

Geopolitics Fundamental Knowledge

Geopolitics · Practice Test · 25 Questions

1. Which strait, located between the Arabian Peninsula and Iran, is a critical chokepoint for global oil supplies?

- A) Strait of Malacca
- B) Strait of Hormuz
- C) Bab-el-Mandeb
- D) Bosphorus Strait

2. What is the primary function of the 'exclusive economic zone' (EEZ) as defined by UNCLOS?

- A) Granting full sovereignty over the seabed
- B) Permitting military base construction
- C) Regulating mineral and fishing rights up to 200 nautical miles
- D) Defining international maritime borders

3. Which country is currently a member of the 'Five Eyes' intelligence alliance alongside the US, UK, Canada, and New Zealand?

- A) Germany
- B) Japan
- C) Australia
- D) France

4. The 'Heartland Theory', which argues that whoever controls Eastern Europe commands the world, was proposed by which geographer?

- A) Halford Mackinder
- B) Alfred Thayer Mahan
- C) Nicholas Spykman
- D) Friedrich Ratzel

5. Which nation is the only one in the world that maintains a policy of permanent neutrality, enshrined in its constitution since 1815?

- A) Sweden
- B) Finland
- C) Switzerland
- D) Austria

6. The 'Caspian Sea' is legally disputed regarding whether it is a sea or a lake; which of these countries does NOT border it?

- A) Kazakhstan
- B) Turkmenistan
- C) Armenia
- D) Azerbaijan

7. What term describes a state that is geographically located between two larger, rival powers, serving as a buffer zone?

- A) Enclave
- B) Buffer state
- C) Archipelago
- D) Sovereign nation

8. Which organization was formed in 1949 specifically as an intergovernmental military alliance to counter Soviet influence in Europe?

- A) Warsaw Pact
- B) European Union
- C) NATO
- D) OSCE

9. The 'Belt and Road Initiative' is a massive infrastructure development strategy primarily led by which nation?

- A) India
- B) China
- C) Russia
- D) Brazil

10. Which African nation was historically formed as a colony for freed slaves from the United States and was never colonized by a European power?

- A) Ghana
- B) Liberia
- C) Ethiopia
- D) Sierra Leone

11. Which geopolitical term refers to the process of fragmentation or division of a region into smaller, often hostile, regions or states?

- A) Balkanization
- B) Imperialism
- C) Devolution
- D) Annexation

12. The 'Suez Canal' connects which two major bodies of water?

- A) Mediterranean Sea and Red Sea
- B) Atlantic Ocean and Pacific Ocean
- C) Black Sea and Mediterranean Sea
- D) Persian Gulf and Arabian Sea

13. Which country is the only member of the G7 that is not located in Europe or North America?

- A) South Korea
- B) Japan
- C) Australia
- D) Brazil

14. What is the 'Line of Actual Control' (LAC)?

- A) A border between North and South Korea
- B) A disputed boundary between India and China
- C) The maritime border between Greece and Turkey
- D) The border between Russia and Ukraine

15. Which organization maintains the 'NPT' (Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons)?

- A) UN
- B) WHO
- C) WTO
- D) ICC

16. The 'Kuril Islands' dispute involves which two countries?

- A) Japan and Russia
- B) China and Vietnam
- C) Philippines and Malaysia
- D) India and Pakistan

17. What defines a 'landlocked' country?

- A) A country with no access to international trade
- B) A country surrounded entirely by land with no coastline
- C) A country situated in the middle of a desert
- D) A country that has no rivers

18. The 'Arctic Council' is an intergovernmental forum that addresses issues faced by Arctic governments and the indigenous people of the Arctic; which of these is NOT a member?

- A) Canada
- B) Norway
- C) China
- D) Iceland

19. Which country holds the world's largest proven oil reserves as of 2023?

- A) Saudi Arabia
- B) USA
- C) Venezuela
- D) Iran

20. The 'Thucydides Trap' is a theory often used to describe the risk of war between which two types of powers?

- A) An established power and an emerging power
- B) Two colonial powers
- C) A democracy and a dictatorship
- D) A land power and a sea power

21. Which treaty ended the Thirty Years' War and is often cited as the origin of the modern concept of state sovereignty?

- A) Treaty of Versailles
- B) Peace of Westphalia
- C) Congress of Vienna
- D) Treaty of Tordesillas

22. Which of these countries is NOT a permanent member of the UN Security Council?

- A) France
- B) Germany
- C) China
- D) Russia

23. The 'Khyber Pass' is a strategically important mountain pass connecting which two countries?

- A) India and China
- B) Pakistan and Afghanistan
- C) Iran and Iraq
- D) Turkey and Syria

24. What is the 'Golan Heights'?

- A) A mountain range in Nepal
- B) A disputed territory between Israel and Syria
- C) A coastal region in Morocco
- D) An island group in the Philippines

25. Which country is known as the 'Gateway to the Mediterranean' due to its control of the Strait of Gibraltar?

- A) Spain
- B) Morocco
- C) United Kingdom
- D) Algeria