

Geography Round 1

Regulation Tossups

(1) One of these events was caused in part by the Pineapple Express and soil made impermeable by wildfires. Supply shortages in the Lower Mainland occurred due to panic buying induced by one of these events. That one of these events on the Sumas Prairie was the result of a dike failure, and destroyed many Sikh-owned farms in Abbotsford. The Nooksack, the Coldwater, and the Fraser rivers overflowing caused, for ten points, what natural disasters in British Columbia?

ANSWER: **Floods**

(2) The eastern half of this country includes the Delta Amacuro where the Orinoco River enters into the Atlantic. This country is home to the world's largest proven oil reserves, which are mostly concentrated near Lake Maracaibo. Angel Falls is located in, for the point, what South American country that is bordered by Colombia and Guyana and contains Caracas?

ANSWER: Bolivarian Republic of **Venezuela** (or Republica Bolivariana de **Venezuela**)

(3) This city's Green Zone contains the world's largest American Embassy, the target of multiple attacks after Qasem [[KAH-sim]] Soleimani's assassination. This city was the capital of the Abbasid [[AH-buh-sid]] Caliphate until a Mongol siege in 1258 destroyed this city's House of Wisdom. Built on the ruins of Babylon, this is, for the point, what largest city on the Tigris River, the capital of Iraq?

ANSWER: **Baghdad**

(4) This U.S. state's Carhenge [[KAR-henj]] is a tourist attraction located at the western end of the Sand Hills. This state contains Scotts Bluff, which was a major landmark on the Oregon Trail, and is located along the North Platte River in this state. This only triply-landlocked state borders Missouri and Wyoming. The cities of Bellevue and Lincoln are located in, for the point, what Midwestern state that contains Omaha?

ANSWER: **Nebraska**

(5) This city's suburbs include 6th of October City, which is connected by the Arab world's oldest metro system. Protests in this city's Tahrir Square resulted in the resignation of President Hosni [[HOHS-nee]] Mubarak [[moo-BAHR-ick]]. For the point, name this city located on the Nile River, the capital of Egypt.

ANSWER: **Cairo** (accept **al-Qāhirah**)

(6) This city's airport is divided into piers, and is located on Sea Island. This city is connected to some of its suburbs by the Lions Gate Bridge, which runs over the Burrard inlet. In 2011, riots damaged businesses on Granville street after this city's hockey team lost the Stanley Cup. Earlier riots in favour of drug legalization took place in this city's Gastown, the home of a famous steam clock.. The Skytrain is located in, for ten points, what largest city in British Columbia?

ANSWER: **Vancouver**

(7) This island's special region of Yogyakarta [[jog-jah-KAR-tah]] is still ruled by a sultan, and a strait separates Madura from this island's city of Surabaya [[SOO-ruh-bye-yah]]. This island is bounded to Sumatra by the Sunda Strait, which is home to the volcano Krakatoa [[karh-kah-TOH-ah]]. For the point, identify this Indonesian island that lends its name to a type of computer language and a slang term for coffee.

ANSWER: **Java** (or **Jawa**)

(8) This country's flag features a golden steppe eagle representing Tengri on a sky blue backdrop. This northernmost Muslim-majority country was the second-largest Soviet republic, and it changed the name of its capital Astana to Nur-Sultan. For the point, name this country that borders China and the Caspian Sea.

ANSWER: Republic of **Kazakhstan** (accept **Qazaqstan** Respublikasy)

(9) Levent is the main business district of this city where the Topkapi Palace is located near the junction of the Golden Horn with the Bosphorus. This city contains the Hagia [[HAH-ghee-uh]] Sophia and the Blue Mosque, and it was formerly known as Byzantium. For the point, name this largest city of Turkey.

ANSWER: **Istanbul** (accept **Constantinople**; accept **Byzantium** before mentioned)

(10) These types of landforms are studied by orographers. Cols and notches are areas that can be found between these landforms that are measured in prominence. Examples of these landforms in California include ones named Shasta and Whitney. For the point, name these landforms, the highest of which is Everest.

ANSWER: **Mountains** (accept **Peaks**; accept **Mountain Ranges**)

(11) This country's city of Ifran recorded Africa's coldest temperature in 1935. This country's highest peak of Toubkal is located in the Atlas Mountains, and the Alboran Sea is the site of occasional skirmishes between this country and Spain. This country left the African Union after disputes over its ownership of Western Sahara. For the point, name this country that contains Tangier [[tan-ZHEER]] and Casablanca.

ANSWER: Kingdom of **Morocco** (accept Al Mamlakah **al Maghribiyah**)

(12) This city is the northern terminus of Amtrak's *Adirondack* route, and buildings in this city are forbidden from exceeding the height of its namesake peak between the Laurentian and Appalachian Ranges. This city lies at the confluence of the Ottawa and St. Lawrence rivers, and it is the largest Francophone city in the Americas. For the point, name this largest city of Quebec.

ANSWER: **Montréal**

(13) The house used for the filming of *A Christmas Story* is located in this city where the Cuyahoga [[kye-ah-HOH-gah]] River caught fire in 1969. That river in this city empties into Lake Erie near the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. For the point, name this Ohio city that recently changed the name of its baseball team after years of protest from indigenous Americans.

ANSWER: **Cleveland**

(14) The greatest concentrated number of these facilities in a non-capital city is centered in Tel Aviv. A "Row" of these facilities stretches along Massachusetts Avenue in Washington, DC. The American bombing of one of these facilities in Belgrade led to Jim Sasser being trapped in another one of these facilities in Beijing. For the point, name these diplomatic facilities that are superior to consulates.

ANSWER: **Embassies** (prompt on "Diplomatic Missions;" prompt on "Foreign Missions;" prompt on similar answers; do NOT accept "Consulates")

(15) This language is divided into high, middle, and low divisions by the Benrath and Speyer lines. This language has official status in Italy's South Tyrol region, and its *Sprachraum* [[SPRAHK-raum]] includes Liechtenstein, Styria, Salzburg, and other states in Austria. For the point, name this language spoken in Frankfurt and Berlin.

ANSWER: **German** (or **Deutsch**)

(16) This park's entrances of Gatlinburg and Cherokee are connected by the Newfound Gap, and its summit of Clingman's Dome is the highest peak on the Appalachian Trail. This location is the most-visited national park in the United States, possibly due to its proximity to attractions such as Dollywood. For the point, name this national park shared between North Carolina and Tennessee.

ANSWER: **Great Smoky Mountains** National Park (prompt on "Smoky Mountains" or "The Smokies")

(17) This city's Ap Lei Chau [[APP LAY CHOW]] is the most densely populated island in Asia. This city and special administrative region operates under the "One Country, Two Systems" policy along with nearby Macau. For the point, name this city, a former British colony in China.

ANSWER: **Hong Kong** Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China (accept **HKSAR**)

(18) This U.S. state's Park City is located in the Wasatch Range, which hosted some events of the 2002 Winter Olympics. This state's town of Moab [[MO-ab]] on the Colorado River is a gateway to Canyonlands and Arches National Parks. The majority of this state's population are members of the LDS Church, or Mormons. For the point, name this state which is home to the Great Salt Lake.

ANSWER: **Utah**

(19) This country's city of Davos hosts the World Economic Forum. This country's region of Valais [[vah-LAY]] contains the resort Zermatt [[ZEHR-maht]] and the Great St Bernard Pass, which separates the watersheds of the Rhône and Po Rivers. 26 administrative regions known as cantons divide, for the point, what famously neutral country that contains Geneva and Zurich?

ANSWER: **Switzerland** (accept **Swiss** Confederation; accept **Schweizerische** Eidgenossenschaft; accept Confederation **Suisse**; accept Confederazione **Svizzera**; accept Confederaziun **Svizra**; accept Confoederatio **Helvetica**)

(20) This region's formerly disputed island Isla de Aves [[AH-vehs]] was once inhabited by the Taino [[TYE-ee-noh]] people. This region is home to large resorts such as Paradise Island and Cruz Bay, and it culturally includes the nations of Suriname, Guyana, and Belize. For the point, name this island region between the U.S., Mexico, and South America with a namesake sea that contains Jamaica.

ANSWER: **Caribbean** (accept **West Indies**; accept **Karayib**, **Caribe**, or similar; accept **Venezuela** or **South America** before "Paradise;" prompt on "North America" or "Latin America")

(21) This country disputes the Paracel Islands with China, and its capital is served by the port of Haiphong [[HYE-FONG]]. This country's city of Hue [[HOO-ay]] was the capital of the Nguyen [[NOO-wen]] Dynasty, and this country experienced the Tet Offensive in 1968. For the point, name this country which is home to Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City.

ANSWER: Socialist Republic of **Vietnam** (accept **SRV**; accept Cong Hoa Xa Hoi Chu Nghia **Viet Nam**)

(22) This mountain range's volcano of Licancabur recorded the world's highest UV index in 2003, and this mountain range contains the world's highest permanent settlement at La Rinconada [[reen-koh-NAH-dah]]. This range passes by a lake known either as Lake O'Higgins or Lake San Martin near the province of Santa Cruz. For the point, name this South American mountain range that contains Aconcagua.

ANSWER: **Andes** Mountains (accept **Andean** Mountains)

(23) This city's Jamaica Bay contains the second least-used station of its subway network, which also connects to Howard Beach. Hart Island is a mass grave in this city where burials are conducted by inmates from the correctional institution Rikers Island. Exclaves of this populous city can be found on Ellis Island and Liberty Island. For the point, name this city that includes Brooklyn and Manhattan.

ANSWER: **New York** City (accept **NYC**)

(24) This country's Union Territories include Puducherry [[POOD-uh-CHEER-ee]] and Ladakh. The Thar Desert makes up the western boundary of this country where Sino-Tibetan, Andamanese, and Dravidian languages are spoken. The states of Rajasthan [[RAH-juh-STON]] and Uttar [[OO-tarr]] Pradesh are located in, for the point, what subcontinental country with its capital at New Delhi?

ANSWER: Republic of **India** (accept **Bharatiya** Ganarajya)

(25) Prudhoe Bay is the center of this U.S. state's oil-rich "North Slope" that has its borough seat at Barrow. Fairbanks is the largest inland city of this state, which is home to North America's highest peak at Denali. For the point, name this largest U.S. state governed from Juneau.

ANSWER: **Alaska**

(26) This resource is sought by companies such as Riot Whinstone who operate mines that are putting a strain on Texas's ERCOT power grid. In 2021, Nayib Bukele made this resource the official currency of El Salvador along with the U.S. Dollar, and Colonial Pipeline paid a ransom in this currency following a 2021 cyberattack. For the point, identify this cryptocurrency symbolized by a stylized B.

ANSWER: **Bitcoin** (prompt on "Cryptocurrency" or similar)

(27) This country's Lake Wakatipu [[WAH-kuh-TEE-poo]] in the Southern Alps contains the adventure sports hub of Queenstown on its shores. A strait that separates this country's North and South Islands is named for James Cook. For the point, name this country inhabited by the Maori [[MOW-ree]] that contains the cities Wellington and Auckland.

ANSWER: **New Zealand** (accept **NZ**; accept **Aotearoa**)

(28) This country's control of the Pitcairn Islands means at least one of its territories always experiences sunlight. This country maintains control over the Turks and Caicos islands, and residents of the overseas Falklands territory voted overwhelmingly to remain part of this country. For the point, name this European country that controls Bermuda and a namesake collection of Virgin Islands.

ANSWER: **United Kingdom** or **Great Britain** and Northern Ireland (or **UK**; accept **Britain**; do not accept or prompt on "England")

(29) This city is the capital of Lazio [[LOTS-ee-OH]], and a bridge in this city called the Ponte Sant'Angelo contains ten statues of angels. This city has forbidden tourists from sitting on its Spanish Steps, and this city's Pantheon has survived largely intact for 2,000 years. This city completely encloses the capital of an enclave country along Saint Peter's Square. For the point, name this capital of Italy.

ANSWER: **Rome** (or **Roma**)

(30) This city administers the Bonin Islands, and its metropolitan area includes the largest non-American Disney resort. Ginza is a popular shopping district in this city that was known as Edo before it became the capital of the Tokugawa [[TOE-kuh-GAH-wa]] Shogunate [[SHOH-guh-nit]]. For the point, name this Japanese city, the largest in the world.

ANSWER: **Tokyo** Metropolis (accept **Edo** before mentioned)

Extra Questions

(1) This city is home to Europe's tallest building, the Lakhta Center, and it is situated on the Neva River. Vasilyevsky Island is administered by this city that was built on a captured Swedish fortress. This city contains an expansive art museum known as the Hermitage, and former names of this city include Petrograd and Leningrad. For the point, name this second-largest city in Russia after Moscow.

ANSWER: **Saint Petersburg** (accept **Petrograd** or **Leningrad** before mentioned)

(2) This city's Spree River contains the Bode-Museum [[BOW-duh]], the Pergamon Museum, and the Egyptian division of the Neues [[NOY-iss]] Museum. The Tiergarten is a park in this city that also contains landmarks such as the Brandenburg Gate and the Reichstag. For the point, name this German city formerly divided into Communist and Capitalist sides by a namesake wall.

ANSWER: **Berlin** (accept **Berlin** Wall)