

2007 World Affairs Challenge Global Awareness Quiz

- 1) What is the world's most spoken primary language?
 - a) Mandarin Chinese
 - b) English
 - c) Japanese
 - d) Spanish

- 2) Which nation is the world's largest consumer of oil?
 - a) United Kingdom
 - b) Russia
 - c) China
 - d) United States

- 3) Known as the world's most heavily fortified border, the DMZ (Demilitarized Zone) spans the border between these two nations.
 - a) North and South Korea
 - b) Russia and Ukraine
 - c) Zambia and Zimbabwe
 - d) Croatia and Slovakia

- 4) Hezbollah is an Islamist militant and political organization based in what country?
 - a) Lebanon
 - b) Israel
 - c) Indonesia
 - d) Ethiopia

- 5) What country is the world's largest producer of oranges, coffee and sugar?
 - a) Morocco
 - b) South Africa
 - c) Brazil
 - d) Estonia

- 6) What is Afghanistan's most lucrative crop, accounting for more than one-third of the country's gross domestic product?
 - a) Potatoes
 - b) Opium
 - c) Rice
 - d) Coca

- 7) Throughout the EU (European Union) food is labeled "GMO" to indicate the inclusion of _____.
 - a) genetically modified organisms
 - b) processed animal fat
 - c) green made oxidizers
 - d) more than 50% water

- 8) In 2006, after five months of fighting, Israel withdrew its troops from the Gaza Strip as part of a ceasefire agreement with _____ leaders.
 - a) Palestinian
 - b) Syrian
 - c) Egyptian
 - d) American

- 9) Hugo Chavez, the president of _____, recently compared President George Bush to the devil in a speech he gave to the United Nations.
 - a) Brazil
 - b) Venezuela
 - c) Peru

- d) Mexico
- 10) Professor Muhammad Yunus was awarded the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize for his work with the Grameen Bank and microfinance. Microfinance is defined as
- a) Nobel Peace Prize money awarded to various nations
 - b) lenders that assist human rights groups and other non-profit organizations
 - c) small loans that help poor people who wish to start their own small businesses but are not able to get banks to lend to them
 - d) the printing of currency in small denominations
- 11) What country announced on April 11, 2006, that it had successfully produced enriched uranium?
- a) Iran
 - b) India
 - c) Pakistan
 - d) North Korea
- 12) Which is NOT one of the groups fighting in Iraq?
- a) Ba'athists
 - b) Sunni Muslims
 - c) Shia militia
 - d) Buddhists
- 13) The government of Sierra Leone has attempted to stop the illegal cross-border trafficking of which of the following resources?
- a) Arms
 - b) Diamonds
 - c) Coca
 - d) Oil
- 14) Just two days after a warning given by the United Nations Security Council this nation set off its first nuclear test.
- a) China
 - b) North Korea
 - c) Iran
 - d) Iraq
- 15) Since the signing of the North American Free Trade Agreement, or NAFTA, in 1994, this nation has become the second largest trading partner of the United States.
- a) Mexico
 - b) Costa Rica
 - c) Argentina
 - d) Brazil
- 16) What is the primary function of the World Bank?
- a) To help developing countries improve their economies by providing advice and loans
 - b) To print and exchange international currencies
 - c) To enforce trade sanctions and boycotts
 - d) To ensure fair trade worldwide
- 17) Despite this organization's announcement that it will reduce crude output, oil prices continue to fall.
- a) NAFTA
 - b) UN
 - c) OPEC
 - d) WOPN
- 18) The government of China announced in 2006 that it wants 60% of its economic growth to stem from this industry.
- a) Science and Technology
 - b) Agriculture
 - c) Manufacturing

- d) Tourism
- 19) Figures from the Department of Homeland Security show that 1.1 million people became legal permanent residents of the United States in 2006. The largest percentage of that 1.1 million people came from _____.
- a) Europe
 - b) Asia
 - c) Canada
 - d) Mexico
- 20) With unprecedented growth in its manufacturing and services sectors, this country is considered to have the fastest growing economy in the world.
- a) Saudi Arabia
 - b) China
 - c) United States
 - d) Egypt
- 21) According to the U.S. Census Bureau, what is the world's approximate population?
- a) 1.5 billion
 - b) 400 million
 - c) 6.5 billion
 - d) 1 trillion
- 22) Which of the following are not criteria that countries must meet in order to join the European Union, or EU?
- a) Democratic government
 - b) Rule of Law
 - c) Market Economy
 - d) Accessible Seaport
- 23) What is the function of a stock market?
- a) To facilitate the organized trading of securities through various exchanges and markets
 - b) To control the world economy by setting prices and freezing wages
 - c) To buy and sell multinational companies on a global basis
 - d) To print money for governmental use
- 24) In December 2006, the United States mourned the death of what former president?
- a) Ronald Reagan
 - b) Jimmy Carter
 - c) Gerald Ford
 - d) Richard Nixon
- 25) This country, formerly part of Yugoslavia, declared independence in June 2006 and later became the 192nd member state of the United Nations.
- a) Bosnia
 - b) Montenegro
 - c) Czech Republic
 - d) Austria
- 26) With projected 2007 sales over 9.8 million vehicles, which company is poised to replace General Motors as the world's largest automobile maker?
- a) Chevron Corporation
 - b) Toyota
 - c) Ford Motor Company
 - d) Bavarian Motor Works
- 27) Felipe Calderon, a free-trade booster and career politician, was sworn in as the president of what country on December 1, 2006?
- a) Venezuela
 - b) Paraguay

- c) Mexico
 - d) Panama
- 28) During President Bush's State of the Union address in January 2007, which was NOT part of his speech?
- a) He thanked both Congress and the American public for their overwhelming support of his plan to deploy more than 27,000 additional American troops to Iraq
 - b) He pledged to reduce US dependency on foreign oil
 - c) He called for a plan to create a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants
 - d) He proposed a tax deduction on health care
- 29) What is the name for a corporation that operates in two or more countries but is usually headquartered in one country and has production or marketing facilities in others?
- a) Multinational Corporation
 - b) Cross Capital Company
 - c) United States Corporation
 - d) Monopoly
- 30) What is Hamas?
- a) A small country occupying one-third of the Caribbean island of Hispaniola
 - b) A Palestinian Sunni Islamist organization that currently forms the majority party of the Palestinian National Authority
 - c) An Arabic television network headquartered in Qatar
 - d) A military organization engaged in a civil war in Sri Lanka.
- 31) The main objective of the Kyoto Protocol is
- a) To reduce worldwide emissions of greenhouse gases
 - b) To reduce poverty worldwide
 - c) To rehabilitate children used as child soldiers
 - d) To fight human rights abuses around the globe
- 32) A 2007 report released by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, concluded _____.
- a) That temperatures in the world's oceans are consistent
 - b) That there is not widespread melting of ice and snow
 - c) That sea levels are remaining relatively stable
 - d) That human activity is causing global warming with 90% certainty
- 33) The landmark United Nations treaty entitled Convention on the Rights of the Child guarantees children all the following rights except:
- a) To be protected in armed conflicts
 - b) To be protected from torture
 - c) To be in a family
 - d) To be free from economic exploitation
- 34) Located in Geneva, Switzerland, _____ is the primary global organization dealing with the rules of trade among nations.
- a) Swiss Trade Association (STA)
 - b) World Trade Organization (WTO)
 - c) Global Multinational (GM)
 - d) United Nations (UN)
- 35) A less economically developed country (LEDC) usually has an economy heavily based in these two industries.
- a) Mining and agriculture
 - b) Technology and entertainment
 - c) Manufacturing and energy
 - d) Government and tourism

- 36) President Bush signed a law in 2006 to build more fencing to keep out illegal immigrants along what U.S. border?
- United States and Canada
 - United States and Mexico
 - United States and Cuba
 - United States and South America
- 37) In 2006, cartoons of this religious figure were printed in a Danish newspaper and prompted angry protests.
- Allah
 - Prophet Mohammed
 - Confucius
 - Jesus Christ
- 38) Three years of fighting has caused more than two million people to flee from this region of Sudan.
- Darfur
 - Rwanda
 - Nile Valley
 - Khartoum
- 39) The Iraqi court sentenced Saddam Hussein to death by hanging for what crime?
- Dictatorial leadership
 - Crimes against humanity
 - Illegal development of nuclear weaponry
 - Abuse of power
- 40) The population of the United States reached _____ in 2006.
- 100 million
 - 1 billion
 - 300 million
 - 4 billion
- 41) Slobodan Milosevic, the former leader of this country, died in his jail cell while on trial for war crimes.
- Romania
 - Albania
 - Yugoslavia
 - Kazakhstan
- 42) Which two political leaders signed a bipartisan agreement on global warming on August 1, 2006 at the Pacific port of Long Beach?
- Condoleezza Rice and Jacques Chirac
 - Tony Blair and Arnold Schwarzenegger
 - George Bush and Senator Ted Kennedy
 - Nancy Pelosi and Dick Cheney
- 43) On January 1, 2007, General Ban Ki-moon, former minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade for which country, took office as the eighth Secretary General of the United Nations.
- Japan
 - South Korea
 - Philippines
 - Guyana
- 44) What is the name of the product boycotted in 2006 by musicians Beyonce, Lil Kim and Jay-Z ?
- Cristal Champagne, after the managing director of Cristal complained he couldn't choose who bought his product
 - Gasoline from Exxon-Mobile because of high prices
 - Caribou Coffee due to the coffee company's Muslim ownership
 - McDonald's French fries due to their affiliation with the French

- 45) After a series of deadly attacks in Baghdad, the Iraqi government implemented the following:
- a) Limited border crossing with Syria and Iran
 - b) Extended curfew
 - c) Restriction of weapons permits
 - d) All of the above
- 46) What is the term for development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs?
- a) Market economy
 - b) Sustainability
 - c) Rapid growth
 - d) Global economy
- 47) In terms of trade with other countries, the United States' budget has
- a) a trade deficit of over 600 billion dollars
 - b) a trade surplus of over 600 billion dollars
 - c) a balanced trade
 - d) none of the above
- 48) What is the term that refers to two or more countries being both dependent and connected to each other?
- a) Economics
 - b) Interdependence
 - c) Processing
 - d) Utilization
- 49) Which of the following goals is NOT addressed in the United Nations Millennium Development Goals?
- a) Reduce child mortality
 - b) Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
 - c) Develop a global partnership for development
 - d) Provide funding for all major companies to reduce pollution
- 50) According to figures published in the CIA World Fact Book, as measured by their GDP (gross domestic product) which country is not ranked in the world's top five economies?
- a) France
 - b) China
 - c) Germany
 - d) United States