

Korean History Exam Guide

Date & Time Saturday, August 15, 2026 at Noon (12:00 PM)

Test Site DMOS Manor (former Daedong Manor)
150-24 Northern Blvd, Flushing, NY 11354

Target Audience English tests for grades 1 through 12

Scope of Exam 20 questions will be asked out of 30 expected questions

Prizes

1st Prize	2nd Prize	3rd Prize
\$1,000	\$500	\$300

- Lunch will be served after a brief Liberation Day ceremony.
- **You can choose to take the exam at either 1:00 PM or 2:00 PM. (*On-site registration available)**
- Scoring Advantage: From 1st to 6th grade, 5 points are given.
- Scoring Advantage: From 6th to 9th grade, 3 points are given.
- Tie-breaker: Winners are determined in order of age for those who tie the same score.
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Korean History Exam Practice Questions & Answers (1 ~ 30)

Question 01

The following are dynasties that existed over the past 2,000 years of Korean history. Please list the following four countries in chronological order.

Answer: Goguryeo, Balhae, Goryeo, and Joseon

Question 02

Who is the founder of the Korean nation mentioned in the Korean historical text "Samguk Yusa" (Three Kingdoms Yusa)?

Answer: Dangun

Question 03

Who was the king who founded Goguryeo?

Answer: Jumong

Question 04

Which country among Goguryeo, Baekje, and Silla introduced culture and civilization to Japan the most?

Answer: Baekje

Question 05

Who was the 19th king of Goguryeo who conquered Manchuria and Liaodong, securing the largest territory in Goguryeo history?

Answer: King Gwanggaeto the Great

Question 06

Who was the renowned general of Goguryeo who annihilated 300,000 Sui soldiers who invaded Goguryeo at the Cheongcheon River (Salsu)?

Answer: Eulji Mundeok

Question 07

Who was the king/leader who led the Goguryeo refugees and founded Balhae after the fall of Goguryeo?

Answer: Dae Joyeong

Question 08

Who was the king who founded Goryeo in 918 AD?

Answer: Wang Geon

Question 09

In 1145, during the reign of King Injong of Goryeo, Kim Bu-sik and others compiled the history of the Three Kingdoms period. What is the name of this book?

Answer: Samguk Sagi

Question 10

Who was the renowned general of Goryeo who led the Battle of Gwiju in 1019, defeating the grand army of the Liao Dynasty in Gwiju?

Answer: Gang Gam-chan

Question 11

What is a representative Goryeo-era ceramic that is a world-class cultural asset created during the Goryeo period and emits a jade/blue light?

Answer: Inlaid Celadon (Goryeo Celadon)

Question 12

Who was the king who founded Joseon in 1392?

Answer: Yi Seong-gye

Question 13

Who was the greatest king of Joseon, who created Hangul and advanced scientific civilization as a king during the Joseon Dynasty?

Answer: King Sejong the Great

Question 14

In 1592, Japan invaded Joseon and fought for seven years. What is the name of this war?

Answer: Imjin War

Question 15

Who was the greatest general of the Joseon Dynasty who achieved 23 victories in 23 battles against the Japanese Navy in the war against Japan in 1592?

Answer: Yi Sun-sin

Question 16

What is the term for the war in 1636 when the Qing Dynasty of China invaded Joseon?

Answer: Byeongja Horan (Qing Invasion of Joseon)

Question 17

Who was the first president of South Korea in 1948?

Answer: Syngman Lee

Question 18

Who was the female independence activist of the March 1st Movement who led the independence movement during the Japanese colonial period in 1919, was arrested by Japanese police, and died a martyr after severe torture?

Answer: Yu Gwan-sun

Question 19

The day South Korea was liberated from Japan was August 15, 1945. What do you call this day?

Answer: Liberation Day (Gwangbokjeol)

Question 20

Who is the president of South Korea who achieved the "Miracle on the Han River"?

Answer: Park Chung-hee

Question 21

Who was the great activist of Korea who assassinated Ito Hirobumi, the mastermind behind the invasion of Korea, in Harbin, Manchuria in 1909?

Answer: Ahn Jung-geun

Question 22

The house where the king lives is called the palace. What is the main representative palace of the Joseon Dynasty?

Answer: Gyeongbokgung Palace

Question 23

Who is the current president of South Korea?

Answer: Lee Jae-myung

Question 24

The place where the U.S. president resides is called the White House. Where did the president of Korea traditionally reside (or former executive office)?

Answer: Cheong Wa Dae (Blue House)

Question 25

What independence movement organization was founded by Dosan Ahn Chang-ho in San Francisco, USA in 1913?

Answer: Heungsadan

Question 26

During the Joseon Dynasty, the fortress surrounding Seoul had four main gates running East, West, North, and South. What is the gate on the South side called?

Answer: Namdaemun (Sungnyemun)

Question 27

The best medical book in Joseon, created during the reign of King Seonjo, is called Donguibogam. Who created this book?

Answer: Heo Jun

Question 28

What was the capital of the Goryeo Dynasty?

Answer: Gaeseong

Question 29

What was the capital of Silla during the Three Kingdoms period?

Answer: Gyeongju

Question 30

Where was the last capital of Baekje during the Three Kingdoms period?

Answer: Buyeo (Sabi)