

Geography Round 3

Regulation Tossups

(1) A beaux arts one of these buildings was designed by William Sutherland Maxwell in Regina. Many have called to remove a statue of colonist Gaspar Corte-Real on the grounds of the Confederation Building, one of these buildings in St. John's. Another one of these buildings was attacked by Denis Lortie in a 1984 spree shooting in Quebec City. Queen's Park in Toronto and Province House in Prince Edward Island are examples of, for ten points, what government buildings?

ANSWER: **Provincial Legislatures** (accept **Capital Buildings**, prompt on just "Legislatures")

(2) This city's Octávio Frias de Oliveira Bridge is noted for its two curved tracks supported by one mast. Mirante do Vale is the tallest building in this city that contains the suburb of Santos. This city's Liberdade neighborhood is home to the world's largest Japanese diaspora, and this city is the largest in the southern and western hemispheres. For the point, name this largest city of Brazil.

ANSWER: **São Paulo**

(3) This city is the world's oldest continuously inhabited national capital, and its Umayyad [[ooh-MY-ud]] Mosque is said to contain the head of John the Baptist. This city, which is visible from Mount Hermon in the Golan Heights, became the largest in its country following the Battle of Aleppo. For the point, name this walled capital of Syria.

ANSWER: **Damascus** (accept **Dimasqa**)

(4) Some of the mansion scenes from *Citizen Kane* were filmed in this city's Balboa Park. This city's Old Town is near the northern portion of the San Ysidro [[ee-SEE-droh]] Port of Entry, which it shares with its international southern neighbor, Tijuana. For the point, identify this California city whose Franciscan friars inspired the name of its baseball team, the Padres.

ANSWER: **San Diego**

(5) This province's highest peak is Baldy Mountain, which is located in Duck Lake Provincial Park. Riding Mountain National Park is part of this province's namesake escarpment, which used to form the edge of prehistoric Lake Agassiz. The Swan River flows near this province's city of Dauphin. A forty-five hour passenger train connects this province's capital to Churchill, the "polar bear capital of the world". For ten points, name this Canadian province whose largest city is Winnipeg.

ANSWER: **Manitoba**

(6) This lake that receives the Pigeon and Nipigon Rivers is also known by the Ojibwe [[oh-JIB-weh]] name *Gitchi-Gami*. Thunder Bay and Duluth are ports on this lake, which contains a national park at Isle Royale. For the point, name this largest of the Great Lakes.

ANSWER: Lake **Superior** (accept **Gitchi-Gami** until mentioned)

(7) This mountain range's northern extension is part of the Novaya Zemlya [[NOH-vuh-yuh ZEM-lee-yuh]] archipelago. The Romanovs were executed on this mountain range's foothills in Yekaterinburg [[yih-KAT-er-in-burg]], and this range is considered part of the boundary between Europe and Asia. For the point, name these mountains that stretch from Kazakhstan to the Arctic Ocean.

ANSWER: **Ural** Mountains (or **Urals**)

(8) This territory's largest city is divided by a series of "Peace Walls," and it contains the shipyard that built the RMS *Titanic*. A collection of hexagonal basalt pillars called the Giant's Causeway in this region is located 35 miles northeast of Derry. The Good Friday Agreement ended a period called The Troubles in, for the point, what constituent region of the United Kingdom that contains Belfast?

ANSWER: **Northern Ireland** (prompt on "Ulster; prompt on "UK" or "United Kingdom" before mentioned; accept **Tuaisceart Éireann** or **Norlin Airlann**; do NOT prompt on "Ireland")

(9) This country's inland sea, Khawr al Udayd, was disputed between the Zayed and Thani families. This country's jagged maroon and white flag is the world's widest. This host of the 2022 FIFA World Cup funds a significant portion of the Al Jazeera Media Network. For the point, name this small Gulf State that has its capital at Doha.

ANSWER: State of **Qatar** (accept Dawlat **Qatar**)

(10) A monument honoring this resource was demolished to counter an uprising in Bahrain. One river named for this resource makes up the southern boundary between Louisiana and Mississippi, and another river that bears this name passes by Macau and Shenzhen. The USS *Arizona* sank in a harbor named for this resource in Honolulu. For the point, name this precious resource produced by oysters.

ANSWER: **Pearls**

(11) This country controls the remote Cocos Island from Puntarenas [[poon-tah-REH-nahs]] Province. This country's ecotourism industry thrives on the Osa and Nicoya Peninsulas, and this country's northern border is formed by Nicaragua. For the point, name this country that is governed from San Jose and has a Spanish name meaning "Rich Coast."

ANSWER: Republic of **Costa Rica** (accept Republica de **Costa Rica** or **CR**)

(12) This country contains regions like Fezzan and Cyrenaica [[sy-reh-NAY-ih-kah]], and it is indented by the Gulf of Sidra. This country's National Transition Council was announced in 2011 in Benghazi, the site of a 2012 attack on an American consulate. This country formerly sported an all-green flag until the 2011 overthrow of Muammar Gaddafi. For the point, name this North African country governed from Tripoli.

ANSWER: State of **Libya** (accept Dawlat **Libiya**)

(13) The Merlion [[MURR-"lion"]], an iconic symbol of this country, is honored in a statue that spouts water into Marina Bay. This polity with a Han Chinese majority contains the Raffles Hotel, and it is the wealthiest member by GDP per Capita in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. For the point, name this city-state off the southern tip of the Malay Peninsula.

ANSWER: Republic of **Singapore**

(14) The Hop is a streetcar system that serves this city, which contains the headquarters of the Miller Brewing Company and Harley-Davidson. This city contains the suburbs of Racine and Kenosha, and it is the second-largest city by population on Lake Michigan. The Bucks of the NBA and Brewers of the MLB play in, for the point, what largest city of Wisconsin?

ANSWER: **Milwaukee**

(15) This river's Falcon and Amistad dams are managed by the International Boundary and Water Commission, and its territorial anomalies include the Horcón [[or-KOHN]] Tract, which is now in Tamaulipas [[tam-aw-LEE-pahs]], as well as the Chamizal [[chah-MEE-zahl]] dispute. The Pecos is the longest tributary of this river, which flows past Laredo and Albuquerque. For the point, name this river that forms the Texas-Mexico boundary.

ANSWER: Rio **Grande** (accept Río **Bravo** del Norte)

(16) This U.S. state's Biltmore Estate is the largest private home in the United States. This state's Mt. Mitchell is the highest point east of the Mississippi River, and its Outer Banks were the site of the lost Roanoke Colony. The first heavier-than-air flight took place at Kitty Hawk in, for the point, what U.S. state home to Charlotte and Raleigh?

ANSWER: **North Carolina** (accept **NC**; prompt on "Carolina")

(17) This country's second-largest island is Isla de la Juventud [[hoo-VEN-tood]]. The explosion of the USS *Maine* in this nation's largest city was the impetus for the Spanish-American War. This former American protectorate leased Guantanamo Bay to the United States as a military base. For the point, name this country governed from Havana and formerly led by Fidel Castro.

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

(18) This country has a flag with different back and front sides, and it lost 90 percent of its male population in the War of the Triple Alliance. The Gran Chaco occupies 60 percent of this landlocked country where Guaraní [[gwah-rah-NEE]] is an official language. The Itaipu [[ee-"TIE"-poo]] Dam on the Paraná [[pah-rah-NAH]] River powers, for the point, what country governed from Asunción [[ah-soon-see-OHN]]?

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

(19) This U.S. state is home to the highest peak east of the Rockies. This state contains a massive Crazy Horse Memorial that has been under construction since 1948 in its Black Hills. This state's cities include Sturgis, which is home to an annual motorcycle rally, as well as Rapid City and Pierre [[PEER]]. For the point, name this U.S. state that contains Mount Rushmore.

ANSWER: **South Dakota** (accept **Dakḥóta itókaga**; prompt on "Dakota")

(20) This country's Great Inagua [[ee-NAWG-wah]] Island contains Morton Salt's main facilities, and Andros is the largest island in this country. This country is part of the larger Lucayan Archipelago, and this country's Paradise Island contains the sprawling Atlantis Resort. For the point, name this island country off the southeast coast of Florida with capital at Nassau [[NAH-sauw]].

ANSWER: Commonwealth of The **Bahamas**

(21) One of this country's UNESCO World Heritage sites includes the Alhambra, and that site is located in this country's region of Granada. Andalusia is part of this country that also contains Valencia. For the point, identify this European country that contains Catalonia, home to the city of Barcelona, as well as Madrid.

ANSWER: Kingdom of **Spain** (accept Reino de **Espana**)

(22) Refugees in this country desperately attempted to cling to a plane during a 2021 evacuation at Hamid Karzai International Airport. This country's republic suffered losses at Lashkargah and Kandahar during a 2021 terrorist uprising. For the point, identify this country where the Taliban toppled an Islamic republic in Kabul.

ANSWER: Islamic Republic of **Afghanistan** (accept Jamhuri-ye Islami-ye **Afghanistan**)

(23) This ocean's namesake ridge has its highest point on the island of Pico. This ocean's port of Recife [[reh-SEE-fee]] is known for its style of *Frevo* dance, and it contains the Azores and the Faroe Islands. Monrovia and Reykjavik are capitals in, for the point, what ocean that receives the Amazon and Mississippi Rivers?

ANSWER: **Atlantic** Ocean

(24) The Wakhan [[wuh-KON]] Corridor contains the largest gap between these areas, independently set by locales like Eucla and the Chatham Islands. The Aleutian Archipelago is grouped together in one of these areas, and France has the most of these areas while China only uses one. For the point, name these areas responsible for jet lag, U.S. examples of which include Eastern, Mountain, and Pacific.

ANSWER: **Time Zones**

(25) This city is home to the smallest congressional district in the Western U.S., as well as the most densely populated county outside of New York. This city's Embarcadero waterfront stretches from Oracle Park to Fisherman's Wharf and receives ferries from Alcatraz Island. For the point, name this city in California's Bay Area that includes the iconic Golden Gate Bridge.

ANSWER: **San Fran**cisco (accept **SE**; accept **Frisco**)

(26) This country, known for its sapphire and vanilla production, contains an "Avenue of the Baobabs." This country is the largest single island nation in the world, and it was formerly known as the Malagasy Republic. Antananarivo is the capital of this country that is famous for its lemur population. For the point, name this island country off the coast of mainland Africa, the namesake of a 2005 Dreamworks film.

ANSWER: Republic of **Madagascar** (accept Republique de **Madagascar** or Repoblikan'i **Madagasikara**)

(27) This city located 15 miles from Red Rock Canyon has a downtown area centered on Fremont Street. Two hotels in this city are named after places in northern Italy, those being the Bellagio [[beh-LAH-zhee-oh]] and the Venetian. This seat of Clark County borders Paradise, an unincorporated town that actually contains most of its "Strip." For the point, name this Nevada gambling center.

ANSWER: Las **Vegas** (accept nicknames like **Sin City**, **City of Lights**, and the **Entertainment Capital of the World**)

(28) The banks of this country's namesake river are the location of the Istana Nurul Iman, the official residence of its head of state. This country contains the water villages of Kampong Ayer, located in the capital of Bandar Seri Begawan. For the point, name this Southeast Asian country known for its wealthy sultanate.

ANSWER: Negara **Brunei** Darussalam (accept Sultanate of **Brunei**)

(29) This country is home to the world's shortest commercial flight between Westray and Papa Westray in the Orkney Islands. This country contains the world's oldest golf resort at St Andrews, and its Highlands region contains Loch Ness. A 2014 independence referendum was defeated in, for the point, what constituent country of the United Kingdom that is governed from Edinburgh?

ANSWER: **Scotland** (accept **Scottish** Highlands; **Alba**; prompt on "United Kingdom" or "UK" until mentioned; prompt on "Britain" or "Great Britain;" do not prompt on "England")

(30) This U.S. state contains the tallest capitol building in the U.S, a building sometimes called "Huey Long's monument." This state's largest city is nicknamed the "Big Easy," and it sits at the southern end of the Lake Pontchartrain Causeway. For the point, name this U.S. state that contains New Orleans.

ANSWER: **Louisiana**

Extra Questions

(1) Japan threatened to withhold funds from this organization after it preserved documents from the Nanjing Massacre. Israel and the United States are not members of this organization, which helped to save Abu Simbel from flooding, and bodies of water that have received this organization's highest honor include Ha Long Bay. For the point, name this organization that designates World Heritage Sites.

ANSWER: **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization** (accept **UNESCO**)

(2) The construction of this project in Sandouping reduced the length of Earth's day by .06 microseconds. In 1956, a poem about this project called "Swimming" was written by Mao Zedong. Many criticized this project for further pushing the *baiji* ["BYE"-JEE] into extinction, and this project is the world's largest power station. For the point, name this massive dam on the Yangtze River.

ANSWER: **Three Gorges** Dam