park, which was taken down and melted by patriots in 1776?

- A. the Liberty Bell
- B. a 'statue of liberty'
- C. bullets for rifles
- D. a cannon to defend the city

14. What November 25 holiday, celebrated on March 17 in Boston, commemorates the day that British troops left the city at the end of the American Revolution?

- A. Patriot's Day
- B. Revolution Day
- C. Evacuation Day
- D. Armistice Day

15. Which of these, founded in 1785 by Founding Father John Jay, became the first major anti-slavery organization in New York City?

- A. the American Colonization Society
- B. the New York Manumission Society
- C. the Manhattan Abolition Conference
- D. the Quaker Relief Society

16. Which of these began publication in the Independent Journal, New York Packet, and Daily Advertiser newspapers in October of 1787?

- A. the Age of Reason
- B. Common Sense
- C. Poor Richard's Almanac
- D. the Federalist

17. The 1792 Buttonwood Agreement resulted in the birth of what New York City institution?

- A. the Bank of the United States
- B. the New York Stock Exchange
- C. the Staten Island Ferry
- D. the New York Police Department

18. An epidemic of which of these diseases in 1794 led to the establishment of Bellevue Hospital?

- A. cholera
- B. influenza
- C. typhus
- D. yellow fever

19. Which of these, founded in 1796, is the oldest African American congregation in New York City?

- A. Mother African Methodist Episcopal Zion
- B. Trinity Church
- C. St. Patrick's
- D. John Street Methodist

20. Which of these is NOT true of the Commissioners' Plan of 1811?

- A. it put in place a grid system for New York City streets
- B. it left a space in the middle for the newly envisioned Central Park
- C. the execution of the plan called for a system of 'opening' and 'working' the streets
- D. it took nearly 60 years to implement the plan all the way to 155th Street

21. Which of these is true of the case of John Peter Zenger?

- A. the case established a firm legal precedent in for press freedom in the United States, even though it took place in the 1730s
- B. as a result of the case, freedom of the press became an absolute right in both the American colonies and the new United States
- C. the case established that the truth was not a defense for libel
- D. his New York Weekly Journal voiced opinions critical of colonial governor William Cosby, resulting in his libel charge

22. DeWitt Clinton is notable in New York history for all of these EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. he was one of Tammany Hall's first successful political candidates
- B. he was a strong political backer of the Erie Canal
- C. he was a US Senator from New York, as well as mayor of New York City and governor of the state
- D. he was opposed by the Bucktail faction of the Democratic-Republicans

23. Which of these best characterizes the New York City Police Riot of 1857?

- A. it involved a fraudulent mayoral election which was facilitated by the New York City Police
- B. it was a battle between recent German and Irish immigrants to the city which was brutally suppressed by the police
- C. it was a conflict between the recently-dissolved New York Municipal Police and the newly-formed Metropolitan Police
- D. it was a clash between the New York Police Department and the Dead Rabbits gang in the Five Points Neighborhood

24. In the early 1860s, Charles Ranhofer became the chef at what famous New York City restaurant, helping to popularize French cuisine in the United States?

- A. Katz's Deli
- B. Delmonico's
- C. Fraunces Tavern
- D. McSorley's Old Ale House

25. Which of these is NOT true of New York mayor Fernando Wood?

- A. he was the first mayor linked to Tammany Hall
- B. he was arrested as a result of the Great Police Riot in 1857
- C. He used the Dead Rabbits gang to intimidate voters and influence elections
- D. he opposed slavery and the 'Copperhead' Democrats in New York City

26. What reluctant political machine boss supported Theodore Roosevelt's bid for Governor of New York in 1899?

- A. Lemuel E. Quigg
- B. Augustus Van Wyck
- C. Frank S. Black
- D. T. C. Platt

27. The New York State Legislature granted a 1870 Art of Incorporation for which of the following?

- A. Metropolitan Museum of Art
- B. Museum of Modern Art
- C. Guggenheim Museum
- D. Whitney Museum of American Art

28. Which of the following was used by Thomas Nast to represent Tammany Hall in his political cartoons?

- A. donkey
- B. tiger
- C. goat
- D. eagle

29. Which of the following is NOT true of William M. Tweed?

- A. He established naturalization committees to help immigrants earn citizenship.
- B. He was elected to the US House of Representatives in 1852.
- C. He was convicted for stealing millions from New York City taxpayers.
- D. He was elected Governor of New York in 1867.

30. What 1876 presidential runner-up convened the Committee of Seventy to investigate the corruption of the Tweed ring?

- A. James O'Brien
- B. Gideon T. Stewart
- C. Samuel Tilden
- D. Alexander Campbell

31. Which of the following caught fire and sank in the East River in 1904?

- A. *General Slocum*
- B. *Swallow*
- C. *Sagamore*
- D. *Lucy Walker*

32. What immigrant group sparked the New York City draft riots when they were drafted to fight in the Civil War and could not afford substitution?

- A. Italians
- B. Germans
- C. Irish
- D. Dominicans

33. J. P. Morgan spearheaded the formation of all of the following corporations EXCEPT?

- A. General Electric
- B. Standard Oil
- C. International Harvester
- D. US Steel

34. Which of these formed a Committee on Public Safety to address the conditions that allowed the Triangle Shirtwaist factory fire?

- A. Frances Perkins
- B. Jane Addams
- C. Edith Abbott
- D. Sophonisba Breckinridge

35. What Danish-American muckraker used photography to expose the ills of late 19th century New York City urban development?

- A. Julius Chambers
- B. S. S. McClure
- C. Lincoln Steffens
- D. Jacob Riis

36. Which of these is NOT true of the 1920 Wall Street Bombing?

- A. it was likely motivated by revenge for the executions of Sacco and Vanzetti in Massachusetts
- B. it was never solved but is generally blamed on Italian anarchists
- C. it was the deadliest terrorist attack on American soil when it occurred
- D. it happened near the headquarters of J.P. Morgan Bank and Federal Hall

37. What nickname for New York City was first used in 1921, appearing in an article by John Fitz Gerald in the New York Morning Telegraph?

- A. the 'City That Never Sleeps'
- B. 'Gotham'
- C. the 'Big Apple'
- D. the 'Gateway to America'

38. Which of these won their first their first World Series championship in 1923?
- the New York Mets
 - the Brooklyn Dodgers
 - the New York Giants
 - the New York Yankees
39. Which of these is NOT true of Fiorello La Guardia?
- he was mayor during both the Great Depression and World War II
 - he was a staunch supporter of Prohibition
 - he was a Republican but was frequently cross-endorsed by Democrats
 - he reformed the city government to diminish the power of Tammany Hall
40. Jane Jacobs and Robert Moses clashed over the building of which of these proposed projects through Greenwich Village in the 1960s?
- the Long Island Railroad
 - the Throgs Neck Expressway
 - the Lower Manhattan Expressway
 - the Triborough Bridge
41. The 'Great Migration' of the 1950s describes the largest wave of migration of what group into New York City?
- Puerto Ricans
 - Ecuadorians
 - Salvadorans
 - Mexicans
42. Which of these New York City landmarks was demolished in 1963 to make way for the new Madison Square Garden?
- the Woolworth Building
 - Pennsylvania Station
 - the Hall of Music
 - the Cotton Club
43. A 1969 riot at what Greenwich Village establishment accelerated the gay liberation movement in the US?
- Stonewall Inn
 - Lion's Head
 - Grapevine Tavern
 - Pirate's Den
44. Which of these phrases completes the famous New York Daily News headline that begins 'Ford to City' following President Gerald Ford's refusal of a loan to New York City during the 1975 financial crisis?
- 'No Dice'
 - 'No Chance'
 - 'Drop Dead'
 - 'No Bailout'
45. Which of these is NOT true of activist and politician Bella Abzug?
- she helped introduce the first gay rights bill into the US Congress in 1974
 - she eventually opposed the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment in the late 1970s
 - she was a member of the socialist American Student Union at Hunter College in the late 1930s
 - she was included on the list of Nixon's 'political opponents' in the early 1970s
46. Which of the following was indicted in 1977 for the 'Son of Sam' murders?
- Michael Carr
 - Patrick Baxter
 - David Berkowitz
 - David Bullock
47. Frank Serpico exposed widespread corruption in the NYPD with a 1970 cover story published by which of the following?
- New York Daily News*
 - New York Times*
 - New Yorker*
 - New York Post*
48. Larry Kramer established ACT UP in 1989 to raise awareness and challenge the stigma of which of the following illnesses?
- Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
 - West Nile virus
 - Tuberculosis
 - AIDS
49. Which of these men became the first African American mayor of New York when he took office in January of 1990?
- Percy Sutton
 - David Dinkins
 - Charles Rangel
 - Basil Paterson
50. The Silicon Alley of Manhattan's Flatiron district saw massive growth in what decade that featured the 'dot com boom'?
- 1970s
 - 1980s
 - 1990s
 - 2000s
51. What Manhattan complex was the target of the terrorist attacks coordinated by al-Qaeda in 2001?
- World Trade Center
 - Statue of Liberty
 - Chrysler Building
 - Rockefeller Center

52. Which of the following is NOT true of the September 11 attacks on New York City?
- It is the deadliest terrorist attack in human history.
 - The global economy experienced a recession due to America's role in international trade.
 - al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden was immediately captured and imprisoned.
 - The US invaded Afghanistan to depose the Taliban.
53. Extensive damage was caused in New York City and Long Island by what October 2012 natural disaster?
- Hurricane Sandy
 - Hurricane Michael
 - Hurricane Harvey
 - Hurricane Katrina
54. The Occupy Wall Street protest began in what financial district park?
- Old Slip Park
 - Manhattan Park
 - City Hall Park
 - Zuccotti Park
55. What Brooklyn Borough president defeated Curtis Sliwa in 2021 to become New York City Mayor?
- Bill de Blasio
 - Eliot Spitzer
 - Malcolm Kenyatta
 - Eric Adams
56. Which of the following was transformed into The High Line in 2009?
- Bus terminal
 - Car factory
 - Railroad viaduct
 - Convention Center
57. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez upset what incumbent congressman in the 2018 Democratic party primary in her district?
- Joe Crowley
 - Hakeem Jeffries
 - Jerry Nadler
 - Sean Patrick Maloney
58. What three-word slogan originates from the last words of Eric Garner, who was killed by an NYPD officer in Staten Island in 2013?
- Please Don't Shoot
 - I'm a Person
 - Black Lives Matter
 - I Can't Breathe
59. Which of the following best describes the purpose of the Steinway Building and 432 Park Avenue?
- Residential skyscrapers
 - Furniture stores
 - Bank headquarters
 - Art galleries
60. Brandon Stanton started what photoblog in 2010 which features brief interviews with a diverse cross-section of New Yorkers?
- Brandon on the Street
 - Humans of New York
 - Sidewalk Talk
 - One Great City
61. Which of these is NOT true of the financial impact of Wall Street and the securities industry on the economy of New York City?
- it generates about 25% of the city's total wages
 - it accounts for roughly 10% of the city's annual tax revenue
 - it employs only about 1% of the city's private sector workers
 - it employs roughly 200,000 New Yorkers
62. The Conference House in Staten Island was the site of an early effort to end which of these conflicts?
- the American Revolution
 - the Civil War
 - the Russo-Japanese War
 - the Spanish-American War
63. Which of these is NOT true of the Statue of Liberty?
- the torch was displayed in Madison Square Park from 1876 to 1882
 - its metal framework was made by Gustave Eiffel
 - the statue is a figure of the Roman goddess of liberty
 - access to the balcony around the torch is strictly limited to a small number of people per day
64. Washington Square Arch, the centerpiece of its namesake Manhattan park, was designed by Stanford White in 1891 to commemorate which of these events?
- the end of the Civil War
 - the centennial of George Washington's inauguration as president
 - the first World's Fair to be held in New York City
 - the 200th anniversary of the founding of New York City
65. What scandal-plagued startup founded by Adam Neumann opened its first location in SoHo in 2011?
- Sweetgreen
 - SoftBank
 - Salesforce
 - WeWork

66. Which of the following department store owners erected the first commercial building on Fifth Avenue in 1896?

- A. Benjamin Altman
- B. Samuel Lord
- C. Andrew Saks
- D. Edwin Goodman

67. Which of the following used the song 'New York, New York' as one of his main theme songs in his later career?

- A. Nat King Cole
- B. Bing Crosby
- C. Tony Bennett
- D. Frank Sinatra

68. New York City holds one of the largest gay pride parades in the world each year in what month?

- A. March
- B. June
- C. October
- D. December

69. Which of the following streets lends its name to New York City's theater district?

- A. Fifth Avenue
- B. Broadway
- C. Park Avenue
- D. Madison Avenue

70. All of these are true of the demographics of New York City EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. it is the most linguistically diverse city in the world
- B. it is home to roughly 25% of the nation's Indian Americans
- C. roughly 10% of the city's population is foreign-born
- D. it has the largest African American community of any city in the country

71. Which of these is NOT true of Central Park?

- A. it is the fifth largest park in New York City
- B. it was built on unoccupied land in the center of Manhattan
- C. it contains a Sheep Meadow that was used to graze sheep into the 20th century
- D. it was designed according to the Greensward Plan

72. Which of these is both the southernmost and westernmost of the boroughs of New York City?

- A. Staten Island
- B. Brooklyn
- C. the Bronx
- D. Queens

73. Which of the following is NOT true of education in New York City?

- A. New York City has the largest public school system in the US.
- B. The municipal government of New York City pays Pelham Public Schools to educate a section of the Bronx population.
- C. There are more higher education institutions in New York City than any other city in the world.
- D. There are more private and charter schools than there are public schools in New York City.

74. What Brooklyn neighborhood hosts the highest concentration of black residents in the US?

- A. East Flatbush
- B. Bedford-Stuyvesant
- C. Coney Island
- D. Boerum Hill

75. The Metropolitan Opera House opened in 1966 with the performance of La fanciulla del West, an opera by what composer of La boheme?

- A. Nico Muhly
- B. John Corigliano
- C. Giacomo Puccini
- D. Franco Zeffirelli

Tiebreaker

Answer this question on the BACK of your scantron.

What was the population of The Bronx in the 2020 census?