The History of Svalbard - Exercise 2017

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Discovery and early history

3. According to Norwegian tradition Norse sailors discovered Svalbard – when?
   Mark only one oval.
   
  ☐ In 1096
   ☐ In 1194
   ☐ In 1196
   ☐ In 1349

4. Which of the following persons took part in the expedition that discovered Svalbard in 1596?
   Tick all that apply.
   
  ☐ Hessel Gerritsz
   ☐ Jan Cornelisz Rijp
   ☐ Jacob Heemskerk
   ☐ Gerrit de Veer
   ☐ Willem Barentsz
   ☐ Peter Plancius

5. How many Arctic expeditions did Willem Barentsz take part in, and when did they take place?
6. In the early 1600s the British claimed that Svalbard had been discovered in 1553 – by whom?

7. What is Svalbard called on the first map of the islands published by Cornelis Claesz in 1598?
   Mark only one oval.
   - Spitsbergen
   - Greenland
   - Het Nieuwe Land
   - Thule

**Whaling and sealing**

8. Which nationalities participated in whaling at Svalbard before 1620?
   Tick all that apply.
   - Russian
   - British
   - German
   - Dutch
   - French
   - Scandinavian

9. Which whale species was the most important in 17th Century whaling at Svalbard?
   

10. Which of these products of 17th Century whaling had significant commercial value?
    Tick all that apply.
    - Whale meat
    - Oil
    - Whalebone
    - Baleen
    - Whale hide or leather

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11. **When did traditional whaling in Svalbard waters come to an end?**  
*Mark only one oval.*
- [ ] Around 1650
- [ ] Around 1700
- [ ] Around 1750
- [ ] Around 1800
- [ ] Around 1850

12. **Which species were commercially important in North Atlantic sealing after 1900?**  
*Tick all that apply.*
- [ ] Ringed seal
- [ ] Bearded seal
- [ ] Hooded seal
- [ ] Harbour seal
- [ ] Harp seal
- [ ] Walrus
- [ ] Elephant seal

### Hunters and trappers

13. **Who were the first hunters and trappers to winter regularly on Svalbard?**  
*Mark only one oval.*
- [ ] Dutch
- [ ] British
- [ ] Scandinavians
- [ ] Russians

14. **Which geographical region did the Pomors come from?**  
*Mark only one oval.*
- [ ] Northern coast of Kola Peninsula
- [ ] White Sea
- [ ] Kara Sea
- [ ] Novaya Zemlya
15. **When did the Russian hunting and trapping on Svalbard come to an end?**  
*Mark only one oval.*  
- Around 1700  
- Around 1750  
- Around 1800  
- Around 1850  
- Around 1900

16. **Which were the long-term most valuable products of Norwegian winter trapping?**  
*Mark only one oval.*  
- Furs of polar bear and fox  
- Walrus teeth  
- Reindeer skins and meat  
- Seal skins and oil  
- Eider down

17. **Which period saw the highest number of Norwegian winter trapping expeditions to Svalbard?**  
*Mark only one oval.*  
- 1800-1850  
- 1850-1900  
- 1900-1950  
- 1950-2000

**Exploration and science**

18. **When was the first Russian scientific expedition to Svalbard, and who was the leader of it?**  
*Mark only one oval.*  
- 1763, leader M. Lomonosov  
- 1764, leader M. Nemtinov  
- 1765, leader V. Chichagov  
- 1766, leader V. Chichagov

19. **The Swedish scientist Adolf Erik Nordenskiöld wintered once on Svalbard – where and when?**  

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20. **Some brand new scientific winter stations were built and used during the International Geophysical Year – which?**
   
   *Tick all that apply.*

   - [ ] Bjørnøya
   - [ ] Kapp Linnée
   - [ ] Longyearbyen
   - [ ] Hornsund
   - [ ] Ny-Ålesund
   - [ ] Kinnvika
   - [ ] Hopen

21. **Which international scientific organization stood behind the station that was operated in Ny-Ålesund 1967-1974?**

22. **When was the University Center on Svalbard UNIS established?**
   
   *Mark only one oval.*

   - [ ] 1989
   - [ ] 1993
   - [ ] 1995
   - [ ] 1998
   - [ ] 2000

**Polar Expeditions from Svalbard**

23. **Who was the first to try and go across the ice to the North Pole instead of using a ship, and when was it?**

24. **Who was the LAST of the following to attempt to reach the North Pole by aircraft?**
   
   *Mark only one oval.*

   - [ ] Walter Wellman
   - [ ] S.A. Andrée
   - [ ] Roald Amundsen
   - [ ] Hubert Wilkins
   - [ ] Umberto Nobile
   - [ ] Richard Byrd
25. How many polar expeditions did Roald Amundsen carry out starting from Ny-Ålesund?  
Mark only one oval.  
☐ 1  
☐ 2  
☐ 3  
☐ 4  

26. Which company is associated with the establishment of Longyearbyen in 1906?  
Mark only one oval.  
☐ Northern Exploration Co.  
☐ Arctic Coal Co.  
☐ Spitzbergen Coal & Trading Co.  
☐ Store Norske Spitsbergen Kulkompani  

27. What is the name of the Russian coal-mining company that operates on Svalbard today?  

28. Which of these mines have actually produced coal in the 21st Century?  
Tick all that apply.  
☐ Ny-Ålesund  
☐ Sveagruva  
☐ Longyearbyen  
☐ Pyramiden  
☐ Barentsburg  
☐ Grumant  

Political history
29. Which of the following states did NOT sign the original Svalbard Treaty in 1920? 

Mark only one oval.

- Sweden
- United States
- Russia
- Japan
- Italy

30. What is the title of the highest ranking Government official on Svalbard, and when was the office established?


31. The population of Svalbard was evacuated during World War 2 – when?

Mark only one oval.

- 1940
- 1941
- 1942
- 1943
- 1944

32. In 1978 there was a dramatic confrontation between Norway and the Soviet Union regarding Svalbard – about what, in short?


33. When was local democracy (Lokalstyret) established in Longyearbyen?

Mark only one oval.

- 1948
- 1976
- 1989
- 2002

End of exercise!

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