

Government Licensing Examination for Tour Guides

Part A: Knowledge and Comprehension Questions (total – 30 points)

Allotted time for Part A: one hour

This part contains 33 questions. Answer **ONLY 30 questions** of your choice.

If you answer **more** than 30 questions, you will be graded only on the first 30 questions you have answered.

Each question focuses on a certain topic and consists of two parts:

- 1st part: a knowledge question – a short sentence which you are required to complete. Write your answer on the same line (½ point).
- 2nd part: a multiple-choice comprehension question with 4 options. Mark the letter for the answer which is most correct (½ point).

1. The name of the holiday ending the Ramadan fast is_____.

What is the Shahada?

- a. The first Surah in the Quran
- b. Another name for the Quran
- c. Declaration of faith
- d. A holy war (Jihad)

2. According to the bible, the name of the war where the Ark of the Covenant fell into the hands of the Philistines is_____.

Which of the following sites was a station during the wandering of the Ark of Covenant as told in the bible?

- a. Usha
- b. Kiryat Ye'arim
- c. Tzipori
- d. Hebron

3. The name of the holiday stating the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan river is_____.

What is the name of the wall which hides the altar in Orthodox churches?

- a. Scaenae Frons
- b. Narthex
- c. Iconostasis
- d. Baptistry

4. The "House of David inscription" was discovered in the archeological site of _____.
To what period does the monument called "Absalom's monument" (Yad Avshalom) in Jerusalem date?
- First Temple period
 - Second Temple period
 - The Persian period
 - The Byzantine period
5. The name of the emperor in whose name the port of Caesarea was founded, is _____.
According to the scripture, which of the following occurred in Caesarea?
- The surrendering of Flavius Josephus (Yosef ben Matityahu)
 - Peter's vision
 - The execution of Rabbi Akivah
 - The baptism of Paul (Paulus)
6. The name of the Jewish Necropolis which was declared a world heritage site, is _____.
What is the name of the box from the Second Temple period which was intended for collecting bones?
- Sarcophagus
 - Collector (מאספה)
 - Ossuary
 - Mausoleum
7. The name of the known Mufti who ruled the Arabs during the British Mandate is _____.
As what type of neighborhoods were Rehavia, Talpiot and Beit Hakerem planned, when established?
- Affluent neighborhoods
 - Committee neighborhoods
 - Extension neighborhoods
 - Garden Neighborhoods
8. The Byzantine period in Israel started in the _____ century.
In which of the following places did Queen Helena build a church?
- Sebastia
 - Elonei Mamre
 - Nazereth
 - Mount Tabor

9. Hisham Palace was built during the Muslim _____ dynasty.
What was the capital of the Mamluk Sultanate?
- Cairo
 - Baghdad
 - Jerusalem
 - Acre
10. The type of rock which the "Mushroom" in the Timna park is made from is _____.
What is the average precipitation in the Arava?
- Around 20 millimeters per year
 - Around 80 millimeters per year
 - Around 150 millimeters per year
 - Around 200 millimeters per year
11. The first Crusade left Europe in the year _____.
Where can remains of the sugar industry from the Crusader period be found?
- On the Galilean coastal plains
 - In the mountains of Jerusalem
 - On the slopes of mount Hermon
 - In the Jordan Valley
12. The "New Gate" in the walls of the Old City in Jerusalem was breached in the _____ century.
To what archeological style belongs the Al Jazzar Mosque in Acre?
- Fatimid architecture
 - Umayyad architecture
 - Ottoman architecture
 - Abbasid architecture
13. In the Sataf site one can find a reconstruction of findings of the _____ field.
Where can the white broom (Retama) bush be found?
- In the Mediterranean forests and on mount Hermon
 - On the coastal plains and on mount Hermon
 - On the coastal plains and in the desert
 - In the desert and in the Mediterranean forests
14. The use of Muqarnas in architecture in Israel started in the _____ period.
Under the auspices of which country did the Catholics operate during the Ottoman period?
- Turkey
 - Italy
 - Spain
 - France

15. The settlement named "Em Hakvutzot" (first of the kvutzot) is _____.

Which of the following settlements is a Moshav?

- a. Rosh Pina
- b. Alonei Abba
- c. Nahalal
- d. Yodfat

16. The Bahai is an offshoot of the Islamic _____ current.

In which mosque in Israel, can the translations of the Quran into different languages be found?

- a. The Great Mosque in Ramla
- b. The Al Jazzar Mosque in Acre
- c. The Al-Nuzha Mosque in Jaffa
- d. The Ahmadi Mosque in Haifa

17. Another name for the "Big Maktesh" is _____.

What is the estimated size of the Bedouin population in the Negev?

- a. 600,000
- b. 150,000
- c. 300,000
- d. 450,000

18. The name of the archeological museum which was established during the British Mandate is _____.

Which archeological site suffered massive destruction due to usage of outdated digging methods?

- a. Tel Lachish
- b. Yodfat
- c. Tel Gezer
- d. Gamla

19. Menachem Begin commanded over the _____ organization.

Where in Jerusalem is Menachem Begin buried?

- a. In the "Great Leader of the Nation" cemetery
- b. On the Mount of Olives
- c. On Har Hamenuchoth
- d. In Sanhedria

20. The Hebrew date of the declaration of the Independence of Israel is _____.
What was determined to be the status of Jerusalem according to the partition decision of the land of Israel in the United Nations?
- All of Jerusalem would be under Arab control
 - All of Jerusalem would be under Jewish control
 - Jerusalem would be under international control
 - Part of Jerusalem would be under Jewish control and part under Arab control
21. According to the Bible, the first month of the year is _____.
Which of the following characterizes the customs in a Reform Synagogue?
- Women sit in front of men
 - Women will read from the Torah
 - The Temple will not be mentioned
 - The reading of the Torah will be in English.
22. The second Intifada (Al-Aqsa) started in the year _____.
What are the C areas according to the Oslo agreement?
- Areas which will remain under Israeli responsibility until the final Agreement is signed
 - Areas which are outside of the block of settlements in the territories of Judea and Sameria
 - Areas which will be annexed to Israel in the final Agreement
 - Areas which are not in determined in the Agreement, who are civilly responsible for them
23. The religion of the people from the Rajar (Ghajar) village is _____.
In which of the following places are there remains of a Temple from the Iron age?
- Muhraka
 - Banias
 - Tel Arad
 - Ein Gedi
24. The "Ecce Homo" Arch was built according to the hypothesis in the study by the emperor _____.
What is another name for Pools of "Beit Hasda" (Bethesda Pools)?
- Pool of Towers
 - Hezkiah's Pool
 - Sheep Gate Pools
 - Pools of Israel
25. The Jerusalem Talmud was signed in _____.
In which of the following settlements did the Sanhedrin **not** settle?
- Jerusalem
 - Shfar'am
 - Safed
 - Tiberias

26. The name of an ancient Temple which was found in the Uvda Valley is _____.
In which period did the first "Agricultural Revolution" occur according to research?
- Neolithic period
 - Paleolithic period
 - Chalcolithic period
 - Canaanite period
27. The name of the line separating two drainage basins is _____.
In which settlement in the Galilee lives a large Bedouin community?
- Tiberias
 - Basmat Tab'un
 - Mi'ilya
 - Safsufa
28. The language in which the sights in the "Madaba Map" are written is _____.
What is the name of the trail which begins in Nazareth, and the pilgrims walk in the footsteps of Jesus?
- The trail of the Apostles
 - The Nazareth trail
 - The Gospel trail
 - The Sea of Galilee circuit trail
29. The name of the city mentioned in the bible as "It is the head of all kingdoms" is _____.
According to the Bible, during the period of which king did the "United Kingdom" split?
- Zedekiah
 - Josiah
 - Rehoboam
 - Ahab
30. The Zin River flows into the _____.
In which route was the Ancient "Derech Hamelech" (Path of the kings) paved?
- The route between the Gulf of Eilat and the Coastal cities of Lebanon
 - The route on the Transjordan ridge
 - The route on top of the mountains
 - The route between Alexandria and Gaza
31. The peacocks tail is an expression of communication between animals and it is called _____.
Which of the following birds is considered an invasive species?
- Tristram's starling
 - Common Myna
 - Eurasian coot
 - The Great Tit

32. The name of the valley where the Eshkol Reservoir is situated is _____.

What is the origin of most of the drinking water in Israel today?

- a. The Sea of Galilee
- b. The Mediterranean
- c. Runoff water
- d. Ground water

33. The energy production process in plants is called _____.

Where in Israel "Sudanian Flora" can be found?

- a. In the Judea lowland
- b. In the Negev
- c. On the peaks of the upper Galilee
- d. Along the Great Rift (Syrian-African rift)

Good Luck