

Question 1: Which river forms much of the border between the United States and Mexico?

- a) Colorado
- b) Rio Grande (Río Bravo)
- c) Missouri
- d) Amazon

Question 2: A country plans to host a major international climate conference. As a student reporter, which three concrete preparations would indicate real commitment rather than publicity?

- a) Publishing a schedule, inviting celebrities, and painting conference hall
- b) Setting interim national emissions targets, arranging transparent data on greenhouse-gas inventories, and announcing finance for adaptation for vulnerable regions
- c) Releasing a short promotional video only
- d) Building temporary statues and hosting banquets

Question 3: Which capital city is located furthest south?

- a) Wellington (New Zealand)
- b) Buenos Aires (Argentina)
- c) Cape Town (South Africa)
- d) Santiago (Chile)

Question 4: Who was the leader of the Cuban Revolution and later served as Prime Minister and President of Cuba?

- a) Simón Bolívar
- b) Fidel Castro
- c) Che Guevara
- d) Augusto Pinochet

Question 5: Which planet has the shortest day (fastest rotation) in our solar system?

- a) Mercury
- b) Jupiter
- c) Venus
- d) Earth

Question 6: Which world heritage practice best preserves intangible cultural heritage?

- a) Documenting techniques, training apprentices, and supporting local markets for the craft
- b) Storing artifacts in museums only and banning practice
- c) Replacing crafts with mass-produced items
- d) Forbidding younger generations to learn

Question 7: The Strait of Hormuz is strategically important because it:

- a) Is the only route between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans
- b) Is a major oil transit chokepoint where a large share of global seaborne petroleum passes
- c) Has the largest freshwater reserves on Earth
- d) Connects the Mediterranean Sea with the Black Sea

Question 8: A map shows a country with long narrow shape running north–south along a continent’s western edge and extensive coastline. Which country is this most likely to be?

- a) Chile
- b) Nepal
- c) Hungary
- d) Laos

Question 9: Which ancient civilization built the city of Machu Picchu?

- a) Aztecs
- b) Mayans
- c) Incas
- d) Sumerians

Question 10: Which telescope or mission was designed primarily to study the cosmic microwave background and the early universe?

- a) Hubble Space Telescope
- b) COBE / WMAP / Planck
- c) Kepler
- d) Voyager 2

Question 11: Which country is the largest island nation by land area?

- a) Japan
- b) Indonesia
- c) Madagascar
- d) Australia

Question 12: A regional festival features lantern parades, ancestral storytelling, and food fairs. To write an informative article focusing on cultural diversity, which approach is the best?

- a) Describe the historical origins, interview participants from several communities, and explain evolving meanings for youth and elders
- b) Only list the schedule and ticket prices
- c) Focus solely on the food stalls' profit margins
- d) Criticize the festival without fieldwork

Question 13: Which U.S. state is the only one that grows coffee commercially in significant amounts?

- a) Florida
- b) Hawaii
- c) California
- d) Texas

Question 14: Which era saw the building of the Great Pyramid of Giza?

- a) Neolithic Revolution
- b) Ancient Egypt (Old Kingdom, around 2600 BCE)
- c) Roman Empire
- d) Bronze Age Greece

Question 15: Which instrument on a space probe measures chemical composition of a planet's atmosphere?

- a) Magnetometer
- b) Mass spectrometer
- c) Accelerometer
- d) Camera only

Question 16: Which Asian country has the largest population?

- a) India
- b) China
- c) Indonesia
- d) Pakistan

Question 17: A government introduces a new digital ID system linking services. Which immediate privacy safeguards should civil society ask for?

- a) Mandatory public sharing of personal data with advertisers
- b) Data minimality, strict purpose limitation, independent oversight, and user consent options
- c) No safeguards are needed — full data access for all agencies
- d) Selling data to third parties by default

Question 18: Which geographical line divides the Earth into Northern and Southern Hemispheres?

- a) Prime Meridian
- b) Equator
- c) Tropic of Cancer
- d) Arctic Circle

Question 19: Who invented the printing press with movable type in Europe, revolutionizing mass communication?

- a) Johannes Gutenberg
- b) Alexander Graham Bell
- c) Thomas Edison
- d) Guglielmo Marconi

Question 20: Which is the main fuel used in nuclear fission power plants today?

- a) Uranium
- b) Hydrogen gas
- c) Coal
- d) Natural gas

Question 21: Which country's capital is Addis Ababa?

- a) Ethiopia
- b) Eritrea
- c) Somalia
- d) Sudan

Question 22: A small landlocked country has improved trade by building rail links to two neighbouring coastal ports. Which benefits are most likely?

- a) Faster export routes, lower transport costs, and better integration in regional trade networks
- b) Immediate doubling of GDP without other changes
- c) Decrease in trade volume due to landlocked status unchanged
- d) Loss of sovereignty

Question 23: Which galaxy is our Milky Way most likely to collide with in billions of years?

- a) Andromeda Galaxy (M31)
- b) Triangulum Galaxy
- c) Sombrero Galaxy
- d) Whirlpool Galaxy

Question 24: Which U.S. civil rights leader is famous for a campaign of nonviolent protests in Birmingham and the "Letter from Birmingham Jail"?

- a) Malcolm X
- b) Martin Luther King Jr.
- c) Rosa Parks
- d) Frederick Douglass

Question 25: Which African country's capital is Kigali?

- a) Rwanda
- b) Burundi
- c) Uganda
- d) Tanzania

Question 26: Which planet's surface is hidden beneath a thick sulphuric-acid cloud layer and has a runaway greenhouse effect?

- a) Mars
- b) Venus
- c) Mercury
- d) Neptune

Question 27: A community wishes to protect an endangered language spoken by elders only. Which combination of steps will most effectively preserve it?

- a) Record oral histories, start school programs teaching the language, and support cultural events where young people use it
- b) Translate all texts into only another dominant language and stop local teaching
- c) Ban use of the language in public places to prevent embarrassment
- d) Wait until elders pass away

Question 28: Which current affairs topic is most connected to the term "COP" used in climate discussions?

- a) Conference of the Parties (UNFCCC climate conferences)
- b) Central Organization of Ports
- c) Committee of Physics
- d) Chamber of Parliament

Question 29: Which country was the first to successfully land a spacecraft on the far side of the Moon?

- a) USA
- b) Soviet Union (USSR)
- c) China
- d) India

Question 30: Which mountain is the highest point in Africa?

- a) Mount Kilimanjaro
- b) Mount Kenya
- c) Rwenzori
- d) Atlas Mountain

Question 31: Which language is most widely spoken as a first language worldwide?

- a) English
- b) Mandarin Chinese
- c) Spanish
- d) Arabic

Question 32: A rover lands near layered rock outcrops on Mars. Which scientific objective would these layers most directly help investigate?

- a) Past environments and whether water once existed there
- b) The current Martian atmosphere composition
- c) The rover's battery life
- d) Soil colour for aesthetics

Question 33: Which country's flag is a red circle on a white field (a red disc near centre)?

- a) Bangladesh
- b) Japan
- c) Switzerland
- d) Turkey

Question 34: Which historical trade route connected East Asia to the Mediterranean, facilitating exchange of goods and ideas?

- a) The Silk Road
- b) The Trans-Saharan Highway
- c) The Amber Road only
- d) The Silk Way

Question 35: Which instrument measures the distance to nearby stars using parallax?

- a) Spectrograph
- b) Astrometric telescope or space observatory
- c) Magnetometer
- d) Thermometer

Question 36: Which island nation is made up of more than 7,000 islands and is the world's largest archipelagic state by population?

- a) Philippines
- b) Indonesia
- c) Maldives
- d) Japan

Question 37: A country announces a rapid electrification plan for transport. What near-term infrastructure investments are crucial to support this transition?

- a) Public charging network, grid upgrades for higher load, and workforce training for EV maintenance
- b) Only marketing campaigns and no technical upgrades
- c) Removing all public transit systems immediately
- d) Building more petrol stations only

Question 38: Which ancient empire is associated with the construction of the city of Persepolis?

- a) Roman Empire
- b) Persian Empire
- c) Maurya Empire
- d) Aztec Empire

Question 39: Which space object is primarily composed of rock and metal and orbits the Sun between Mars and Jupiter?

- a) Comet
- b) Asteroid
- c) Kuiper Belt Object
- d) Meteorite

Question 40: Which European city is the seat of the European Union's main institutions?

- a) Berlin
- b) Brussels
- c) Strasbourg only (Parliament sessions)
- d) Paris

Question 41: Which historical event began on 14 July 1789 and became a symbol of the French Revolution?

- a) Storming of the Bastille
- b) Battle of Waterloo
- c) Signing of the Magna Carta
- d) Russian Revolution

Question 42: Which astronomical phenomenon occurs when the Moon passes directly between the Sun and Earth?

- a) Lunar eclipse
- b) Solar eclipse
- c) Planetary transit
- d) Meteor shower

Question 43: Which country is the world's largest producer of cocoa beans (important for chocolate production)?

- a) Brazil
- b) Ivory Coast
- c) India
- d) Mexico

Question 44: A city hosts many immigrant communities with different festivals. Which city policy would best support cultural inclusion?

- a) Provide multi-language community centres, public festival spaces, and consult communities in planning
- b) Close public spaces to migrants only
- c) Outsource culture to private corporations only
- d) Ban public celebrations

Question 45: Which treaty banned the production and use of chemical weapons and established an organization to verify compliance?

- a) Treaty of Versailles
- b) Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC)
- c) Geneva Conventions only
- d) Outer Space Treaty

Question 46: Which exoplanet detection method finds planets by measuring dips in a star's brightness when a planet passes in front?

- a) Radial velocity method
- b) Transit method
- c) Direct imaging
- d) Gravitational lensing

Question 47: Which South American country is landlocked?

- a) Ecuador
- b) Paraguay
- c) Chile
- d) Peru

Question 48: Which famous scientist developed the theory of evolution by natural selection?

- a) Gregor Mendel
- b) Charles Darwin
- c) Louis Pasteur
- d) Robert Hooke

Question 49: A sensational online headline claims a new planet discovered close to Earth. Which steps help verify the claim?

- a) Check reputable science outlets, look for a peer-reviewed paper or press release from recognized space agencies, and confirm with multiple independent sources
- b) Share immediately on social media without checking
- c) Believe the headline because it is sensational
- d) Only rely on a single unverified post

Question 50: Which country has capital named Astana?

- a) Uzbekistan
- b) Kazakhstan
- c) Kyrgyzstan
- d) Turkmenistan

Question 51: Which terrestrial planet has the strongest surface gravity?

- a) Mercury
- b) Venus
- c) Mars
- d) Earth

Question 52: Which 20th-century leader led India to independence from British rule and became the nation's first Prime Minister?

- a) Subhas Chandra Bose
- b) Mahatma Gandhi
- c) Jawaharlal Nehru
- d) Sardar Patel

Question 53: Which region is primarily responsible for producing the most of the world's saffron spice?

- a) Spain
- b) Iran
- c) China
- d) Brazil

Question 54: Which astronomical body is known for its prominent rings composed of ice and rock?

- a) Jupiter
- b) Saturn
- c) Mars
- d) Venus

Question 55: A coastal nation wants to increase resilience to sea-level rise. Which non-structural measure is both cost-effective and socially inclusive?

- a) Implement managed retreat with fair compensation, update land-use zoning away from high-risk zones, and invest in early warning and social safety nets
- b) Build taller seawalls only and ignore community input
- c) Encourage permanent settlement in low-lying flats
- d) Ban all fishing

Question 56: Which of these is not an official UN language?

- a) Portuguese
- b) Arabic
- c) English
- d) Russian

Question 57: Which ancient city-state is known for its early democracy and philosophers like Socrates?

- a) Sparta
- b) Athens
- c) Carthage
- d) Babylon

Question 58: Which planet's moon has a thick atmosphere and lakes of liquid hydrocarbons?

- a) Europa
- b) Titan (moon of Saturn)
- c) Ganymede
- d) Io

Question 59: Most Nobel Prizes (Physics, Chemistry, Medicine, Literature, and Economic Sciences) are awarded in which city?

- a) Oslo
- b) Stockholm
- c) Copenhagen
- d) Helsinki

Question 60: A city's cultural tourism plan aims to be sustainable. Which integrated approach would best balance visitor numbers and local wellbeing?

- a) Limit visitor numbers in sensitive sites, promote off-peak tourism, involve local communities in tourism governance, and reinvest tourism revenues in maintenance and social services
- b) Maximize visitor numbers regardless of capacity, ban local participation
- c) Stop tourism completely to protect locals
- d) Only advertise to mass-tourism operators with no rules