



International Geography Championships

2026 Geography of Thailand Examination Elementary School Division

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. Write the answer to your tiebreaker question in the box at the top of your scantron.

1. Thailand shares a border with all of these nations EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. Cambodia
- B. Malaysia
- C. Myanmar
- D. Pakistan

2. The geographic shape of Thailand resembles what national symbol of the nation?

- A. a duck
- B. a tiger
- C. an elephant
- D. a shrew

3. What seasonal system is a major influence on Thailand's tropical climate?

- A. tsunamis
- B. hurricanes
- C. typhoons
- D. monsoons

4. Which of the following is the capital of Thailand?

- A. Bangkok
- B. Phnom Penh
- C. Naypyidaw
- D. Vientiane

5. Before adopting the name Thailand in 1939, the nation was previously known as which of the following?

- A. Ceylon
- B. Burma
- C. Rhodesia
- D. Siam

6. Which of these is the largest island in Thailand?

- A. Libong
- B. Lanta Yai
- C. Phuket
- D. Yao Noi

7. Thailand is a founding member of what intergovernmental economic organization?

- A. EU
- B. ASEAN
- C. NATO
- D. AU

8. Groups that live in the mountainous regions of northern and western Thailand are collectively referred to as which of the following?

- A. first nations
- B. people of the longhouse
- C. aboriginals
- D. hill tribe

9. Which of the following is the highest peak in Thailand?

- A. Mount Fuji
- B. Kangchenjunga
- C. Doi Inthanon
- D. Mount Elbrus

10. Which of the following is the sole official language of Thailand?

- A. Thai
- B. Vietnamese
- C. Burmese
- D. Khmer

11. Much of Thailand's border with Laos is formed by which of the following?

- A. Sea of Japan
- B. Indus River
- C. South China Sea
- D. Mekong River

12. Which of the following is the official currency of Thailand?

- A. baht
- B. kip
- C. riel
- D. rupiah

13. Which of the following is the political system used in Thailand?

- A. socialist democracy
- B. Islamic theocracy
- C. democratic republic
- D. constitutional monarchy

14. Over 93% of the population of Thailand practices which of the following traditions?

- A. Christianity
- B. Islam
- C. Buddhism
- D. Sikhism

15. What body of water lies along the southwestern coast of Thailand?

- A. Persian Gulf
- B. Andaman Sea
- C. Arctic Ocean
- D. Arabian Sea

16. What river begins at the confluence of the Ping and Nan before flowing through Thailand's capital city?

- A. Ganges
- B. Red River
- C. Chao Phraya
- D. Yangtze

17. What northern province of Thailand is the largest by area?
- Hainan
 - Hung Yen
 - Goa
 - Chiang Mai
18. Khmer is mostly spoken in western parts of Thailand that share a border with what nation?
- Maldives
 - Sri Lanka
 - Cambodia
 - South Korea
19. What Bangkok complex has been the official home of the Thai king since the 18th century?
- Grand Palace
 - Forbidden City
 - Lingkana Palace
 - Taj Mahal
20. Which of the following is the northernmost province of Thailand?
- Chumphon
 - Phuket
 - Trat
 - Chiang Rai
21. Which of the following shares a border with Thailand on the Isthmus of Kra?
- Brunei
 - Indonesia
 - Malaysia
 - Philippines
22. Which of these is the longest river to flow completely within Thailand?
- Tone River
 - Ural River
 - Ob River
 - Chi River
23. What lagoon is the largest natural lake in Thailand?
- Qinghai Lake
 - Songkhla Lake
 - Ba Be Lake
 - Loktak Lake
24. Which of the following is the closest estimation for the total population of Thailand?
- 66 million
 - 1.5 billion
 - 1.2 billion
 - 350 million
25. The "Golden Triangle" is a mountainous region in Southeast Asia where what three nations meet?
- Bhutan, Nepal, and Thailand
 - India, Bangladesh, and Thailand
 - Vietnam, Thailand, and China
 - Thailand, Laos, and Myanmar
26. What second largest city was named the City of Crafts and Folk Arts by UNESCO in 2017?
- Phitsanulok
 - Si Racha
 - Chiang Mai
 - Tha Kham
27. Which of the following is Thailand's biggest export?
- pharmaceuticals
 - refined petroleum
 - cassava
 - computers
28. The BTS Skytrain and MRT rail lines can be found in what Thai city?
- Nonthaburi
 - Pattaya
 - Bangkok
 - Pak Kret
29. Wat Phra That Doi Suthep is located on a mountain just 15 km from what northern Thai city?
- Chiang Mai
 - Yala
 - Koh Samui
 - Sukhothai
30. Which of the following lies just south of Thailand?
- Bay of Bengal
 - Gulf of Thailand
 - Bohai Sea
 - Gulf of Aqaba
31. Thailand is divided politically into how many provinces?
- 118
 - 76
 - 22
 - 15
32. Bueng Boraphet is an example of what freshwater wetland that is often forested?
- savanna
 - swamp
 - tundra
 - taiga
33. Bangkok's Yaowarat enclave is known colloquially as which of the following?
- Little Italy
 - Chinatown
 - Koreatown
 - Little India
34. Which of the following forms the northernmost arm of the Gulf of Thailand?
- Bay of Bangkok
 - Gulf of Tonkin
 - Coral Bay
 - Gulf of Mannar

35. A quarter of Thailand's population lives in the Bangkok Metropolitan Region giving it which of the following distinctions for Thailand?
- imperial capital
 - split capital
 - federal district
 - primate city
36. What three colors are used for the five horizontal stripes of the Thai flag?
- yellow, red, and white
 - white, green, and orange
 - red, white, and blue
 - green, red, and white
37. Which of these is the easternmost of the Thai highlands?
- Luong Prabang Range
 - Western Thongchai Range
 - Khun Tan Chain
 - Phi Pan Nam
38. The Phi Phi Islands are located in what busy maritime chokepoint?
- Sunda Strait
 - Tsushima Strait
 - Taiwan Strait
 - Strait of Malacca
39. Thailand is the world's leading exporter of what raw material?
- uranium
 - wheat
 - rubber
 - iron ore
40. Chiang Rai's Wat Rong Khun is better known as which of the following due to the color of the building?
- Temple of Dawn
 - White Temple
 - Temple of the Emerald Buddha
 - Temple of the Reclining Buddha
41. Doi Pui and Doi Suthep are peaks in what mountain range?
- Western Ghats
 - Annamite Range
 - Purvanchal Range
 - Thanon Thong Chai Range
42. The World Bank classifies Thailand as which of the following?
- landlocked developing country
 - post-industrial country
 - newly industrialized country
 - least developed country
43. The Emerald Buddha is held in what most sacred temple of Thailand?
- Shwedagon Pagoda
 - Wat Phra Kaew
 - Pha That Luang
 - Borobudur
44. What coastal wetlands protect much of Thailand's western shoreline?
- mangrove forests
 - temperate steppes
 - alpine meadows
 - montane hardwoods
45. The Chiang Dao Wildlife Sanctuary protects land in what mountainous region?
- Kumon Range
 - Rakhine Yoma
 - Daen Lao Range
 - Naga Hills
46. Sericulture is employed in the Isan region of Thailand to produce which of the following?
- silk
 - rice
 - wheat
 - corn
47. Which of the following is spoken by older members of the Thai Chinese population?
- Scouse
 - Teochew
 - Bengali
 - Malay
48. What seven-tiered waterfall in Kanchanaburi is famous for its clear pools?
- Namtok Si Dit
 - Mae Surin Falls
 - Erawan Waterfall
 - Sirindhorn Waterfall
49. The Mae Ya, Wachiratan, and Siriphum Falls are included in what "roof of Thailand" park?
- Taman Negara National Park
 - Princesa Subterranean River Park
 - Komodo National Park
 - Doi Inthanon National Park
50. Most of Thailand's electricity production is fueled by which of the following?
- natural gas
 - coal
 - hydropower
 - biomass
51. What Thai political body meets in the Sappaya-Sapasathan in Bangkok?
- Bank of Thailand
 - Courts of Justice
 - Election Commission
 - Parliament
52. Over half of Thailand's rice paddies are located in what region?
- Central
 - South
 - Northeastern
 - West

53. What least populous province of Thailand is famous for its hot springs and waterfalls?

- A. Loei
- B. Uttaradit
- C. Mae Hong Son
- D. Ranong

54. Which of the following was formed after the construction of the Rajjaprabha Dam?

- A. Kenyir Lake
- B. Cheow Lan Lake
- C. Nam Ngum Lake
- D. Attabad Lake

55. The Buddhist temple Wat Arun derives its name from the god Aruna from what other religious tradition?

- A. Tengrism
- B. Zoroastrianism
- C. Shintosim
- D. Hinduism

56. The Three Pagodas Pass links the towns Nong Lu and Payathonzu through what range?

- A. Kunlun Mountains
- B. Hoang Lien Son Range
- C. Tenasserim Hills
- D. Aravalli Range

57. Wat Mahathat is located in what city named for an ancient Thai kingdom?

- A. Ayutthaya
- B. Pataliputra
- C. Hue
- D. Chengdu

58. Which of the following is NOT one of the “big four of Isan”?

- A. Phuket City
- B. Khon Kaen
- C. Udon Thani
- D. Nakhon Ratchasima

59. Sgaw and Pwo are branches of what Sino-Tibetan language?

- A. Odia
- B. Karen
- C. Tamil
- D. Wu

60. Bangkok experiences daily increases in temperature due to what phenomenon?

- A. polar vortex
- B. urban heat island
- C. ocean dipoles
- D. oasis effect

61. The Bhumibol Dam controls floods and produces hydroelectric power on what river?

- A. Kapuas River
- B. Pearl River
- C. Yamuna River
- D. Ping River

62. Which of the following is the country calling code of Thailand?

- A. +44
- B. +1
- C. +66
- D. +81

63. Phu Khi Suk is the highest peak of what range in western Thailand?

- A. Dangrek Mountains
- B. Chersky Range
- C. Karakoram Range
- D. Hengduan Mountains

64. Illegal elephant poaching is an ongoing issue in what largest national park in Thailand?

- A. Khao Yai National Park
- B. Thap Lan National Park
- C. Si Phang Nga National Park
- D. Kaeng Krachan National Park

65. Wat Pho is located on Rattanakosin Island in what central district of Thailand’s capital city?

- A. Bang Khun Thain
- B. Nong Chok
- C. Phra Nakhon
- D. Khlong Sam Wa

Tiebreaker

This question will only be scored if there is a tie for placement on the exam. **This is a required question, but there is no penalty for a wrong answer to this question.** Write your answer legibly in the space provided on your scantron.

According to the IMF, what was the nominal GDP of Thailand in 2025 in USD?