

Social Studies MCQ Test with Answers

1. What is the capital of Canada?

- A. Ottawa
- B. Toronto
- C. Vancouver
- D. Montreal

Answer: A. Ottawa

2. Which document begins with 'We the People'?

- A. The Declaration of Independence
- B. The U.S. Constitution
- C. The Bill of Rights
- D. The Federalist Papers

Answer: B. The U.S. Constitution

3. What is the primary language spoken in Brazil?

- A. Spanish
- B. Portuguese
- C. French
- D. English

Answer: B. Portuguese

4. Who is known as the 'Father of Economics'?

- A. John Maynard Keynes
- B. Adam Smith
- C. Karl Marx
- D. Milton Friedman

Answer: B. Adam Smith

5. Which river is the longest in the world?

- A. Amazon
- B. Nile
- C. Yangtze
- D. Mississippi

Answer: B. Nile

6. What type of government is ruled by a king or queen?

- A. Democracy
- B. Monarchy
- C. Oligarchy
- D. Republic

Answer: B. Monarchy

7. Which amendment to the U.S. Constitution guaranteed freedom of speech?

- A. First Amendment
- B. Second Amendment

C. Fifth Amendment
D. Tenth Amendment
Answer: A. First Amendment

8. What is the term for a market with only one seller?

A. Oligopoly
B. Monopoly
C. Monopsony
D. Duopoly
Answer: B. Monopoly

9. Which country uses the yen as its currency?

A. China
B. Japan
C. South Korea
D. Thailand
Answer: B. Japan

10. What is the study of human populations called?

A. Sociology
B. Anthropology
C. Demography
D. Psychology
Answer: C. Demography

11. Which continent has the most countries?

A. Africa
B. Europe
C. Asia
D. South America
Answer: A. Africa

12. Who wrote the Magna Carta?

A. King John of England
B. King Henry VIII
C. Queen Elizabeth I
D. King William I
Answer: A. King John of England

13. What natural resource is Saudi Arabia known for?

A. Gold
B. Oil
C. Coal
D. Copper
Answer: B. Oil

14. What is the main legislative body of the United Kingdom?

- A. Congress
 - B. Parliament
 - C. Diet
 - D. Duma
- Answer: B. Parliament

15. Which civilization built Machu Picchu?

- A. Maya
 - B. Inca
 - C. Aztec
 - D. Olmec
- Answer: B. Inca

16. What does GDP stand for?

- A. Gross Domestic Product
 - B. General Domestic Production
 - C. Gross Debt Percentage
 - D. General Debt Product
- Answer: A. Gross Domestic Product

17. Which war was fought between the North and South regions in the United States?

- A. World War I
 - B. American Revolution
 - C. Civil War
 - D. War of 1812
- Answer: C. Civil War

18. What is the process by which citizens vote to remove an elected official called?

- A. Referendum
 - B. Recall
 - C. Impeachment
 - D. Primary
- Answer: B. Recall

19. Which mountain range separates Europe and Asia?

- A. Andes
 - B. Rockies
 - C. Ural
 - D. Himalayas
- Answer: C. Ural

20. Who was the first female Prime Minister of India?

- A. Indira Gandhi
 - B. Sonia Gandhi
 - C. Pratibha Patil
 - D. Sarojini Naidu
- Answer: A. Indira Gandhi

21. Which economic system is based on private ownership and free markets?

- A. Socialism
- B. Communism
- C. Capitalism
- D. Feudalism

Answer: C. Capitalism

22. What was the primary purpose of the United Nations when it was founded?

- A. To end World War I
- B. To maintain international peace and security
- C. To promote colonialism
- D. To establish a world currency

Answer: B. To maintain international peace and security

23. Which U.S. state was the last to join the Union?

- A. Alaska
- B. Hawaii
- C. Arizona
- D. New Mexico

Answer: B. Hawaii

24. What ancient civilization is known for developing cuneiform writing?

- A. Egyptians
- B. Sumerians
- C. Romans
- D. Greeks

Answer: B. Sumerians

25. What is the capital of Australia?

- A. Sydney
- B. Melbourne
- C. Canberra
- D. Perth

Answer: C. Canberra

26. Which document announced the Thirteen Colonies' separation from Britain?

- A. U.S. Constitution
- B. Articles of Confederation
- C. Declaration of Independence
- D. Bill of Rights

Answer: C. Declaration of Independence

27. What is the term for the uneven distribution of wealth?

- A. Inflation
- B. Deflation
- C. Wealth gap
- D. Recession

Answer: C. Wealth gap

28. Who pioneered the concept of the 'Social Contract'?

- A. Plato
- B. Rousseau
- C. Locke
- D. Aristotle

Answer: B. Rousseau

29. Which empire was ruled by Suleiman the Magnificent?

- A. Ottoman Empire
- B. Roman Empire
- C. Mughal Empire
- D. Persian Empire

Answer: A. Ottoman Empire

30. What is the largest democracy in the world by population?

- A. United States
- B. India
- C. Indonesia
- D. Brazil

Answer: B. India

31. Which event started on October 29, 1929, signaling the start of the Great Depression?

- A. Black Monday
- B. Black Tuesday
- C. Black Thursday
- D. Black Friday

Answer: B. Black Tuesday

32. What theory explains the movement of continental plates?

- A. Plate Tectonics
- B. Continental Drift
- C. Sea-Floor Spreading
- D. Subduction

Answer: A. Plate Tectonics

33. Which U.S. Supreme Court case established judicial review?

- A. Brown v. Board of Education
- B. Marbury v. Madison
- C. Roe v. Wade
- D. Plessy v. Ferguson

Answer: B. Marbury v. Madison

34. What was the primary crop grown in the ancient Egyptian economy?

- A. Wheat
- B. Rice

C. Maize
D. Barley
Answer: A. Wheat

35. Who was the first President of South Africa elected after apartheid?

A. Nelson Mandela
B. Thabo Mbeki
C. FW de Klerk
D. Jacob Zuma
Answer: A. Nelson Mandela

36. What is the study of money and banking called?

A. Microeconomics
B. Macroeconomics
C. Finance
D. Economics
Answer: C. Finance

37. Which amendment abolished slavery in the United States?

A. 13th Amendment
B. 14th Amendment
C. 15th Amendment
D. 19th Amendment
Answer: A. 13th Amendment

38. What type of boundary occurs when two tectonic plates slide past each other?

A. Divergent
B. Convergent
C. Transform
D. Subduction
Answer: C. Transform

39. What is the largest ocean on Earth?

A. Atlantic
B. Indian
C. Pacific
D. Arctic
Answer: C. Pacific

40. Who wrote 'The Wealth of Nations'?

A. John Locke
B. Adam Smith
C. Karl Marx
D. David Ricardo
Answer: B. Adam Smith

41. Which U.S. president issued the Emancipation Proclamation?

- A. Abraham Lincoln
 - B. Ulysses S. Grant
 - C. Andrew Johnson
 - D. James Buchanan
- Answer: A. Abraham Lincoln

42. What is the primary purpose of a census?

- A. To register voters
- B. To collect population data
- C. To tax citizens
- D. To conduct elections

Answer: B. To collect population data

43. Which city was known as Byzantium and later Constantinople?

- A. Rome
- B. Athens
- C. Istanbul
- D. Cairo

Answer: C. Istanbul

44. What is the term for a system where citizens elect representatives to govern on their behalf?

- A. Direct democracy
- B. Republic
- C. Monarchy
- D. Theocracy

Answer: B. Republic

45. Who is considered the author of the Declaration of Independence?

- A. George Washington
- B. Benjamin Franklin
- C. Thomas Jefferson
- D. John Adams

Answer: C. Thomas Jefferson

46. What is the name of the economic downturn during the early 2000s?

- A. Dot-com Crash
- B. Great Recession
- C. Housing Bubble
- D. Oil Crisis

Answer: A. Dot-com Crash

47. Which amendment gives citizens the right to bear arms?

- A. First Amendment
- B. Second Amendment
- C. Fourth Amendment
- D. Fifth Amendment

Answer: B. Second Amendment

48. What is the term for reducing tariffs between member countries?

- A. Sanctions
- B. Subsidies
- C. Free trade
- D. Quota

Answer: C. Free trade

49. Which U.S. doctrine opposed European colonialism in the Americas?

- A. Monroe Doctrine
- B. Truman Doctrine
- C. Marshall Plan
- D. Roosevelt Corollary

Answer: A. Monroe Doctrine

50. Who led the March on Washington in 1963?

- A. Malcolm X
- B. Martin Luther King Jr.
- C. Rosa Parks
- D. Frederick Douglass

Answer: B. Martin Luther King Jr.