



Map and Flag Examination IAC Canadian Nationals 2026

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.

Questions 1-40 refer to images on the resource document.

1. The flag shown here represents what most populous city in both Brazil and South America?

- A. Rio de Janeiro
- B. Brasilia
- C. Minas Gerais
- D. São Paulo

2. This flag represented what Southeast Asian nation that ceased to exist in 1975?

- A. South Vietnam
- B. Democratic Kampuchea
- C. Timor-Leste
- D. Sunda Islands

3. The Tino Rangatiratanga flag represents what indigenous group of New Zealand?

- A. Uyghurs
- B. Chuvash
- C. Māori
- D. Tuvans

4. This was the flag of both the Bourbon dynasty and what nation until the establishment of the First Republic in 1792?

- A. Germany
- B. France
- C. Spain
- D. Portugal

5. This image shows the personal flag of what US government official?

- A. the President
- B. the Chief Justice of the US
- C. the Speaker of the House
- D. the Secretary of State

6. The 'Principality of Sealand', whose flag is shown here, is an example of what type of self-proclaimed countries that are usually unrecognized by sovereign states?

- A. fantasy states
- B. autonomous regions
- C. conflict zones
- D. micronations

7. The flag shown here represented what 'Crusader state' established by Godfrey of Bouillon in 1099?

- A. Edessa
- B. Jerusalem
- C. Antioch
- D. Tripoli

8. Hunza, whose flag is shown here, was the last of the 'princely states' to be abolished in what modern-day nation in 1974?

- A. India
- B. Afghanistan
- C. Russia
- D. Pakistan

9. The six-banded flag shown here, which uses five colors normally associated with prayer flags, represents the World Fellowship of what major religion?

- A. Christianity
- B. Judaism
- C. Buddhism
- D. Islam

10. What former European nation was represented by this flag until its dissolution in 1992?

- A. Romania
- B. East Germany
- C. Yugoslavia
- D. the USSR

11. This flag represents the Hausa people, a major ethnic group of what African nation that also has a green and white national flag?

- A. Egypt
- B. Nigeria
- C. South Africa
- D. Lesotho

12. The fabric pattern used on East Slavic *ruchnik* cloth appears on the left of the flag of what European nation?

- A. Hungary
- B. Poland
- C. Belarus
- D. Ukraine

13. The flag of the Front de Libération de la Côte des Somalis is a direct influence on the national flag of what modern country on the Horn of Africa?

- A. Djibouti
- B. Kenya
- C. Tanzania
- D. Libya

14. This yellow signal flag, which represents the letter Q, is flown on ships that were or might be experiencing which of these?

- A. a disease outbreak that might require a quarantine
- B. an engine failure
- C. a communication emergency
- D. an attack by pirates or a hostile military

15. What nation uses this flag for Olympic competitions, largely due to ongoing disagreements with China?

- A. Japan
- B. Taiwan
- C. Russia
- D. South Korea

16. The flag of the Shetland Islands, shown here, is a member of the same flag family as which of these national flags?

- A. France
- B. the US
- C. Denmark
- D. Ghana

17. This flag represents the lands of the indigenous Sami people, who are native to which of these regions of Europe?

- A. the High Alps in Switzerland
- B. the Dalmatian coast of Croatia
- C. the South of France
- D. Lapland in Scandinavia

18. Which of the following do the 55 gold stars on the flag of the African Union represent?

- A. former colonial powers
- B. the 55 current member states
- C. the goal of spreading African culture
- D. the African diaspora

19. The flag of Switzerland and the flag of Vatican City are the only two national flags in the world with what characteristic?

- A. they are the only two square national flags
- B. they are the only two national flags that are exclusively red and white
- C. they are the only two national flags with white crosses
- D. they are the only two national flags with entirely red backgrounds

20. This seal was featured on the first state flag of what American state when it was admitted to the union in 1850?

- A. New Mexico
- B. Kansas
- C. California
- D. Nebraska

21. What saint's cross is NOT a part of the Union Jack of the UK?

- A. St. Andrew, patron saint of Scotland
- B. St. David, patron saint of Wales
- C. St. George, patron saint of England
- D. St. Patrick, patron saint of Ireland

22. The golden eagle, seen here on the flag of Moldova, is also featured on what national flag from the Americas, which depicts a golden eagle eating a snake?

- A. Haiti
- B. Dominican Republic
- C. Costa Rica
- D. Mexico

23. This flag, known as the Nishan Sahib and flown at gurdwaras around the world, is a symbol of what major world religion?

- A. Sikhism
- B. Taoism
- C. Shinto
- D. Baha'i

24. Which Dutch territory, the 'A' in the 'ABC Islands', is represented by this flag?

- A. Antigua and Barbuda
- B. Aruba
- C. Aland
- D. Andaman and Nicobar

25. The flag seen here, one of the few national flags to show human hands, represents what nation that shares the island of Borneo with Malaysia?

- A. the Philippines
- B. Indonesia
- C. Brunei
- D. Cambodia

26. The flag of Puerto Rico, shown here, is nearly identical in design to the flag of what nearby Caribbean nation?

- A. Trinidad and Tobago
- B. St. Lucia
- C. Cuba
- D. Jamaica

27. The flag here represents what Australian island state home to a namesake 'devil'?

- A. Victoria
- B. Queensland
- C. New South Wales
- D. Tasmania

28. Though illegal today in the autonomous region that it represents, the 'Snow Lion Flag' was adopted as the symbol of what formerly independent nation?

- A. Nepal
- B. Bhutan
- C. Tibet
- D. Mongolia

29. The Republic of Maryland, an area of Africa settled by freed American slaves largely from that state, used this flag until it was absorbed in the 1850s into what other African nation?

- A. Liberia
- B. Sierra Leone
- C. Tanzania
- D. Nigeria

30. Appropriately, the cross seen on this flag is known by what name?

- A. Maltese cross
- B. Greek cross
- C. Papal cross
- D. Armenian cross

31. The symbol shown here appears on the flag of what recently created US military organization?

- A. ICE
- B. Department of Homeland Security
- C. TSA
- D. Space Force

32. This flag, adopted in 1884, represents what French-speaking community of the Canadian Maritime Provinces?

- A. Acadia
- B. Nunavik
- C. Kahnawake
- D. Brunswick

33. This flag represents what Russian republic, currently ruled by MMA-loving strongman Ramzan Kadyrov?

- A. Adygea
- B. Chechnya
- C. Bashkortostan
- D. Ingushetia

34. Which American state is represented by the flag seen here?

- A. Kansas
- B. Nevada
- C. Iowa
- D. Colorado

35. The armillary sphere, a tool used in navigation, appears on the flag of what European nation, demonstrating its close ties to the Age of Exploration?

- A. Germany
- B. Austria
- C. Poland
- D. Portugal

36. The flag shown here represents the 'Organization of States' populated by what ethnicity?

- A. Han
- B. Thai
- C. Turkic
- D. Russian

37. The Ikurrina is the flag of the 'Autonomous Community' of what Southwestern European ethnic group?

- A. Basques
- B. Occitans
- C. Faroese
- D. Sami

38. What Australian external territory, named for a Christian holiday, is represented by the flag shown here?

- A. Easter Island
- B. Christmas Island
- C. Ascension Island
- D. La Navidad

39. The 'Yellow Dragon Flag' was the symbol of the Qing, the last imperial dynasty of what modern nation?

- A. Japan
- B. Thailand
- C. China
- D. Vietnam

40. The orange and white line on the flag of the Marshall Islands represents which of the following, a feature located just south of the country?

- A. the equator
- B. the International Date Line
- C. the Mariana Trench
- D. Australia

41. Which of these is the name given to the communication system that often uses flags to send visual messages?

- A. braille
- B. semaphore
- C. heliography
- D. entasis

42. Which of these is the most common color featured on national flags?

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

43. Which of these is NOT a current national flag in the Union Jack family?

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

44. Due to their close historical ties, the flag of Liberia is closely patterned on what other national flag?

- A. Russia
- B. the US
- C. Spain
- D. Germany

45. Which of these national flags is NOT a member of the tricolor family since two of its three stripes are the same color?

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

46. Which of these pairs of national flags prominently feature the Islamic creed known as the Shahada?

- A. Oman and Egypt
- B. Pakistan and Qatar
- C. Saudi Arabia and Afghanistan
- D. Turkey and the UAE

47. Which of these is NOT a color featured on the Pan-African flag?

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

48. In many countries, flying a flag at half-mast or half-staff is a symbol of which of these?

- A. a national day of celebration
- B. a national holiday
- C. a tragedy, death, or mourning
- D. a great military victory

49. The oldest tricolor flag in the world is the red, white, and blue flag of what nation, which dates back to at least the 16th century?

- A. Germany
- B. the Netherlands
- C. Spain
- D. Italy

50. The US flag used from July 4, 1912 to July 3, 1959 had how many stars representing the states?

- A. 38
- B. 45
- C. 48
- D. 50

51. What constituent of the UK has a national flag that prominently features a red dragon?

- A. England
- B. Wales
- C. Scotland
- D. Northern Ireland

52. A flag of what color is an internationally accepted symbol of surrender or truce?

- A. black
- B. red
- C. yellow
- D. white

53. In an auto race, a checkered black and white flag represents which of the following?

- A. debris on the track
- B. a crash or accident
- C. the official end of the race
- D. a penalty or disqualification

54. Since 2022, both Canadian and American football have used flags of what color to indicate penalties?

- A. yellow
- B. purple
- C. maroon
- D. green

55. In many countries throughout the world, official ceremonies to raise a national flag involve which of the following?

- A. reciting a loyalty oath to the country
- B. playing the national anthem
- C. destruction of the flag flown the day before
- D. a military parade

Questions 56-65 refer to Map 1 on the resource document.

56. The type of map seen here is known as which of the following?

- A. relief map
- B. topological map
- C. topographic map
- D. cadastral map

57. One of the main features of a map of this type is that it shows which of the following with great accuracy?

- A. metes and bounds
- B. elevation
- C. wildfire risk
- D. weather patterns

58. Maps of this type are useful to city governments when enforcing which of these?

- A. traffic laws
- B. zoning laws
- C. school attendance
- D. hazardous waste disposal

59. According to the map, the size of the lots is measured in which of the following units?

- A. square meters
- B. square miles
- C. acres
- D. square kilometers

60. Given the information on the map, which of these was likely a primary purpose for its creation?

- A. to assess property taxes
- B. to draw voting district boundaries
- C. to create a cultural heritage zone
- D. to protect wetlands and local wildlife

61. Douglas Fir Drive surrounds which of the following, seen in the center of the map?

- A. a school
- B. a country club
- C. a shopping area
- D. a park

62. Mugo Pine Circle and Douglas Fir Circle are limited access streets commonly known by what name?

- A. interstates
- B. carriage roads
- C. cul-de-sacs
- D. greenbelts

63. What is generally the purpose of streets like Mugo Pine Circle and Douglas Fir Circle in a residential neighborhood?

- A. to help facilitate utility placement
- B. to limit the speed and volume of traffic
- C. to provide greater access to emergency vehicles
- D. to increase the amount of space for children to play outdoors

64. Which of these best defines a right of way?

- A. a route taken by people, vehicles, animals, or utilities or the legal status to use that route
- B. the space between houses in a neighborhood
- C. any type of property that can be crossed by vehicles of any kind
- D. any public or private road for use by cars or people

65. Which of these is NOT an example of a right of way?

- A. the path of high-voltage power lines
- B. a public road or highway
- C. a bike trail
- D. a driveway at a home

Questions 66-75 refer to Map 2 on the resource document.

66. Caracas is the capital of the country indicated by what number?

- A. 6
- B. 9
- C. 2
- D. 5

67. Number 18 on the map shows what significant natural feature?

- A. Lake Maracaibo
- B. the Amazon Delta
- C. Lake Titicaca
- D. Mount Chimborazo

68. Which number on the map is closest to Mount Aconcagua?

- A. 11
- B. 12
- C. 13
- D. 14

69. What capital city is located closest to number 1 on the map?

- A. Quito
- B. Georgetown
- C. Lima
- D. Bogota

70. Number 5 on the map indicates an area best described as which of the following?

- A. an overseas possession of France
- B. a colony of the Netherlands
- C. an independent South American nation
- D. an American unincorporated territory

71. The Tocantins River passes mainly through the country located at what number?

- A. 1
- B. 6
- C. 7
- D. 9

72. What natural feature is shown at number 14 on the map?

- A. Patagonia
- B. Gran Chaco
- C. Rio de la Plata
- D. Tierra del Fuego

73. Which two nations on the map fought each other in the Chaco War in the 20th century?

- A. 1 and 2
- B. 8 and 10
- C. 2 and 9
- D. 6 and 7

74. The Atacama Desert is located closest to which number on the map?

- A. 7
- B. 8
- C. 10
- D. 15

75. Which of these is true of the islands at number 16 on the map?

- A. they were the subject of a war between the UK and Argentina
- B. they are a Dutch possession
- C. they are notable for their large number of endemic plants and animals
- D. they are famous for their colossal stone moai statues

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 that a direct flight from JFK Airport in New York to Keflavik Airport in Iceland would be expected to travel? You may give your answer in miles OR kilometers.