

Global Awareness Quiz: 2009

- 1) The purpose of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is:
 - a) To safeguard the rights and well-being of refugees.
 - b) To provide nations with governing bodies to punish refugees.
 - c) To ensure the right of immigrants worldwide.
 - d) To provide food, clothing, shelter, healthcare, and education to all those in need throughout the world.

- 2) A refugee is defined as:
 - a) A person looking for work abroad.
 - b) A person who leaves their country for fear of persecution due to race, religion, nationality and/or political/social membership.
 - c) A person sending money to family living in a different country.
 - d) A person visiting a country on a tourist visa.

- 3) According to the UNHCR, the total number of refugees and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in the world is:
 - a) 67 million
 - b) 500,000
 - c) 1 billion
 - d) 1 million

- 4) Computer software engineer Patty is forced to move because there are no jobs for her. She is considered:
 - a) A refugee
 - b) An economic migrant
 - c) An internally displaced person (IDP)
 - d) An asylum seeker

- 5) President Obama supports legislation on immigration that:
 - a) Opens our borders to anyone who wishes to enter.
 - b) Allows undocumented immigrants who are in good standing to pay a fine, learn English, and go to the back of the line for the opportunity to become citizens.
 - c) Lets employers freely hire any and all undocumented workers.
 - d) Allows undocumented workers to work for less than minimum wage.

- 6) How did the recent massive forest fire, which killed almost 200 people in Australia, start?
 - a) Arson
 - b) Campfire
 - c) Down electrical line
 - d) Lightening

- 7) In 2008, two hotels in _____ were destroyed in a terrorist attack by Pakistani nationals.
 - a) Mumbai, India
 - b) Baghdad, Iraq
 - c) Islamabad, Pakistan
 - d) Kabul, Afghanistan

- 8) What does NAFTA stand for?
- a) North American Fair Trade Artisans
 - b) North American Free Trade Agreement
 - c) Northwest Alliance of Fair Tariff Agreement
 - d) North American Farm Trade Alliance
- 9) According to the United Nations, what percentage of people around the world live in urban areas?
- a) 50%
 - b) 1%
 - c) 95%
 - d) 27%
- 10) The Bering Sea is:
- a) Located in Eastern Europe.
 - b) A waterway between Chile and Antarctica.
 - c) A freshwater lake in Canada.
 - d) Located between Alaska and Russia.
- 11) A rebel group called the Tamil Tigers in _____ has been criticized by the UN for keeping aid workers out of areas it controls.
- a) China
 - b) Afghanistan
 - c) India
 - d) Sri Lanka
- 12) A mega-city is defined as a place with more than 10 million or more inhabitants. How many mega-cities exist around the world today?
- a) 2
 - b) 200
 - c) 2000
 - d) 20
- 13) Forced Migrants are:
- a) Those who are coerced into leaving their homes.
 - b) Those whose parents make them leave.
 - c) Those who move to look for work.
 - d) Those moving to get married.
- 14) Which of the following is NOT a push-factor?
- a) Religious persecution at home
 - b) Tsunami floods the home region
 - c) Political freedom at home
 - d) Ongoing violent conflict at home
- 15) In October 2008, the UN estimated that the process of _____, by which habitable land is gradually transformed into desert, currently threatens the health of 1.2 billion people.
- a) Mohavi-ism
 - b) Desert spreading
 - c) Desertification
 - d) Deforestation

- 16) Hugo Chavez, the President of _____, is accused of supporting terrorist groups seeking to overthrow the government of Colombia.
- a) Mexico
 - b) Panama
 - c) Venezuela
 - d) Brazil
- 17) What is the popular name for the Islamic Resistance Movement of Palestine that is deeply embroiled in the conflict between Israel and Palestine?
- a) Hezbollah
 - b) Hamas
 - c) The Taliban
 - d) Al Qaeda
- 18) Which former democratic presidential candidate did newly elected President Barack Obama choose as Secretary of State?
- a) Sen. Joseph Biden
 - b) Gov. Bill Richardson
 - c) Sen. Hilary Clinton
 - d) Robert Gates
- 19) Which of these countries or regions is NOT one of the world's top destinations for migrants?
- a) North America
 - b) Western Europe
 - c) The Former Soviet Union
 - d) Australia
- 20) On December 1, 2008, the National Bureau of Economic Research declared that the economy of the United States was officially in a:
- a) Downturn
 - b) Recession
 - c) Slump
 - d) Depression
- 21) The "Brain Drain" refers to:
- a) When people die and their brains dry out.
 - b) When you donate your brain to science.
 - c) The loss of trained and educated individuals to emigration.
 - d) The influx of trained and educated individuals to a country.
- 22) During a recent press conference in Iraq, a journalist threw _____ at former President Bush.
- a) A bomb
 - b) A brick
 - c) His shoes
 - d) His gloves

- 23) Kim Jong-il, the leader of _____, is 66 years old and ill, so the matter of his successor has become extremely important.
- a) North Korea
 - b) South Korea
 - c) Japan
 - d) China
- 24) What does the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) estimate is the world's population as of 2008?
- a) 300 million
 - b) 6.7 billion
 - c) 1.3 billion
 - d) 15.5 billion
- 25) After the February 2009 elections for Prime Minister, both Tzipi Livni and Benjamin Netanyahu claimed themselves victorious, setting themselves up for a political gridlock in which country?
- a) Palestine
 - b) Syria
 - c) Israel
 - d) Iraq
- 26) The island nation of Maldives, facing rising sea levels due to climate change, has started saving to purchase new land for relocation inside which country? If rising sea levels continue, the Maldives islands may disappear entirely.
- a) Canada
 - b) The United States
 - c) India
 - d) Australia
- 27) Nations that are members of OPEC have economies highly dependent on the production and distribution of _____.
- a) Automobiles
 - b) Wheat
 - c) Coal
 - d) Oil
- 28) The UNHCR estimated that there are how many international migrants around the world?
- a) 3 million
 - b) 75 million
 - c) 191 million
 - d) 2.3 million
- 29) Gaza is:
- a) A cultural dish made of beans and rice, served in the Middle East.
 - b) A narrow strip of land located between Egypt & Israel.
 - c) The location of the Great Pyramid.
 - d) A province of Sudan.

- 30) Plans to shut down the international prison at Guantanamo Bay were put in place in the first few days of the Obama administration. Where is Guantanamo Bay located?
- a) Bahamas
 - b) Cuba
 - c) Costa Rica
 - d) Angola
- 31) Ban Ki-moon is the _____.
- a) President of South Korea
 - b) Secretary-General of the United Nations
 - c) Prime Minister of Singapore
 - d) Former leader of the Soviet Union
- 32) In 2008, the Russian government expanded economic and military ties with which South American country? The move was in part a show of power toward the U.S.
- a) Argentina
 - b) Haiti
 - c) Peru
 - d) Venezuela
- 33) According to the United Nations, the number one reason why people are moving to cities is:
- a) Family ties
 - b) Access to jobs
 - c) Better schools
 - d) More entertainment
- 34) In January 2009, a notable human rights lawyer was shot and killed in this country. The death sparked debates about this country's freedom of speech.
- a) Venezuela
 - b) Israel
 - c) Russia
 - d) Ukraine
- 35) What is the term for money earned or acquired by migrants which is then sent back to their home country?
- a) Trafficking
 - b) Minimum Wage
 - c) Remittance
 - d) Gross Domestic Product
- 36) In February 2009, two submarines carrying nuclear warheads, from two different countries, accidentally collided. Which two countries claimed ownership to the ships?
- a) The United States and the United Kingdom
 - b) France and Germany
 - c) The United States and Germany
 - d) France and the United Kingdom

- 37) The _____ is considered the longest river in the world.
- Seine
 - Danube
 - Mississippi
 - Nile
- 38) Stromboli, Etna, and Vesuvius are _____.
- Active volcanoes located in or near the Mediterranean
 - Extinct volcanoes located in South America
 - Cities in Germany mentioned in Homer's Odyssey
 - Volcanic islands in the Ionian Sea
- 39) In December 2008, the United Nations estimated that pirates off the coast of this country had demanded over 40 million US dollars in ransom money over the prior year.
- India
 - Brazil
 - Iceland
 - Somalia
- 40) In 2008, Afghanistan reported an alarming trend of Afghani girls being attacked with acid. The girls who were attacked were accused of doing what?
- Stealing for their families
 - Growing opium
 - Using profanity
 - Going to school
- 41) In discussions related to human migration, what does "IDP" most commonly stand for?
- Internationally Disrupted Population
 - Internally Displaced Person
 - Illegally Disburses People
 - Intentionally Disenfranchised Party
- 42) Which of the following is the only country in the world that is also a continent?
- Austria
 - Angola
 - Australia
 - Argentina
- 43) The Russian monopoly Gazprom had a debt dispute with this country, which led to a natural gas shut off on January 1, 2009. Many Eastern Europeans were literally left out in the cold.
- Ukraine
 - The United States
 - Germany
 - Switzerland
- 44) An archipelago is _____.
- A large group or chain of islands
 - An alternating cycle of drought and abundant rainfall
 - A crater formed by an asteroid hitting the earth
 - A monetary currency used in much of Indonesia

- 45) In early 2009, provincial elections in Iraq proved surprisingly successful with minimal violence. The _____ religious/political sect agreed to participate, unlike their 2005 election boycott.
- a) Shiite
 - b) Sunni
 - c) Kurdish
 - d) Baathist
- 46) Which city has grown at an astonishing rate, fueled by the labor of about 700,000 immigrants?
- a) San Francisco
 - b) Dubai
 - c) Tokyo
 - d) Moscow
- 47) What is the term for the illegal trade of humans through kidnapping, deception or "sale" for the purposes of sexual exploitation or forced labor?
- a) Trafficking
 - b) Diaspora
 - c) Migration
 - d) Repatriation
- 48) Which European nation has the largest population of Muslims and Jews?
- a) Ireland
 - b) France
 - c) Germany
 - d) Spain
- 49) In 2009, the United Nations Security Council has decided to send additional UN peacekeepers to this country, which hosts thousands of people who have been displaced by fighting in neighboring Darfur, Sudan.
- a) Chad
 - b) Ethiopia
 - c) South Africa
 - d) Afghanistan
- 50) The UNHCR estimates that about _____ people in China have moved from rural areas to cities.
- a) 5000
 - b) 50,000
 - c) 10 million
 - d) 100 million