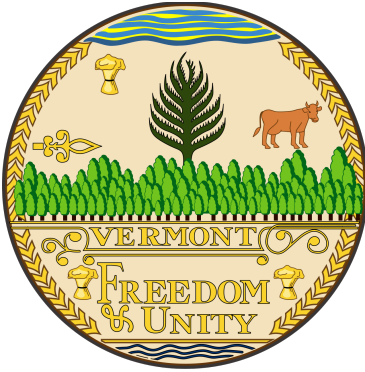




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2022 Vermont Geography Exam

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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. Vermont is America's largest producer of which of the following commodities?

- A. apples
- B. Christmas trees
- C. maple syrup
- D. eggs

2. Which of these receives the largest share of Vermont's foreign exports?

- A. Canada
- B. China
- C. Taiwan
- D. South Korea

3. Which of the following is the most populated county of Vermont?

- A. Rutland
- B. Caledonia
- C. Windham
- D. Chittenden

4. For the first six months of its existence in 1777, the Vermont Republic was known as which of these?

- A. New Connecticut
- B. West New Hampshire
- C. North Massachusetts
- D. Montpelier

5. Which of these is the annual mean temperature in Vermont in degrees Fahrenheit?

- A. 15
- B. 43
- C. 67
- D. 81

6. Vermont is located in which of the following biomes?

- A. alpine
- B. temperate and broadleaf forest
- C. monsoon
- D. xeric shrubland

7. How many cities or towns with a population over 50,000 people are in Vermont?

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. 5
- D. 10

8. Stowe Mountain, Smuggler's Notch and Sugarbush are notable areas for what activity in Vermont?

- A. fishing
- B. hunting
- C. watersports
- D. skiing and snowboarding

9. Despite its liberal political reputation, Vermont has some of the least restrictive laws regarding which of these controversial issues?

- A. drug use
- B. gun control
- C. adoption
- D. property ownership

10. The west bank of the Connecticut River forms Vermont's border with what state?

- A. Connecticut
- B. Maine
- C. New Hampshire
- D. Massachusetts

11. Vermont's emphasis on agriculture results in it having more of which of these per capita than any other state?

- A. grocery stores
- B. farmers markets
- C. restaurants
- D. bakeries

12. Which of these is true about religion in Vermont?
- Most religious Vermonters adhere to Protestantism.
 - Vermont is considered the least religious state in the US.
 - The Latter-Day Saints movement was founded in Vermont.
 - Affiliations with organized religion have increased in Vermont in the last decade.
13. Which of the following identifications dominates Vermont's demographics at 93% of the population?
- White
 - Asian
 - Black or African American
 - Native American
14. Vermont's recent population trends pose what challenge to the state's economy?
- higher taxes
 - access to healthcare
 - changes in representation
 - shrinking workforce
15. Vermont, Delaware, Alaska, and four other states have how many representatives in the US House of Representatives?
- 1
 - 2
 - 3
 - 4
16. Due to colonial activity starting in 1666, many Vermonters share what European ancestry?
- French
 - German
 - Italian
 - Scottish
17. Fort Sainte Anne was the first European settlement in Vermont built to fortify what body of water?
- Seymour Lake
 - Lake Memphremagog
 - Lake Champlain
 - Lake Bomoseen
18. Which of the following native tribes is indigenous to the area of modern-day Vermont?
- Powhatan
 - Wyandot
 - Wampanoag
 - Abenaki
19. Which of these is true of the capital of Vermont?
- It is the least populous US state capital.
 - It is the smallest US state capital by land area.
 - It is the northernmost US state capital.
 - It is the easternmost US state capital.
20. What large IT and consulting company helped curb emigration in the 20th century by introducing thousands of jobs into Vermont?
- DXC Technology
 - Xerox
 - Cognizant Technology Solutions
 - International Business Machines (IBM)
21. Vermont's agricultural sector focuses largely on what industry headquartered in Cabot, Vermont?
- livestock
 - dairy
 - grain
 - horticulture
22. Stowe, Vermont was the home to the Von Trapp family that inspired what musical?
- Hello, Dolly!
 - The Sound of Music
 - Funny Girl
 - The Lost World
23. In 1880, Vermont was the first to grant partial voting rights to what population?
- black men
 - women
 - Native Americans
 - men without property
24. Which of these was made illegal in Vermont in 1968 to preserve the state's natural beauty?
- commercial billboards
 - skyscrapers
 - cell phone towers
 - above-ground power lines
25. Vermont's Green Mountains are included in what larger American mountain system?
- Appalachians
 - Rocky Mountains
 - Sierra Nevada
 - Laurentian Mountains
26. Which of the following features is NOT included in the physical border between New York and Vermont?
- Hudson River
 - Lake George
 - Lake Champlain
 - Connecticut River
27. Which of these does NOT border Vermont?
- New Hampshire
 - New York
 - Massachusetts
 - Maine

28. European colonizers targeted northern Vermont for access to what lucrative trade?

- A. fur
- B. gold
- C. turquoise
- D. corn

29. Which of the following is the second highest point in Vermont?

- A. Mount Mansfield
- B. Killington Peak
- C. Camel's Hump
- D. Mount Ellen

30. Mount Mansfield is known for its resemblance to which of the following?

- A. a kissing couple
- B. a lion head
- C. a man's face
- D. a full moon

31. Which of the following regions houses the largest retail market in Vermont?

- A. Greater Burlington
- B. Stowe-Smugglers Notch
- C. Northeast Kingdom
- D. Southern Windsor County

32. What northeastern county in Vermont is the least populous in both Vermont and New England as a whole?

- A. Essex
- B. Addison
- C. Lamoille
- D. Orange

33. Lake Memphremagog was named for a word that means "where there is a big expanse of water" in what Abenaki language?

- A. Iroquois
- B. Mohegan
- C. Algonquian
- D. Lenape

34. Orleans County's boreal forests and marshes make it especially conducive to what fauna?

- A. songbirds
- B. possums
- C. bobcats
- D. vultures

35. Since the election of Bernie Sanders in 1990, Vermont has reliably supported what political party in national elections?

- A. Republican
- B. Democratic
- C. Libertarian
- D. Green

36. Vermont shares a 90-mile border with what Canadian province?

- A. Ontario
- B. Quebec
- C. New Brunswick
- D. Nova Scotia

37. Montpelier is the seat of what central Vermont county named for an American founding father?

- A. Washington
- B. Franklin
- C. Bennington
- D. Orleans

38. Which of the following is NOT a feature of the climate of Vermont?

- A. snowy winters
- B. temperate autumns
- C. precipitation all year round
- D. dry summers

39. Which of these is responsible for the erosion that developed the unique shape of Camel's Hump?

- A. cutting rivers
- B. glacial action
- C. drying lakes
- D. snow deluge

40. The Winooski River has maintained its original course despite the rising of the Green Mountains, classifying it as which of the following?

- A. discordant river
- B. resequent river
- C. antecedent river
- D. consequent river

41. The development of Vermont by settlers in the 1800s was facilitated mainly through the construction of which of the following?

- A. canals
- B. highways
- C. cars
- D. railroads

42. Which of these were almost exterminated in Vermont by overhunting but have since repopulated since they were reintroduced in 1969?

- A. wild turkeys
- B. brown bears
- C. field sparrows
- D. timber rattlesnakes

43. Much of Vermont, especially the Green Mountains, is covered by what gymnosperms?

- A. cycads
- B. conifers
- C. ginkgo
- D. hardwoods

44. Which of the following flora has been named the biggest threat to state forests?

- A. honeysuckle
- B. buckthorn
- C. cypress
- D. leafy spurge

45. Changing demographics in Vermont have resulted in tensions between multi-generational families and newcomers known as which of the following?

- A. Flatlanders
- B. Yankees
- C. Floaters
- D. Greenhorns

46. Which of the following is NOT true of energy industry and usage in Vermont?

- A. Vermont has no fossil fuel reserves.
- B. Vermont uses the most renewable energy of any state in the US.
- C. Vermont has the lowest total energy consumption in the US.
- D. Vermont imports most of its energy from Canada.

47. Tourism employs what percentage of Vermonters every year?

- A. 10%
- B. 20%
- C. 25%
- D. 35%

48. The famous Catamount Trail allows which of the following to explore 300 miles of the snowy backcountry of Vermont?

- A. cyclists
- B. climbers
- C. skiers
- D. hikers

49. Which of the following is prominent enough in Vermont to constitute an ongoing threat to drivers on the roads?

- A. moose
- B. cougars
- C. bears
- D. coyotes

50. Which of the following major interstates does not pass through Vermont?

- A. I-89
- B. I-90
- C. I-91
- D. I-93

51. Which of the following best describes the "cottage industries" of Vermont?

- A. small business operated out of one's home
- B. manufacturing partnerships with farmers
- C. small businesses that report to larger corporations
- D. regional businesses that focus on interstate commerce

52. Which of the following types of incorporated municipalities does not appear in Vermont?

- A. boroughs
- B. towns
- C. cities
- D. villages

53. Which of the following is NOT true of Vermont politics?

- A. Vermont was once an independent nation.
- B. Vermont is the only state to have voted for an Anti-Masonic Party presidential candidate.
- C. Vermont voted against Franklin D. Roosevelt in all of his presidential campaigns.
- D. Vermont is the only state that does not allow residents between 18 and 21 to vote.

54. Which of the following is the longest river contained entirely within the borders of Vermont?

- A. Otter Creek
- B. Hudson River
- C. Connecticut River
- D. Missisquoi River

55. In 1777, the Vermont constitution banned which of these?

- A. private ownership of land
- B. adult slavery
- C. joining the Continental Army
- D. taxes of any kind

56. What Vermont battle was part of the first major defeat of a British army during the Saratoga campaign?

- A. Battle of Bennington
- B. Battle of Gloucester
- C. Battle of Hubbardton
- D. Battle of Brandywine

57. In 1860, Vermont gave what Republican nominee the largest margin of victory of any other state?

- A. Stephen Douglas
- B. John Breckenridge
- C. Abraham Lincoln
- D. John Bell

58. The St. Albans Raid in Vermont was one of the only engagements in the North during what conflict?

- A. War of 1812
- B. Mexican-American War
- C. Civil War
- D. Spanish-American War

59. Which of the following ice cream companies started out of a Vermont gas station in 1978?
- Baskin-Robbins
 - Ben & Jerry's
 - Haagen-Dazs
 - Blue Bell
60. Which of these led the Green Mountain Boys in protecting Vermont from land speculators and capturing Fort Ticonderoga?
- Ethan Allen
 - Patrick Henry
 - Joseph Martin
 - Andrew Pickens
61. Which of the following industries is the largest employer in Vermont?
- Education
 - Agriculture
 - Retail
 - Government
62. What percentage of electricity generated in Vermont is from renewable sources?
- 10%
 - 50%
 - 75%
 - 99.9%
63. In 1791, Vermont was admitted to the Union as which state?
- the 14th state
 - the 20th state
 - the 30th state
 - the 48th state
64. According to the Census Bureau, 15% of all housing in Vermont was used for what purpose?
- for a home-based business
 - to house retired or elderly family members
 - for recreation or as a vacation home
 - as a rental or income property
65. Which of these is NOT an effect of climate change on Vermont?
- warmer winters have a negative effect on winter sports like skiing
 - warming temperatures reduce the output of sugar maple trees
 - cows eat more and produce more milk in warmer temperatures, helping the dairy industry
 - flooding risk will increase due to more extreme weather events
66. The University of Vermont, one of the oldest in the nation, was included on what list of prestigious public colleges first published in 1985?
- the 'Colleges that Change Lives'
 - the 'Public Ivy' list
 - the Great Schools list
 - the Niche rankings
67. What is the name of Vermont's bicameral legislature?
- House of Delegates
 - State Legislature
 - General Court
 - General Assembly
68. Which of the following is the oldest existing town in Vermont first chartered by the Province of Massachusetts Bay?
- Rockingham
 - Wardsboro
 - Townshend
 - Westminster
69. Vermont is the second least populous US state behind which of these?
- Montana
 - Wyoming
 - South Dakota
 - Idaho
70. Abstract depictions of heads consistent with indigenous traditions can be found in what form at the Bellows Falls archeological site?
- petroglyphs
 - pictographs
 - geoglyphs
 - hieroglyphs
71. What percentage of land has already been placed under conservation protection in Vermont to combat industrial deforestation?
- 20%
 - 33%
 - 50%
 - 65%
72. The topography of Vermont makes it vulnerable to what natural disaster, one of which destroyed much of the state's infrastructure in 1927?
- tornadoes
 - earthquakes
 - mudslides
 - floods
73. Which of these is the most productive agricultural region in Vermont due to its proximity to fertile drainage basins?
- Connecticut River Valley
 - Champlain Valley
 - Vermont Valley
 - Okemo Valley

74. Vermont is the top US producer of what type of rock?

- A. marble
- B. slate
- C. gneiss
- D. schist

75. Which of the following serves as the state capital of Vermont?

- A. Stowe
- B. Montpelier
- C. Burlington
- D. Randolph

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Write your answer on the BACK of your scantron. Please label your responses 1-5.

List in order the five most populous cities or towns in Vermont.