

## 2011 NJCL Convention Hellenic History Test

**Choose the best answer. All dates are B.C.**

1. Leonidas and his contingent delayed the Persian advance at Thermopylae in what year?  
A. 490                                      B. 480                                      C. 479                                      D. 492
2. Near what island did Themistocles lure and decimate the Persian fleet?  
A. Aegina                                      B. Scyros                                      C. Salamis                                      D. Euboea
3. Sir Arthur Evans excavated what Minoan palace complex?  
A. Knossos                                      B. Phaistos                                      C. Mallia                                      D. Kato Zakro
4. Who excavated Bronze Age Tiryns, Mycenae, and Troy?  
A. Lord Elgin                                      B. Ventris                                      C. Schliemann                                      D. Evans
5. The Linear B script was deciphered by Michael Ventris and what other man?  
A. Hornblower                                      B. Chadwick                                      C. Schliemann                                      D. Lord Elgin
6. Olympias was the ambitious mother of  
A. Alexander                                      B. Pericles                                      C. Alcibiades                                      D. Leonidas
7. Whose heavy-handed punishments in Athens are the source of an English word meaning harsh or strict?  
A. Solon                                      B. Cleisthenes                                      C. Draco                                      D. Ephialtes
8. The Greeks adopted the alphabet of what foreign traders and fit it to their language?  
A. Etruscans                                      B. Minoans                                      C. Phoenicians                                      D. Assyrians
9. Pericles held which position, which had effectively replaced the polemarch?  
A. strategos                                      B. basileus                                      C. eponymos                                      D. presbys
10. Thanks to Solon, all males over 18 could participate in what popular Athenian assembly?  
A. areopagus                                      B. heliaea                                      C. ekklesia                                      D. boule
11. What was the lowest of Solon's four classes?  
A. zeugitai                                      B. thetes                                      C. pentakosiomedimnoi                                      D. hippeis
12. What alliance did Athens create as a mutual defense against Persia, later transforming it into the Athenian Empire?  
A. Delian League                                      B. Amphictyonic League                                      C. League of Corinth                                      D. Peloponnesian League
13. After the Spartans refused his plea to give the Athenians assistance at Marathon, what messenger might have been instructed to, "Run and tell that, homeboy," to the Athenians?  
A. Pheidippides                                      B. Miltiades                                      C. Callimachus                                      D. Cimon
14. What city did Alexander found, named after his horse?  
A. Nikaea                                      B. Taxila                                      C. Sagala                                      D. Bucephala
15. The army of King Porus inflicted heavy casualties on Alexander at the Hydaspes River with what kind of forces?  
A. Scythed chariots                                      B. Elephants                                      C. Immortals                                      D. His own phalanx
16. A spiral of undeciphered symbols on fired clay can be found in a museum in Heraklion. What is this artifact, discovered by Luigi Pernier?  
A. Vasiliki Ware                                      B. Phaistos Disc                                      C. Linear A tablet                                      D. Cycladic Idol
17. Mycenaean civilization was marked by (and is best known for) which of the following?  
A. Heavy fortifications                                      B. Colonization with Phoenicia  
C. Flourishing literature                                      D. White ground pottery
18. Round *tholos* tombs are known in English as what kind of tomb?  
A. circle                                      B. egg                                      C. globe                                      D. beehive
19. The year 776 saw the inauguration of what tradition?  
A. Ostracism                                      B. Panathenaea                                      C. Dionysian Festival                                      D. Olympics

20. Ionia was largely colonized by what city-state when its population suddenly exploded after a period of decline?  
 A. Sparta                                      B. Pylos                                      C. Thebes                                      D. Athens
21. What was the experience of the city of Sardis during the Ionian Revolt?  
 A. Burned by Persia      B. Burned by Athenians      C. Burned by Aetolians      D. Starved by Persia
22. In 405 the Spartans ambushed and decimated the Athenian fleet at the mouth of what river?  
 A. Arginusae                                      B. Abydos                                      C. Notion                                      D. Aegospotami
23. Who was the Athenian commander at the Battle of Amphipolis in 422?  
 A. Brasidas                                      B. Cleon                                      C. Alcibiades                                      D. Nicias
24. On what small island near Pylos were 121 Spartans trapped and forced to surrender in 425?  
 A. Kythera                                      B. Sphacteria                                      C. Thera                                      D. Paros
25. Cyrus the Younger rebelled against his own brother but was then killed at what battle?  
 A. Eurymedon                                      B. Sardis                                      C. Cunaxa                                      D. Dascylium
26. Xenophon wrote what detailed history of the journey of the Greeks who supported Cyrus's rebellion against his brother?  
 A. Chronicon                                      B. Hellenica                                      C. Katabasis                                      D. Anabasis
27. What term is used to name the reform of Solon wherein debts were forgiven?  
 A. *synoikismos*                                      B. *seisachtheia*                                      C. *pentakosiomedimnos*      D. *hypodrachmos*
28. The Great Rhetra was a Delphic proclamation used by what reformer?  
 A. Draco                                      B. Lycurgus                                      C. Solon                                      D. Ephialtes
29. Who was the actor that flourished under the tyrant Peisistratus?  
 A. Thespis                                      B. Thales                                      C. Aeschylus                                      D. Cleophon
30. Pericles's strategy for fighting the Peloponnesian War revolved around what piece of engineering?  
 A. The Long Walls to Piraeus                                      C. A siege tower  
 B. Newly designed quadriremes                                      D. A catapult
31. Alexander's first battle against the Persians took place in 334 at  
 A. Gaugamela                                      B. Granicus                                      C. Issus                                      D. Tyre
32. Which of the following terms refers to the Bronze Age on mainland Greece?  
 A. Hellenic                                      B. Helladic                                      C. Hellenistic                                      D. Hellenean
33. Which Persian capital was burned to the ground during Alexander's Asiatic campaign?  
 A. Ecbatana                                      B. Babylon                                      C. Persepolis                                      D. Susa
34. Where did Alexander die in 323?  
 A. Babylon                                      B. Pella                                      C. Athens                                      D. Alexandria
35. Isagoras's bid for power in Athens was backed by what Spartan king?  
 A. Leonidas                                      B. Agesilaus                                      C. Pausanias                                      D. Cleomenes
36. The tyrannicides Harmodius and Aristogeiton killed what son of Peisistratus?  
 A. Hippias                                      B. Hipparchus                                      C. Hippomenes                                      D. Hippocrates
37. The term Diadochi refers to what group of people?  
 A. Athenian jurors                                      C. Students of Socrates  
 B. Elite warrior Persians                                      D. Successors of Alexander
38. The labyrinth at Knossos is thought to have been named after what symbol of power?  
 A. Throne                                      B. Crown                                      C. Axe                                      D. Gold
39. Who delivered a series of speeches against Philip II, aptly called the Philippics?  
 A. Isocrates      B. Lysias      C. Demosthenes      D. Hippocrates
40. Whose attempt to rescue Nicias was foiled by an ominous lunar eclipse?  
 A. Gylippus                                      B. Hermocrates                                      C. Demosthenes                                      D. Alcibiades
41. Who was responsible for engineering the Spartan victory at Aegospotami?  
 A. Lysander                                      B. Leonidas                                      C. Lycurgus                                      D. Brasidas
42. Where did Alcibiades flee when he avoided prosecution for mocking the Eleusinian Mysteries?  
 A. Persia                                      B. Thebes                                      C. Sparta                                      D. Thrace

43. Aspasia was a courtesan of Pericles, a sophisticated woman called a(n)...
- A. heliaea                      B. hetaera                      C. xenia                      D. ekklesia
44. Which of the following Macedonians did not accompany Alexander on his Asiatic campaign?
- A. Antipater                      B. Cleitus                      C. Ptolemy                      D. Hephaestion
45. Alexander was successful as usual at the Battle of the Issus River in what year?
- A. 333                      B. 331                      C. 334                      D. 326
46. Near what village did Alexander defeat Darius III and effectively end the Persian Empire?
- A. Gordium                      B. Arbela                      C. Sardis                      D. Jaxartes
47. Which of the following was an archaic term for a Bronze Age king?
- A. Wanax                      B. Presbys                      C. Ephor                      D. Dikast
48. A lintel stone, corbel arch, and dromos are features of what impressive Mycenaean tomb?
- A. Tomb of Menelaus                      B. Grave Circle A                      C. Treasury of Atreus                      D. Lion Gate
49. The Peace of Nicias interrupted the Peloponnesian War beginning in what year?
- A. 415                      B. 431                      C. 424                      D. 421
50. Which of the following was not supposed to be one of the three Athenian leaders of the Sicilian Expedition?
- A. Alcibiades                      B. Nicias                      C. Lamachus                      D. Gylippus
51. Which Great King of Persia led the invasion of Greece in 480?
- A. Artaxerxes II                      B. Darius I                      C. Xerxes                      D. Cyrus the Great
52. What claimed the life of Pericles (and about 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of Athens) from 430 to 426?
- A. Spartan raids                      B. Famine due to a siege                      C. Plague                      D. A rash of earthquakes
53. The Thebans proved Sparta could be defeated on land when they won at Leuctra in what year?
- A. 371                      B. 362                      C. 383                      D. 386
54. Under the reforms of Cleisthenes, how many assemblymen did the Boule number?
- A. 6000                      B. 400                      C. 500                      D. 9001
55. How old did a Spartan need to be in order to be a member of the Gerousia?
- A. 18                      B. 30                      C. 45                      D. 60
56. The two kings of Sparta were traditionally drawn from what two families?
- A. Agids & Leonids                      C. Leonids & Eurypontids  
B. Agids & Eurypontids                      D. Leonids & Agesilaid
57. Which city was responsible for at least 80 colonies in the ancient Greek world?
- A. Corinth                      B. Miletus                      C. Chalcis                      D. Eretria
58. 6,000 potsherds were the minimum needed for what vote to exile a powerful Athenian?
- A. *synoikismos*                      B. *seisachtheia*                      C. *ostrakismos*                      D. *apopolismos*
59. Where did Phidias build a statue of Zeus which was an ancient Wonder of the World?
- A. Parthenon                      B. Delphi                      C. Cape Sounion                      D. Olympia
60. Which Spartan general was victorious against the Persians at Plataea?
- A. Leonidas                      B. Gylippus                      C. Agesilaus                      D. Pausanias
61. Cimon defeated the Persians at the battle of Eurymedon River. Where was this river?
- A. Crete                      B. Thessaly                      C. Anatolia                      D. Thrace
62. What mentor of Pericles reduced the power of the Areopagus before being assassinated?
- A. Cleon                      B. Ephialtes                      C. Cleophon                      D. Isagoras
63. A volcanic eruption on what island is thought to have doomed Minoan civilization?
- A. Thera                      B. Mykonos                      C. Crete                      D. Kythera
64. The Sacred Band of Thebes was destroyed during what 4<sup>th</sup> century battle?
- A. Leuctra                      B. Mantinea                      C. Chaeronea                      D. Lechaeum
65. On their way to invading Greece in 490, Datis and Artaphernes burned what island city?
- A. Naxos                      B. Mytilene                      C. Paphos                      D. Chalcis
66. Whose reputation for fairness earned him the nickname The Just?
- A. Pericles                      B. Themistocles                      C. Draco                      D. Aristides

67. Thucydides the historian was exiled for failing to take what city, in which a substantial Athenian population was outnumbered?  
 A. Orestias                      B. Amphipolis                      C. Arginusae                      D. Delion
68. Alexander was declared a descendant of Zeus at what oasis?  
 A. Gordium                      B. Asyut                      C. Sogdian Rock                      D. Siwah
69. After wrecking at Mt. Athos in 492 and being defeated at Plataea in 479, what Persian might have shouted that he was “blasting off again” if not for the fact he died in battle?  
 A. Datis                      B. Artaphernes                      C. Xerxes                      D. Mardonius
70. Who were the businessmen who lived around Sparta, who were allowed to travel and trade because they were not Spartan citizens?  
 A. zeugitai                      B. hetaerai                      C. perioikoi                      D. dikastes
71. Corinth assisted what colony against Athens and Corcyra when it saw its nobles expelled?  
 A. Epidamnus                      B. Taras                      C. Acragas                      D. Potidaea
72. The period between the Persian Wars and the Peloponnesian War is known as what?  
 A. Pentekontaetia                      B. Archidamian War                      C. Synoikismos                      D. Apopolemos
73. Taras was a colony in Magna Graecia founded by what famous Greek city-state?  
 A. Sparta                      B. Athens                      C. Corinth                      D. Thebes
74. What group is thought to have invaded Greece from the north and caused the downfall of Bronze Age civilization c. 1200?  
 A. Illyrians                      B. Dalmatians                      C. Phrygians                      D. Dorians
75. What student of Socrates could be used as an example of the philosopher’s corrupting the youth, because he was one of the leading Thirty Tyrants?  
 A. Critias                      B. Thrasybulus                      C. Theramenes                      D. Xenophon
76. By what Bactrian satrap was Darius III murdered in 330?  
 A. Artaphernes                      B. Cyrus                      C. Tissaphernes                      D. Bessus
77. Which level of Schliemann’s Troy is thought to have been the Troy of the Iliad?  
 A. III                      B. IVb                      C. VIIa                      D. IXa
78. What general, in his dying moments, supposedly said that he left behind two children – Leuctra and Mantinea, his two victories – in lieu of having real children?  
 A. Pelopidas                      B. Epaminondas                      C. Archidamus                      D. Jason
79. What animal motif is most prevalent in Minoan society, art, and architecture?  
 A. Dolphin                      B. Lion                      C. Bear                      D. Bull
80. Out of the nine archons of Athens, six held what position?  
 A. basileus                      B. polemarch                      C. eponymos                      D. thesmothete
81. How were the five ephors of Sparta annually chosen?  
 A. By public assembly                      B. Chosen by the kings                      C. Chosen by lot                      D. Chosen by the women
82. Following the Battle of Chaeronea, Philip II started what federation to prepare for war against Persia?  
 A. Amphictyonic League                      B. Peloponnesian League  
 C. Delian League                      D. League of Corinth
83. The Pausanias of the 4<sup>th</sup> century is known for accomplishing what?  
 A. Defeating the Persians at Plataea                      C. Assassinating Philip II  
 B. Writing a geography                      D. Building Megalopolis
84. When Alexander heard that one of his generals was plotting against him, he swiftly killed both that general and that general’s father. Who was the son and cause of the killings?  
 A. Parmenion                      B. Philotas                      C. Cleitus                      D. Hephaestion
85. In 434, Athens closed all the ports of her empire to the merchants of what city-state?  
 A. Megara                      B. Melos                      C. Mytilene                      D. Miletus
86. After being recalled from his shameful exile, in 408 Alcibiades cunningly infiltrated and reclaimed what city for Athens?  
 A. Amphipolis                      B. Byzantium                      C. Plataea                      D. Mytilene

87. Where did Iphicrates and his peltasts deal a heavy blow to Spartan pride in 390?  
 A. Haliartus                      B. Lechaem                      C. Naryx                      D. Nemea
88. Who organized and led the democratic Athenians in their effort to oust the Thirty Tyrants?  
 A. Theramenes                      B. Critias                      C. Conon                      D. Thrasybulus
89. At what battle in Boeotia was Lysander killed in 395?  
 A. Haliartus                      B. Lechaem                      C. Naryx                      D. Nemea
90. According to Athenian legend, for what infamous deed was the Alcmaeonid family cursed?  
 A. Agariste murdering Hippocrates due to an argument with his brother Cleisthenes  
 B. Alcibiades mocking of the Eleusinian Mysteries before non-initiates  
 C. Megacles killing Cylon's followers in Athena's temple during Cylon's failed coup  
 D. Alcmaeon betraying the Spartan king Eurypontos after making a pact before Zeus
91. According to Herodotus, what deity was convinced to assist the Athenians at Marathon?  
 A. Athena                      B. Ares                      C. Artemis                      D. Pan
92. Who led a revolt in Greece against the influence of Macedonia while Alexander was on campaign?  
 A. Agis III                      B. Pelopidas                      C. Antipater                      D. Leo
93. Which of the following building projects is not traditionally associated with a Greek tyrant?  
 A. Artemision                      C. Temple of Olympian Zeus  
 B. Diolkos                      D. Tunnel of Eupalinos
94. When Conon returned at the head of a Persian fleet to find revenge against Sparta, for which Persian satrap was he working?  
 A. Tiribazus                      B. Pharnabazus                      C. Artabazus                      D. Pharnaces
95. What Spartan general led the Peloponnesian mercenary force which supported Cyrus the Younger?  
 A. Sphodrias                      B. Cleandridas                      C. Clearchus                      D. Callicratidas

**For the final five questions, select the date of the event:**

96. Periander becomes tyrant of Corinth upon the death of Cypselus  
 A. 594                      B. 620                      C. 627                      D. 539
97. Persia quashes a revolt at the Battle of Lade Island  
 A. 498                      B. 455                      C. 524                      D. 494
98. Boeotians recapture Delion with a primitive flamethrower  
 A. 434                      B. 424                      C. 418                      D. 403
99. Sparta wins the Battle of the Champions  
 A. 590                      B. 518                      C. 545                      D. 572
100. Philomelus and the Phocians seize Delphi to begin the Third Sacred War  
 A. 342                      B. 375                      C. 330                      D. 356