



Map and Flag Examination IAC Canadian Nationals 2025

Instructions – Mark your answers on the scantron provided. Correct answers are worth 2 points. Incorrect answers are worth –1 point. Questions left blank are worth 0 points. Write the answer to your tiebreaker question in the box at the top of your scantron.

1. What Japanese city is represented by this flag, appropriately featuring a background color of Edo purple?
 - A. Hiroshima
 - B. Tokyo
 - C. Nagano
 - D. Nagasaki
2. This 14th century banner, a symbol of the House of Palaiologos, is often considered the 'flag' of what empire?
 - A. Byzantine
 - B. Persian
 - C. Macedonian
 - D. Parthian
3. The flag pictured here is used by residents of southern Louisiana who migrated from which of these regions of Canada?
 - A. Inuit Nunangat
 - B. the Yukon
 - C. Acadia
 - D. the Ottawa Valley
4. Though the red star on the flag of Zimbabwe officially represents 'national aspirations', it is more commonly thought to symbolize what political ideology?
 - A. Pan-Africanism
 - B. Pan-Arabism
 - C. democracy
 - D. socialism
5. The flag shown here, known as the 'True South flag' was proposed in 2018 as the design for an official flag of which of the following?
 - A. Australia
 - B. Antarctica
 - C. the Galapagos Islands
 - D. the Falkland Islands
6. According to tradition, the Black Banner or Black Standard was flown by which of these leaders in the early 7th century, and later became an influence on the color schemes of flags throughout the world?
 - A. Saladin
 - B. Alexander the Great
 - C. Muhammad
 - D. Alfred the Great
7. The flag pictured here represents what largest sovereign enclave in the world?
 - A. Eswatini
 - B. Vatican City
 - C. San Marino
 - D. Lesotho
8. The white background and the olive branches both symbolize peace on the flag of what Mediterranean island nation?
 - A. Cyprus
 - B. Malta
 - C. Sardinia
 - D. Sicily
9. The Stark flag, pictured here and associated with the Green Mountain Boys during the American Revolution, became the basis for the first flag of what US state?
 - A. New York
 - B. Vermont
 - C. Maine
 - D. Michigan
10. The flag of Iceland, pictured here, was adopted in 1944 on the day of Iceland's independence from what Nordic nation?
 - A. Sweden
 - B. Finland
 - C. Denmark
 - D. Norway

11. The 'broken trident' in the flag of Barbados is meant to symbolize the 'breaking' of colonial rule and independence from what European power?

- A. France
- B. Spain
- C. the Netherlands
- D. Great Britain

12. Taiwo Akinkunmi, known locally as Mr. Flag Man and born into a Yoruba family in the 1930s, designed what national flag shown here?

- A. Nigeria
- B. Egypt
- C. Morocco
- D. Algeria

13. Like many flags in the region, the flag of Kazakhstan, seen here, was adopted in which of these decades following the dissolution of the Soviet Union?

- A. 1970s
- B. 1980s
- C. 1990s
- D. 2010s

14. Which former British colony, with its four stars representing the 'Southern Cross' constellation, is represented by the flag seen here?

- A. Fiji
- B. Australia
- C. Malaysia
- D. New Zealand

15. The flag of the city of Moscow depicts what Christian saint, famous for legendarily slaying a dragon?

- A. Michael
- B. George
- C. Peter
- D. Paul

16. Francisco de Miranda's tricolor flag, shown here and designed in 1806, became the basis for the flags of what three nations, all of which became independent in the 19th century?

- A. Brazil, Mexico, and Peru
- B. Cuba, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic
- C. Ecuador, Venezuela, and Colombia
- D. Grenada, Jamaica, and Costa Rica

17. Which Arab country, following a regime change in late 2024, officially reverted to its 'independence flag' shown here in March of 2025?

- A. Syria
- B. Saudi Arabia
- C. Iraq
- D. the UAE

18. The Malaysian flag, shown here, belongs to both the 'stars and stripes' flag family, and which other family that includes the flag of Turkey?

- A. tricolor
- B. Nordic cross
- C. British ensign
- D. crescent

19. The flag for the Russian planned city of Magnitogorsk prominently features the 'Magnetic Mountain' that is a major center for what industry?

- A. petroleum
- B. agriculture
- C. iron mining
- D. aerospace

20. This flag represents which of these cities, one of the largest in the Middle East and served by Imam Khomeini International Airport?

- A. Jeddah
- B. Tehran
- C. Baghdad
- D. Medina

21. This flag, adopted in 1968, represents the largest Native American reservation in the US which is the home of which of these groups?

- A. Navajo
- B. Sioux
- C. Iroquois
- D. Arapaho

22. The flag of the Vatican features a distinctive tiara and crossed keys that are both symbols of what notable resident?

- A. the Mayor of Rome
- B. the Pope
- C. the Prime Minister of Italy
- D. the King of Italy

23. This flag represents which of these overseas territories of the US, located in Polynesia southeast of the country with which it shares a name?

- A. Wallis and Futuna
- B. Vanuatu
- C. Tonga
- D. American Samoa

24. 'The Cross' is the common name for the flag of what Caribbean nation governed from Kingston?

- A. Antigua
- B. St. Kitts
- C. Jamaica
- D. Haiti

25. This stylized center of this flag, adopted in 2000, represents the Peace Tower and Centre Block in what city?

- A. Toronto
- B. Ottawa
- C. Vancouver
- D. Montreal

26. What European city, often called the 'Venice of the North', is represented by the flag pictured here?

- A. Geneva
- B. Madrid
- C. Amsterdam
- D. Warsaw

27. The flag of Tanzania, shown here, is meant to represent the combination of Tanganyika with what other territory in 1964?

- A. Botswana
- B. Zimbabwe
- C. Rhodesia
- D. Zanzibar

28. The flag shown here represents which of these partially recognized states, which is considered by the vast majority of UN members to be the territory of the Republic of Georgia?

- A. Transnistria
- B. Abkhazia
- C. Nagorno-Karabakh
- D. South Ossetia

29. One of the newest national flags to be adopted is this one, which represents which Asian nation that gained independence from Indonesia in 2002?

- A. Timor-Leste
- B. Malaysia
- C. Singapore
- D. Brunei

30. What official provincial flower appears on the flag of Saskatchewan?

- A. peony
- B. rose
- C. western red lily
- D. gardenia

Questions 31-50 are NOT attached to images.

31. Which of these is NOT a flag in the red banner flag family, which demonstrates a connection to socialism or communism?

- A. Vietnam
- B. China
- C. North Korea
- D. Somalia

32. The flags of Greece, Switzerland, and the Dominican Republic all belong to which of these families of flags due to their inclusion of a certain symbol?

- A. Christian cross family
- B. Crescent family
- C. Triband family
- D. Stars and Stripes family

33. Which of these is NOT considered one of the main colors of the Pan-African flag family?

- A. green
- B. black
- C. red
- D. purple

34. On the US flag, the number of stars represents which of the following?

- A. the number of decades the US has existed
- B. the current number of US states
- C. the number of presidents the US has had
- D. nothing - it is a random number chosen by Congress

35. Since World War II, many national flags created for areas experiencing conflict or instability have symbolically incorporated elements from the flag of what international organization?

- A. NATO
- B. the Red Cross
- C. the League of Nations
- D. the UN

36. Which US state flag is the only one to prominently feature the Union Jack?

- A. Kansas
- B. Hawai'i
- C. Idaho
- D. Pennsylvania

37. The Sinha Flag or Lion Flag is the common name for the flag of what South Asian nation?

- A. India
- B. Pakistan
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Nepal

38. The flags of Bahrain, Qatar, and Dubai, all reflect their status as former protectorates of what colonial power?

- A. France
- B. Great Britain
- C. Germany
- D. Japan

39. The flag of Nicaragua features which of these symbols in the middle, which represents liberty and is also a common symbol of the French Revolution?

- A. a Phrygian cap
- B. the Bastille
- C. the Arc de Triomphe
- D. a guillotine

40. The hammer and sickle on the flag of the Soviet Union represents the solidarity between which of these groups?

- A. the proletariat and the nobility
- B. Russians and Poles
- C. industrial and agricultural workers
- D. the government and the people

41. Which of these is the most common animal to appear on state flags in the US?

- A. pelican
- B. turkey
- C. goose
- D. bald eagle

42. The government officially credits which of these men with the design of the North Korea?

- A. Josphe Stalin
- B. Kim Il Sung
- C. Mao Zedong
- D. Syngman Rhee

43. The flag of Belgium shares a color scheme with the flag of what other European nation?

- A. France
- B. Luxembourg
- C. Germany
- D. Poland

44. The flag of Egypt has an eagle in its center that is the symbol of what Medieval ruler?

- A. Saladin
- B. Uthman
- C. al-Zafir
- D. al-Madhi

45. Which of these flags in the triband family is NOT a tricolor flag due to its red and white color scheme?

- A. Austria
- B. Ireland
- C. Estonia
- D. Italy

46. The green, red, and yellow color scheme adopted by many African nations for their flags after independence is based on the colors associated with what African empire that escaped colonization during the 'Scramble for Africa'?

- A. Algeria
- B. Namibia
- C. Ethiopia
- D. Jordan

47. In the United States, the most common design for state flags involves the state seal superimposed on a background of a shade of what color?

- A. red
- B. grey
- C. green
- D. blue

48. Which of these is NOT a national flag that shares the pan-Slavic color scheme?

- A. Croatia
- B. North Macedonia
- C. Serbia
- D. Slovakia

49. Which of these is prominently featured at the bottom of the flag of British Columbia?

- A. a setting sun
- B. a maple leaf
- C. a bear
- D. a sailing ship

50. What least populous African nation is represented by a five-color flag that combines the color schemes of its two major political parties?

- A. Botswana
- B. Madagascar
- C. Seychelles
- D. Burundi

Questions 51-60 refer to the maps in the resource section.

Questions 51-54 refer to Map 1.

51. In this type of map, data is visualized using which of these methods?

- A. contour lines
- B. variations of color
- C. distortion of size or space
- D. dot distribution

52. The term 'bivariate' is used to describe this map for which of the following reasons?

- A. because it contains demographic data
- B. due to its use of US Census data
- C. because it has applications for urban planning
- D. because it simultaneously represents two variables

53. This map uses which of these predefined regions as the basis for presenting its data?

- A. counties
- B. rivers
- C. highways
- D. mountains

54. Areas shaded in hues of purple represent which of these on this map?

- A. Significant populations of Asian residents
- B. significant populations of both Black and Hispanic residents
- C. significant populations of only Black residents
- D. significant populations of only Hispanic residents

Questions 55-57 refer to Map 2.

55. The type of map shown here is known as which of the following?

- A. isarithmic map
- B. choropleth map
- C. cartogram
- D. proportional point symbol map

56. In this type of map, data is visualized using which of these methods?

- A. contour lines
- B. distortion of size or space
- C. dot distribution
- D. variations of color

57. Map 1 and Map 2 are related in which of the following ways?

- A. they both illustrate the same variables
- B. they both illustrate use the same type of data visualization
- C. they both illustrate specific variables using different methods – Map 1 using color and Map 2 using size
- D. they are completely unrelated

Questions 58-60 are general questions about maps and are NOT tied to images.

58. The flag of the United Nations features which of these map projections?

- A. azimuthal equidistant
- B. Mercator
- C. conformal
- D. equal area

59. What is likely the world's oldest surviving map, discovered in the Czech Republic, is engraved on the tusk of what extinct large mammal?

- A. saber-tooth tiger
- B. aurochs
- C. thylacine
- D. woolly mammoth

60. Many Medieval maps, notably those of the T-O type, were centered on what significant religious site?

- A. London
- B. Madrid
- C. Jerusalem
- D. Moscow

Tiebreaker

This question will only be scored if there is a tie for placement on the exam. **This is a required question, but there is no penalty for a wrong answer to this question.** Write your answer legibly in the space provided on your scantron.

What is the distance in miles that a direct flight from JFK Airport in New York to Narita Airport in Japan would be expected to travel?