SH-201 The History of Svalbard Exercise 2019

Mandatory exercise. 66% correct answers required to pass for final exam.

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Discovery and early history

3. According to the so-called "Viking" hypothesis -- when was Svalbard discovered? 
   Mark only one oval.
   - 1096
   - 1194
   - 1260
   - 1349

4. In the early 17th century the British claimed that Hugh Willoughby discovered Svalbard -- when? 
   Mark only one oval.
   - 1502
   - 1521
   - 1553
   - 1580

5. Willem Barentsz was pilot on three Arctic expeditions. When did they take place?
6. Which of the following persons did NOT take part in the Dutch expedition that visited Svalbard in 1596? 
Tick all that apply.

- Willem Barentsz
- Hessel Gerritsz
- Peter Plancius
- Jacob Heemskerk
- Gerrit de Veer
- Jan Cornelisz Rijp

7. What is Svalbard called on the first map of the islands published by Cornelisz Claesz in 1598? 
Mark only one oval.

- Thule
- Groenland
- Het veere eiland
- Het nieuwe land
- Spitsbergen

**Whaling and sealing**

8. Which species was the commercially most valuable in 17th century whaling at Svalbard? 
Mark only one oval.

- Narwhale
- Blue whale
- Finner whale
- Bowhead hale
- Humpback whale

9. Which nationality sent the largest number of whaling ships to Svalbard during the 17th century? 
Mark only one oval.

- British
- Dutch
- Basques
- German
- French
10. **When did the land-based whaling start to come to an end on Svalbard?**  
   *Mark only one oval.*
   - Around 1650
   - Around 1700
   - Around 1750
   - Around 1800
   - Around 1850

11. **Which seal species were hunted commercially in the so-called 'West Ice' in the North Atlantic?**  
   *Tick all that apply.*
   - Walrus
   - Ringed seal
   - Bearded seal
   - Hooded seal
   - Harp seal
   - Harbour seal

**Hunters and trappers**

12. **Who were the first hunters and trappers to winter regularly on Svalbard?**  
   *Mark only one oval.*
   - British
   - Dutch
   - Norwegians
   - Russians

13. **Which geographical region did the Pomors come from?**  
   *Mark only one oval.*
   - Central Russia
   - Kola
   - Pechora
   - White Sea
   - Novaya Zemlya
14. When did Russian hunting and trapping on Svalbard come to an end?  
   Mark only one oval.
   - Around 1700
   - Around 1750
   - Around 1800
   - Around 1850
   - Around 1900

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

16. Which period had the highest number of Norwegian winter trapping expeditions?  
   Mark only one oval.
   - 1800-1850
   - 1850-1900
   - 1900-1950
   - 1950-2000

**Exploration and science**

17. The Russian Chichagov lead the (possibly) first scientific expedition to Svalbard. When?  
   Mark only one oval.
   - 1737-1738
   - 1765-1766
   - 1838-1839
   - 1872-1873
   - 1899-1900

18. Adolf Erik Nordenskiöld lead four expeditions to Svalbard and wintered once. Where and when?
19. During the first International Polar Year 1882-1883 a winter station was operated on Svalbard. By whom?
Mark only one oval.
- Norway
- Austria
- The United States of America
- Sweden
- Finland

20. For the International Geophysical Year 1957-1958 a number of new scientific winter stations were built on Svalbard. Which?
Tick all that apply.
- Bjørnøya
- Kapp Linnée
- Longyearbyen
- Sveagruva
- Hornsund
- Hopen
- Kinnvika

21. Which international scientific organization initiated the station that operated in Ny-Ålesund 1967-1974?

22. When did the University Center in Svalbard UNIS open?
Mark only one oval.
- 1988
- 1993
- 1997
- 2001
- 2003

Polar expeditions from Svalbard

23. Who was the first to try and walk across the ice from Svalbard to the North Pole, 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
- [ ] Salomon A. Andrée
- [ ] Roald Amundsen
- [ ] Richard Byrd
- [ ] Umberto Nobile

25. **How many polar expeditions did Roald Amundsen carry out starting from Ny-Ålesund?**

Mark only one oval.

- [ ] 1
- [ ] 2
- [ ] 3
- [ ] 4

**The industrial era**

26. **Which company is associated with the establishment of Longyearbyen in 1906?**

Mark only one oval.

- [ ] Northern Exploration Co.
- [ ] Spitzbergen Coal & Trading Co.
- [ ] Arctic Coal Co.
- [ ] Store Norske Spitsbergen Kulkompani

27. **What is the name of the Russian coal company that operates a mine on Svalbard today?**

28. **Which of these mining sites have actually produced coal after 2000?**

Tick all that apply.

- [ ] Ny-Ålesund
- [ ] Grumant
- [ ] Pyramiden
- [ ] Longyearbyen
- [ ] Sveagruva
- [ ] Barentsburg

**Political history**
29. Which of the following states did NOT sign the original Svalbard Treaty in 1920?
   Mark only one oval.
   ○ Sweden
   ○ United States of America
   ○ Russia
   ○ Japan
   ○ Italy

30. What is the Norwegian 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.
   ○ 1939
   ○ 1940
   ○ 1941
   ○ 1942
   ○ 1943
   ○ 1944

32. The most serious confrontation between Norway and the Soviet Union regarding Svalbard took place in 1978. What was it about, and where?

33. When was local governance (Lokalstyret) introduced in Longyearbyen?
   Mark only one oval.
   ○ 1925
   ○ 1948
   ○ 1976
   ○ 1989
   ○ 2002

End of exercise!

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