



IGC 2022 - Montreal Culture Exam

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Division (circle one) - ES / MS / HS

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. Which of these was the original French name of the settlement that became Montreal?
 - A. Cap-Rouge
 - B. Charlesbourg-Royal
 - C. Saint-Malo
 - D. Ville-Marie
- 2. Which of these gained massive fame in the US with their world record and gold medal in the 1976 Olympic Decathlon?
 - A. Bob Mathias
 - B. Bill Toomey
 - C. Jim Thorpe
 - D. Caitlyn Jenner
- 3. The indigenous settlement at the site of present-day Montreal was known by what name?
 - A. Hochelaga
 - B. Stadacona
 - C. Tadoussac
 - D. Saguenay
- 4. The Montreal Expos were the first team located outside the US in what American professional sports league?
 - A. MLB
 - B. NFL
 - C. NBA
 - D. XFL

- 5. Which of the following NHL teams is based in Montreal?
 - A. Maple Leafs
 - B. Flames
 - C. Canucks
 - D. Canadiens
- 6. What percentage of the Montreal metro area speaks English as their first language?
 - A. 5%
 - B. 13%
 - C. 23%
 - D. 45%
- 7. Which of these serves as Montreal's major cultural district?
 - A. Quartier des Spectacles
 - B. Montreal-Nord
 - C. Le Plateau-Mont-Royal
 - D. Le Soud-Ouest
- 8. The largest concentration of Jews in Montreal live in what central neighborhood?
 - A. Dorval
 - B. Cote Saint-Luc
 - C. Baie-d' Urie
 - D. Angrignon
- 9. The Quartier Latin that hosts cafes, boutiques, and theatres takes its name from a similar neighborhood in what foreign city?
 - A. Rome
 - B. Berlin
 - C. London
 - D. Paris
- 10. Which of the following is the main focus of Montreal's Danse Danse series at the Place des Arts?
 - A. ballet
 - B. ballroom
 - C. contemporary dance
 - D. clogging
- 11. 11. Funeral, widely considered one of the best albums of the 2000s, was released by what Montreal-based band?
 - A. Arcade Fire
 - B. The Guess Who
 - C. Nickelback
 - D. Rush
- 12. Which of the following Montreal churches boasts the second largest dome of its kind in the world?
 - A. Michael's Cathedral Basilica
 - B. Eglise Saint-Roch
 - C. St. Peter's Basilica
 - D. St. Joseph's Oratory

- 13. Which of these is a fast-food staple in Montreal also known as a steamie?
 - A. hoagie
 - B. hamburger
 - C. hot dog
 - D. corndog
- 14. Among Montreal locals, Crescent Street is most known for which of the following?
 - A. bars and clubs
 - B. restaurants
 - C. live theater
 - D. farmers markets
- 15. Montreal's nightlife was a target destination for Americans in the midst of which of the following?
 - A. Gilded Age
 - B. Great Depression
 - C. Cold War
 - D. Prohibition
- 16. Which of the following meet every Sunday in Parc Mont-Royal to jam together in the Tam Tams?
 - A. violinists
 - B. drummers
 - C. guitarists
 - D. harpists
- 17. Montreal produced what jazz musician who released over 200 recordings and won seven Grammy Awards?
 - A. Miles Davis
 - B. Oscar Peterson
 - C. Louis Armstrong
 - D. Dizzy Gillespie
- 18. Tourism in Montreal is bolstered by the fact that it has the highest per capita in Canada of what institutions?
 - A. museums
 - B. national parks
 - C. restaurants
 - D. libraries
- 19. The all-time best selling Quebecois novel, The Alley Cat, was published in 1981 by which of these?
 - A. Yves Beauchemin
 - B. Alice Walker
 - C. Don DeLillo
 - D. Margaret Atwood
- 20. Emile Nilligan is the namesake for many Quebec schools and libraries due to his success in which of the following?
 - A. poetry
 - B. science fiction
 - C. biographies
 - D. historical fiction

- 21. The Montreal Group of poets was founded by graduates of which of the following universities?
 - A. Ambrose University
 - B. McGill University
 - C. Western University
 - D. University of Waterloo
- 22. What tool did Jean-Paul Riopelle use to apply paint to his 1950s mosaics which gave them a sculpture-like appearance?
 - A. masking tape
 - B. pencil
 - C. paintbrush
 - D. palette knife
- 23. The Montreal Biodome features the four main ecosystems of what region?
 - A. Asia
 - B. Oceania
 - C. the Americas
 - D. Europe
- 24. Which of the following is the focus of the McCord Museum in downtown Montreal?
 - A. art
 - B. architecture
 - C. history
 - D. technology
- 25. The Musee des ondes Emile Berliner, which celebrates Canada's music industry, is named for the inventor of which of these?
 - A. radio
 - B. gramophone
 - C. piano
 - D. harpsichord
- 26. Montreal has the second largest black population in Canada behind which of the following?
 - A. Toronto
 - B. Quebec City
 - C. Ottawa
 - D. Halifax
- 27. Writer Hugh MacLennan famously used the Two Solitudes to describe the cultural divide in Quebec between which of these populations?
 - A. Mohawk and Inuit First Nation peoples
 - B. French Canadians and First Nation peoples
 - C. First Nation peoples and English Canadians
 - D. French Canadians and English Canadians
- 28. Mount Royal Park was designed by Frederick Law Olmsted who also designed what NYC site?
 - A. Balboa Park
 - B. Lincoln Park
 - C. Central Park
 - D. Griffith Park

- 29. Montreal was once home to what Iroquois-speaking First Nation tribe?
 - A. Aleut
 - B. Choctaw
 - C. Lakota
 - D. Haudenosaunee
- 30. A Montreal bridge that spans the St. Lawrence River is named for what French explorer?
 - A. Henry Hudson
 - B. Jacques Cartier
 - C. Christopher Columbus
 - D. John Cabot
- 31. Mount Royal is a part of which of the following?
 - A. the Monteregian Hills
 - B. the Canadian Rockies
 - C. the Appalachian Mountains
 - D. the Laurentian Mountains
- 32. Habitat 67 is the first structure of its kind erected by stacking which of the following?
 - A. wooden pillars
 - B. prefabricated concrete forms
 - C. suspended beams
 - D. titanium orbs
- 33. The Montreal Protocol first signed in 1987 called for the phasing out of HCFCs to halt which of the following?
 - A. desertification
 - B. groundwater pollution
 - C. ozone depletion
 - D. deforestation
- 34. White Ribbon Day commemorates the 1989 massacre of which of these at Ecole Polytechnique de Montreal?
 - A. children
 - B. babies
 - C. men
 - D. women
- 35. A 1992 capsule was buried next to what Mount Royal monument that is lit with LEDs?
 - A. a Ferris wheel
 - B. a cross
 - C. an obelisk
 - D. a gate
- 36. The Place Ville Marie in Downtown Montreal is the official headquarters of what largest Canadian bank?
 - A. Royal Bank of Canada
 - B. Toronto-Dominion Bank
 - C. Bank of Nova Scotia
 - D. Canadian Western Bank

- 37. Montreal's Olympic Stadium is nicknamed "The Big O," because its roof resembles which of the following?
 - A. a pumpkin
 - B. popcorn
 - C. a banana
 - D. a doughnut
- 38. The 165 meters high Montreal Tower holds which of the following distinctions?
 - A. It's the tallest tower in Canada.
 - B. It's the tallest inclined tower in the world.
 - C. It's the tallest tower in the world.
 - D. It's the tallest tower in North America.
- 39. Montreal is located at the confluence of what two rivers?
 - A. Ottawa River and Columbia River
 - B. Columbia River and Mackenzie River
 - C. St. Lawrence River and Ottawa River
 - D. Mackenzie River and St. Lawrence River
- 40. Which of the following best describes the goal of the Front de liberation du Quebec?
 - A. to make Montreal the capital of Canada
 - B. to oust the Canadian prime minister
 - C. to overthrow the government of Canada and establish anarchism
 - D. to establish an independent and socialist Quebec
- 41. What French president controversially declared "Vive le Quebec libre" at the 1967 World Expo?
 - A. Lyndon B. Johnson
 - B. Harold Wilson
 - C. Kurt Georg Kiesinger
 - D. Charles de Gaulle
- 42. The Montreal Alouettes play what sport in the Percival Molson Memorial Stadium?
 - A. racquetball
 - B. Canadian football
 - C. rugby
 - D. cricket
- 43. What largest contemporary circus in the world is headquartered in Montreal?
 - A. Cirque Du Soleil
 - B. Carson & Barnes
 - C. Carden International
 - D. Royal Hanneford
- 44. The Lachine Canal in Montreal was named for what desired destination of westbound European explorers?
 - A. Russia
 - B. Australia
 - C. Egypt
 - D. China

- 45. Ludger Lemieux designed the Atwater Market building in 1933 in what style?
 - A. Art Deco
 - B. Renaissance
 - C. Victorian
 - D. Ornamental
- 46. Continental Army Brigadier General Richard Montgomery took control of Montreal in 1775 during what conflict?
 - A. Quasi-War
 - B. American Civil War
 - C. American Revolution
 - D. Mexican-American War
- 47. What imperial power launched the Montreal Campaign in 1760 as part of the Seven Years' War?
 - A. Portugal
 - B. Germany
 - C. Great Britain
 - D. Italy
- 48. Jacques Parizeau claimed a 1995 referendum concerning what topic was defeated by "money and the ethnic vote"?
 - A. the sovereignty of Quebec
 - B. the legalization of alcohol
 - C. proportional representation in Parliament
 - D. the union of the Canadian Conference
- 49. What late 20th century mayor of Montreal is best known for indebting the city through the financial mishandling of construction projects?
 - A. Kim Campbell
 - B. Jean Drapeau
 - C. John Macdonald
 - D. Thomas Morrison
- 50. The Island of Montreal is the largest in what archipelago?
 - A. Malay Archipelago
 - B. Aleutian Islands
 - C. Madeira
 - D. Hochelaga Archipelago
- 51. Montreal lies adjacent to what North American mountain range?
 - A. Atlas Mountains
 - B. Andes Mountains
 - C. Apennines
 - D. Appalachians
- 52. Directions in Montreal are sharply skewed relative to the flow of what river?
 - A. St. Lawrence River
 - B. Mississippi River
 - C. Saskatchewan River
 - D. Nelson River

- 53. Montreal's climate is classified as which of the following?
 - A. dry polar
 - B. semi-arid
 - C. dry temperate
 - D. humid continental
- 54. Montreal is the second most populated river island in the world behind what Indian island?
 - A. Vasilevsky Island
 - B. Wilhelmsburg
 - C. Salsette Island
 - D. Mosqueiro
- 55. The Underground City is a series of connections between offices, hotels, and shopping centers in what Montreal neighborhood?
 - A. Griffintown
 - B. Villeray
 - C. Cote-des-Neiges
 - D. Downtown Montreal
- 56. The Notre-Dame Basilica Montreal is Canada's oldest example of what style of religious architecture?
 - A. Baroque
 - B. Gothic Revival
 - C. Renaissance
 - D. Romanesque
- 57. What Montreal university is a French-language public research university?
 - A. Langara College
 - B. MacEwan University
 - C. University of Montreal
 - D. Saint Paul University
- 58. Many pious Catholics climb the 99 steps in front of St. Joseph's Oratory on which of these appendages?
 - A. hands
 - B. knees
 - C. elbows
 - D. arms
- 59. The Royal Montreal Regiment participated in all of the following conflicts EXCEPT?
 - A. Spanish-American War
 - B. WWI
 - C. WWII
 - D. War in Afghanistan
- 60. What public utility is managed by the Montreal based corporation Hydro-Quebec?
 - A. heat
 - B. cable television
 - C. electricity
 - D. gas

- 61. The 1955 Richard Riot was sparked by the suspension of ice hockey player Maurice Richard from what professional league?
 - A. NHL
 - B. AFL
 - C. MLS
 - D. ICE
- 62. How many peaks does Mount Royal have?

 - B. 3
 - C. 5
 - D. 7
- 63. Taro Aso represented which of the following nations on their shooting team at the 1976 Olympics before later being elected its Prime Minister?
 - A. China
 - B. South Korea
 - C. Japan
 - D. Manchuria
- 64. Which of these Canadian cities has a higher population than Montreal?
 - A. Ottawa
 - B. Quebec City
 - C. Vancouver
 - D. Toronto
- 65. The La Ronde amusement park in Montreal is operated by what American corporation headquartered in Arlington, TX?
 - A. Walt Disney
 - B. Six Flags
 - C. Dollywood
 - D. Sea World
- 66. Expo 67, one of Montreal's most important twentieth century cultural events, was what type of international gathering?
 - A. a golf tournament
 - B. a UN summit on climate change
 - C. a World's Fair
 - D. a major art exhibition
- 67. Which of these is NOT part of the mission of the Office québécois de la langue française in Montreal?
 - A. to align the Canadian French language with international French
 - B. to keep 'Anglicanisms' or English phrases out of Canadian French
 - C. to make French the 'priority language' in Quebec
 - D. to make French the only official language of Canada
- 68. The Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in Montreal hosts the Canadian Grand Prix, a major race in what world championship series?
 - A. Formula One
 - B. NASCAR
 - C. Indy Car
 - D. drag racing

- 69. Fairmont and St-Viateur are famous bakeries selling the 'Montreal-style' of which of these, more commonly associated in America with New York City?
 - A. croissants
 - B. bagels
 - C. wedding cakes
 - D. cannoli
- 70. Montreal limits skyscrapers within the city to which of the following roof heights?
 - A. 10 stories
 - B. the height of Mount Royal, roughly 205 meters
 - C. 100 stories
 - D. there is no limit on building height
- 71. Which of these, held each July in Montreal, is the largest international comedy festival in the world?
 - A. the Moontower Comedy Festival
 - B. Big Pine Comedy Festival
 - C. Just for Laughs
 - D. the Fringe Theater Festival
- 72. Which of these became the first person to score a perfect 10 in gymnastics at the Olympics in 1976?
 - A. Nadia Comeneci
 - B. Mary Lou Retton
 - C. Daniela Silivas
 - D. Alexander Dityatin
- 73. The Montreal Biosphere, originally designed by Buckminster Fuller for Expo 67, is which of these?
 - A. a pyramid
 - B. a series of stacked cubes
 - C. a geodesic dome
 - D. a pentagon
- 74. Roughly how many people in the city of Montreal speak French at home as their main language?
 - A. just over 50%
 - B. about 33%
 - C. about 25%
 - D. under 10%
- 75. Olympic Stadium in Montreal was built to host the Summer Olympics in what year?
 - A. 1896
 - B. 1936
 - C. 1976
 - D. 2026

Tiebreaker

Write your answer on the BACK of your scantron.

What is the area in either square kilometers OR square miles of the Montreal metropolitan area?