



International Geography Championships

2026 South 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.

1. Which of the following is the official language of Brazil?
 - A. Portuguese
 - B. English
 - C. Maya
 - D. French
2. Argentina shares its largest land border with which of the following?
 - A. Paraguay
 - B. Chile
 - C. Uruguay
 - D. Peru
3. The moai figures on Easter Island were carved from stone by which of the following?
 - A. Chichimeca
 - B. Rapa Nui
 - C. Taino
 - D. Pueblo
4. Which of the following is the tallest uninterrupted waterfall in the world?
 - A. Browne Falls
 - B. Angel Falls
 - C. Tres Hermanas Falls
 - D. Olo-upena Falls
5. Caracas is the capital of which of the following?
 - A. French Guiana
 - B. Trinidad and Tobago
 - C. Panama
 - D. Venezuela
6. Which of the following is named for its location relative to 0 degrees latitude?
 - A. Costa Rica
 - B. Nicaragua
 - C. Ecuador
 - D. Bolivia
7. Guyana is the only nation in South America to recognize which of these as the official language?
 - A. English
 - B. Spanish
 - C. Portuguese
 - D. German
8. The Nazca, Moche, and Inca civilizations were all centered in what modern day nation?
 - A. Colombia
 - B. Chile
 - C. Argentina
 - D. Peru
9. What brave and unruly horseman is a staple of folklore in Uruguay and Argentina?
 - A. griot
 - B. chupacabra
 - C. gaucho
 - D. matilda
10. Which of the following is the largest river by discharge volume of water in the world?
 - A. Colorado River
 - B. San Juan River
 - C. Motagua River
 - D. Amazon River
11. Paraguay's capital and largest city is which of the following?
 - A. Asuncion
 - B. Santiago
 - C. Bogota
 - D. Georgetown
12. The Isthmus of Panama connects Central America to what South American nation?
 - A. Bolivia
 - B. Ecuador
 - C. Guyana
 - D. Colombia
13. What longest continental mountain range in the world spans the western edge of South America?
 - A. Alps
 - B. Rockies
 - C. Andes
 - D. Himalayas
14. Ecuador's westernmost province is made up of what Pacific archipelago?
 - A. Curacao
 - B. Galapagos
 - C. Margarita
 - D. Tortuga
15. Which of the following is the dominant religious tradition practiced in Chile?
 - A. Orthodoxy
 - B. Islam
 - C. Judaism
 - D. Catholicism
16. What body of water separates Cape Horn from the South Shetland Islands of Antarctica?
 - A. Bering Strait
 - B. Drake Passage
 - C. Gulf of Paria
 - D. Strait of Magellan

17. What flooded grassland is shared by Brazil, Bolivia, and Paraguay?

- A. Serra do Mar
- B. Cordillera Occidental
- C. Magdelana
- D. Pantanal

18. Argentine Spanish replaces “tu” with what other pronoun?

- A. vos
- B. yo
- C. nosotros
- D. ella

19. Guyana’s largest ethnic group is made up of descendents of indentured servants who migrated from what nation?

- A. Japan
- B. China
- C. India
- D. Australia

20. Which of the following is the largest contributor to high crime rates in Colombia?

- A. poaching and wildlife trafficking
- B. unsanctioned medical tourism
- C. burning of the Amazon
- D. cultivation and transport of cocaine

21. Paraguay’s Humid Chaco and the Cerrado are examples of what tropical grassland?

- A. savanna
- B. taiga
- C. desert
- D. rainforest

22. What sparsely populated department is the largest by land area in Peru?

- A. Cordoba
- B. Paraiba
- C. Loreto
- D. Portuguesa

23. The opening of the Panama Canal in 1914 hurt the economy of what Chilean port named a UNESCO World Heritage site in 2003?

- A. Callao
- B. Valparaiso
- C. Buenaventura
- D. Posorja

24. Almost 85% of Paraguayan agricultural land is owned by multinational corporations investing in which of the following?

- A. blueberries
- B. sugar
- C. bananas
- D. soybeans

25. Chinese indentured servants that settled in Suriname speak what language that is not mutually intelligible to Mandarin?

- A. Hakka
- B. Cantonese
- C. Kwinti
- D. Sranan Tongo

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 is the population of Uruguay?