

International Academic Competitions

Map and Flag Examination European Championships 2024

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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. Versions of the Sol de Mayo seen here appear on the flags of both Uruguay and what other South American nation?

- A. Brazil
- B. Argentina
- C. Peru
- D. Paraguay

2. Switzerland's flag is unusual for which of these reasons?

- A. it is one of the only flags with a cross on it
- B. it is one of the only flags with a red and white color scheme
- C. it is one of only two square national flags in the world
- D. it is one of the only flags that looks the same upside down

3. The unique flag shown here represents what least-populous African nation?

- A. Madagascar
- B. Seychelles
- C. Niger
- D. South Africa

4. The two-headed eagle is featured on the flag of Serbia, shown here, and what other neighboring nation?

- A. Montenegro
- B. Hungary
- C. Poland
- D. Greece

5. The only non-rectangular national flag in the world belongs to what mountainous nation?

- A. Nepal
- B. Pakistan
- C. Peru
- D. Mongolia

6. The Saudi Arabian flag features an inscription called the shahada, which is a holy creed of what major world religion?

- A. Buddhism
- B. Islam
- C. Orthodox Christianity
- D. Shinto

7. The flag of Bermuda shows that it is an overseas territory of what European country?

- A. Spain
- B. France
- C. Germany
- D. Great Britain

8. This is the flag of what European microstate and 'Most Serene Republic'?

- A. Andorra
- B. Monaco
- C. San Marino
- D. Vatican City

9. In 2006, the governor of the US state of Louisiana signed a law to standardize what unusual feature on the state flag?

- A. the number of blood drops coming from the mother pelican
- B. the state motto
- C. the number of pelican chicks
- D. the shape of the flag

10. The flag of Algeria features a star and crescent design which is also featured on the flag of which of these other nations?

- A. Russia
- B. the Netherlands
- C. France
- D. Turkey

11. The red background of Vietnam's flag shows its connection to what political ideology?

- A. democracy
- B. monarchy
- C. communism
- D. theocracy

12. What communist Asian nation is represented by the flag shown here?

- A. Myanmar
- B. Cambodia
- C. South Korea
- D. North Korea

13. The flag shown here represented what nation that existed during much of the 20th century?

- A. Yugoslavia
- B. USSR
- C. Czechoslovakia
- D. Austria-Hungary

14. The flag of Cusco seen here is also used as an unofficial symbol of what indigenous group of South America, most of which live in Peru?

- A. Quechua
- B. Mapuche
- C. Aymara
- D. Yanomami

15. What Egyptian city's flag features a reference to its role as a center of learning, culture, and commerce in the ancient world?

- A. Cairo
- B. Giza
- C. Aswan
- D. Alexandria

16. The UN flag shows a map projection that is centered on which of these areas?

- A. the South Pole
- B. the North Pole
- C. the Equator
- D. the United States

17. The spears and shield of a Maasai warrior are featured on the flag of what East African nation?

- A. Kenya
- B. Egypt
- C. South Africa
- D. Nigeria

18. The flag shown here was flown at the 1835 Battle of Gonzales during the independence struggle of what future US state?

- A. Texas
- B. California
- C. Vermont
- D. Maine

19. In the flag of Palau, shown here, the yellow disc represents the full moon and the light blue background represents which of these?

- A. the Atlantic Ocean
- B. the Pacific Ocean
- C. the Gulf of Mexico
- D. the Caribbean Sea

20. The design of the Liberian flag is heavily influenced by its historical ties to what other nation?

- A. France
- B. the United Kingdom
- C. Spain
- D. the United States

21. The oldest continuously used national flag, shown here, belongs to what Nordic country?

- A. Denmark
- B. Iceland
- C. Greenland
- D. Estonia

22. The bicolor flag of Monaco shares a color scheme and design with the flag of what Asian country that is the world's most populous Muslim-majority nation?

- A. the Philippines
- B. Brunei
- C. Timor-Leste
- D. Indonesia

23. The flag shown here represents the 'Cooperation Council' of states that border what body of water?

- A. the Pacific Ocean
- B. the Persian Gulf
- C. the Gulf of Mexico
- D. the Adriatic Sea

24. The flag of Greece is part of a family of world flags, like those of Switzerland and the Republic of Georgia, that feature which of these?

- A. white stripes
- B. blue stripes
- C. the Christian cross
- D. a blue and white color scheme

25. The temple of Angkor Wat features prominently on the flag of what Southeast Asian nation?

- A. Thailand
- B. Cambodia
- C. Laos
- D. Vietnam

26. The 'new sun of Liberty' adorns the flag of what recently renamed European nation?

- A. North Macedonia
- B. Slovenia
- C. Slovakia
- D. Kosovo

27. The flag of the Netherlands is the oldest member of which of these flag families, which includes the flags of France, Romania, and Italy?

- A. red, white, and blue
- B. tricolor
- C. stars and stripes
- D. bicolor

28. This flag represents what major international organization created following World War II to protect America and its allies?

- A. the Commonwealth of Independent States
- B. Interpol
- C. NATO
- D. UNESCO

29. The flag of Chad, shown here, is basically identical to the flag of what European nation?

- A. Romania
- B. North Macedonia
- C. Croatia
- D. Serbia

30. The star below the yellow line on the flag of Nauru represents its geographical position south of what location?

- A. Australia
- B. the International Date Line
- C. the South Pole
- D. the Equator

31. The flag of Estonia shown here is thought by many to symbolically represent which of these?

- A. a ship arriving at a port
- B. a forest and sky in winter with snow on the ground
- C. the shape of the capital, Tallinn
- D. the threat of invasion by Russia

32. The flag of Malawi, which symbolizes the dawn of freedom, was adopted in what decade where many African nations gained independence?

- A. the 1710s
- B. the 1830s
- C. the 1890s
- D. the 1960s

33. The flag shown here was adopted after which of these groups took over Afghanistan in 2021?

- A. the Taliban
- B. the USSR
- C. the Kurds
- D. Boko Haram

34. The flag shown here flies over the Parlamentsgebäude in what European capital on the Danube River?

- A. Berlin
- B. Paris
- C. Vienna
- D. Bratislava

35. The 'Southern Cross' is part of the starry sky seen on the flag of what South American nation?

- A. Colombia
- B. Peru
- C. Chile
- D. Brazil

36. The flag of Puerto Rico, shown here, is nearly identical to the flag of Cuba except for which key difference?

- A. on the Cuban flag the triangle is red and the stripes are blue and white
- B. the Cuban flag has no star
- C. the Cuban flag has 50 stars
- D. the Cuban flag is black and white

37. The yellow field of this flag represents the House of Bolkihah, the ruling family of what wealthy Southeast Asian nation?

- A. Singapore
- B. Brunei
- C. Malaysia
- D. East Timor

38. The flag shown here is the symbol of what densely populated British territory on the Iberian Peninsula with a famous namesake 'rock'?

- A. Gibraltar
- B. Bermuda
- C. the Pitcairn Islands
- D. the Cayman Islands

39. The flag shown here is a symbol of the international treaty that governs which of these areas?

- A. the Moon
- B. the Arctic
- C. Antarctica
- D. the International Space Station

40. This flag shows the US eagle holding three arrows that represent the major islands of what American territory?

- A. Guam
- B. American Samoa
- C. the Northern Mariana Islands
- D. the US Virgin Islands

Questions 41-50 refer to map 1 in the resource section.

41. Which of these locations on the map was invaded by Russia in 2014?

- A. 8
- B. 9
- C. 10
- D. 11

42. Which of these best describes the location marked 13 on the map?

- A. it is the country of Lithuania
- B. it is part of Poland
- C. it is an exclave of Russia
- D. it is a territory of the UK

43. Which of these is NOT the approximate location of a national capital?

- A. 1
- B. 4
- C. 14
- D. 15

44. Which of these best describes number 8 on the map?

- A. it is the approximate location of Istanbul
- B. it is part of Greece
- C. it is part of the Black Sea coast region of the Republic of Georgia
- D. it is part of the Baltic States

45. What country is indicated by number 2 on the map?

- A. Ireland
- B. Denmark
- C. the Netherlands
- D. Belgium

46. The island at number 12 on the map is which of the following?

- A. a territory of Norway
- B. a possession of Russia
- C. a British Overseas Territory
- D. part of Estonia

47. Which of these nations gained its independence the most recently?

- A. 2
- B. 3
- C. 6
- D. 15

48. Which of these best describes the relative location of Reykjavik, Iceland to the location marked 1 on the map?

- A. Reykjavik is approximately 4,200 miles west
- B. Reykjavik is approximately 1,150 miles northwest
- C. Reykjavik is approximately 350 miles north
- D. Reykjavik is approximately 1,000 miles east

49. Which of the countries indicated by the numbers below has the highest population?

- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 5
- D. 6

50. Which of these was NOT part of the Soviet Union until the early 1990s?

- A. 8
- B. 10
- C. 11
- D. 14

Questions 51-60 refer to map 2 in the resource section.

51. Which Australian state is located at number 5 on the map?

- A. Western Australia
- B. Victoria
- C. New South Wales
- D. Queensland

52. The capital of New Zealand is located at which of these numbers on the map?

- A. 9
- B. 10
- C. 11
- D. 12

53. Where on the map is Canberra, Australia located?

- A. 5
- B. 6
- C. 7
- D. 8

54. What is the name of the island at number 12 on the map?

- A. North Island
- B. South Island
- C. Tasmania
- D. New Caledonia

55. Number 9 on the map is part of which of these nations?

- A. Malaysia
- B. the Philippines
- C. Papua New Guinea
- D. Indonesia

56. Which of these is true of the area marked number 4 on the map?

- A. it is part of Malaysia
- B. it is an independent nation
- C. it is part of Indonesia
- D. it is part of Australia

57. Which of these locations is closest to the Equator?

- A. 1
- B. 9
- C. 8
- D. 6

58. What island of the Philippines is located at number 2 on the map?

- A. Borneo
- B. Sulawesi
- C. Luzon
- D. Mindanao

59. What island nation is located just north of number 1 on the map?

- A. Vanuatu
- B. Tuvalu
- C. Taiwan
- D. Nauru

60. Which of these locations is almost directly west of the Hawaiian Islands?

- A. 1
- B. 5
- C. 10
- D. 11

Questions 61-75 do not refer to images.

61. The cross design on flag of the Faroe Islands is based on that of what nation, of which the islands are a part?

- A. Russia
- B. Poland
- C. Great Britain
- D. Denmark

62. The flag of Hawai'i has a red, white, and blue design that features the flag of what other nation in its left corner?

- A. France
- B. Great Britain
- C. Australia
- D. Canada

63. Which of these US state flags prominently features a bear?

- A. California
- B. Washington
- C. Oregon
- D. Utah

64. Which Special Administrative Region of China has a flag that features a white orchid in the middle of a red field?

- A. Shanghai
- B. Beijing
- C. Hong Kong
- D. Xinjiang

65. Which one of these flags does NOT feature a red, white, and blue color scheme?

- A. France
- B. Great Britain
- C. Russia
- D. Italy

66. All of these flags have blue and yellow color schemes EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. Sweden
- B. Belgium
- C. Ukraine
- D. Kazakhstan

67. Which of these national flags does NOT feature a sun in its design?

- A. Japan
- B. North Macedonia
- C. Uruguay
- D. Nigeria

68. Which of these US states adopted a new flag design in May of 2024?

- A. Mississippi
- B. Minnesota
- C. Maryland
- D. Michigan

69. Which of these is NOT a color associated with pan-Arab flag designs like that of Jordan and Kuwait?

- A. Blue
- B. Black
- C. Red
- D. Green

70. Which of these European nations features an outline map of the country prominently in the center of its flag?

- A. Cyprus
- B. Croatia
- C. Slovakia
- D. Slovenia

71. The flag of Kyrgyzstan contains a depiction of a tunduk in its center, which is the term for the top opening in what type of traditional nomadic tent?

- A. bivouac
- B. yurt
- C. whymper
- D. tipi

72. Which of these national flags does NOT have a green, white, and orange color scheme?

- A. Ireland
- B. Ivory Coast
- C. the Netherlands
- D. Niger

73. Mexico's flag features its national crest, which shows an eagle eating what other animal?

- A. jaguar
- B. mouse
- C. snake
- D. hawk

74. What sovereign enclave's flag features a horizontal blue, white, and green tricolour with a black traditional hat called a mokorotlo in its center?

- A. Lesotho
- B. Eswatini
- C. Andorra
- D. Monaco

75. Historically, what has been the main reason for changes to be made to the US flag?

- A. changes between political parties in the government
- B. the admission of new states
- C. victories in major wartime battles
- D. the election of a new president

Tiebreaker

This question will only be scored if there is a tie for placement on the exam. There is no penalty for a wrong answer to this question. Write your answer legibly on the back of your scantron.

What is the straight-line distance between Canberra, Australia and Washington, DC in miles?