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Multiple Choice

Please circle the letter that best completes the statement. Each response is worth four points.

1. Which statement about the Dead Sea is false?

- A. The Dead Sea is really a lake.
- B. The Dead Sea is much saltier than the ocean.
- C. The Dead Sea is the lowest body of water on earth.
- D. The Dead Sea flows into the Indian Ocean.
- E. People can easily float on the Dead Sea.

2. This 101-mile waterway connects the Mediterranean Sea to the Red Sea. It is often called the “Crossroads of Europe, Africa, and Asia,” because the route is used to transport goods to all three continents.

- A. The Dead Sea
- B. The Nile River
- C. The Suez Canal
- D. The Panama Canal
- E. The Euphrates River

3. Which statement about the Aswan Dam is *false*?

- A. The Aswan Dam controls the annual flooding of the Nile River.
- B. The Aswan Dam has provided new fishing areas and much needed water for agriculture.
- C. The Aswan Dam has made it possible to grow an extra crop each year along the banks of the Nile River.
- D. The Aswan Dam has created the world’s largest man-made lake.
- E. The Aswan Dam was a very popular and inexpensive use of technology.

4. Saddam Hussein used the oil wealth of this nation to huge army, but the army was soundly defeated by a coalition of nations in a 1991 war. It is letter U on the map.

- A. Iran
- B. Iraq
- C. Israel
- D. Kuwait
- E. Lebanon

5. This desert nation is named for its ruling family. It has the largest oil reserves in the world. It is letter O on the map.

- A. Saudi Arabia
- B. Israel
- C. Lebanon
- D. Morocco
- E. Iraq

6. At one time this nation was considered part of France but the local people asked the French to leave. It is letter G on the map.

- A. Algeria
- B. Afghanistan
- C. Lebanon
- D. Morocco
- E. Iraq

7. Until recently, the Islamic fundamentalist Taliban movement controlled this mountainous nation. It is letter W on the map.

- A. Algeria
- B. Afghanistan
- C. Libya
- D. Turkey
- E. Saudi Arabia

8. This nation was one of the first places in the Middle East to produce oil, but it used up most of its reserves by the 1970s. It is letter S on the map.

- A. Israel
- B. Tunisia
- C. Afghanistan
- D. Bahrain
- E. Morocco

9. Several small states combined in 1971 to form the United Arab _____. It is letter R on the map.

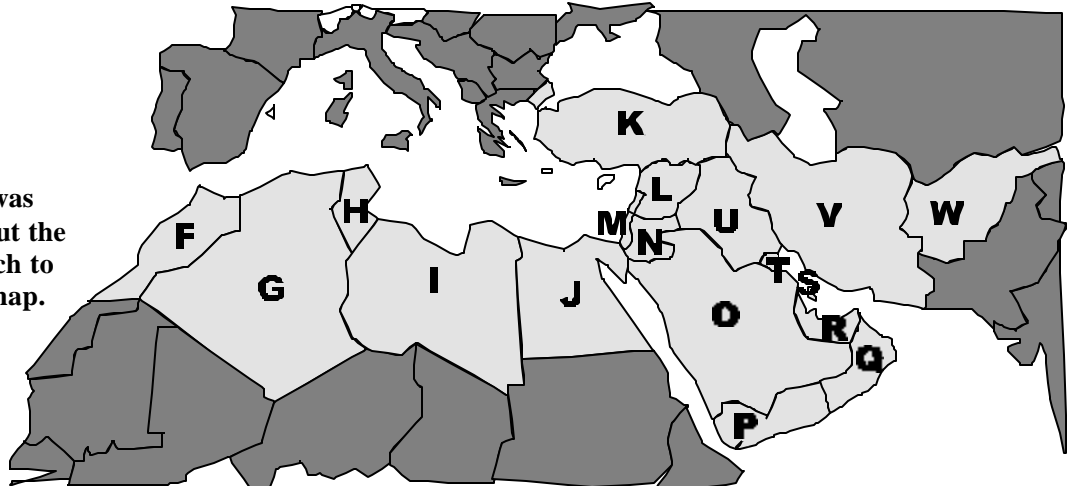
- A. Kingdoms
- B. Sultanates
- C. Emirates
- D. Provinces
- E. Jamahiriya

10. Most of this nation is in Asia, but the western tip is in Europe. It is letter K on the map.

- A. Morocco
- B. Turkey
- C. Israel
- D. Lebanon
- E. Tunisia

11. Muammar al-Quaddafi has controlled this nation since 1967. It is letter I on the map.

- A. Libya
- B. Turkey
- C. Israel
- D. Lebanon
- E. Saudi Arabia



12. This nation has been ruled by Muslim clerics since 1980. It is letter V on the map.

- A. Israel
- B. Turkey
- C. Lebanon
- D. Tunisia
- E. Iran

13. This Muslim and Arab nation signed a peace agreement with Israel in 1994. It is letter N on the map.

- A. Saudi Arabia
- B. Iran
- C. Algeria
- D. Iraq
- E. Jordan

14. A coalition of nations that included the United States went to war in 1991 when dictator Saddam Hussein attempted to annex, or take over this tiny nation. It is letter T on the map.

- A. Qatar
- B. Bahrain
- C. Kuwait
- D. Lebanon
- E. Israel

15. Select the nation from the following list that is part of the "Fertile Crescent". All other nations are primarily desert. It is letter L on the map.

- A. Saudi Arabia
- B. Syria
- C. Algeria
- D. Libya
- E. Oman

16. Mocha coffee is one of this nation's primary exports. It is letter P on the map.

- A. Yemen
- B. Israel
- C. Iraq
- D. Lebanon
- E. Morocco

17. This nation has the lowest percentage of Muslims of any nation of the Middle East and North Africa. It is letter M on the map.

- A. Saudi Arabia
- B. Turkey
- C. Iran
- D. Iraq
- E. Israel

18. Oil has made this sultanate a rich nation. It is letter Q on the map.

- A. Israel
- B. Egypt
- C. Turkey
- D. Oman
- E. Lebanon

19. This small North African nation was once home to Carthage, an advanced sea-faring city. It is letter H on the map.

- A. Saudi Arabia
- B. Turkey
- C. Tunisia
- D. Morocco
- E. Afghanistan

True or False

Please circle TRUE or FALSE for each statement. Each response is worth four points.

20. TRUE FALSE The land once known as Mesopotamia is now part of Iraq.
21. TRUE FALSE Libya has a national lottery.
22. TRUE FALSE Egypt's population is spread evenly throughout the nation.

Extended Response

You may write in cursive or manuscript but your work must be very neat. Twelve-point answer will be scored as follows: two points for including a topic sentence, four points for each valid supporting statement, and two points for including a conclusion.

23. Explain why the Dead Sea is an unusual body of water.

24. Was building the Aswan Dam a good idea?

Extended Response: Synthesis

You may write in cursive or manuscript, but your work must be very neat. Each question is worth five points and requires you to think for yourself. Each question must have a topic sentence and a conclusion. Two points are awarded for a serious effort.

25. In which nation of the Middle East and North Africa would you most want to live? Describe at least two factors that influenced your decision.

26. In which nation of the Middle East and North Africa would you least want to live? Describe at least two factors that influenced your decision.