



International Geography Championships

2026 North American Geography 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.

- Costa Rica's Monteverde Biological Reserve is famous for what canopy ecosystem?
 - giant Saguaro
 - cloud forests
 - dust storms
 - permafrost
- What Mexican capital city is the center of the 8th largest metropolitan area in the world?
 - Mexico City
 - Kingstown
 - San Jose
 - Belmopan
- The USA is divided politically into how many states?
 - 22
 - 14
 - 75
 - 50
- Quebec is the only Canadian province to designate which of the following as its sole official language?
 - Danish
 - English
 - French
 - Portuguese
- Gruma, headquartered in Mexico, is the world's leading producer of what food staple usually made from corn or flour?
 - sourdough
 - croissants
 - biscuits
 - tortillas
- What river flows from Lake Itasca in Minnesota to the Gulf of Mexico?
 - Ob River
 - Mississippi River
 - Amazon River
 - Pecos River
- Mexico shares a maritime border with all of these except which of the following?
 - Mediterranean Sea
 - Gulf of Mexico
 - Pacific Ocean
 - Caribbean Sea
- The USMCA replaced NAFTA as the free trade agreement between which of the following?
 - Grenada, Dominica, and Saint Lucia
 - Bahamas, Barbados, and Cuba
 - Mexico, Belize, and Guatemala
 - USA, Mexico, and Canada
- Barbados' wet and dry seasons classify it as which of the following climates?
 - polar tundra
 - cold desert
 - tropical monsoon
 - humid subarctic
- What island nation is the largest by area in the Caribbean?
 - Cuba
 - Bahamas
 - Trinidad and Tobago
 - Puerto Rico
- Which of the following is the largest mountain system in North America?
 - Chisos
 - Adirondacks
 - Ozarks
 - Rockies
- Which of the following is the capital of Haiti?
 - San Salvador
 - Panama City
 - Port-au-Prince
 - Santo Domingo
- The Quebecois dish poutine includes brown gravy and cheese curds over which of these?
 - rice
 - French fries
 - spaghetti
 - sausage
- Which of the following is the capital of the USA?
 - Boston
 - Philadelphia
 - New York City
 - Washington D.C.
- Which of the following is true about Canada?
 - It contains the longest river in the world.
 - It contains the tallest mountain in the world.
 - It has the longest coastline in the world.
 - It has the most islands in the world.

16. Mexico City is centered around the ruins of what ancient city built by the Mexica?

- A. Tenochtitlan
- B. Teotihuacan
- C. Chichen Itza
- D. Palenque

17. Which of the following states does NOT have a minority majority population?

- A. New Mexico
- B. Nevada
- C. Texas
- D. Colorado

18. El Salvador's high seismological activity is due to the convergence of all of these tectonic plates except which of the following?

- A. Caribbean
- B. Pacific
- C. North American
- D. Cocos

19. Hydrologically, Lake Michigan and Lake Huron are a single body of water connected by which of the following?

- A. Puget Sound
- B. Straits of Mackinac
- C. East River
- D. Erie Canal

20. All of these Canadian cities have a population over two million EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. Calgary
- B. Toronto
- C. Vancouver
- D. Montreal

21. What branch of Arawakan-speaking Taino are native to the Bahamas?

- A. Shoshone
- B. Yanomami
- C. Quechua
- D. Lucayans

22. La Caza Azul in Coyoacan honors the life and work of what Mexican born artist?

- A. Rufino Tamayo
- B. José Guadalupe Posada
- C. Frida Kahlo
- D. Gabriel Orozco

23. Moraine Lake and the Valley of the Ten Peaks are protected by what first Canadian national park?

- A. Banff
- B. Algonquin
- C. Pituamkek
- D. Fundy

24. What nation is the largest Central American exporter of "fine cocoa"?

- A. El Salvador
- B. Mexico
- C. Costa Rica
- D. Nicaragua

25. The narrowest region of Mexico between Coatzacoalco and Salina Cruz is known as which of the following?

- A. Isthmus of Chignecto
- B. Isthmus of Panama
- C. Isthmus of Tehuantepec
- D. Isthmus of Avalon

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.

What is the total land area of Costa Rica? Give your answer in either square miles or square kilometers, but make sure to specify your units in the space provided.