

2017 NJCL Hellenic History Test (All dates are BCE)

1. Which archeologist thought he had found the tomb of Agamemnon when he excavated Mycenae?
A. Arthur Evans B. Wilhelm Doerpfeld C. Carl Blegen D. Heinrich Schliemann
2. Who deciphered the script known as Linear B and proved it was a form of ancient Greek in the 1950's?
A. Michael Ventris B. Colin Renfrew C. John Boardman D. Anthony Whitehead
3. Which of the following was the site of a Minoan palace on Crete?
A. Gla B. Tiryns C. Knossos D. Lerna
4. The Greeks believed that an invasion by the _____ coincided with the collapse of Mycenaean civilization.
A. Dorians B. Aetolians C. Thracians D. Minyans
5. Whose writing system did the Greeks adapt to create an alphabetic writing system during the Dark Age?
A. Minoan B. Hittite C. Egyptian D. Phoenician
6. In what year were the first Olympic games of ancient Greece held?
A. 856 B. 804 C. 776 D. 724
7. Which deity did Greek colonists most commonly consult before leaving home?
A. Zeus B. Apollo C. Athena D. Hera
8. Which city-state was the first commercially successful at exporting colorful ceramics in the 7th century?
A. Athens B. Argos C. Eretria D. Corinth
9. In which of the city-states were the women allowed to participate in athletic training?
A. Delphi B. Sparta C. Thebes D. Athens
10. Who became tyrant of Corinth on the death of his father Cypselus?
A. Periander B. Cylon C. Hippias D. Bias
11. Which Spartan king helped to free Athens from tyranny in 510?
A. Cleomenes I B. Agis II C. Cleombrotus D. Pausanias
12. What territory did the Spartans finally capture around 630?
A. Elis B. Laconia C. Taenerum D. Messenia
13. Whom did the Athenians appoint to set up a code of laws in 621?
A. Draco B. Pheidon C. Solon D. Pisistratus
14. What was the name of the Spartan council of elders?
A. Synoecia B. Gerousia C. Ephorate D. Boule
15. What was the term for the slaves who worked the land for the Spartans?
A. Perioikoi B. Lacedaimonians C. Arcadians D. Helots
16. All Spartan boys went into a rigorous training program from the age of 7. What was it called?
A. Agoge B. Sysition C. Neodamodeis D. Andreion
17. What name was given to the Spartan "secret service" to keep a watch over state slaves?
A. Krypteia B. Homoioi C. Onomasticon D. Laconia
18. What Greek city was the *metropolis* of Syracuse in Sicily?
A. Delphi B. Thebes C. Athens D. Corinth
19. What Greek city was the *metropolis* of Tarentum in Italy?
A. Naxos B. Sparta C. Megara D. Argos
20. What Greek city was the *metropolis* of Cumae in Italy?
A. Elis B. Methone C. Plataea D. Chalcis
21. What legendary Spartan leader was said to have set up the governing laws at Sparta?
A. Hyllus B. Heracles C. Lycurgus D. Eurypontis
22. What legendary figure did the Athenians believe founded their *polis*?
A. Theseus B. Oedipus C. Peleus D. Ajax
23. Which Athenian, given special authority in 594 to revise the laws, cancelled debts?
A. Cleisthenes B. Draco C. Solon D. Cimon
24. These reforms of 594 ranked Athenians by their income. Which of these was the highest ranking?
A. Hippeis B. Pentakosiomedimnoi C. Thetes D. Zeugitai

25. What Alcmeonid archon of 632 was exiled from Athens for killing supporters of Cylon at the altar?
A. Pheres B. Epimenides C. Charon D. Megacles
26. Which Athenian made himself tyrant in Athens in 546 by using his wealth to create a strong bodyguard?
A. Peisistratus B. Hipparchus C. Alcmaeon D. Charondas
27. What city's request for an alliance with Athens in 519 embroiled the Athenians in a war with Thebes?
A. Hysiae B. Eretria C. Tanagra D. Plataea
28. Which philosopher of Ionia was said to have predicted a total eclipse of the sun in 585?
A. Pittacus B. Thales C. Anaximander D. Chilon
29. Which Persian king sent an army to Greece in 490 BC?
A. Darius I B. Xerxes C. Cyrus D. Cambyses
30. Where did the Athenians defeat this Persian army in 490 BC?
A. Thermopylae B. Salamis C. Sounion D. Marathon
31. Which Spartan admiral had the command of the allied fleet at Artemisium in 480?
A. Eurybiades B. Lysander C. Pleistoanax D. Eurycrates
32. Where did the Greek tyrant Gelon of Syracuse defeat the forces of the Carthage in 480?
A. Himera B. Segesta C. Agrigentum D. Catana
33. What was the basic group around which voting was organized by Cleisthenes?
A. Phratry B. Diakria C. Deme D. Poletai
34. What Spartan regent was deposed because of his arrogant and violent treatment of allies?
A. Agesipolis B. Pausanias C. Charilaus D. Nicomedes
35. What island was the headquarters for the Greek alliance against Persia that became the Athenian Empire?
A. Melos B. Naxos C. Icaria D. Delos
36. From what island did Cimon return the "bones of Theseus" to Athens?
A. Thasos B. Andros C. Scyros D. Imbros
37. What leader fell into disgrace when he led Athenian troops to aid the Spartans after an earthquake?
A. Masistius B. Xanthippus C. Aristoxenus D. Cimon
38. What Persian general led the army of Xerxes and died in the fighting at Plataea?
A. Artaphernes B. Mardonius C. Artybius D. Tiribazus
39. On the same day as the battle of Plataea, this Greek led the destruction of the Persian fleet at Mycale.
A. Leotychidas B. Dorcis C. Amomphoretus D. Borysthenes
40. Which Athenian set up stipends from public funds for jurors, the council of 500, and other public servants?
A. Cleisthenes B. Ephialtes C. Pericles D. Cleon
41. What Athenian asked the Spartans to intervene and block the reforms of Cleisthenes?
A. Isagoras B. Draco C. Solon D. Cimon
42. Which building in the Agora, donated by Miltiades' brother-in-law, had a painting of the battle of Marathon?
A. Boulouterion B. Tholos C. Stoa of Zeus D. Painted Stoa
43. What building did Pericles begin in 447 to replace the temple to Athena destroyed by the Persians in 480?
A. Hephaestion B. Parthenon C. Propylaea D. Eleusinion
44. Which historian's account is our primary source of information of the Second Peloponnesian War?
A. Herodotus' B. Hecataeus' C. Thucydides' D. Xenophon's
45. What Athenian set up the original tribute list for the Delian League in 477?
A. Cimon B. Themistocles C. Cleisthenes D. Aristides
46. Which Athenian leader convinced Athens to use the silver wealth discovered in 483 to build a fleet?
A. Ephialtes B. Cimon C. Pericles D. Themistocles
47. At what battle of 480 did the Greek allied fleet, led by the Athenians, defeat the Persians?
A. Xanle B. Mycale C. Salamis D. Athos
48. Which of these was NOT a state involved in disputes between Athens and Sparta which led to war in 431?
A. Corcyra B. Potidaea C. Megara D. Tanagra
49. Which wealthy influential Athenian had personally paid to build the foundations of the Long Walls?
A. Pericles B. Nicias C. Cimon D. Procles
50. Into what group did Solon grant automatic membership to former *archons*?
A. Areopagus B. Boule C. Ecclesia D. Hippeis

51. Where did the Athenian Phormio win two major naval engagements in 429?
 A. Lesbos B. Naupactus C. Pylos D. Artemisium
52. Which Spartan captured the important Athenian colony of Amphipolis in 424?
 A. Brasidas B. Perdiccas C. Menedaius D. Eurylochus
53. The loyalty of which city secured Athenian success in putting down the revolt on Lesbos?
 A. Methymna B. Antissa C. Eresus D. Pyrrha
54. Which Athenian general besieged and later accepted the surrender of Mytilene in 427?
 A. Alcidas B. Paches C. Salaethus D. Demosthenes
55. Which members of the Peloponnesian League refused to sign the Peace of Nicias in 421?
 A. Corinth and Argos B. Argos and Boeotia C. Megara and Corinth D. Boeotia and Corinth
56. What Athenian leader persuaded the Greeks in the alliance against Persia to demand Athenian leadership?
 A. Themistocles B. Aristides C. Lycidas D. Xanthippus
57. Which orator spoke to persuade the Athenians to put the rebels in Mytilene to death in 427?
 A. Cleon B. Diodotus C. Demosthenes D. Andocides
58. Where did the Spartans defeat Argos and her allies in 418?
 A. Sepaea B. Mantinea C. Tegea D. Tiryns
59. Which Athenian leader was charged with sacrilege and defected to Sparta in 415?
 A. Eucrates B. Paches C. Lysicles D. Alcibiades
60. Which Spartan king fell with his bodyguard of 300 at Thermopylae?
 A. Leotychidas B. Anaxandridas C. Leonidas D. Archidamus
61. Which island ally of Athens withdrew from the Delian league over a dispute with Athens over gold mining rights in Thrace, but was utterly defeated and deprived of her fleet and possessions in Thrace?
 A. Samothrace B. Sestos C. Thasos D. Samos
62. What Spartan was sent to advise Syracuse on the advice of Alcibiades?
 A. Brasidas B. Gylippus C. Hermocrates D. Gongylus
63. What Athenian general led reinforcements to Syracuse in support of Nicias' Sicilian Expedition?
 A. Cleon B. Lamachus C. Alcibiades D. Demosthenes
64. Which Spartan admiral defeated the Athenians at Notion in 406?
 A. Lysander B. Agis II C. Clearchus D. Agesilaus
65. Which of these were among Ephialtes' changes to Athenian democracy in 461?
 A. Creation of Prytaneis B. Selection of jurors by lottery
 C. Expansion of Areopagus powers D. B and C
66. How many men ruled Athens in the oligarchic coup of 411?
 A. 30 B. 400 C. 4000 D. 5000
67. What naval victory for Sparta in 405 was so decisive that it led to the final surrender of Athens in 404?
 A. Phalerum B. Aegispotami C. Arginusae D. Cynossema
68. Where did the Spartans set up a permanent base that allowed them to raid Athenian territory year-round?
 A. Plataea B. Laurion C. Decelea D. Polichna
69. What island city-state was besieged and captured by Athens in 416 for refusing to join their alliance?
 A. Seriphos B. Ephyra C. Melos D. Siphnos
70. Which Athenian general held command on the day of the battle of Marathon?
 A. Aristides B. Miltiades C. Aristagoras D. Callimachus
71. After their defeat the Athenians were forced to destroy the Long Walls. In what year were they rebuilt?
 A. 403 B. 400 C. 396 D. 393
72. What leading Athenian prosecuted Socrates for impiety in 399?
 A. Critias B. Aristophanes C. Anytus D. Theramenes
73. What defeat of Sparta in 371 was the beginning of the end of their hegemony in Greece?
 A. Megalopolis B. Coronea C. Orchomenos D. Leuctra
74. What battle of 334 was the first of Alexander III's great victories over the Persians?
 A. Granicus B. Tarsus C. Sardis D. Halys River
75. What Theban commander liberated Messenia from Sparta in 369?
 A. Pelopidas B. Thrasybulus C. Epaminondas D. Pagondas

76. What Athenian victory of 410 was so complete it caused the defeated Spartans to send the laconic message “Ships lost, commander dead, men starving, do not know what to do.”?
- A. Delium B. Cyzicus C. Sigeum D. Lampsacus
77. How many years did it take for Athens to reestablish democracy after her defeat in 404?
- A. One B. Four C. Seven D. Eleven
78. At what battle of 362 did the Thebans overthrow Spartan hegemony but lose their great leader?
- A. Mantinea B. Sicyon C. Tanagra D. Phlius
79. Which Persian satrap hired a mercenary army to try to usurp the throne of Persia in 401?
- A. Artaphernes B. Phrynicus C. Tissaphernes D. Cyrus
80. Against which Persian king did Alexander lead the Macedonians?
- A. Artaxerxes II B. Cambyses C. Artaxerxes III D. Darius III
81. At which battle did the Great king of the Persians first take part against Alexander the Great?
- A. Tyre B. Issus C. Carrhae D. Susa
82. What king of Lydia had originally conquered the Ionian Greeks?
- A. Gyges B. Croesus C. Alyattes D. Candaules
83. What Athenian orator bitterly opposed Macedonians involved in the affairs of Greece?
- A. Lysias B. Antiphon C. Isocrates D. Demosthenes
84. Where did Alexander found the first “Alexandria” in 331?
- A. Syria B. Cilicia C. Assyria D. Egypt
85. Which military disaster of 454 caused the removal of the treasury of the Delian League to Athens?
- A. Cyprus B. Amphipolis C. Byzantium D. Egypt
86. From what subject kingdom did Alexander’s wife Roxane come?
- A. Sogdia B. Bactria C. Parthia D. Media
87. In what battle did Alexander and the Greeks decisively defeat the Persian royal army in 331?
- A. Gaugamela B. Pasagardae C. Ninevah D. Thapsacus
88. At what river did Alexander’s army refuse to travel farther east?
- A. Indus B. Patala C. Ganges D. Hyphasis
89. What best friend of Alexander died in 323?
- A. Cleitus B. Parmenio C. Hephaestion D. Craterus
90. As a captain of an Athenian ship, this father of Alcibiades distinguished himself at Artemisium.
- A. Clinias B. Megistias C. Pericles D. Tyndarius
91. What daughter of the Great King did Alexander take as a second wife in 323?
- A. Barsine B. Drypetis C. Parysatis D. Amastrina
92. At what battle of 338 did Philip defeat the combined forces of Athens and Thebes?
- A. Orchomenos B. Opis C. Chaeronea D. Leuchtra
93. What Athenian prisoner of war and orator brought Philip II’s terms of alliance to Athens?
- A. Demades B. Charidemus C. Aeschines D. Lysicles
94. What tyrant rose to power in Syracuse in 405 and ruled there for 38 years?
- A. Gelon B. Dexippus C. Dionysius D. Daphnaeus
95. On what small island near Pylos did Cleon manage to capture 120 Spartan soldiers?
- A. Elaphonesia B. Schiza C. Poros D. Sphacteria
96. Which polis refused to join the League of City-States in 362?
- A. Thebes B. Sparta C. Corinth D. Athens
97. What Spartan’s pillaging of Athenian territory in 379 caused the Athenians to aid the Thebans against Sparta?
- A. Sphodrias B. Cleobrotus C. Leontiades D. Phoebidas
98. What Athenian, backed by the Pisistratids, had captured the Chersonese and the island of Lemnos around 515?
- A. Theagenes B. Almaeon C. Histiaeus D. Miltiades
99. What city in Thrace did Pisistratus found in order to enrich himself with the resources there?
- A. Myrcinus B. Rhaecelus C. Stryme D. Pistyros
100. What city in Egypt did a group of Milesians found around 610?
- A. Mendes B. Naucratis C. Amira D. Rosetta