



International Geography Championships

2026 Australian and Oceanian 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.

- Which of the following is located off the coast of Queensland, Australia?
 - Easter Island
 - Caribbean Sea
 - Mariana Trench
 - Great Barrier Reef
- Fiji Hindi is a vernacular language created by the migration of indentured servants from what nation?
 - South Korea
 - Japan
 - India
 - Afghanistan
- Papua New Guinea occupies the eastern half of what island?
 - New Guinea
 - Sumatra
 - Luzon
 - Borneo
- Samoan is a member of what Austronesian language family?
 - Tsouic
 - Polynesian
 - Formosan
 - Rukai
- The North and South Islands are the largest landmasses included in what nation?
 - Tonga
 - Palau
 - Marshall Islands
 - New Zealand
- What largest island of the Solomon Islands archipelago is actually an autonomous region of Papua New Guinea?
 - Brunei
 - American Samoa
 - Bougainville
 - Sulawesi
- Which of the following is the most populous nation in Oceania?
 - Russia
 - China
 - Indonesia
 - Australia
- What coconut product accounts for more than 35% of Vanuatu's exports?
 - vanilla
 - cocoa
 - copra
 - maize
- The Gilbert, Phoenix, and Line islands are the three main groupings of which of the following?
 - Kiribati
 - Australia
 - Timor Leste
 - Malaysia
- Nuku'alofa is the capital city of which of the following?
 - Indonesia
 - Hawaii
 - Laos
 - Tonga
- Some New Zealanders self-identify as what demonym inspired by a native flightless bird?
 - penguin
 - kiwi
 - toucan
 - dodo
- What body of water in Western Australia was named a UNESCO World Heritage site due to its abundant marine ecosystems?
 - Eastern Highlands
 - Mawson Peak
 - Shark Bay
 - Grampians
- Tonga is the only oceanic sovereign nation to use what political system?
 - democracy
 - republic
 - oligarchy
 - monarchy
- The Micronesian island of Yap is known for making money out of what material?
 - rubber
 - gold
 - stone
 - kava
- Due to its status as a commonwealth, Australia's head of state is which of the following?
 - Keir Starmer
 - Charles III
 - Friedrich Merz
 - Ursula von der Leyen

16. All of these are islands of Samoa EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. Male
- B. Upolu
- C. Namua
- D. Manono

17. Over 100 people were killed in 1886 by the eruption of what New Zealand volcano?

- A. Mount Tarawera
- B. Mount Lamington
- C. Krakatoa
- D. Samalas

18. Which of the following is the smallest nation by land area in Oceania at only 21 km²?

- A. Nauru
- B. Tuvalu
- C. Marshall Islands
- D. Palau

19. Auslan is the Australian dialect of which of the following?

- A. Punjabi
- B. Cantonese
- C. Greek
- D. Sign language

20. What scattered archipelago is shared by the Federated States of Micronesia and Palau?

- A. Caroline Islands
- B. Mariana Islands
- C. Cook Islands
- D. Tuamotu Islands

21. What remote coral reef is most uninhabited due to severe radioactive contamination?

- A. Moorea
- B. Bikini Atoll
- C. Bora Bora
- D. Rock Islands

22. The Marshall Islands signed legislation in 2018 that issued which of the following as legal tender?

- A. silver alloys
- B. cacao beans
- C. cryptocurrency
- D. digital loyalty points

23. The International Monetary Fund classifies Papua New Guinea as which of the following?

- A. emerging middle-income economy
- B. major advanced economy
- C. low-income developing economy
- D. heavily indebted poor economy

24. What national currency of Papua New Guinea is named for pearl shells previously used for trading?

- A. pa'anga
- B. vatu
- C. tala
- D. kina

25. What body of water hugs the eastern coast of Nauru?

- A. Huon Gulf
- B. Spencer Gulf
- C. Anibare Bay
- D. Bay of Plenty

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 2023 census, what was the population of New Zealand?