

WorldQuest 2007 Questions

COUNTRIES

1. Myanmar is an Asian country between India on the west and China in the North. Its former name was:

- A. Burma**
- B. Siam
- C. Laos
- D. Malaysia

2. This country is rife with tensions over divisions between the Flemish region and the Walloon area. Recent constitutional amendments have granted these regions formal recognition and autonomy. What is the name of the country?

- A. Netherlands
- B. Lithuania
- C. Belgium**
- D. Luxembourg

3. Which of these four countries has the largest Muslim population?

- A. Indonesia**
- B. Iran
- C. Afghanistan
- D. Turkey

4. What four countries are members of CAFTA (Central American Free Trade Agreement)?

- A. United States, Colombia, Costa Rica, Honduras
- B. Nicaragua, El Salvador, United States, Honduras**
- C. El Salvador, Guatemala, Brazil, United States
- D. El Salvador, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, Mexico

5. Which of these countries was originally settled by convicts sent from England?

- A. Chile
- B. Kenya
- C. New Zealand
- D. Australia**

6. Which of these Caribbean countries has the highest literacy rate?

- A. Dominican Republic
- B. Trinidad and Tobago**
- C. Antigua and Barbuda
- D. Haiti

7. Turkey's secularists feel cornered with the recent elections of a Prime Minister and President from the AK Party. Its secular tradition was established by Turkey's first modern president. What was his name?

- A. Kemal Ataturk**
- B. Tansu Ciller
- C. Ahmet Necdet Zezer
- D. Abdullah Ocalan

8. Tierra del Fuego is located in which of the following countries?

- A. Spain and Portugal
- B. Argentina and Uruguay
- C. Chile and Argentina**
- D. Indonesia and New Guinea

9. BASHAR al-ASSAD is the leader of what country?

- A. Saudi Arabia
- B. Syria**
- C. United Arab Emirates
- D. Jordan

10. The south Caucasus region is a "land in-between" - between the Black and Caspian Seas, Europe and Asia, Russia and Iran, Christianity and Islam. Which 3 countries are in this region?

- A. Iran, Russia and Turkey
- B. Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan
- C. Armenia, Syria and Turkey
- D. Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia**

Great Decisions

11. A mountainous state in Mexico that saw social unrest in 2006, sparked by a teachers' strike and culminating in anti-government riots is called:

- A. Chihuahua
- B. Coahuila.
- C. Chiapas.
- D. Oaxaca.**

12. What is the greatest killer of African children?

- A. Malaria.**
- B. AIDS
- C. Malnutrition.
- D. Typhoid fever.

13. In Central Asia, under the USSR, the most Russified of the Soviet republics was

- A. Tajikistan.
- B. Borakistan.
- C. Kazakhstan.**
- D. Uzbekistan.

14. Slobodan Milosevic, the former Serbian President, was tried for war crimes by a UN tribunal in The Hague and

- A. Acquitted.
- B. Sentenced to prison for life.
- C. Executed for ethnic cleansing.
- D. Not sentenced, due to his death.**

15. The President of South Africa is

- A. Nelson Mandela.
- B. Thabo Mbeki.**
- C. Jacob Zuma.
- D. Robert Mugabe.

16. Which of the following countries is **NOT** governed by Sunni Moslems?

- A. Egypt
- B. Saudi Arabia
- C. Iran**
- D. Jordan.

17. If the United States adopted the Kyoto Protocol and abided by it, by what percentage would it have to reduce emissions?

- A. 4 percent.
- B. 7 percent.**
- C. 11 percent.
- D. 17 percent.

18. What is the estimate given by the Great Decisions 2007 book as to the number of Mexicans who annually cross illegally into the US?

- A. 178,000
- B. 560,000
- C. 600,000
- D. 800,000**

19. Which is the most numerous religious group in Iraq?

- A. Shiites. (Shia)**
- B. Sunnis.
- C. Kurds.
- D. Turks.

20. The U.S. has seen previous waves of immigration in its history. In fact, in 1915, fifteen percent of the population was foreign-born. At that time, the leading country of origin of foreign-born residents was:

- A. Germany**
- B. Mexico
- C. Italy
- D. Poland

Elections

21. What South American country recently elected a former senator and First Lady, Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner, as President?

- A. Brazil
- B. Columbia
- C. Chile
- D. Argentina**

22. Australia's Prime Minister John Howard recently lost an election to what Labor Party leader?

- A. Kevin Rudd**
- B. Stephen Harper
- C. Gordon Brown
- D. Michael Jeffery

23. Nicaragua, Panama, Kyrgystan, and Turkey are examples of what type of government?

- A. Parlimentary Democracy
- B. Constitutional Monarchy
- C. Communist
- D. Republic**

24. Which of the following nations is **NOT** a kingdom?

- A. Bahrain
- B. Cambodia
- C. Nigeria**
- D. Spain

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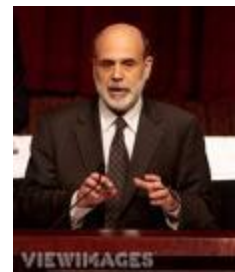
26. Which countries elect a Chancellor as the head of government?
A. Brazil and Chile
B. Austria and Germany
C. Egypt and Turkey
D. Portugal and Italy
27. All of the following countries have a Communist government **EXCEPT**
A. Laos
B. Angola
C. North Korea
D. Cuba
28. Which country has an emperor as its Head of State?
A. Ethiopia
B. Mauritania
C. Niger
D. Japan
29. Lebanon's constitution requires its Parliament to elect a President who is of what religion?
A. Christian Maronite
B. Sunni Muslim
C. Shiite Muslim
D. Druze Muslim
30. What kind of national election was recently held in Venezuela to vote whether to expand the constitutional powers of the president?
A. Referendum
B. Presidential
C. Parliamentary
D. Gubernatorial

People in the News

31. As president, George W. Bush ends his second term with **ALL BUT ONE** of the following having resigned. What is his name?
A. Advisor Karl Rove
B. Press Secretary Tony Snow
C. Chief of Staff Joshua Bolten
D. Budget Chief Rob Portman

32. A credit crunch hit the U. S. economy this summer. The Federal Reserve Board quickly cut rates. The Chairman of the Federal Reserve is _____.

Ben Bernanke.



33. The wealthiest female entertainer in America is:
Oprah Winfrey.

34. President and Mrs. Bush recently announced the engagement of one of their twin daughters. Her first name is

- A. Barbara.
- B. Laura.
- C. Alice.
- D. Jenna.**



35. Mike Mullen is the new Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.. Mullen is from which branch of the Armed Services?

- A. Army
- B. Navy**
- C. Air Force
- D. Marine Corp



36. Russian President Vladimir Putin will not run for President next year. However, he may move into another powerful position. That job is:

- A. Prime Minister.**
- B. U.N. Secretary General.
- C. Chairman, Liberal Democratic Party.
- D. Chairman, Shanghai Corporation Organization.

37. This fall, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, the President of Iran, told students at Columbia University in New York all of the following **EXCEPT**:

- A. In Iran, we don't have homosexuals.
- B. Women in Iran enjoy the highest level of freedom.
- C. We will join the Middle East Peace Conference.**
- D. Iran's nuclear production is for peaceful purposes



38. The U. S. Ambassador to Iraq is:

- A. Zalmay Khalilzad
- B. Sean McCormick
- C. Ryan Crocker**
- D. Samuel W. Bodman

39. What is the name of this former Prime Minister of Pakistan?

- A. Gloria Arroyo
- B. Benazir Bhutto**
- C. Mary McAleese
- D. Queen Elizabeth II



40. *I Am My Grandfather's Son* is the name of a new biography by one of the following Supreme Court members? What is his name?

- A. John G. Roberts
- B. Antonin Scalia
- C. David H. Souter
- D. Clarence Thomas**

Current Events

41. The Dow Jones stock averages hit new record highs this fall. They posted a benchmark figure just above

- A. 16,000 points
- B. 14,000 points**
- C. 12,000 points
- D. 17,000 points

42. The North Korean nuclear problem seems closer to solution with the Communist country recently agreeing to all of the following **EXCEPT**:

- A. to begin to dismantle its main nuclear reactor by year end.
- B. to publicly account for its entire nuclear stock pile.
- C. to stop drug smuggling and currency counterfeiting.**
- D. to meet with South Korean President.

43. The new Prime Minister of Japan is:

- A. Nobutaka Machimura.
- B. Shinzo Abe.
- C. Ichiro Ozawa.
- D. Yasuo Fukuda.**



44. In the United States, the choices for Presidential nominees in both parties will be largely decided on Super Tuesday. What is that date?

- A. February 5**
- B. February 12
- C. March 2
- D. April 14

45. Which of these countries has been widely accused of genocide purportedly perpetrated during the period of 1915-1923?

- A. Germany
- B. Russia
- C. Turkey**
- D. India

46. The Chinese government enforces strict laws on internet use, blocking content it considers a threat. What U.S. company was recently criticized over false information it gave to a congressional panel about its co-operation with authorities in China?

- A. Yahoo**
- B. Microsoft
- C. Oracle
- D. Cisco

47. Recently headlines featured pundits predicting the economy is slowing and might slide into a recession. Which market is the major cause of the problem?

- A. Commercial mortgages
- B. Stock Market
- C. Sub-prime Market**
- D. Futures Market

48. In late November, a summit was held at Annapolis at which invited Foreign Ministers from several mid-eastern states gave support to a permanent peace settlement. Which of the following two countries **DID NOT ATTEND?**

- A. Iran and Iraq**
- B. Israel and Lebanon
- C. Algeria and Jordan
- D. Egypt and Tunisia

49. Ebola is

- A. an African country.
- B. a famous food dish in Chile.
- C. an Indonesian musical instrument.
- D. a killer virus.**

50. The U.N. is sending unprecedented numbers of troops to east Africa. Along with the African Union, it is involved in all the following **EXCEPT:**

- A. War between Islamist militias and Ethiopian troops in Somalia
- B. Rising violence in Kenya in the run-up to the December 27 presidential election.**
- C. The continued killing in Sudan's Darfur region.
- D. Turmoil between Eritrea and Ethiopia.

TIEBREAKERS

51. Which Choice **correctly** identifies PRESIDENTS and their COUNTRIES?

- A. Hosni Mubarak (Egypt) and Robert Mugabe (Nigeria)
- B. Fidel Castro (Cuba) and Gordon Brown (United Kingdom)
- C. Vladimir Putin (Russia) and Hamid Karzai (Afghanistan)**
- D. Romano Prodi (Italy) and Mwai Kibaki (Kenya)

52. All of the following countries have a Prime Minister **EXCEPT**?

- A. Australia, Great Britain and New Zealand
- B. Netherlands, Egypt and Vietnam
- C. India, Niger and Greece
- D. Philippines, Costa Rica and South Africa**

53. The new French Foreign Minister recently declared: “It is necessary to prepare for the worst” ... the worst is war “when talking about efforts to get Iran to give up nuclear weapons production. His name is

- A. Bernard Kouchner.**
- B. Nicolas Sarkozy.
- C. Dominique Villapon.
- D. Michael Barnier.



54. Among Iran’s nuclear installations, in which city is a heavy water plant believed to be located?

- A. Tehran
- B. Arak**
- C. Isfahan
- D. Bushehr

55. In the event that the West or Israel attacked Iran’s nuclear facilities, which of the following would **NOT** be a feasible action that Iran’s leaders might take?

- A. Attempt to close the Strait of Malucca.**
- B. End oil production to disrupt the world supply of energy.
- C. Attack neighbors’ oil facilities.
- D. Attempt to close the Strait of Hormuz.

56. Singapore is located off the tip of the Malayan Peninsula in south east Asia. The vast ethnic majority of Singapore is:

- A. Indonesian
- B. Malaysian.
- C. Vietnamese
- D. Chinese**

57. The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) is a strategic alliance that brings together several countries in Eurasia. Which of the following countries is NOT a member of the SCO?

- A. China
- B. Russia
- C. Uzbekistan
- D. Azerbaijan**

58. The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change meeting began on Dec. 3. Between 15,000 and 20,000 politicians, officials, activists, and journalists are expected to attend. Where is this meeting being held? **Bali**

59. Which countries fought a border battle in 1969 at the Ussuri River?

- A. The USSR and Iran
- B. China and Japan
- C. China and Korea
- D. China and the USSR**

60. President Bush signed a far-reaching nuclear deal with a country that has developed nuclear processing capabilities and nuclear weapons but has never signed the “Nuclear Nonproliferation” treaty. This deal would bring better bilateral relations, but it has drawn criticism from around the world. What is the name of that country?

- A. Pakistan
- B. Iran
- C. India**
- D. China