



International Geography Championships

Travel and Tourism 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 dramatic dance, performed by the Māori people, is associated with New Zealand?

- A. hula
- B. flamenco
- C. tango
- D. haka

22. The city of Pamplona in Spain is known for its annual 'running' of what animals through the city streets?

- A. chickens
- B. bulls
- C. cats
- D. mice

3. Which of the following is Japan's famous high-speed passenger train?

- A. the Shinkansen
- B. the TGV
- C. the Eurostar
- D. the Trans-Siberian Railway

4. The three-wheeled taxi commonly used in Thailand is known as which of the following?

- A. a tuk-tuk
- B. a gondola
- C. a vaporetto
- D. a rickshaw

5. Which of the following best describes the Channel Tunnel?

- A. a canal linking the North Sea and Baltic Sea
- B. a ferry route linking Spain and Morocco
- C. an undersea rail tunnel linking England and France
- D. a bridge linking Denmark and Sweden

6. Which document is generally required for international air travel?

- A. a birth announcement
- B. a passport
- C. a school ID
- D. a library card

7. Which of the following best describes jet lag?

- A. tiredness caused by crossing several time zones quickly
- B. a fee charged for checked luggage
- C. a discount given for early flight check-in
- D. a type of travel insurance for delayed flights

8. If a traveler buys a meal for 600 Mexican pesos and 1 US dollar equals 20 pesos, about how many dollars is that?

- A. 40 dollars
- B. 20 dollars
- C. 30 dollars
- D. 12 dollars

9. Which of these countries drives on the left side of the road?

- A. Mexico
- B. Australia
- C. France
- D. Germany

10. Which currency symbol represents the British pound?

- A. \$
- B. €
- C. ¥
- D. £

11. Which sport is associated with the famous Wimbledon tournament in England?

- A. cricket
- B. tennis
- C. rugby
- D. golf

12. Which of the following best describes a gondola?

- A. a narrow boat used on the canals of Venice
- B. a small plane used for island hopping
- C. a cable car used in the Swiss Alps
- D. a horse-drawn carriage used in Vienna

13. Which of the following is the world's busiest airport by passenger traffic?

- A. Chicago O'Hare International
- B. Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International
- C. Denver International
- D. Los Angeles International

14. Which of these best describes the Schengen Area?

- A. a visa-free travel zone for North America
- B. a currency union including the United Kingdom
- C. a group of European countries with no internal border checks
- D. a free trade zone covering all of South America

15. Which line of longitude is used as the starting point for the world's time zones?

- A. the equator
- B. the International Date Line
- C. the Prime Meridian
- D. the Tropic of Cancer

16. Held every summer mostly in its namesake nation, the Tour de France is the premier event in what sport?

- A. F1 racing
- B. rally racing
- C. motorcycle racing
- D. road cycling

17. Which bridge, famously painted 'international orange' connects San Francisco to Marin County?

- A. the Tower Bridge
- B. the Brooklyn Bridge
- C. the Golden Gate Bridge
- D. the Sydney Harbour Bridge

18. Which massive clock tower is a landmark of London, England?

- A. the Eiffel Tower
- B. Big Ben
- C. Notre-Dame
- D. the Leaning Tower

19. Which impressive waterfall lies on the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe?

- A. Niagara Falls
- B. Victoria Falls
- C. Angel Falls
- D. Iguazu Falls

20. Which beer festival and fun fair is held each year in Munich, Germany?

- A. Oktoberfest
- B. Bastille Day
- C. La Tomatina
- D. Carnival

21. Which traditional Japanese sport features a traditional ceremony and large wrestlers competing in a ring?

- A. sumo
- B. karate
- C. taekwondo
- D. judo

22. Which of the following best describes a visa?

- A. a stamp proving you have been vaccinated
- B. a discount ticket for international flights
- C. official permission to enter or stay in a country
- D. a type of credit card used abroad

23. Which of these is NOT located in Rome, Italy?

- A. the Colosseum
- B. the Forum
- C. the Pantheon
- D. the Sagrada Familia

24. Which Mexican holiday honors and remembers deceased loved ones each November?

- A. Carnival
- B. Las Posadas
- C. Día de los Muertos
- D. Cinco de Mayo

25. In order to travel to Thailand, a US citizen would need which of the following?

- A. a passport and a visa from the Thai embassy in Washington, DC
- B. a passport and a Digital Arrival Card completed within 3 days of arrival
- C. only a passport
- D. passports are not required for US citizens to enter Thailand

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.

As of 2026, the longest commercial flight in the world, a direct flight from Singapore to JFK Airport in New York City, travels what total distance? You can express your answer in either miles or kilometers, but you must specify which you are using on your scantron in the tiebreaker box.