

Global Military Geography

Military History · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. Which strategic Mediterranean island was the site of the Great Siege of 1565, halting Ottoman expansion into Western Europe?

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

2. During the 1898 Fashoda Incident, colonial tensions between Britain and France centered on control of which river basin?

- A) Niger
- B) Congo
- C) Nile**
- D) Zambezi

3. The 1939 Battle of Khalkhin Gol, which influenced Japanese military strategy against the USSR, took place on the border of which two territories?

- A) Manchuria and Mongolia**
- B) Sakhalin and Kamchatka
- C) Korea and China
- D) Siberia and Hokkaido

4. Which mountain pass, located in modern-day Pakistan, has served as the primary gateway for historical invasions of the Indian subcontinent?

- A) Karakoram Pass
- B) Khyber Pass**
- C) Bolan Pass
- D) Nathula Pass

5. The Battle of the Hydaspes, fought by Alexander the Great in 326 BC, occurred near which modern-day river?

- A) Indus
- B) Ganges
- C) Jhelum**
- D) Chenab

6. Which fortress city, known as the 'Gibraltar of the North', guarded the entrance to the Baltic Sea during the Great Northern War?

A) Kronstadt

B) Helsinki

C) Tallinn

D) Riga

7. In the context of the American Civil War, which river provided the 'backbone of the Confederacy' until it was severed by the Union capture of Vicksburg?

A) Ohio

B) Tennessee

C) Mississippi

D) Cumberland

8. The 1915 Gallipoli Campaign was a failed Allied attempt to seize control of which vital waterway connecting the Aegean and Black Seas?

A) Suez Canal

B) Strait of Hormuz

C) Dardanelles

D) Bosphorus

9. The Battle of Isandlwana, the first major encounter in the Anglo-Zulu War, took place in which present-day South African province?

A) Gauteng

B) KwaZulu-Natal

C) Western Cape

D) Limpopo

10. Which island chain in the South Atlantic was the focus of a 1982 conflict between the United Kingdom and Argentina?

A) South Georgia

B) Falkland Islands

C) Kerguelen Islands

D) Tristan da Cunha

11. The 'Pripiet Marshes', which presented a significant natural obstacle for armored divisions on the Eastern Front, are located primarily in which modern country?

A) Poland

B) Belarus

C) Ukraine

D) Lithuania

12. Which strategically vital city, situated at the confluence of the Ohio, Allegheny, and Monongahela rivers, was a primary focus of the French and Indian War?

A) Fort Pitt (Pittsburgh)

- B) Fort Detroit
- C) Fort Dearborn
- D) Fort St. Louis

13. The 1954 Battle of Dien Bien Phu, which ended French colonial rule in Indochina, took place near the border of Vietnam and which country?

A) Laos

- B) Thailand
- C) Cambodia
- D) China

14. During the Second Boer War, the Siege of Ladysmith occurred in which region of South Africa?

- A) Orange Free State
- B) Cape Colony

C) Natal Colony

- D) Transvaal

15. Which pass in the Caucasus Mountains served as a major defensive bottleneck during the Battle of the Caucasus in WWII?

- A) Mamison Pass

B) Klukhor Pass

- C) Dariali Gorge
- D) Vardzia Pass

16. The 'Spanish Road' was a military supply route connecting Northern Italy to the Low Countries; which modern-day country did it mostly traverse?

A) Germany

- B) France
- C) Switzerland
- D) Austria

17. In the Russo-Japanese War, the Battle of Mukden was fought in the southern part of which region?

- A) Sakhalin

B) Manchuria

- C) Mongolia
- D) Korea

18. The Battle of Actium (31 BC), which solidified Octavian's power, was fought off the western coast of which country?

A) Italy

B) Greece

C) Turkey

D) Egypt

19. The 'Green Line' in Cyprus, a demilitarized zone patrolled by the UN, was established following the military events of which year?

A) 1964

B) 1974

C) 1984

D) 1954

20. The 1879 Battle of Rorke's Drift was fought near the border of the British colony of Natal and which independent kingdom?

A) Zululand

B) Basutoland

C) Swaziland

D) Bechuanaland