

Military Geography and Historical Conflicts

Military History · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. During the 1904-1905 Russo-Japanese War, which strategic peninsula was the primary site of the land-based Siege of Port Arthur?

- A) Liaodong Peninsula**
- B) Shandong Peninsula
- C) Kii Peninsula
- D) Kamchatka Peninsula

2. In the context of the American Revolutionary War, the decisive 1781 Battle of the Chesapeake took place off the coast of which major bay?

- A) Delaware Bay
- B) Chesapeake Bay**
- C) Narragansett Bay
- D) Mobile Bay

3. The 1939 Battle of Khalkhin Gol, which halted Japanese expansionist ambitions toward the Soviet Union, occurred on the border of which two nations?

- A) China and Russia
- B) Mongolia and Manchukuo**
- C) Mongolia and China
- D) Russia and Korea

4. Which mountain pass, located in the Hindu Kush, served as the primary route for the British military during the First Anglo-Afghan War?

- A) Khyber Pass**
- B) Salang Pass
- C) Bolans Pass
- D) Wakhan Corridor

5. The Chaco War (1932-1935) was fought between Bolivia and Paraguay primarily over the sovereignty of which semi-arid geographical region?

- A) Pampas
- B) Gran Chaco**
- C) Patagonia
- D) Altiplano

6. The 1916 Battle of Verdun was fought within a fortified region characterized by the Meuse River in which European country?

- A) Belgium
- B) Luxembourg
- C) France**
- D) Germany

7. Which strategic Mediterranean island was the primary objective of the 1565 Great Siege by the Ottoman Empire?

- A) Cyprus
- B) Crete
- C) Rhodes
- D) Malta**

8. The Battle of Isandlwana, a major victory for the Zulu Kingdom in 1879, took place in which modern-day South African province?

- A) KwaZulu-Natal**
- B) Gauteng
- C) Limpopo
- D) Eastern Cape

9. During the Napoleonic Wars, the 1808 Battle of Vimeiro occurred in which Iberian nation?

- A) Spain
- B) Portugal**
- C) Andorra
- D) Gibraltar

10. Which river served as the natural defensive line for the German forces during the Battle of the Hürtgen Forest in 1944?

- A) Rhine
- B) Roer**
- C) Meuse
- D) Moselle

11. The 1967 Six-Day War saw the capture of the Golan Heights from which country?

- A) Egypt
- B) Jordan
- C) Syria**
- D) Lebanon

12. Which strait was the site of the failed 1915 Allied naval campaign aimed at reaching Constantinople?

- A) Strait of Hormuz
- B) Dardanelles**
- C) Bosphorus
- D) Strait of Messina

13. The 1854 Siege of Sevastopol took place on which strategic peninsula extending into the Black Sea?

- A) Crimean Peninsula**
- B) Taman Peninsula
- C) Kerch Peninsula
- D) Crimea-Caucasus

14. The Battle of Dien Bien Phu (1954), which ended French colonial rule in Indochina, took place in the mountainous northwest region of which country?

- A) Cambodia
- B) Laos
- C) Vietnam**
- D) Thailand

15. The Battle of Adwa (1896) resulted in the defeat of Italian forces by the Ethiopian Empire near which northern Ethiopian city?

- A) Gondar
- B) Aksum
- C) Adwa**
- D) Mekelle

16. During the Iran-Iraq War, the city of Khorramshahr is situated at the confluence of which two major rivers?

- A) Tigris and Euphrates
- B) Karun and Shatt al-Arab**
- C) Zayandeh and Tigris
- D) Euphrates and Karun

17. The 1759 Battle of the Plains of Abraham, a pivotal event in the Seven Years' War, occurred outside which North American city?

- A) Montreal
- B) Quebec City**
- C) Louisbourg
- D) Halifax

18. Which region of the Soviet Union was the primary site of the 1943 Battle of Kursk, the largest tank engagement in history?

A) Kursk Oblast

B) Belgorod Oblast

C) Voronezh Oblast

D) Bryansk Oblast

19. The 1900 Boxer Rebellion saw the foreign legations besieged in which city, then known as Peking?

A) Shanghai

B) Nanjing

C) Beijing

D) Tianjin

20. In 1827, the Battle of Navarino, which secured Greek independence, took place in the southwestern part of which peninsula?

A) Peloponnese

B) Attica

C) Chalcidice

D) Macedonia