

# Global Awareness Quiz: 2008

1. In 2007, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and this man received the Nobel Peace Prize for informing people about man-made climate change.
  - a. Albert Gore
  - b. Bill Gates
  - c. Jimmy Carter
  - d. Kofi Annan
2. The World Health Organization (WHO) is
  - a. the directing and coordinating authority for health within the United Nations system
  - b. a health care company
  - c. an organization providing healthy eating choices around the world
  - d. a branch of the United States government dedicated to the health and welfare of children
3. Fairness in basic health care measures for rich and poor alike, for example access to safe water, adequate nutrition and immunizations, is known as
  - a. World Health Balance
  - b. Basic Health Unity
  - c. Global Health Equity
  - d. United Health Rights
4. An epidemic that is geographically widespread, occurring throughout a region or even throughout the world, is known as a
  - a. virus
  - b. worldwide influenza
  - c. global disease
  - d. pandemic
5. What is the immune system?
  - a. The system that carries blood throughout the body
  - b. The body's defense system
  - c. The body's sensory and control system
  - d. The system of the body that breaks down food
6. On January 1, 2008, these two recent additions to the European Union started using the Euro as their official currency.
  - a. Austria and Poland
  - b. Cyprus and Malta
  - c. France and Italy
  - d. Ukraine and Turkey
7. According to the Global Burden of Disease, a report by the World Health Organization, the number one killer worldwide is:
  - a. Heart Disease
  - b. Lung Cancer
  - c. Traffic Accidents
  - d. HIV/AIDS
8. Smoking cigarettes can contribute to all of the following diseases except:
  - a. lung cancer
  - b. emphysema
  - c. heart disease
  - d. smallpox

9. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, what is the world's approximate population?
- 6.5 billion
  - 1.5 billion
  - 1 trillion
  - 400 million
10. Agricultural work is the most prevalent type of employment in the world, and the global use of pesticides in agriculture\_\_\_\_\_.
- affects only agricultural workers
  - causes only rare fatalities
  - includes highly toxic pesticides banned in some countries
  - has no effect on the environment
11. The top two diseases that kill the most children worldwide are
- AIDS and malaria
  - pneumonia and diarrhea
  - Ebola and polio
  - cholera and the flu
12. Which of the following statements about child labor is TRUE?
- It is controlled by international law
  - It is disappearing at a rapid rate
  - It is an economic and social reality in many developing countries
  - It is banned worldwide
13. The toy firm Mattel recalled over 55,000 toys made in this country due to fear of lead contamination.
- China
  - United States
  - Japan
  - South Africa
14. After more than four years of fighting, the joint UN-African Union peacekeeping mission is aiming to bring security to Darfur, a region in this country.
- South Africa
  - Madagascar
  - Sudan
  - Algeria
15. According to the World Bank over 1.1 billion people live in extreme poverty and survive on \_\_\_\_\_ per day.
- Less than one dollar
  - Five dollars
  - Ten dollars
  - Twenty five dollars
16. In 2007, the population of the United States reached \_\_\_\_\_people.
- 100 million
  - 20 million
  - 300 million
  - 1 billion
17. Which one of the following geographical regions of Africa has the most trees and vegetation?
- South African Plateau
  - Sahel
  - The Kalahari
  - Congo Basin

18. Teacher Gillian Gibbons returned to the United Kingdom following eight days in custody in Sudan, convicted of insulting Islam after her pupils named a toy bear \_\_\_\_\_.
- Osama
  - Sheik
  - Ayatollah
  - Muhammad
19. U.S. President George W. Bush indicated that Iran should reveal the full extent of its \_\_\_\_\_ or risk further international isolation.
- nuclear programs
  - child welfare laws
  - hidden military bases
  - human rights abuses
20. In Asia and Africa as many as 100,000 children suffer from \_\_\_\_\_ each year due to a simple lack of vitamin A.
- obesity
  - blindness
  - deafness
  - mental illness
21. The dramatic rise in the number of people with diabetes in the United States and United Kingdom is directly related \_\_\_\_\_.
- to an increase in population
  - to a rise in obesity
  - to poor drinking water
  - to national air pollution issues
22. In a recent CDC (Center for Disease Control) report, the birth rate in the U.S. for teenagers 15-17 years old has \_\_\_\_\_.
- risen over the last two years
  - declined in the last two years
  - remained the same for the last two years
  - revealed that teenagers in this group do not have children
23. The United Kingdom's Prime Minister, \_\_\_\_\_, is spearheading a campaign to build national health systems in some of the world's poorest countries.
- Gordon Brown
  - Neville Chamberlain
  - Margaret Thatcher
  - Harold Wilson
24. In recent months, deadly attacks and an upsurge of violence overwhelmed \_\_\_\_\_, the capital of Iraq.
- Baghdad
  - Amman
  - Islamabad
  - Damascus
25. For the first time in the history of relations between Iran and Saudi Arabia, the king of Saudi Arabia invited the president of Iran to make the pilgrimage to this city, the holiest city of Islam.
- Islamabad
  - Mecca
  - Damascus
  - New York City

26. Which of the following is FALSE regarding bird flu?
- like humans and other species, birds are susceptible to flu
  - the virus can cause illness and death in humans
  - there is a vaccine
  - areas where the disease has been found have been isolated and some countries have banned imports of live birds and poultry products
27. The 2008 Summer Olympics will be celebrated in
- Seoul, South Korea
  - Tokyo, Japan
  - Athens, Greece
  - Beijing, People's Republic of China
28. Which of the following statements regarding public health in Africa is FALSE?
- Africa has the highest percentage of people infected with Tuberculosis than any other area.
  - Malaria is one of the major public health challenges in Sub-Saharan Africa
  - The life expectancy in Botswana is 39 years due to the HIV/AIDS epidemic
  - No educational programs are available in Africa
29. What is bioterrorism?
- An intentional release of bacteria, viruses or toxins
  - The study of the structure of terrorism
  - Terrorists trained in a biosphere
  - Fear of biological and ecological elements
30. Scientists have confirmed that Arctic sea ice \_\_\_\_\_ since satellite measurements began monitoring the region nearly 30 years ago.
- has shrunk to its lowest levels
  - has remained at the same level
  - has grown over 40 million acres
  - has virtually disappeared
31. Due to this nation's one-child policy, men outnumber women by more than 60 million.
- India
  - China
  - Indonesia
  - Afghanistan
32. In February 2008, the small province of \_\_\_\_\_ declared its independence from Serbia.
- Croatia
  - Kosovo
  - Bosnia
  - Albania
33. An estimated 400 million people worldwide are classified as clinically obese, and obesity is now recognized as a major global health threat comparable with
- HIV/AIDS
  - Ebola
  - malaria
  - culture shock
34. In January, thousands of people were stranded in New South Wales by some of the worst flooding eastern \_\_\_\_\_ has seen in 20 years.
- Canada
  - Australia
  - Europe
  - United States

35. What is the natural boundary between Europe and Asia?
- Volga River
  - Arctic Ocean
  - Permafrost
  - Ural Mountains
36. In early 2008, oil prices set a record high of over \_\_\_\_\_ a barrel, on the New York Stock Exchange.
- \$100
  - \$50
  - \$500
  - \$1,000
37. Elected in 2007, the new French president, \_\_\_\_\_, promised closer cooperation with the United States.
- Jean-Paul Sartre
  - René Coty
  - François Mitterrand
  - Nicolas Sarkozy
38. Usually, people get this disease by being bitten by an infected mosquito.
- Tuberculosis
  - Malaria
  - Tetanus
  - Measles
39. Which country does not border Iraq?
- Syria
  - Afghanistan
  - Saudi Arabia
  - Turkey
40. The world's least populated continent with 6.4 people per square mile is Australia. The most populated continent with 203 people per square mile is \_\_\_\_\_.
- North America
  - China
  - Asia
  - Africa
41. Over 600 people have been killed since President Mwai Kibaki's re-election in this country, known for taking refugees from war-torn Sudan and Somalia.
- Kenya
  - Ethiopia
  - Egypt
  - Libya
42. As of February 2008, the three frontrunners vying for the U.S. Presidential election were \_\_\_\_\_.
- Mike Huckabee, Mitt Romney and Hillary Clinton
  - John Edwards, Barak Obama and Ron Paul
  - Barak Obama, Hillary Clinton and John McCain
  - John McCain, John Edwards and Mitt Romney
43. In a speech given in Jerusalem, the capital of this country, U.S. President George W. Bush supported the creation of a Palestinian state.
- Syria
  - Jordan
  - Israel
  - Lebanon

44. Simba Makoni announced he would run against Robert Mugabe in this country, which is known for hyperinflation and food and gasoline shortages.
- Zimbabwe
  - Myanmar
  - Brazil
  - Botswana
45. What is the longest river system in the world?
- Yangtze
  - Mississippi
  - Nile
  - Colorado
46. In February 2008, in Phnom Pen, the capital of \_\_\_\_\_, a former Khmer Rouge leader appeared in court for charges of crimes against humanity.
- Thailand
  - North Korea
  - Cambodia
  - Indonesia
47. The seasonal downpour of torrential rain that falls annually in the equatorial and tropical zones of the earth is known as the \_\_\_\_\_?
- Monsoon season
  - typhoon
  - seasonal flooding
  - hurricane season
48. In December 2007, a bomb blast killed Benazir Bhutto, this country's former prime minister.
- Afghanistan
  - Pakistan
  - Tajikistan
  - Uzbekistan
49. Which country shares China's nationwide time zone?
- India
  - Syria
  - New Zealand
  - Mongolia
50. After nearly fifty years as dictator of \_\_\_\_\_, failing health forced \_\_\_\_\_ to relinquish power.
- Libya, Muammar Gaddafi
  - North Korea, Kim Jong Il
  - Panama, Manuel Noriega
  - Cuba, Fidel Castro