



QUESTIONS FOR 2018-2019 ONLINE REGIONAL QUALIFYING EXAM (ORQE)

2 points are awarded for a correct response, 0 for a response left blank, and -1 points are given for an incorrect response.

1. Adolf Hitler was the leader of what regime that the USA fought in World War II?

- Ottoman Empire
- Prussia
- Nazi Germany
- Germania Superior
- No answer

2. Which first president of the United States later retired to his estate at Mount Vernon?

- John Hancock
- Thomas Jefferson
- George Washington
- John Adams
- No answer

3. Which British prime minister of the 1980's was known as the "Iron Lady"?

- Margaret Thatcher
- Angela Merkel
- Victoria Beckham
- Theresa May
- No answer

4. In which year did the USA declare its independence from the British?

- 1775
- 1774
- 1776
- 1778
- No answer

5. The largest ethnic group in China shares its name with which ancient Chinese dynasty?

- Qing
- Ming
- Song
- Han
- No answer

6. During which period in American history was the sale of alcohol prohibited?

- Prohibition
- Era of Good Feelings
- First Great Awakening
- Reconstruction
- No answer

7. Which figure was assassinated by a Serbian nationalist, sparking World War I?

- Archduke Franz Ferdinand
- Kaiser Wilhelm II
- Helmuth von Moltke
- Georges Clemenceau
- No answer

8. Which woman's refusal to move to the back of the bus led to the Montgomery Bus Boycott in the Civil Rights Movement?

- Sojourner Truth
- Coretta Scott King
- Rosa Parks
- Ellen Johnson Sirleaf
- No answer

9. What group of native Australians was the target of centuries of discrimination and ill-treatment and is the subject of the apology issued through National Sorry Day?

- Ainu
- Maori
- Aborigines
- Iroquois
- No answer

10. Which state was the most recent to join the United States of America, becoming the 50th state in 1959?

- Alaska
- Hawai'i
- Montana
- Delaware
- No answer

11. Who was the first female aviator to fly across the Atlantic Ocean?

- Amelia Earhart
- Helen Keller
- Bessie Coleman
- Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis
- No answer

12. Which first state to secede from the Union was also the site of the first shots of the Civil War at Fort Sumter?

- Mississippi
- Florida
- North Carolina
- South Carolina
- No answer

13. What was the family name of Marie and Pierre, a husband and wife team of scientists who pioneered research on radioactivity?

- Antoinette
- Curie
- Robespierre
- Becquerel
- No answer

14. Harriet Tubman was a famous conductor, or leader, on which system that helped many slaves in the US escape to freedom?

- Oregon Trail
- Underground Railroad
- Natchez Trace
- Transcontinental Railroad
- No answer

15. Which Meso-American civilization had its capital at the city of Tenochtitlan in the middle of Lake Texcoco?

- Olmecs
- Aztecs
- Mayans
- Incas
- No answer

16. The United States policy of opposing European colonialism in the Americas was named after with US president?

- John Adams
- James Madison
- James Monroe
- Thomas Jefferson
- No answer

17. Which Roman dictator who conquered Gaul was murdered on the Ides of March in 44 B.C.?

- Julius Caesar
- Constantine the Great
- Spartacus
- Virgil
- No answer

18. Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony were famous for advocating which of the following?

- Having Boston be the U.S. capital
- Women's suffrage
- Libertarianism
- Separation of church and state
- No answer

19. The Second Defenestration of Prague triggered which 17th century war?

- War of the Austrian Succession
- Crimean War
- Thirty Years War
- Great Northern War
- No answer

20. Harriet Beecher Stowe was an abolitionist famous for writing which anti-slavery novel?

- Little Women
- The Handmaid's Tale
- Uncle Tom's Cabin
- My Bondage and My Freedom
- No answer

21. Which of these Russian tsars once killed his son in a fit of rage and had the epithet "The Terrible"?

- Nicholas II
- Peter I
- Alexander III
- Ivan IV
- No answer

22. The lands of the Louisiana Purchase were acquired by the U.S. from which major European power in 1803?

- Spain
- France
- Italy
- England
- No answer

23. Which American artist was a member of the Pop Art movement and created works depicting Campbell's Soup cans and Marilyn Monroe?

- Vincent van Gogh
- Georgia O'Keefe
- Andy Warhol
- Ansel Adams
- No answer

24. Which Shoshone Native American woman led Lewis and Clark on their namesake expedition in what is now the northwestern United States?

- Dahteste
- Sacagawea
- Pocahontas
- Maria Tallchief
- No answer

25. Which country was the site of the Opium Wars, the Cultural Revolution, and the Great Leap Forward?

- China
- Japan
- Cambodia
- Malaysia
- No answer

26. The cultivation of which crop was most important for the economy of colonial Virginia?

- Oranges
- Apples
- Rice
- Tobacco
- No answer

27. Which country did the U.S.-led coalition fight against in Operation Desert Storm which liberated Kuwait?

- Finland
- Egypt
- Iraq
- Pakistan
- No answer

28. Which Boston silversmith rode out to warn the colonists that the British troops were coming prior to the Battle of Lexington and Concord?

- Paul Revere
- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
- Daniel Shays
- Henry David Thoreau
- No answer

29. Mahatma Gandhi was a leader in which nation during its struggle for independence from the British Empire?

- India
- Thailand
- Sri Lanka
- Nigeria
- No answer

30. Which French military figure aided the American side in the American Revolutionary War?

- Napoleon Bonaparte
- Marquis de Lafayette
- Charles de Gaulle
- Joan of Arc
- No answer

31. What point on earth were Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay the first people confirmed to have reached?

- North Pole
- Bottom of the Marianas Trench
- Top of Mt. Everest
- Alcatraz Island
- No answer

32. Which U.S. state was the center of the American automobile manufacturing industry during the mid-20th century?

- Michigan
- Delaware
- Oregon
- Mississippi
- No answer

33. Ferdinand and Isabella sponsored Christopher Columbus's voyages and were monarchs of which European country?

- Netherlands
- Greece
- Spain
- Bulgaria
- No answer

34. Who was the Democratic Party nominee for president in the 1860 election who was defeated by Abraham Lincoln after engaging in a series of famous debates?

- Frederick Douglass
- Stephen Douglas
- Andrew Jackson
- Henry Clay
- No answer

35. The Anglo-Zulu War and the Anglo-Boer War both took place in what is now which country?

- Oman
- Belize
- South Africa
- New Zealand
- No answer

36. Which U.S. city was the largest by population throughout the 20th century?

- Boston
- Chicago
- New York City
- Los Angeles
- No answer

37. Plato, Aristotle, and Socrates were all famous as what in antiquity?

- Roman Generals
- Greek Philosophers
- Sumerian Kings
- Persian Playwrights
- No answer

38. Which invention did Eli Whitney create which greatly increased the efficiency of agriculture in the southern United States?

- Cotton Gin
- Mechanical Reaper
- Motorized Tractor
- Grain Silo
- No answer

39. Which country never colonized anywhere in what today are the 50 U.S. states?

- Netherlands
- Spain
- Sweden
- Poland
- No answer

40. Which person was not a famous celebrity during the first half of the 20th century?

- Babe Ruth
- Charlie Chaplin
- Ernest Hemingway
- Paul McCartney
- No answer

41. Which ancient civilization developed in the Andes Mountains and built the cities of Cuzco and Machu Picchu?

- Indus Valley
- Greek
- Aztec
- Inca
- No answer

42. What name was given to the "Trail" leading to what is now Oklahoma that happened as a result of the Indian Removal Act of 1830?

- Trail of Blood
- Trail of Toil
- Trail of Tears
- Trail of Sweat
- No answer

43. Which civil rights leader's birthday is commemorated as a U.S. federal holiday each January?

- Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Malcolm X
- Medgar Evers
- Ralph Abernathy
- No answer

44. Which Native Americans assisted the Pilgrims in Plymouth Colony?

- Tecumseh and Sequoyah
- Sitting Bull and Crazy Horse
- Geronimo and Cochise
- Massasoit and Squanto
- No answer

45. Which country did the U.S. not fight in World War II?

- Italy
- Germany
- Japan
- United Kingdom
- No answer

46. Which of the following statutes was the first in a series of federal laws that prohibited the creation of a monopoly and abuse of monopoly power?

- Sherman Antitrust Act
- Intolerable Acts
- Smoot-Hawley Tariff
- Interstate Commerce Act
- No answer

47. Which Egyptian pharaoh's tomb was found in 1922 by Howard Carter, causing a worldwide sensation when the artifacts were revealed?

- Khufu
- Hatshepsut
- Rameses the Great
- Tutankhamun
- No answer

48. Which of the following was an attempt to deal with the problems posed by competing interests of slave states and free states prior to the U.S. Civil War?

- Compromise of 1850
- Webster-Ashburton Treaty
- New Deal
- Fourteen Points
- No answer

49. Which country was largely closed to European influence under the Tokugawa Shogunate until the 1850's?

- Iran
- Japan
- Thailand
- Korea
- No answer

50. Which of the following pairs of U.S. president and assassin do not match?

- James Garfield - Charles Guiteau
- William McKinley - James Earl Ray
- John F. Kennedy - Lee Harvey Oswald
- Abraham Lincoln - John Wilkes Booth
- No answer