

Final Exam

1. Charles Mason was born in the year 1728 in _____?
 - a. London
 - b. Stratford-on-Avon
 - c. Gloucestershire
 - d. Birmingham

2. In 1761, Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon participated in a scientific effort to observe what rare astronomical event?
 - a. The transit of Venus
 - b. A total solar eclipse
 - c. The conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn
 - d. The Geminid meteor shower

3. Mason's mentor, Reverend James Bradley, held what prestigious position in England?
 - a. Lucasian Professor of Mathematics
 - b. Astronomer Royal
 - c. Prime Minister
 - d. Viceroy of the British Empire

4. The first colony attempted by Lord Baltimore was on the Island of Newfoundland and was given what name?
 - a. St. Mary's Island
 - b. Cape Breton
 - c. New Brunswick
 - d. Avalon

5. Lord Baltimore was a devout follower of what faith, which was a minority group in England?
 - a. Episcopalian
 - b. Roman Catholic
 - c. Anglican
 - d. Mennonite

6. Which monarch granted the royal charter to Lord Baltimore in 1632 for the lands which would become the colony of Maryland?
 - a. Charles I
 - b. Richard III
 - c. Henry VIII
 - d. George III

7. William Penn, an advocate of religious freedom, was a member of what faith, informally referred to as the Quakers?
 - a. The Religious Society of Friends
 - b. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
 - c. Jehovah's Witnesses
 - d. Seventh Day Adventists

8. This company founded a colony called Zwaanendael in what is now Delaware in 1631?
 - a. The Sierra Leone Company
 - b. The Imperial British New World Company
 - c. The London Company of Merchant Adventurers
 - d. The Dutch West India Company

9. William Penn received his royal charter for Pennsylvania from which King?
 - a. George I
 - b. Charles II
 - c. Edward V
 - d. Phillip II

10. What was the original parallel of latitude intended to separate the lands of the Penns and the Calverts?
 - a. 38th
 - b. 39th
 - c. 40th
 - d. 41st

11. Sweden was at the height of its military power during this war?
 - a. The Seven Years War
 - b. The War of 1812
 - c. The Crimean War
 - d. The Thirty Years War

12. New Amstel was given what name after it was conquered by the British?
 - a. New Castle
 - b. Fort Knox
 - c. Amsterdam
 - d. New Albany

13. This 1730 violent dispute began when a ferry boat operator was attacked by a pair of men from Pennsylvania?
 - a. Harper's Raid
 - b. The Boston Massacre
 - c. Cresap's War
 - d. The Nantucket Rebellion

14. In 1732, at the urging of King George II, the Penns and the Calverts agreed to set their border fifteen miles south of this city?
 - a. Philadelphia
 - b. Baltimore
 - c. Richmond
 - d. Dover

15. In the Twelve Mile Circle around New Castle, the twelve miles refers to which dimension of the circle?
 - a. Diameter
 - b. Circumference
 - c. Radius
 - d. Area

16. Mason and Dixon sailed to the colonies aboard what ship?
 - a. The Antelope Sloop
 - b. The Yankee Clipper
 - c. The Queen Mary
 - d. The Hanover Packet

17. The north wall of the house owned by which two men was deemed to represent the southernmost point of Philadelphia?
- Plumsted and Huddle
 - Myers and Hastings
 - Lett and Jones
 - Barnett and Dahl
18. The peninsula containing parts of Maryland, Delaware, and Virginia is commonly called what?
- Mardelva
 - Delmarva
 - Virmardel
 - Delmarginia
19. The instrument used by Mason and Dixon to establish the latitude of their position was called a _____?
- Automatic Level
 - Theodolite
 - Zenith Sector
 - Right-Angle Lens
20. The manufacturer of the instruments Mason and Dixon used for their survey was?
- John Byrd
 - Lew Wallace
 - George Graham
 - Jonathan Sisson
21. The imaginary sphere upon which all the celestial bodies are imagined to lie is called the _____?
- The Stellar Globe
 - The Astrolabe
 - The Stratosphere
 - The Celestial Sphere

22. Who was the owner of the home that would become Mason and Dixon's home base throughout their survey?
- Dan Reynolds
 - John Harlan
 - Harlan W. Kent
 - Kenneth J. Messick
23. The stone monument placed at the point where Mason and Dixon established the meridian near Embreeville, Pennsylvania is known as the _____?
- Stargazer's Stone
 - Rosetta Stone
 - Cumberland Stone
 - Piedmont Stone
24. The marker post placed at the southern terminus of the 15-mile line run south of the commencing point of the Mason-Dixon Line survey was called _____?
- The Terminal Post
 - The Post Mark'd South
 - The Post Mark'd West
 - The Post Mark'd East
25. This man was hired by Mason and Dixon to work as their steward?
- John Harlan
 - Phillip Yorke
 - John Byrd
 - Moses McClean
26. The line running from the midpoint of the Transpeninsular line to the 12-mile circle around New Castle was known as _____?
- The West Line
 - The Tangent Line
 - The North Line
 - The Mid-peninsular Line
27. Which star did Mason observe to determine astronomical North?
- Alpha Centauri
 - Polaris
 - Delta Ursae Minoris
 - Regel

28. In which constellation is the star Polaris found?
- Ursa Major
 - Ursa Minor
 - Gemini
 - Orion
29. The common corner of the states of Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland is called the _____ point?
- Three Corners
 - Triple Boundary
 - Coincident
 - Tri-State
30. The monument stones used by Mason and Dixon were quarried from what location?
- Isle of Portland
 - Isle of Wight
 - Isle of Man
 - Isle of Lismore
31. Which Mountain on the West Line represented the limit of colonial settlement?
- Big Bear Mountain
 - Little Allegheny Mountain
 - Savage Mountain
 - Red Rock Mountain
32. The Proclamation of 1763 was issued by King George III at the conclusion of what war?
- The French and Indian War
 - The Crimean War
 - Cresap's War
 - The French Revolution
33. The Proclamation of 1763 established this boundary between colonial settlement and native lands?
- The Mississippi River
 - The Appalachian Mountains
 - The Potomac River
 - The 100th Meridian of Longitude

34. The extension of the West Line entered into lands governed by this group?
- The Cherokee Nation
 - The Delaware Nation
 - The Six Nations
 - The Iroquois Nation
35. Mason and Dixon returned to England aboard what ship?
- The Antelope Sloop
 - The Yankee Clipper
 - The Queen Mary
 - The Halifax Packet
36. This 684-acre parcel was eventually made part of Delaware in 1921?
- The Delaware Gore
 - The Delaware Triangle
 - The Delaware Wedge
 - The Delaware Strip
37. Which state was not part of the land organized under the Northwest Ordinance?
- Indiana
 - Illinois
 - Kentucky
 - Ohio
38. What river was selected as the southern boundary of the northwest territory?
- Ohio River
 - Monongahela River
 - Tennessee River
 - Missouri River
39. U.S. Senator Henry Clay proposed this plan that would simultaneously admit slave and free states in an attempt to maintain political balance?
- The Nebraska Proposal
 - The Kansas Plan
 - The Oklahoma Concession
 - The Missouri Compromise

40. Which state was admitted to the Union as a free state to offset the admission of Missouri as a slave state?
- New Hampshire
 - Maine
 - Vermont
 - Connecticut
41. In 1846, the United States went to war with this nation in an effort to gain control of western lands, including California?
- Mexico
 - France
 - Portugal
 - Spain
42. In 1848 this commodity was discovered in California, propelling the soon-to-be state to status as an economic powerhouse?
- Coal
 - Oil
 - Silver
 - Gold
43. The Compromise of 1850 admitted California as a free state and included this legislation as a concession to the South?
- The Emancipation Proclamation
 - The Fugitive Slave Law
 - The Three-Fifths Rule
 - The Writ of Habeas Corpus
44. Which of these states was not a "Border State" in the Civil War?
- Kentucky
 - Maryland
 - Indiana
 - West Virginia

45. The Terminal Point of the West line is located at _____?
- Charlestown
 - Brown's Hill
 - Fenwick Island
 - The Cumberland Gap
46. The point on the celestial sphere directly above the observer is called the _____?
- Nadir
 - Apex
 - Celestial pole
 - Zenith
47. The Prime Meridian on which the system of longitude is based runs through _____?
- Paris
 - Barcelona
 - Greenwich
 - Rome
48. This basis for north is defined by the projection of the planetary axis upon the celestial sphere.
- Magnetic North
 - Grid North
 - Astronomical North
 - Geodetic North
49. Jerimiah Dixon is buried in this English County.
- Northumberland
 - Durham
 - Yorkshire
 - Devon
50. Charles Mason is buried in this American City.
- New York
 - Baltimore
 - Boston
 - Philadelphia