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GREAT EARTHQUAKE AND FIRE RAVAGE TOKIO AND YOKOHAMA; MANY PERISH, BUILDINGS COLLAPSE; SURVIVORS FLEE IN PANIC; ITALY SEIZES TWO MORE ISLANDS; LEAGUE TAKES UP THE CASE

COAL STRIKE FORCES 100 PERCENT. TIE-UP; RECESS IN PARLEY'S

All of 150,000 Miners, Except Maintenance Men, Drop Tools and Quit.

DISPUTANTS CONFERENCE AGAIN

Meet With Pinchot for Half an Hour and Then Adjourn Until Wednesday.

GOVERNOR MORE HOPEFUL

Expects Aid to Help His State and Women's Aid Expresses of Public Opinion.

PHYSICIANS DENY HYLAN HAS CANCER

Dr. John J. McGrath, President of Bellevue Hospital, Visits

MORE GREEK ISLANDS SEIZED

Italian Forces Occupy Paxos and Antipaxos, Strategic Points.

GREEK STEAMER FIRED ON

Channel Is Under Blockade, Italian Submarine Command.

NO MORE SEIZURES LIKELY

But Rome Orders Other Vessels to Leave Adriatic Ready for Action.

AREA OF EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE IN JAPAN



FIRES RAGE IN WHOLE TOKIO DISTRICT

All Yokohama Burning and Neighboring Towns Are Involved as Water Systems Are Wrecked—Business Suspended.

TREMBENDOUS LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY INDICATED

700 Are Killed in the Asakusa Tower—People Flee to Ships—Earthquake Centres in the Extinct Volcano of Fuji—Cables Interrupted.

COULIDGE CABLES SYMPATHY TO EMPEROR OF JAPAN; NAVY ORDERS VESSELS TO YOKOHAMA FOR RELIEF

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—President Coolidge tonight addressed to Emperor Yohshita of Japan a message of sympathy on the part of himself and the American people for the sufferers from the earthquake in Japan.

The President's message read:

"At the moment when the news of the great disaster which has befallen the people of Japan is being received, it is natural to express in my own name and that of the American people the most hearty and sympathetic aid to every effort to relieve the suffering and to do all in my power to hasten the recovery of the country."

Coolidge's message was given through the American Embassy in Tokyo.

Additional dispatches concerning the fire, was mentioned to see all possible speed in dispatching the vessels and their commanders to render relief and assistance.

The Asiatic Fleet is now under the command of Admiral Charles D. Dyer, Chief of Naval Operations, and it was probable that Admiral Dyer's fleet had already dispatched a squadron of destroyers to Yokohama, where an American naval hospital is located. He would, however, that in order to assist the progress of American relief ships there, specific orders were dispatched.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 1. (Associated Press).—Tokyo is still a smoky, smoky building of the city have collapsed, the water system is destroyed, the sea of life is busy, all traffic has been suspended and the flames are spreading to surrounding towns, following a terrific earthquake, according to a message received here tonight by the Radio Corporation of America from the superintendent of the company's station at Yokohama. Other messages report that the whole city of Yokohama is burning and that great loss of life and property has been caused. The Radio Corporation's superintendent said he obtained his information from a morning paper at Sendai, a large city about 100 miles north of Tokyo. Sendai is about 144 miles north of Tokyo. Cambridge Very Hoarse. The message read:

Multiple Choice
10 points

1. Which three nations won the greatest number of medals at the 2008 Summer Olympics?

A. U.S., China, Great Britain

B. Japan, China, Russia

C. Russia, U.S., China

D. China, U.S., Australia

2. On what major political issue did the presidential candidates agree on?

- A. A timeline for bringing troops home from Iraq
- B. Tax cuts for small businesses
- C. Judicial review of the Roe V. Wade decision
- D. The expansion of stem-cell research

3. In July 2008, the war criminal Radovan Karadžić was captured following a 12-year manhunt. He was the former president of which region?

- A. Bosnia
- B. Bulgaria
- C. Croatia
- D. Republic of Serbia

4. What are the names of the two break-away regions involved in the 2008 war between Russia and Georgia?

A. Abkhazia and T'bilisi

B. Batumi and South Ossetia

C. South Ossetia and Abkhazia

D. South Ossetia and Ajara

5. Who is the current President of Pakistan, assuming leadership in the wake of President Musharraf's resignation?

A. Abu Musab al-Zarqawi

B. Asif Ali Zardari

C. Benazir Bhutto

D. Manmohan Singh

6. Why was the interior minister of Iran dismissed from his position in November 2008?

- A. For lying about an honorary doctorate he said he received from Oxford
- B. For withdrawing money illegally from the foreign exchange reserve fund
- C. For publicly disagreeing with Ahmadinejad's domestic policies
- D. For forging documents related to Iran's nuclear program

7. Which of the following was NOT an agreement reached by China and Taiwan in November 2008?

- A. To start direct mail service
- B. To open direct shipping channels for passengers and cargo
- C. To initiate regular charter flights between China and Taiwan
- D. China will give Taiwan two pandas and Taiwan will give China an endangered goat and a spotted deer

8. In June 2008, what country's ruling junta did not allow aid to enter the country after Cyclone Nargis?

A. China

B. Malaysia

C. Myanmar/Burma

D. North Korea

9. Which event precipitated the current global economic crisis?

- A. The collapse of the U.S. sub-prime mortgage market and fall of the housing market
- B. The freezing of international credit
- C. The implementation of measures that allow the U.S. government to invest in banks
- D. The U.S. government's refusal to print more money

10. In August 2008, fighting resumed in an eastern province of this country, violating a peace accord signed in January and inciting angry mobs to attack UN offices in Goma.

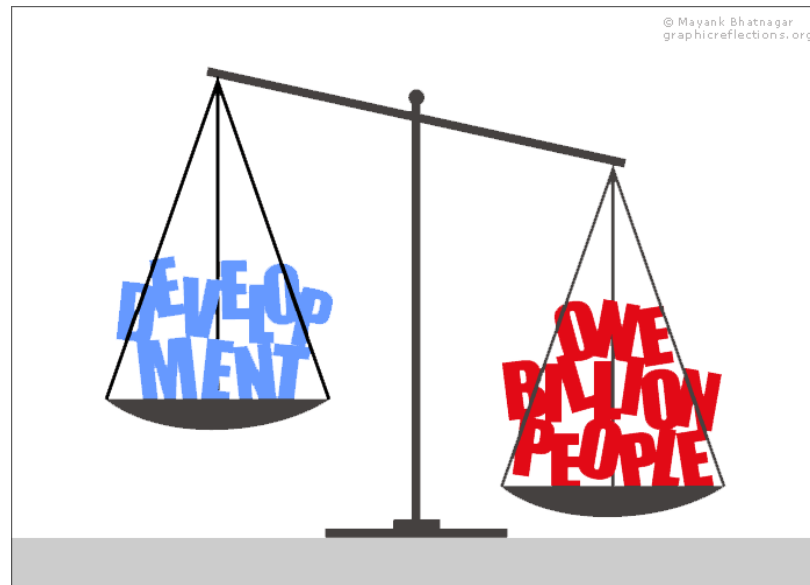
A. Afghanistan

B. Democratic Republic of the Congo

C. Somalia

D. Sudan

Population in Developing Countries



Multiple Choice
10 points

11. It is projected that by 2050 there will be ____ billion people on Earth.

A. 6.5

B. 7.9

C. 9.2

D. 11.7

12. According to UNFPA, 2047 will likely mark what major turning point for global population?

- A. Global population will peak and then begin a precipitous decline
- B. The elderly segment of the population will be larger than the younger segment (under 15 years of age)
- C. Over half of the world's population will be located in South Asia
- D. Males will outnumber females 2:1

13. Which area of the world will be most affected by low birth rates and an aging population?

- A. Western Europe
- B. Sub-Saharan Africa
- C. South Asia
- D. South America

14. Slum dwellers account for what fraction of city dwellers?

- A. One out of two
- B. One out of three
- C. One out of four
- D. One out of five

15. According to the UNFPA, one woman dies every _____ during pregnancy because she did not receive adequate care and prompt treatment.

- A. Minute
- B. Half-hour
- C. Hour
- D. Day

16. Women living in rural areas are more likely than women who live in urban areas to:

- A. Reach a higher level of education
- B. Have lower fertility rates
- C. Have a greater opportunity to acquire property
- D. Avoid experiencing violence

17. What country is predicted to be the most populous by the year 2050?

- A. India
- B. China
- C. The United States
- D. Indonesia

18. The World Population Datasheet identified _____ as the key factor associated with the prevalence of stunting in children due to malnutrition.

- A. Hereditary genes
- B. Child's IQ
- C. Child's physical activity
- D. Mother's level of education

19. Which region has the highest birth rates and the largest percentage of population growth projected for 2050?

- A. Africa
- B. Asia
- C. South America
- D. Eastern Europe

20. What is the primary cause of death in Africa?

A. AIDS

B. Malnutrition

C. Water related-diseases such as cholera

D. Childhood diseases such as measles

Water



Multiple Choice
10 points

21. What percentage of the world's water is freshwater?

- A. 3%
- B. 10%
- C. 16.5%
- D. 25%

22. Roughly how many people live without access to clean drinking water?

- A. 4.3 billion
- B. 2.5 billion
- C. 1.1 billion
- D. 500 million

23. A whopping 66% of all water withdrawals world-wide are used for what purpose?

- A. Irrigation
- B. Household consumption
- C. Industry
- D. Reservoirs

24. Water stress in a certain area is a measure of water withdrawal in relation to

- A. Population
- B. Available water resources
- C. Total landmass
- D. Water demand

25. In 2004, the Dianhua Paper Mill in Inner Mongolia was forced to pay compensation to _____ for damage caused by pollution.

- A. Local sheep herders
- B. Local farmers
- C. Laid off paper mill workers
- D. Families with children born with birth defects

26. How many people in China are at risk from declining glacial flows on the Tibetan Plateau?

- A. 1 million
- B. 30 million
- C. 100 million
- D. 250 million

27. Which continent uses the least amount of water per capita?

A. Africa

B. Asia

C. Europe

D. South America

28. An outbreak of what water-related disease in Mexico occurred in 1995, making the headlines with 16,430 cases and 142 deaths reported?

- A. Cholera
- B. Hepatitis
- C. Leptospirosis
- D. Typhoid fever

29. The shortage of water, coupled with the lowering of tariff's on U.S. food imports under NAFTA have taken the hardest toll on Mexican farmers of what crop?

- A. Coffee
- B. Corn
- C. Cotton
- D. Wheat

30. According to the 4th Water Forum, which region fulfills the greatest percentage of its hydropower potential?

A. Africa

B. Asia

C. Europe

D. North America

Alternative Fuels



Multiple Choice

10 points

31. By 2025, which organization/group of countries will account for 50% of the world's oil supply?

- A. OPIC
- B. OPEC
- C. G8
- D. BRIC

32. Current trends indicate that roughly _____ of US oil and refined products will be imported from abroad by 2020.

- A. 25-35%
- B. 35-45%
- C. 55-65%
- D. 65-75%

33. Global energy needs are projected to increase by 55% between 2005 and 2030. What two countries will account for 45% of this increase in demand?

- A. United States and Russia
- B. China and India
- C. Brazil and India
- D. China and United States

34. A barrage and a tidal fence are examples of what kind of renewable energy?

- A. Geothermal energy
- B. Wind energy
- C. Ocean energy
- D. Solar energy

35. Which of the following is NOT a problem facing hydrogen fuel cells?

- A. Few naturally occurring supplies of hydrogen
- B. High costs
- C. Potential safety hazards
- D. Poor performance compared to already available products

36. Biodiesel is made primarily from:

- A. Soybean oil
- B. Corn oil
- C. Vegetable oil
- D. Recycled oil from restaurant fryers

37. Electrolysis is a process used in association with which alternative fuel source?

- A. Hydrogen
- B. Hydropower
- C. Geothermal energy
- D. Wind energy

38. Scientists from which country first conceptualized tapping the thermal energy from the ocean and built the first OTEC (Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion) plant?

- A. England
- B. France
- C. Germany
- D. The United States

39. Which of the following is NOT true about the International Energy Agency (IEA)?

- A. The United States is a member country of the IEA
- B. One of the basic aims of the IEA is to operate a permanent information system on the international oil market
- C. The IEA was established in 1974 under the United Nations
- D. The IEA carries out a comprehensive program of energy cooperation among 26 countries

40. Which of the following is NOT stated in the World Energy Outlook Executive Summary?

- A. The pace of economic growth in China and India is faster than that of all other major countries, transforming the global energy system
- B. Developing countries contribute the majority of the increase in global energy needs
- C. Emissions from coal-fired power stations have been the primary cause of the surge in global emissions in the last few years
- D. With the use of its extensive coal resources, China is projected to be able to meet its energy needs without importing fuel sources from other countries

Biotech and Genetics



Multiple Choice
10 points

41. Who first discovered the double-helix pattern of DNA?

- A. Sergey Brin and Larry Page
- B. Bill Gates and Steve Jobs
- C. James Watson and Francis Crick
- D. Niels Bohr and Michael Faraday

42. What is proteomics?

- A. The study of the role of and interaction between the body's proteins
- B. The study of the manipulation of protons
- C. The study of the manipulation of proteins naturally found in plants
- D. The study of single-cell organisms

43. Around what percentage of food products on US grocery shelves have at least one ingredient that is from a genetically engineered crop?

- A. 20%
- B. 40%
- C. 60%
- D. 85%

44. Which of the following is NOT being developed using nanotechnology?

- A. Techniques to clean up hazardous chemicals in the environment
- B. Filters to provide clean drinking water
- C. Clean, secure, and affordable energy
- D. New methods of cloning plants and animals

45. In what year was the U.S. Human Genome Project officially launched?

A. 1987

B. 1990

C. 1995

D. 1999

46. How small is a nanometer?

- A. One millionth of a meter
- B. One billionth of a meter
- C. One trillionth of a meter
- D. One quadrillionth of a meter

47. Which kind of organisms has the greatest potential to provide a source of new genes that may be useful for biotechnology, bioremediation, and energy productions?

- A. Microbes
- B. Plant species living in the rainforest
- C. Deep sea plankton
- D. Human beings

48. Which of the following is NOT true about the Human Genome Project?

- A. Scientists studied the genetic makeup of nonhuman species as part of this project
- B. This project took 13 years to complete
- C. The data from this project was not intended to be released to the private sector
- D. This project addressed potential ethical, legal, and social issues that could arise from the data collected

49. The first human chromosome to be completely sequenced was

- A. 5
- B. 19
- C. 22
- D. X

50. Which of the following is NOT true, based on the findings of the Human Genome Project?

- A. The total number of genes is estimated at 30,000
- B. 99.9% of nucleotide bases are exactly the same in all people
- C. “Junk DNA” makes up at least 50% of the human genome
- D. The mutation rate in sperm and egg cells are virtually identical

Transnational Crime



Multiple Choice
points

51. What is INTERPOL?

- A. An international criminal police organization that secures global police communications
- B. An alternative rock band based in New York City
- C. A multi-national corporation that conducts opinion polls in 93 countries
- D. A policing body that monitors the internet

52. Which of the following is NOT an example of human trafficking?

- A. The kidnapping of children for sports (e.g. camel jockeys, football players)
- B. Recruitment of people for indentured servitude in the form of forced labor or prostitution
- C. The kidnapping of children for international adoption
- D. Organized vacations for men to find brides in developing countries

53. In counterterrorism terminology, which of these would be considered a “soft target”?

- A. Shopping mall
- B. Airport
- C. Military base
- D. Government building

54. Which of the following is NOT a trend that characterizes patterns of conflict that have emerged since the cold war-era and will shape the security landscape of the future?

- A. Asymmetrical warfare
- B. Increased interstate war
- C. Acquisition of chemical and biological weapons in the hands of non-state actors
- D. Radical regimes

55. During World War I, civilians made up fewer than 5 percent of all casualties. Today, ____ percent or more of those killed or wounded in wars are non-combatants.

- A. 20
- B. 50
- C. 55
- D. 75

56. Which of the countries below is NOT listed by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime as one of the world's main drug-growing countries?

- A. Afghanistan
- B. Columbia
- C. Morocco
- D. Thailand

57. Which of the following is NOT true about effective drug abuse prevention programs?

- A. They are more costly in the long-run than drug abuse treatment and counseling
- B. They provide alternative activities to substance abuse
- C. They use evidence-based interventions
- D. They monitor and evaluate program components

58. Which of the following has been referred to as “the crime of the 21st century” by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime?

- A. Money laundering
- B. Drug trafficking
- C. Identity-related theft
- D. Human trafficking

59. Which of the following is NOT true about money laundering?

- A. It empowers corruption and organized crime
- B. Terrorist groups use it to get cash to buy arms
- C. It is used by developing countries to sustain development and promote growth
- D. Some public officials are guilty of laundering money

60. Which of the following is NOT true about the UN Security Council's resolution 1373?

- A. It established the Counter-Terrorism Committee
- B. It was passed in the aftermath of the Sept 11 attacks
- C. It was the first universal legal instrument related to the prevention and suppression of international terrorism
- D. It declared that acts, methods and practices of terrorism are contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations