The 2020 Allendale Columbia Current Events Test

Covering the Events of 2019
For all Multiple Choice questions write a Large "X" through the letter of the answer on your answer sheet.

**Part I: State and Local Events**

1. What is the name of the new Rochester school superintendent?
   A) Lovely Warren   B) Terry Dade   C) Barbara Deane Williams   D) David Gantt

2. In the fall of 2019, the Buffalo Bills
   A) fired their head coach   B) won ten games for the first time this century
   C) beat the Cowboys on national television on Thanksgiving   D) Both B & C

3. What is the name of the man who became the first Democrat elected County Executive of Monroe County since 1987?
   A) Adam Bello   B) Joel Seligman   C) Justin White   D) Tom Frey

4. In 2019, this iconic Rochester business opened up a new store in Brooklyn, and hundreds lined up to get inside on the store’s first day:
   A) Kodak   B) Wegmans   C) Nick Tahou’s   D) The Mad Hatter

5. In March, 2019, the New York state legislature passed a law that would ban, beginning in March 2020,
   A) vaping   B) single use plastic bags   C) soft drinks of more than 20 ounces   D) Garbage Plates

6. In the 2019 Allendale Columbia musical Godspell, who played the role of Jesus?
   A) Riley Leibec   B) Ryan Chapados   C) Brynn Peters   D) Chris Smoker

7. In late 2019, this former mayor of New York City announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for president:
   A) Chuck Schumer   B) Michael Bloomberg   C) Rudy Giuliani   D) Cory Booker

8. Whose statue, which had stood in Highland Park since 1941, was recently moved to a more prominent location on South Avenue?
   A) Frederick Douglass   B) Susan B. Anthony   C) George Eastman   D) Xavier Xerox

9. In the 2019 election, the voters of Rochester agreed in a referendum to
   A) turn the governance of city schools over to the state   B) absorb Brighton into the city limits
   C) move the Erie Canal so that it once again goes through downtown   D) create a Police Accountability Board

10. What is the name of the Pittsford resident who confessed in November to having killed his father in 2015?
    A) Robert LaFave   B) Charles Tan   C) Justin White   D) Duane Rush

11. In 2019, for the second time in three years, residents along the Lake Ontario shoreline were plagued by
    A) flooding   B) record lake effect snow   C) water moccasin snakes   D) Canadian windsurfers

12. What company announced in the winter of 2019 that it was cancelling its plans to build a second headquarters in New York City?
    A) Amazon   B) Google   C) Apple   D) Wegmans
13. The Rochester native pictured below, who died in 2019, won a Best Supporting Actor Academy Award in 1997 for his work in the movie “Jackie Brown,” and more recently appeared in the final season of “Breaking Bad”:
A) Bryan Cranston   B) Bob Odenkirk   C) Robert Forster   D) J.K. Simmons

14. At a garlic festival in Gilroy, California, in July 2019, a shooter killed three people, including Trevor Irby, a former basketball and soccer star from this Western New York town:
A) Churchville   B) Romulus   C) Marion   D) Avon

15. In the fall of 2019, the HAC Girls’ Cross-Country team won the Finger Lakes League championship, led by this runner’s third place finish in the league meet:
A) Cassandra Northrup   B) Zoe Crego   C) Mary Cotter   D) Evelyn Kacprzynski

Part II: National News

16. As of the end of 2019, who of the following was **not** a candidate for the Democratic nomination for president?
A) Former Vice President Joe Biden   B) Senator Elizabeth Warren   C) Senator Amy Klobuchar   D) Former Congressman Beto O’Rourke

17. What company began offering a streaming service in 2019?
A) Apple   B) Disney   C) Facebook   D) Both A & B

18. A growing concern in the United States during the fall of 2019 was the large number of deaths of young people that seemed to be related to
A) skateboarding   B) cell phone use   C) vaping   D) video games
19. Which phrase, increasingly in vogue in 2019, was a reflection of emerging generational tensions?  
A) “Don’t trust anyone over 30”  B) “Sit down grandpa”  C) “OK Boomer”  D) “Kids these days”

20. On December 7th, a Saudi Arabian military officer, in training at a U.S. naval base, killed three people at this base in  
A) Florida  B) Texas  C) California  D) Iowa

21. In October, California power company Pacific Gas and Electric announced  
A) that its services would be provided by Amazon beginning on January 1st  
B) that it was shutting off power to 800,000 customers in an attempt to reduce the threat of wild fires  
C) that all of its power would be provided by wind turbines in 2020  
D) that it would be giving away its electric power for free beginning in 2020

22. What pro golfer won the 2019 Masters Tournament after 11 years without a major PGA victory?  
A) Tiger Woods  B) Rory McFloy  C) Brooks Koepka  D) Patrick Cantlay

23. In 2019, President Trump announced, and then implemented, a ban from military service for what group?  
A) Women  B) Transgender individuals  C) Muslims  D) Non-American citizens

24. In 2019, eighteen years after the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan, the U.S. entered peace talks with  
A) ISIS  B) the Taliban  C) al-Qaeda  D) the United Nations

25. Each of the following individuals testified in the House of Representatives impeachment inquiry except  
A) former National Security Council member Fiona Hill  B) businessman Hunter Biden  C) former ambassador to the European Union Gordon Sondland  D) former National Security Council member Lt. Colonel Alexander Vindman

26. What is the name of the man sworn in as the new Attorney General in February, 2019?  
A) William Barr  B) Jeff Sessions  C) Eric Holder  D) Jim Mattis

27. In September 2019, pharmaceutical company Purdue Pharma filed for bankruptcy. What is their most notorious product?  
A) Vaping liquids  B) Fen-Phen  C) Zofran  D) OxyContin

28. What was unusual about the first debate between the Democratic candidates for president, in June 2019?  
A) It took place on Facebook Live rather than on television  B) There were two separate groups that debated on different nights  C) President Trump got to submit questions via Twitter  D) It took place outdoors, at the Los Angeles Coliseum

29. In late October 2019, it was announced that U.S. forces had killed Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi. What organization was he the leader of?  
A) ISIS  B) The Taliban  C) al-Qaeda  D) Hamas

30. What is the name of the man who delivered to Congress a report concerning possible crimes associated with Russian interference in the 2016 American election?  
A) James Comey  B) Robert Mueller  C) Michael Flynn  D) Christopher Wray
31. The woman with her arms outstretched in the photo above was the first soccer player named as *Sports Illustrated’s* Sportsperson of the year. What is her name?
A) Carli Lloyd  B) Alex Morgan  C) Megan Rapinoe  D) Tobin Heath

32. What NFL team in 2019 won its sixth Super Bowl, tying the record held by the Pittsburgh Steelers?
A) Green Bay Packers  B) New England Patriots  C) Baltimore Ravens  D) Dallas Cowboys

33. July 2019 was
A) the only month without a mass shooting in the U.S. during 2019  B) the earth’s hottest month on record
C) the month when the U.S. national debt began to fall  D) the month of the 2019 stock market crash

34. The United States unemployment rate finished 2019 at
A) 3.5%  B) 5.5%  C) 7.5%  D) 9.5%

35. In July, President Trump signed a law that did what to 3,100 federal prisoners?
A) Increased their punishment to life sentences  B) Allowed them to vote while incarcerated
C) Deported them to Mexico  D) Released them on good behavior

36. What film made more money at U.S. movie theaters in 2019 than any other, and is also the highest-grossing movie of all time?
A) *The Lion King*  B) *Frozen II*  C) *Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker*  D) *Avengers: Endgame*
37. Where are the seesaws in the photo below?
A) Central Park    B) Disneyland in California    C) The U.S.-Mexico border    D) Miami

38. In a year filled with shootings, August 3rd and 4th was the worst two day stretch, as 29 people were killed in
A) El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio    B) New Orleans, Louisiana, and Amarillo, Texas    C) Everett, Washington, and Detroit, Michigan    D) Baltimore, Maryland, and Lawton, Oklahoma

39. The process to impeach President Trump began in late September 2019, when news came out about
A) “hush money” paid to a woman with whom he had an affair    B) a phone call he made to the president of Ukraine    C) the president’s attempts to use his Doral resort as the site of the 2020 G-7 summit    D) the rumors that he wanted to have the United States buy Greenland

40. What controversial piece of artwork went viral after it sold for $120,000 and was displayed at a Miami art exhibition?
A) A toilet made of pure gold    B) A portrait of Donald Trump stolen from Mara Largo, his Florida golf resort    C) A banana duct-taped to a wall    D) A stolen Van Gogh painting actually worth $40 million

41. Where did President Trump declare a national emergency in February 2019?
A) Florida    B) Afghanistan    C) Chicago    D) The southern border of the United States

42. After being indicted for sex trafficking in July 2019, this former financier allegedly killed himself in his jail cell:
A) Jeffrey Epstein    B) Rick Gates    C) Roger Stone    D) Paul Manafort
43. Who is in the image above?
A) Yoda  B) The Joker  C) Momo  D) Justin Bieber

44. President Trump’s 2019 State of the Union speech had to be postponed because
A) of a massive blizzard  B) of a federal government shutdown  C) of a strike by the transit workers of Washington, D.C.  D) the television networks refused to televise it

45. The photo below, taken in April 2019, is
A) an alleged alien space craft  B) the planet Jupiter  C) a black hole  D) the Millennium Falcon
46. In January 2019, this woman returned to the position of Speaker of the House of Representatives:  
A) Elizabeth Warren  B) Kamala Harris  C) Kellyanne Conway  D) Nancy Pelosi

47. Each of the following individuals died in 2019 except  
A) actor Peter Fonda  B) former President Jimmy Carter  C) poet and Nobel laureate Toni Morrison  D) Congressman Elijah Cummings

48. Democratic presidential candidates Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders have each of the following in common except  
A) they are both Senators from New England  B) they are both college drop-outs  C) they are both over 70 years of age  D) they have both proposed “Medicare for All” plans

49. In 2019, the United States faced its worst outbreak of this disease in two decades:  
A) Measles  B) Whooping Cough  C) Avian flu  D) Halitosis

50. Congressman John Lewis and Jeopardy host Alex Trebek became linked in 2019 when  
A) Lewis won a Jeopardy celebrity contest in March  B) they were both diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer  C) their children got married to each other  D) the president criticized each of them on Twitter

51. In 2019, a number of Americans, including celebrities Lori Loughlin and Felicity Huffman, were indicted for  
A) insider trading of tech industry stock  B) selling black market opioids  C) illegal campaign contributions to Democratic presidential candidates  D) corrupting the college admissions process on behalf of their children

52. What did Jessica Meir and Christina Koch, the two astronauts in the photo below, do in the fall of 2019 that had never been done before?  
A) Played laser tag with real lasers  B) Helped their children with their homework while in space  C) Conducted the first all-female spacewalk  D) Broke the record for consecutive hours playing Fortnite
Significant Quotes of 2019

For Questions 53-56, match the quote to the person who said it:

53. “What's going on with Fox by the way? What's going on there? They're putting more Democrats on than you have Republicans.”

54. “I have died before. The dark side of the force is a pathway to many abilities some consider to be unnatural.”

55. “I was raised in a way that is a heart full of love and always pray for the president. And I still pray for the president. I pray for the president all the time.”

56. “The eyes of all future generations are upon you. And if you choose to fail us, I say- we will never forgive you.”

A. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi  
B. Activist Greta Thunberg  
C. Emperor Palpatine  
D. President Trump

Part III: International News

57. In 2019, this Middle Eastern organization suffered significant military defeats and lost control of virtually all of the lands that it had been occupying:
A) ISIS  B) the Taliban  C) al-Qaeda  D) Hamas

58. In April 2019, the founder of Wikileaks was arrested in the Ecuadorian embassy in London. What is his name?
A) Peter Handke  B) Julian Assange  C) Ridouan Taghi  D) Ian Bailey

59. In November 2019, Benjamin Netanyahu was indicted for fraud and corruption. In what nation is he prime minister?
A) Syria  B) Turkey  C) Israel  D) Egypt

60. What iconic European building caught on fire in April 2019?
A) The Houses of Parliament  B) Notre Dame Cathedral  C) The Vatican  D) The Kremlin

61. On New Year’s Eve, 2019, the U.S. embassy compound in this nation was attacked by protestors:
A) Iran  B) Iraq  C) Libya  D) Tunisia

62. After President Trump ordered American troops out of northeastern Syria, this Middle Eastern nation sent troops into that region:
A) Turkey  B) Lebanon  C) Iran  D) Israel
63. In 2019, the 16-year-old girl in the photo below
A) spoke at the United Nations  B) was named *Time Magazine*’s Person of the Year
C) sailed across the Atlantic in a carbon neutral boat to draw attention to the issue of global warming  D) All of the above

![Photo of a girl in a train car reading a book](image)

64. What was the biggest political issue in Great Britain during 2019?
A) Immigration  B) The national health system  C) Infrastructure  D) Brexit

65. In 2019, what nation became the first to safely land a spacecraft on the dark side of the moon?
A) Russia  B) India  C) China  D) Wakanda

66. In the photo below, taken in the summer of 2019, the red areas are
A) cities  B) soccer stadiums  C) forest fires  D) orange groves

![Map of Brazil with red areas](image)
67. In March 2019, a plane crash in Ethiopia was the second devastating crash in six months involving a particular type of plane. What type?
A) Airbus A380  B) Boeing 737  C) Boeing 777  D) Gulfstream G650

Part IV: World Leaders in the News. Match these leaders, each of whom was in the news in 2019, to the correct nation.

68. Emmanuel Macron  A) Iran
69. Ali Khamenei  B) Germany
70. Justin Trudeau  C) Great Britain
71. Boris Johnson  D) Russia
72. Kim Jong Un  E) China
73. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan  F) Ukraine
74. Vladimir Putin  G) Turkey
75. Xi Jinping  H) France
76. Volodymyr Zelensky  I) Canada
77. Angela Merkel  J) North Korea

Part V: Years Ending in "9": Match the following events to the year in which each took place.

78. The Berlin Wall comes down
79. Chinese philosopher Confucius dies
80. The first African slaves arrive in colonial Virginia
81. Germany invades Poland, officially beginning World War II
82. The Bastille falls to revolutionaries, marking the start of the French Revolution
83. Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin walk on the moon
84. The Treaty of Versailles is signed
85. European Crusaders capture the city of Jerusalem
86. Thousands arrive in California to look for gold
87. Singer Michael Jackson unexpectedly dies

A) 479 B.C.  D) 1789  G) 1939  J) 2009
B) 1099  E) 1849  H) 1969
C) 1619  F) 1919  I) 1989
Part VI: International Events of 2019: Match the nation to the statement that describes it.

A. Mexico B. Bahamas C. China
D. Venezuela E. India F. North Korea
G. Russia H. France I. New Zealand
J. Great Britain K. Iran L. Canada
M. Japan

88. In February 2019, the drug lord Joaquin “El Chapo” Guzman was convicted of crimes in a U.S. court and sentenced to prison. What nation is he from?

89. Emperor Akihito announced that he is stepping down from his position in this nation.

90. This Latin American nation cut diplomatic ties with the United States after the Trump Administration labeled the result of its presidential election illegitimate.

91. Dozens of people have been arrested in this European nation during protests over the lack of free and fair elections.

92. December elections put the Conservative Party fully in control of this nation’s government.

93. Despite what seem to be warming relations with the U.S., this nation resumed missile tests in late 2019.

94. A protest over a new extradition law led to months of conflict in an important city in this nation.

95. In December 2019, this nation passed a new, controversial citizenship bill that critics are calling blatantly anti-Muslim.

96. This nation shot down an unmanned U.S. drone in June.

97. A white supremacist named Brenton Terrant killed 49 people in a mosque in the city of Christchurch in this nation.

98. The prime minister of this nation had to apologize after photographs of him wearing blackface appeared in the media.

99. The people who protested for economic justice during many weekends in 2019 in this nation often wore yellow vests.

100. In September 2019, Hurricane Dorian devastated this island nation.

Tie-Breaker Question: How many members of the House of Representatives voted for the first article of impeachment against President Trump?