



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY CHALLENGE - 2015

Grade 3 - Grade 4 Contest

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1. The most difficult kind of storm for a weather forecaster to predict is a _____.
- A. summer thundershower B. hurricane
C. tornado D. blizzard
2. *Earth* is a word meaning the same thing as the _____.
- A. United States B. world
C. solar system D. continents
3. What term identifies a river or stream flowing into a larger river?
- A. tributary B. bay
C. gulf D. pond
4. The two countries that border the United States on the north and south are _____ and _____.
- A. France and England B. Iceland and Cuba
C. Canada and Mexico D. Alaska and Hawaii
5. What information does a globe show?
- A. the planets in the solar system
B. the flags of the world's countries
C. the world's time zones
D. a representation of the world
6. Eva's mother often flies to San Francisco. She works for a food company located there. San Francisco is a _____ in _____.
- A. city – California B. country – Asia
C. neighborhood – New York City D. building - England
7. In the northern United States, when the weather is clear, the sky blue and the temperature hot with many hours of daylight, the season of the year is _____.
- A. spring B. summer
C. autumn D. winter

8. Maps use a common system for giving information. The system is made up of symbols that identify real places and landforms. These symbols are explained in a box on the map called a _____.

- A. scale of miles
- B. compass rose
- C. legend
- D. title

9. Because of climate, a more popular sport in Colorado than in Louisiana is _____.

- A. deep sea fishing
- B. golfing
- C. basketball
- D. skiing

10. What is the function of the building in this picture?



- A. to store corn and other grains to feed farm animals
- B. to serve as a platform for a telescope to study the stars
- C. to provide a light to guide ships on the water
- D. to pump water from wells beneath the ground

11. What word best describes a feature of Earth's cold deserts?

- A. dry
- B. sandy
- C. mountainous
- D. tropical

12. Which one of these continents is completely south of the Equator?

- A. Europe
- B. Australia
- C. North America
- D. Africa

13. All of the following are major world islands except _____.

- A. Iceland
- B. Greenland
- C. Florida
- D. Cuba

14. It takes Earth 24 hours to rotate on its axis. In what direction does it rotate?

- A. west to east
- B. east to west
- C. north to south
- D. south to north

15. An example of a service job is a _____.

- A. coal miner
- B. dairy farmer
- C. cattle rancher
- D. bus driver

16. The Great Lakes are bodies of water located in both _____.

- A. Canada and the United States
- B. England and France
- C. Spain and Portugal
- D. Japan and China

17. These drawings are examples of _____.



- A. industries
- B. transportation
- C. education
- D. places

18. A book of maps is called _____.

- A. a key
- B. a compass
- C. an atlas
- D. a website

19. In what city of the United States does the President live?

- A. Washington, D.C.
- B. Boston
- C. Philadelphia
- D. Chicago

20. The imaginary line that divides the world in the middle creating the Northern Hemisphere and Southern Hemisphere is the _____.

- A. North Pole
- B. International Dateline
- C. Equator
- D. Prime Meridian

21. Many famous buildings are landmarks. What famous building is this?



- A. Eiffel Tower
- B. Tower of London
- C. Leaning Tower of Pisa
- D. Washington Monument

22. Which one of the following questions about New York City is the best *geography* question?

- A. Why are there so many Italian and Chinese restaurants in New York City?
- B. Where is New York City located?
- C. What is the name of the bridge over the Hudson River that connects New York City with communities in New Jersey?
- D. How many major league baseball teams are in New York City?

23. A *tsunami* can be best described as a _____.

- A. earthquake
- B. tornado
- C. tidal wave
- D. hurricane

24. Large canopied forested areas are found in what physical region?

- A. high latitudes
- B. the steppes
- C. dry subtropical zones
- D. the tropics

25. Each of the rivers named below is located in North America except the _____.

- A. Mississippi
- B. Hudson
- C. Amazon
- D. Missouri

26. People around the world live in many different kinds of buildings. All of the following are examples of dwellings for humans except _____.

- A. a pyramid
- B. an igloo
- C. a teepee
- D. a log cabin

27. In dry places in the world, where is the land used for farming generally located?

- A. in upland areas where rain is more likely to fall
- B. near sources of fresh water
- C. where the land is the flattest
- D. where there is little vegetation

28. Which of the following is an example of a *basic* landform?

- A. a ditch
- B. a plowed field
- C. a river
- D. a plain

29. All of the following are examples of precipitation except _____.
- A. rain
 - B. pollution
 - C. snow
 - D. sleet
30. The town of Westview plans to develop a nature preserve. The citizens want to protect water birds such as wild ducks, geese, and gulls. The area they will most likely select is _____.
- A. a small park in the city
 - B. a landfill still in use
 - C. an abandoned quarry
 - D. a marsh on the edge of town
31. The word that best describes the shape of Earth is _____.
- A. rectangle.
 - B. sphere.
 - C. square.
 - D. plane
32. When an American city such as Boston operates an *international* airport, that means _____.
- A. planes from other countries can use the airport
 - B. only planes from other countries can land and take off
 - C. only Army, Navy, and Air Force fly planes in and out
 - D. it only serves cities in Massachusetts and nearby states
33. Which one of these states is a southern state?
- A. Missouri
 - B. Alabama
 - C. Delaware
 - D. Utah
34. There is much concern these days about *climate change*. People all over the world are worried about how it is beginning to affect the way they live. Three of the following are examples of the effects of *climate change*. Which one is the exception?
- A. the rising water levels in the world's oceans
 - B. the change in growing seasons that will put food production at risk
 - C. an increase in the average annual temperature worldwide
 - D. the changing height of Earth's major mountain ranges
35. Where is the Statue of Liberty located?
- A. Boston
 - B. Philadelphia
 - C. New York City
 - D. Washington, D.C.