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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. Petrarch is often credited with forming what Renaissance era natural philosophy?

- A. metaphysics
- B. democracy
- C. humanism
- D. scholasticism

2. Machiavelli's 16th century foundations of classical republicanism largely influence what 17th-18th century intellectual movement?

- A. Enlightenment
- B. Progressivism
- C. Marxism
- D. Renaissance

3. From 1420-1436, Filippo Brunelleschi designed and constructed the dome of which of the following buildings?

- A. Duomo de Milano
- B. Catedral de Leon
- C. Notre-Dame de Paris
- D. Duomo di Firenze

4. German goldsmith Johannes Gutenberg sparked a revolution of what process with his 15th century moveable-type press?

- A. sailing
- B. printing
- C. hunting
- D. painting

5. Which of the following best describes the purpose of the Spanish Inquisition?

- A. to identify heretics among converted Catholics
- B. to forcibly convert natives in America
- C. to translate church records into Spanish
- D. to abolish the Spanish monarchy

6. The Fantastic War was a conflict during the Seven Years' War between which of the following?

- A. Prussia and Sweden
- B. Austria and France
- C. Great Britain and the colonies
- D. Spanish and Portugal

7. Which of the following was a direct result of the death of the childless Charles II?

- A. Russo-Turkish War
- B. War of Spanish Succession
- C. Irish Rebellion
- D. Great Northern War

8. Due to Renaissance-era commercial innovations, Italian city-states were largely controlled by which of the following?

- A. the Church
- B. slave traders
- C. merchants
- D. German aristocrats

9. Which of the following is attributed to Portuguese explorers in the Age of Exploration?

- A. caravel
- B. astrolabe
- C. magnetic compass
- D. kamal

10. Which of the following best describes the effect of the Columbian Exchange on Europe?

- A. Populations stagnated due to mass migration to the New World.
- B. Populations decreased due to the introduction of foreign diseases.
- C. Populations increased due to access to new nutrient-rich crops.
- D. Populations decreased due to conflict with natives.

11. What doctrine centered on the unchangeable will of God is the basis of the Calvinist tradition?

- A. predestination
- B. arminianism
- C. eschatology
- D. veneration

12. The Protestant Reformation's spread through Europe was facilitated by vernacular translations of which of the following?

- A. hymnals
- B. the Bible
- C. breviaries
- D. missals

13. Huguenots were Protestants following the teachings of John Calvin in what nation?

- A. Italy
- B. Belgium
- C. Norway
- D. France

14. What 16th century religious conflict also included a royal succession crisis?
- War of Austrian Succession
 - Irish Confederate War
 - War of the Three Henrys
 - German Peasants' War
15. The Western Schism began after an attempt to move the papacy back to Rome from which of the following cities?
- Avignon
 - Barcelona
 - Madrid
 - Lisbon
16. La Querelle de Femmes was a Renaissance debate concerning what group's place in society and education?
- priests
 - peasants
 - children
 - women
17. View of Toledo was painted by what Spanish Renaissance artist?
- William Larkin
 - Donatello
 - El Greco
 - Albrecht Durer
18. The Counter-Reformation of the Catholic Church began with what 1545-1563 event?
- Convention Parliament
 - Council of Trent
 - Diet of Worms
 - Peace of Aarau
19. The first phase of the Thirty Years War was largely contested between the German members of what empire?
- Holy Roman Empire
 - Ottoman Empire
 - Swedish Empire
 - Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth
20. What Protestant Reformation figure disputed the practice of indulgences in his Ninety-five Theses?
- Huldrych Zwingli
 - John Knox
 - Martin Luther
 - John Wycliffe
21. The Catalan Revolt of 1640-1659 resulted in the moving of Spain's borders to which of the following?
- the Alps
 - the Loire
 - the Tagus
 - the Pyrenees
22. Jan Hus led a 15th century reformation of the Catholic Church in what kingdom?
- Moldavia
 - Bohemia
 - Denmark
 - Scotland
23. Which of the following ruled as Lord Protector after the execution of Charles I?
- Arthur Mainwaring
 - Oliver Cromwell
 - Thomas Fairfax
 - Oliver St John
24. The 1689 English Bill of Rights codified the power of Parliament after what largely bloodless coup involving William of Orange?
- Covenanter Rebellion
 - Monmouth Rebellion
 - Glorious Revolution
 - Jacobite Uprising
25. The Tonnage Act of 1694 established which of the following?
- the Bank of England
 - the English Parliament
 - the English Supreme Court
 - the Secret Intelligence Service
26. The Rampjaar, or disaster year, marked the end of what prosperous European era in 1672?
- Peace of Prague
 - Italian Renaissance
 - Dutch Golden Age
 - English Reformation
27. What economic policy encouraged Europeans into colonization to decrease the need for imports while maximizing exports?
- feudalism
 - socialism
 - mutualism
 - mercantilism

28. Which of the following was NOT a member of the Grand Alliance during the Nine Years War?

- A. Dutch Republic
- B. England
- C. Habsburg Monarchy
- D. France

29. What "Enlightened" tsar established the Russian Academy of the Sciences in 1724?

- A. Ivan the Terrible
- B. Peter the Great
- C. Feodor the Blessed
- D. Alexis the Quietest

30. King Gustavus Adolphus is credited with the rise of what European power during the Thirty Years' War?

- A. Sweden
- B. Bavaria
- C. Portugal
- D. Ireland

31. What Isaac Newton book established classical mechanics amid the Scientific Revolution?

- A. Systema cosmicum
- B. De humani corporis
- C. Principia
- D. De Revolutionibus

32. Cesare Beccaria's 1764 *On Crimes and Punishments* was a founding work in what field?

- A. theology
- B. astrology
- C. psychology
- D. criminology

33. Which of the following argued that women were only inferior due to lack of education in *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman*?

- A. Jean Jacques Rousseau
- B. Mary Wollstonecraft
- C. Denis Diderot
- D. Elisabeth of Bohemia

34. Physiocrats' belief in the rule of nature defined which of the following as the source of all wealth?

- A. agriculture
- B. manufacturing
- C. bartering
- D. imperialism

35. French painter Jacques-Louis David became a "dictator" of the arts under the rule of what revolutionary?

- A. Louis XIV
- B. Maximillien Robespierre
- C. Jacques Necker
- D. Marquis de Lafayette

36. What 1813 Jane Austen novel explores the intricate relationship between marriage and wealth in 19th century England?

- A. The Tenant of Wildfell Hall
- B. Jane Eyre
- C. Pride and Prejudice
- D. Wuthering Heights

37. Which of the following was NOT a member of the House of Hohenzollern?

- A. Wilhelm I
- B. Frederick II
- C. Frederick William I
- D. Charles IX

38. The Civil Constitution of the Clergy was a law that attempted to pass control of the Catholic Church to which of the following?

- A. the Patriarchs
- B. the Protestant Church
- C. the Jacobites
- D. the French government

39. In protest of the high price of bread, French women organized a 1789 march on which of the following?

- A. Strasbourg
- B. Bordeaux
- C. Versailles
- D. Toulouse

40. The Congress of Vienna decided the layout of Europe after the fall of what French Emperor?

- A. Klemens von Metternich
- B. Louis XVI
- C. Napoleon Bonaparte
- D. Pedro Gómez Labrador

41. The "Hungry 40s" was a 19th century European food crisis caused by a blight of which of the following?

- A. cassava
- B. potato
- C. turnip
- D. beans

42. Alexander II's emancipation reform of 1861 abolished which of the following systems in Russia?

- A. conscription
- B. devshirme
- C. bartering
- D. serfdom

43. The Sunday School Movement was established in England in 1780 to save children from the brutal conditions of which of these?

- A. Industrial Revolution
- B. Scientific Revolution
- C. July Revolution
- D. Cantonal Revolution

44. The Bessemer process was used for the mass production of which of the following?
- petroleum
 - coal
 - steel
 - textiles
45. The Zollverein was a customs union developed in the 19th century by which of the following?
- German states
 - the Ottoman Empire
 - Italian city-states
 - the French empire
46. What forefather of German economics argued for a nationalist economic system that included protectionism?
- John Maynard Keynes
 - Nicolas Baudeau
 - Friedrich List
 - Pietro Verri
47. The Factories Act of 1847 restricted working hours for women and children to which of the following?
- four hours per day
 - ten hours per day
 - one hour per day
 - three hours per day
48. The balance of power created by the Concert of Europe faced what major challenge in 1848?
- the fall of the Holy Roman Empire
 - unstable economic relations
 - foreign invasions
 - nationalist revolutions
49. What nation's independence movement was sparked in 1821 by the Filiki Eteria?
- Greece
 - Slovenia
 - Serbia
 - Romania
50. In Marxian class theory, what class of wage laborers has no means of production of their own and is exploited by the other classes?
- landlords
 - proletariat
 - peasants
 - bourgeoisie
51. What chief propagandist for the Nazi Party served as the Reich Minister of Propaganda from 1933 to 1945?
- Joseph Goebbels
 - Adolf Hitler
 - Martin Bormann
 - Wilhelm Keitel
52. Pan-Slavist revolts occurred in all of the following European empires EXCEPT which of these?
- Byzantine Empire
 - Austria-Hungary
 - France
 - Ottoman Empire
53. Which of the following elected Sveinn Björnsson as their first president after separating from Denmark in 1944?
- Slovakia
 - Iceland
 - Croatia
 - Lithuania
54. What global conflict was sparked in Europe by the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand?
- Cold War
 - Hundred Years' War
 - Franco-Prussian War
 - World War I
55. Which of the following was used to treat malaria during World War I?
- quinine
 - opium
 - mustard gas
 - penicillin
56. Which of the following technologies was popularized for widespread use during World War I?
- radar
 - machine gun
 - jet engines
 - flu vaccines
57. Which of the following is credited with laying the foundations for vaccines for rabies and anthrax?
- John Dalton
 - Dmitri Mendeleev
 - Charles Darwin
 - Louis Pasteur
58. Which of the following is true of Frederic Chopin, Pyotr Tchaikovsky, and Richard Wagner?
- They wrote primarily for solo piano.
 - They were born in Germany.
 - They were composers during the Romantic period.
 - They exclusively composed operas.
59. Thomas Hardy initially received mixed reviews for what 1892 novel that challenged Victorian England morality?
- The Raven
 - Tess of the d'Urbervilles
 - The Scarlet Letter
 - Ivanhoe

60. The 1916 Easter Rising was an armed rebellion against British rule in what nation?
- Ireland
 - the Netherlands
 - the United States
 - Poland
61. Which of the following discussed women's oppression and advocated for feminism in *The Second Sex*?
- Gertrude Stein
 - Virginia Woolf
 - Simone de Beauvoir
 - Harper Lee
62. The Velvet Divorce was the dissolution of what formerly communist nation?
- Prussia
 - Czechoslovakia
 - Austria-Hungary
 - Yugoslavia
63. What Soviet leader introduced the Five Year Plan to collectivize agriculture and expand industry?
- Joseph Stalin
 - Vladimir Putin
 - Dmitry Medvedev
 - Mikhail Gorbachev
64. Which of the following best describes the Munich Agreement of 1938?
- It was a non-aggression treaty between Hitler and Stalin.
 - The US, UK, and USSR accepted Germany's surrender.
 - The US, UK, and USSR agreed on a division of German territory.
 - It allowed for the German annexation of the Sudetenland to appease Hitler.
65. The French puppet state controlled by Germany in World War II was named for what French city?
- Paris
 - Vichy
 - Toulon
 - Lille
66. The Nuremberg Laws were established to cripple the economic and social standing of which of the following populations?
- Jewish communities
 - military veterans
 - Reich citizens
 - American immigrants
67. University students in Budapest launched what revolt against the Soviet Union in 1956?
- Hungarian Revolution
 - Singing Revolution
 - Chechen Revolution
 - Khivan Revolution
68. The Euskadi Ta Askatasuna is a separatist organization formed by what group that fought for independence from Spain from 1959 to 2011?
- Catalonians
 - Bretons
 - Roma
 - Basques
69. Which of the following did NOT happen after the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989?
- The Maastricht Treaty established the European Union.
 - The Communist Party of the Soviet Union collapsed.
 - Mikhail Gorbachev initiated perestroika.
 - Kosovo declared independence from Serbia.
70. Which of the following best describes the Schengen Agreement signed by European Union member states?
- Border controls were lifted between member states.
 - Alliances were dissolved among the member states.
 - A universal language was established among the member states.
 - Debt was forgiven among the member states.
71. Which of the following served as Prime Minister of the UK in the 20th century?
- Rishi Sunak
 - Tony Blair
 - Theresa May
 - Boris Johnson
72. What nation was invaded by Russia in February 2022?
- Estonia
 - Ukraine
 - Belarus
 - Romania
73. Although they were defeated by Emmanuel Macron in 2022, what far-right French leader currently leads in the June polls?
- Pedro Sanchez
 - Marine Le Pen
 - Alexander De Croo
 - Luc Frieden
74. A 400-year old stock exchange building caught fire in what Danish capital in April 2024?
- Reykjavik
 - Tallinn
 - Amsterdam
 - Copenhagen

75. The 2024 Summer Olympics will take place in what European capital?

- A. Oslo
- B. Riga
- C. Paris
- D. Vienna

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.

How many official death sentences were carried out throughout France during the Reign of Terror?