



International Geography Championships

2026 Geography of Thailand Examination High School and Middle 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?
- A. Hainan
 - B. Hung Yen
 - C. Goa
 - D. Chiang Mai
18. Khmer is mostly spoken in western parts of Thailand that share a border with what nation?
- A. Maldives
 - B. Sri Lanka
 - C. Cambodia
 - D. South Korea
19. What Bangkok complex has been the official home of the Thai king since the 18th century?
- A. Grand Palace
 - B. Forbidden City
 - C. Lingkana Palace
 - D. Taj Mahal
20. Which of the following is the northernmost province of Thailand?
- A. Chumphon
 - B. Phuket
 - C. Trat
 - D. Chiang Rai
21. Which of the following shares a border with Thailand on the Isthmus of Kra?
- A. Brunei
 - B. Indonesia
 - C. Malaysia
 - D. Philippines
22. Which of these is the longest river to flow completely within Thailand?
- A. Tone River
 - B. Ural River
 - C. Ob River
 - D. Chi River
23. What lagoon is the largest natural lake in Thailand?
- A. Qinghai Lake
 - B. Songkhla Lake
 - C. Ba Be Lake
 - D. Loktak Lake
24. Which of the following is the closest estimation for the total population of Thailand?
- A. 66 million
 - B. 1.5 billion
 - C. 1.2 billion
 - D. 350 million
25. The "Golden Triangle" is a mountainous region in Southeast Asia where what three nations meet?
- A. Bhutan, Nepal, and Thailand
 - B. India, Bangladesh, and Thailand
 - C. Vietnam, Thailand, and China
 - D. Thailand, Laos, and Myanmar
26. What second largest city was named the City of Crafts and Folk Arts by UNESCO in 2017?
- A. Phitsanulok
 - B. Si Racha
 - C. Chiang Mai
 - D. Tha Kham
27. Which of the following is Thailand's biggest export?
- A. pharmaceuticals
 - B. refined petroleum
 - C. cassava
 - D. computers
28. The BTS Skytrain and MRT rail lines can be found in what Thai city?
- A. Nonthaburi
 - B. Pattaya
 - C. Bangkok
 - D. Pak Kret
29. Wat Phra That Doi Suthep is located on a mountain just 15 km from what northern Thai city?
- A. Chiang Mai
 - B. Yala
 - C. Koh Samui
 - D. Sukhothai
30. Which of the following lies just south of Thailand?
- A. Bay of Bengal
 - B. Gulf of Thailand
 - C. Bohai Sea
 - D. Gulf of Aqaba
31. Thailand is divided politically into how many provinces?
- A. 118
 - B. 76
 - C. 22
 - D. 15
32. Bueng Boraphet is an example of what freshwater wetland that is often forested?
- A. savanna
 - B. swamp
 - C. tundra
 - D. taiga
33. Bangkok's Yaowarat enclave is known colloquially as which of the following?
- A. Little Italy
 - B. Chinatown
 - C. Koreatown
 - D. Little India
34. Which of the following forms the northernmost arm of the Gulf of Thailand?
- A. Bay of Bangkok
 - B. Gulf of Tonkin
 - C. Coral Bay
 - D. 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

66. Which of the following is a tributary of the Mekong River?

- A. Pa Sak
- B. Ping
- C. Wang
- D. Mun

67. About 52% of the agricultural land of the Krabi province is used for cultivation of what product?

- A. palm oil
- B. sticky rice
- C. sugar cane
- D. mangoes

68. Which of these Thai provinces is the southernmost?

- A. Chiang Rai
- B. Narathiwat
- C. Kalasin
- D. Sa Kaew

69. The Thai alphabet is an abugida that evolved from what other script that originated in a neighboring nation?

- A. Devanagari
- B. Hanzi
- C. Khmer
- D. Naskh

70. The Khorat Plateau contains one of the largest unexploited reserves of what potassium-rich minerals?

- A. nitratine
- B. potash
- C. serpentine
- D. apatite

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?