

Geography Finals

Regulation Tossups

(1) These objects drove dramatic geographical changes during the Laramide orogeny. Ridge push and slab pull facilitate the movement of these objects. Convergent, divergent, and transform are boundaries between these objects, which make up the lithosphere. One of these things named for Juan del Fuca is undergoing subduction, leading to a heightened rate of earthquakes around British Columbia. Continental drift is caused by, for the point, what geological objects that carry the continents and oceans?

ANSWER: **Tectonic Plates** (accept **Microplates**)

(2) This country's Dulce [[DOOL-cheh]] River drains the Izabal Department, which is home to a Garifuna Community at Livingston. This country that displays two rifles topped by a resplendent quetzal [[KET-zull]] on its flag contains the ancient Maya city of Tikal in its north. For the point, name this Central American country bordered to the east by Belize, and to the north by Mexico.

ANSWER: Republic of **Guatemala** (accept Republica de **Guatemala**)

(3) This city was formerly known as Yathrib, and the battles of Uhud and Badr were both fought near this city. This city is the southern terminus of the Hejaz railway where the first Friday Prayers were held at Quba [[KOO-buh]] Mosque. This city is home to the Al-Masjid an-Nabawi, or the Prophet's Mosque, named for Muhammad, who travelled to this city during the Hijra [[HEE-zrah]]. FTP, name this second-holiest city of Islam.

ANSWER: **Medina** (accept Al **Madinah** Al Munawwarah)

(4) This island's eastern ports include Bastia and Porto-Vecchio [[port-o VEH-kee-oh]]. This island's highest peak is Monte Cinto, and this island is home to a Ligurian-speaking community at Bonifacio. Ajaccio [[ah-YAH-choh]] is the largest city of this island, which was transferred from the Republic of Genoa to King Louis XV [[the FIFTEENTH]] in 1769. Napoleon was born on, for the point, what largest French island in the Mediterranean?

ANSWER: **Corsica** (accept **Corse**; accept **Còrsega**)

(5) A proposed pipeline along this river from Norman Wells was opposed by Dene activists during the Berger Commission. The Deh Cho bridge in Fort Providence is the only bridge that crosses this river. The Hudson's Bay Company built their Fort Simpson trading post on this river, which drains into the Beaufort Sea. The second longest river in North America after the Mississippi, for ten points, name this longest Canadian river that flows through the Northwest Territory.

ANSWER: **Mackenzie** River

(6) This country contains the self-governing entity of Brčko [[BURCH-kow]], and this country's city of Neum is the only port on its 12 miles of coastline. Attractions in this country's capital include the Zetra Olympic Hall, which hosted events during the 1984 Winter Olympics. This country's city of Mostar is known for its Ottoman-era Old Bridge, which was destroyed in 1993 by Croatian forces. FTP, name this country with its capital at Sarajevo.

ANSWER: **Bosnia and Herzegovina** (prompt on "Bosnia;" accept **Bosna i Hercegovina** or **BiH**)

(7) This practice sometimes targets ragged-jackets. Traditional participants in this practice use the Hakapik, a long hammer with a hook on the end. Governor General Michaëlle Jean controversially participated in this practice in 2009 in response to opposition from the European Union, whose ban on products stemming from this practice devastated Northern Canadian artisans. Many animal rights organizations oppose, for the point, what traditional hunting practice of the Inuit?

ANSWER: **Seal Clubbing** (or **Seal Hunting**; prompt on "Hunting")

(8) This city is home to the world's largest seaplane base, which is located at the meeting point of the Knik and Turnagain Arms and the Cook Inlet. That base in this city is located in the same complex as a park which honors victims of the 1964 Good Friday Earthquake that struck this city. This city's airport, the world's fourth-busiest by cargo traffic, was renamed to honor Senator Ted Stevens in 2000. For the point, name this largest city of Alaska.

ANSWER: **Anchorage**

(9) This sea's shores include the former Portuguese trading outposts of Daman and Calicut. The Kathiawar and Musandam Peninsulas jut into this sea where the dragon blood tree is endemic to Socotra. The Gulf of Aden is the westernmost extent of this sea, which is connected to the Red Sea through the Bab-el-Mandeb. For the point, name this sea between India, Africa, and a namesake peninsula.

ANSWER: **Arabian** Sea (accept Bahr al-**Arab**)

(10) An act named for this resource led to the United States claiming Jarvis Island, and that act is the subject of an ongoing dispute between the U.S. and Haiti over Navassa Island. The Confederacy countered Union blockades by harvesting this resource from bats, though it is traditionally sourced from species like the Peruvian booby. Nitrogen, phosphates, and potassium comprise, ftp, what manure-like resource made from bird excrement and used as fertilizer?

ANSWER: **Guano** (prompt on Bird and/or Bat "Manure," "Fertilizer," or "Excrement" until mentioned; prompt on "Manure," "Fertilizer," or "Excrement" alone before mentioned)

(11) This country's Cap-Vert peninsula contains the African Renaissance Monument, as well as the island of Gorée [[goh-REH]], which was once a slave-trading center. Wolof is the main language of this country that contains the city of Saint-Louis, located southwest of Mauritania. This country is the westernmost African country, and it almost totally encases The Gambia. For the point, identify this country that contains the capital city of Dakar.

ANSWER: Republic of **Senegal** (accept Republique du **Senegal**)

(12) PanAm Airlines was founded in this city, the seat of Monroe County. This city was the capital of the Conch Republic, a farcical micronation created as a practical joke in 1982. The Seven Mile Bridge is part of the Overseas Highway that terminates in this city along with US Route 1. The southernmost point of the continental United States is located in, for the point, what city in the Florida Keys?

ANSWER: **Key West** (accept **Cayo Hueso**)

(13) This bay is the world's largest by area, and it includes the coastline of Odisha and Andhra Pradesh. The Sentinelese make their home on North Sentinel Island in this bay that also contains the Andaman Islands. For the point, name this bay between India and Myanmar with a name similar to that of a country governed from Dhaka.

ANSWER: Bay of **Bengal**

(14) This country's northeast contains the Gulf of Hammamet, and its island of Djerba contains the El-Ghriba Synagogue. Much of the *Star Wars* series was filmed in this country's Tataouine Governorate, known for its Berber cave dwellings. The eastern end of the Atlas Mountains and the ruins of Carthage are contained in, for the point, what North African country between Libya and Algeria?

ANSWER: Republic of **Tunisia** (accept Al Jumhuriyah at **Tunisiyah**)

(15) This region's Kolyma Highway was built by laborers who died creating a route from Magadan to Yakutsk. The Ob, Yenisei, and Lena are the three major rivers of this region whose largest port of Vladivostok is the terminus of the world's longest railway. For the point, name this remote region of Russia known for its harsh winters and home to the town of Novosibirsk.

ANSWER: **Siberia** (accept **Sibir** Khanate)

(16) Goat Island divides one part of this body from its Bridal Veil section. Boats use the Welland Canal to avoid this body, where Nikola Tesla and George Westinghouse built the first hydroelectric power plant in 1895. Annie Edison Taylor survived going over the Horseshoe part of this body, which is spanned by the Rainbow Bridge, in a barrel. The Maid of the Mist offers visitors tours of for ten points, what massive waterfalls on the United States-Canada border?

ANSWER: **Niagara** Falls (accept **Horseshoe** Falls before mentioned)

(17) The Amal Movement and Hezbollah are two of this country's recognized political parties. An alliance in this country is named after the date of its Cedar Revolution. Syria and Israel have long exerted control over, for the point, what Middle Eastern country governed from Beirut?

ANSWER: **Lebanon** (accept **Lebanese** Republic; accept Al Jumhuriyah al **Lubnaniyah**)

(18) Tourists to this city can visit Hunt's Tomb in Papago Park, where many saguaro [[suh-WAHR-oh]] cacti are grown. This city is served by Sky Harbor Airport, and it lies in the Valley of the Sun, which is part of a larger region that contains the confluence of the Salt and Gila [[HEE-la]] Rivers. Suburbs of this seat of Maricopa County include Mesa, Tempe, and Glendale. For the point, name this capital of Arizona.

ANSWER: **Phoenix**

(19) The late Prince Phillip was born in this country at the villa of Mon Repos [[mon ray-POE]] on the island of Corfu. This country's Peloponnese peninsula is technically made an island by the Corinth Canal, and this country controls an island which is home to the ruins of Knossos. The large island of Crete is controlled by, for the point, what country which is home to Mount Olympus and governed from Athens?

ANSWER: **Greece** (accept **Hellenic** Republic or **Elliniki** Dimokratia; accept **Ellas** or **Ellada**)

(20) This country's narrowest portion is on the Isthmus of Kra which separates the Andaman Sea in the west from this country's namesake gulf in the east. This country is known for its strict lese majeste [[lezh muh-ZHEST]] laws, and it formerly acted as a buffer between the British Raj and French Indochina. This country which is home to the island of Phuket [[poo-KET]] was previously known as Siam. For the point, name this country governed from Bangkok.

ANSWER: Kingdom of **Thailand** (accept Ratcha Anachak **Thai** or Prathet **Thai**; accept Gulf of **Thailand**; accept **Siam** or Gulf of **Siam** until mentioned)

(21) This archipelago's island of La Gomera is known for its Silbo language, which incorporates whistles. This archipelago contains the island of La Palma, and it was once the home of the lost Guanches People. The volcano Tiede [[tee-AY-day]] rises above this archipelago's largest and most populous island, Tenerife [[ten-uh-"REEF"]]. For the point, name this Spanish archipelago off the African coast named for a colony of dogs, not colorful birds.

ANSWER: **Canary** Islands (accept Las **Canarias**; accept **Canaries**)

(22) This mountain is the tallest feature on the Hamakua Coast, and it is the second-highest island peak on Earth with a height of over 33,000 feet when measured from its base on the ocean floor. Kailua-Kona is visible from the summit of this mountain, which is 125 feet higher than neighboring Mauna Loa. For the point, name this volcano, Hawaii's highest peak.

ANSWER: Mauna **Kea**

(23) This city's Cathedral of Learning overlooks Schenley Park, which is home to Carnegie Mellon University. This city's Point State Park contains a granite outline of the former French Fort Duquesne [[doo-KEHN]], located at the confluence of the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers, which form the Ohio River. For the point, name this largest city of western Pennsylvania, known for its steel industry.

ANSWER: **Pittsburgh**

(24) The first man to deliberately plan this type of journey was Thomas Cavendish. The first underwater type of this journey was completed by the USS *Triton* as part of Operation Sandblast. The Marianas were termed the "Islands of Thieves" during one of these journeys that began and ended in Seville and inspired Jules Verne. For the point, name this type of journey first completed by the crew of Ferdinand Magellan.

ANSWER: **Circumnavigation** (accept reasonable equivalents relating the **Global Crossing**; accept anything that mentions traveling around the globe)

(25) This island's Mataverí International Airport is the world's most remote commercial airport. This island's natives were the frequent target of Peruvian slave raiders, and local names for this island include Isla de Pascua and Rapa Nui. This island can be considered both the westernmost point of South America, and the easternmost point of Polynesia. For the point, name this island owned by Chile, known for its *moai* [[MOW-"eye"]] statues with large heads.

ANSWER: **Easter** Island (accept Isla de **Pascua** or **Rapa Nui** until mentioned)

(26) This river's source is Lake Tear of the Clouds on Mount Marcy. This river was first observed by Europeans when Giovanni da Verrazzano laid eyes on it in 1524, 85 years before it was spotted by its namesake. The Tappan Zee is the widest point of this river, which is crossed by the Mario Cuomo Bridge and originates in the Adirondack Mountains. For the point, name this river that empties into New York Harbor.

ANSWER: **Hudson** River

(27) This country's highest peak of Huascarán is the highest point in the Tropics. This country is home to the ancient Nazca Lines, which are known for their portrayal of animals and plants. This country shares Lake Titicaca with Bolivia, and its city of Cusco was the capital of the Inca Empire. For the point, name this country that contains Lima.

ANSWER: Republic of **Peru** (accept Republica del **Peru**)

(28) This region which includes cities like Menton and Toulon has been the home of the Grimaldi family for more than 700 years. This European region's westernmost extremity is marked by the Rhône River, and its city of Cannes [[CAN]] hosts a world-renowned film festival. Saint-Tropez [[SAN tro-PAY]] is a popular tourist destination in, ftp, what French vacation region near the Italian Border, home to Nice [[NEESE]]?

ANSWER: **French Riviera** (accept **Riviera** after mention of "French;" accept Provence-Alpes-**Côte d'Azur**)

(29) This country's tourist resorts include locations on the Samana Peninsula and the municipality of La Romana, and it contains the lowest point of any oceanic island at Lake Enriquillo [[en-reh-KEE-yoh]]. This country's highest mountain is Pico Duarte [[DWARE-tay]], and it contains the oldest continuously inhabited European settlement in the Americas. Punta Cana and Santo Domingo are located in, for the point, what Caribbean country that occupies Hispaniola's eastern portion?

ANSWER: **Dominican Republic** (accept **Republica Dominicana** or **DR**; accept **La Dominicana**)

(30) This U.S. state's largest lake is Lake Sardis. Southaven, Natchez, and Hattiesburg are cities in this state that is also home to casinos in Biloxi. In 2021, this state adopted a "Magnolia Flag" to replace a previous flag that displayed the Confederate emblem. Jackson is the capital of, for the point, what U.S. state that names a major American river?

ANSWER: **Mississippi**

Extra Questions

(1) This U.S. state's city of Bentonville is the headquarters of the world's largest company by revenue. This state contains Crater of Diamonds State park, as well as the town of Hope. Bill Clinton was born in this state and grew up in its city of Hot Springs. For the point, name this U.S. state governed from Little Rock.

ANSWER: **Arkansas**

(2) This city contains the Tuileries [[twee-leh-REE]] Garden and the Luxembourg Garden, which is a short walk from the Panthéon [[PON-tay-on]], a monument in the Latin Quarter that houses the tombs of Voltaire and Louis Braille. The Pont Neuf [[pohn NUHF]] is the oldest bridge of this city that is divided into twenty arrondissements [[ahh-RON-dees-MOHNS]]. For the point, name this city on the River Seine [[SEN]], home to the Arc de Triomphe and Eiffel Tower.

ANSWER: **Paris**