

Geography Bee Finals

Regulation Tossups

(1) In this region, Grant Hadwin felled Kiidk'yaas, a sacred golden spruce tree, then disappeared mysteriously. This region, which contains Naikoon Provincial Park, is located near the border with Alaska along the Dixon Strait. It isn't the Falklands, but Mount Moresby is the highest mountain in this archipelago. For the point, name this British Columbia archipelago predominantly home to a certain Indigenous group, formerly known as the Queen Charlotte Islands.

ANSWER: **Haida Gwaii** (prompt on "Queen Charlotte Islands" until mentioned)

(2) This island contains the double-cratered Songaksan volcano, and another volcano on this island is the Hallasan shield volcano, which is its country's highest point. Chinese citizens do not need a visa to visit this island whose main airport hosts the world's busiest air passenger route between this island and Seoul-Gimpo. For the point, name this largest island of South Korea.

ANSWER: **Jeju** Island

(3) This state contains the last remaining natural habitats of the golden lion tamarin, and this state's cities include Belford Roxo and the resort town of Cabo Frio. The cities of Niterói and Petrópolis are located in this state that merged with Guanabara in 1975. For the point, name this Brazilian state that shares its name with a city that includes landmarks such as Sugarloaf Mountain and Copacabana beach.

ANSWER: **Rio de Janeiro**

(4) A project known as GRAIL mapped one of these places "of Crises," and another one of these places described by a term meaning "foaming" is home to a formation known as Apollonius W. Ranger 8 deliberately crashed into one of these places "of Tranquility" where, in 1969, the *Eagle* landed with Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong. For the point, name these dark plains of the moon that come from the Latin for "Sea."

ANSWER: Lunar **Mare** (accept Lunar **Maria**; accept **Lunar Seas** or **Seas** of the **Moon** before mentioned)

(5) This state's town of Ketchum, built in the Boulder Mountains and the Sawtooth Range of the Rockies, was once home to Ernest Hemingway. Suburbs of this state's capital include Nampa in the Treasure Valley, and remote workers are moving to this state's communities of Coeur d'Alene and Sun Valley. One-third of American potatoes are grown in, for the point, what state with its capital at Boise?

ANSWER: **Idaho**

(6) The organizers of the Tour de France ran an annual rally race from Paris to this city from 1979 to 2007. This city's Deux Mamelles overlook Point Almadies on its Cap-Vert peninsula, which is also home to Léopold Sédar Senghor airport. Once the capital of the Mali Federation, this city is the site of the House of Slaves museum, whose Door of No Return memorializes the final exit point from Africa for many enslaved people. For the point, name this westernmost African city, the capital of Senegal.

ANSWER: **Dakar** (accept **Dakar** Rally; accept Paris-**Dakar** Rally)

(7) The Ojibwe leader Ozawindib was hired to guide an expedition to this location, which her people called Omushkos [[oh-MUH-skoss]]. Officially charted by Henry Rowe Schoolcraft in 1832, this location is marked by a carved post that proclaims its elevation of "1,475 feet above the ocean." For the point, name this glacial lake in Minnesota that contains the headwaters of the Mississippi River.

ANSWER: Lake **Itasca**

(8) This region saw a boom in development in 1934 to support gold mining operations and grew again after the 1991 discovery of diamonds at Lac de Gras [[LAWK deh grow]]. This area was the site of Operation Morning Light, a 1978 mission to neutralize the nuclear threat of the fallen Soviet reconnaissance satellite Kosmos 954. For the point, name this Canadian territory whose capital Yellowknife is also its only city.

ANSWER: **Northwest Territories**

(9) Explorer Sir Edmund Hillary trained for his Everest and Antarctic expeditions at this location, which is now home to the Hermitage Alpine Museum and Theater named for him. In 1998, this park's name was changed to honor a traditional Maori legend about three brothers whose canoe voyage led to the creation of the South Island. For the point, name this national park that features the Tasman Glacier and the highest mountain in New Zealand.

ANSWER: **Aoraki** National Park (or **Mount Cook** National Park)

(10) Divisions known as khoroo divide this city, which is found within Töv Province. The tallest equestrian statue on Earth can be found in this city's National Sports Stadium that hosts celebrations of the Naadam festival that include competitions in archery and wrestling. The world's largest landlocked city is governed from, for the point, what city, the capital of Mongolia?

ANSWER: **Ulaanbaatar** (accept **Ulan Bator**; accept **Örgöö**; accept **Urga**)

(11) The largest fiberglass dome on Earth can be found at this country's Al-Fateh Grand Mosque. The Isa ibn Ali Al Khalifa can be found in this country, whose capital is home to the King Faisal Road. Connected to Saudi Arabia by the King Fahd Causeway, this is, for the point, what island country with its capital at Manama?

ANSWER: Kingdom of **Bahrain** (accept Mamlakat al-**Bahrayn**)

(12) This is the least populous country through which the Annamite Range passes, as well as the least populous member of the Golden Triangle. The majority of the world's Khmu people live in this majority Buddhist country that also contains a large Hmong population. Notably landlocked, this is, for the point, what Southeast Asian country with its capital at Vientiane?

ANSWER: **Laos** (accept **Lao People's Democratic Republic**; accept **Sathalanalat Paxathipatai Paxaxôn Lao**)

(13) A tributary of this river that rises near Lake Van is the Great Zab, which itself passes through the Zagros Mountains. One portion of this river flows through the Nineveh Governate and contains the Mosul Dam, and, along with an alphabetically earlier river, this river provides water to the Fertile Crescent. For the point, name this river that helped irrigate Mesopotamia alongside the Euphrates.

ANSWER: **Tigris** River

(14) This river's delta forms a region where cowboys known as gardians ride white Camargue horses. The Aletsch Glacier feeds this river via the Massa River in the Canton of Valais, while its primary tributary is the Saône, which it meets in Lyon. Arles, Avignon, and Geneva are on, For the point, what river of Switzerland and southern France?

ANSWER: **Rhône** River

(15) Divers in this island group can explore the World War II wreck of the HMS *Royal Oak* as well as scuttled German ships near its Scapa Flow naval base. The Standing Stones of Stenness and Skara Brae are neolithic sites in this island group, whose South Isles include Graemsay and Hoy. Kirkwall, on the island of Mainland, is the most populous town in, for the point, what island group off the north coast of Scotland?

ANSWER: **Orkney** Islands

(16) This country's Karavasta Lagoon is a common habitat of the Dalmatian Pelican, while its Lake Ohrid has 200 endemic species. A 1997 civil war caused by the collapse of several pyramid schemes in this country led to the first practical use of over 170,000 concrete bunkers constructed by Enver Hoxha, a communist who succeeded King Zog. For the point, name this Balkan country with capital Tirana.

ANSWER: Republic of **Albania**

(17) Remnants of this city's Communist past include the abandoned buildings of its Jewish Quarter, now revitalized into "ruin bars." A set of 60 pairs of scattered iron shoes along this city's riverfront memorializes Jews murdered by the Arrow Cross Party during the Holocaust. A funicular railway connects Castle Hill to the Széchenyi Chain Bridge elsewhere along the Danube waterfront of, for the point, what capital of Hungary?

ANSWER: **Budapest**

(18) A popular beach in this country is named for its resemblance to a whale's tail and is called Bahía Ballena. This country contains the district of Nicoya and the Irazu volcano, and this country's residents refer to themselves as "Ticos." Containing 5% of the Earth's biodiversity, this is, for the point, what Central American country with capital at San Jose?

ANSWER: Republic of **Costa Rica** (accept República de **Costa Rica**)

(19) A storm near this body of water's Monkey Bay led to the drowning of Chauncey Maples, who served as Bishop of Likoma. This lake that contains the greatest number of fish species on Earth has its sole outlet at the Shire River, which flows into the Zambezi. Lake Tanganyika is about 200 miles northwest of, for the point, what lake named for a country containing Lilongwe?

ANSWER: Lake **Malawi** (accept Lake **Nyasa**; accept Lago **Niassa**; prompt on partial answers)

(20) The Beaulieu is a National Historic Site in this city that hosts Honens International Piano Competition. This non-U.S. city's Festival District is found within its Eau Claire neighborhood, and the Bow River flows through this city that counts chuckwagon racing and rodeos as some of the activities in a 10-day event it holds each year. Forming a geographical corridor with Edmonton, this is, for the point, what Alberta city that is home to a namesake Stampede?

ANSWER: **Calgary**

(21) The Torres Garcia Museum is located in this country that also contains the city of Paysandu. This country's Estadio Centenario was built to host the inaugural 1930 FIFA World Cup, which this country won. With a name translating to "River of Painted Birds," this country's population is overwhelmingly of European descent like its larger neighbor, Argentina. For the point, name this country with capital at Montevideo.

ANSWER: **Uruguay** (accept Oriental Republic of **Uruguay**; accept República Oriental del **Uruguay**)

(22) A film created by this company in 1933 describes viewing the “towering peaks of steel” of Chicago and brings attention to the “comfort and convenience” of “individual reading lights at every seat.” That promotional film was created during a New York-bound flight created by this company that purchased TWA in 2001. The largest fleet of aircraft is owned by, for the point, what airline based in Fort Worth, Texas, abbreviated AA?

ANSWER: **American Airlines** (accept **AA** before mentioned; accept **AAL**)

(23) The diamond darter fish is only known to inhabit this U.S. state’s Elk River, which experienced a major 2014 oil spill. The Great Railroad Strike began in an industrial district of this state’s city of Martinsburg. This state’s secession from the Confederacy to the Union was supported by the Wheeling Conventions. For the point, name this U.S. state with capital Charleston that split from another with its capital at Richmond.

ANSWER: **West Virginia**

(24) A *Political Essay on the Kingdom of New Spain* was authored by this man who lends his name to a type of science exemplified by a combination of precision and Romantic idealism. A Peruvian species of penguin is named for this person lends their name to a north-moving, low-salinity movement along the the west coast of South America. For the point, name this German geographer who names a cold water current.

ANSWER: Alexander von **Humboldt** (accept Friedrich Wilhelm Heinrich Alexander von **Humboldt**)

(25) This river begins at the Bocas de Ceniza, or Ash Mouths, on the Caribbean Sea. An ecologically destructive hippo population roams this river thanks to notorious drug dealer Pablo Escobar who released the group near Medellin. For the point, identify this longest river contained entirely within Colombia, which is named for a woman who traveled with Jesus.

ANSWER: **Magdalena** River (or Río **Magdalena**; or Río Grande de **Magdalena**)

(26) Description acceptable. These actions were investigated by the Hickling Report, which controversially cleared Louis St Laurent’s government of wrongdoing. Critics of these actions have called their subjects, the first of whom were transported from Inukjak to Grise Fiord, human flagpoles meant to deter Soviet invasion. For the point, name these Cold War-era actions taken by the Canadian government that saw several Indigenous families be coerced to leave their homes for the far north.

ANSWER: **High Arctic Relocations** (accept “Inuit relocations”, “far-north relocations” until mentioned, and word forms involving being forced or coerced to move, i.e. “Inuit displacements”)

(27) Extensive marine biodiversity can be found in the Tubbataha Reef system of this sea where, in 2005, the *Rainbow Warrior* ran aground. Separated from the Celebes Sea by its namesake archipelago, this body of water is bordered to its northwest by the province of Palawan. The Panay Gulf can be found in, for the point, what sea southwest of the Philippines?

ANSWER: **Sulu** Sea (accept Dagat **Sulu**; accept Dagat sin **Sūg**; accept Mar de **Sulu**; accept Dagat sa **Sulu**; accept Dagat sang **Sulu**; accept Dagat kang **Sulu**; accept Dagat i'ang **Sulu**; accept Laut **Sulu**)

(28) A king who actively engaged in forest preservation efforts lends his name to this province's mountain of Doi Inthanon. Lying north of Lampang, this province's Wat Phra That Doi Suthep is among its country's best-known stupas, and a tributary of the Chao Phraya River runs through the capital of this province with which it shares its name. For the point, name this province of northern Thailand that contains the country's second largest city.

ANSWER: **Chiang Mai** (accept **Chiengmai**; accept **Chiangmai**)

(29) In 1902, 96 miners died in a disaster at this country's Mount Kembla coal mine, while its Olympic Dam is currently the world's largest single source of uranium. Eva Orner directed *Burning*, a documentary about the 2019-2020 "Black Summer" Bushfires in this country. The world's largest coal exporter is, for the point, what country led by Scott Morrison from Canberra?

ANSWER: Commonwealth of **Australia**

(30) This site contains an artificial dripstone grotto between a salon and study and can be viewed from the Marienbrücke bridge. This building's main courtyard is overlooked by a red gatehouse and a painting of Saint George slaying a dragon. This building overlooks the village of Hohenschwangau and was built to honor Richard Wagner. For the point, name this Alpine "fairy tale" castle commissioned by King Ludwig II of Bavaria.

ANSWER: **Neuschwanstein** Castle (or Schloss **Neuschwanstein**)

(31) This country is home to Digya National Park within its Bono East region, which also contains Techiman. This country that contains the headwaters of the Tano River also features the world's largest artificial reservoir behind the Akosombo Dam. For the point, identify this African country where Lake Volta forms part of this country's eastern border with Togo, a former British colony once known as the Gold Coast.

ANSWER: Republic of **Ghana** (prompt on "Gold Coast" before mentioned")

(32) Along this city's historic thoroughfare, the Avenida Revolución, visitors can spot this city's namesake "zebras," which are actually just painted donkeys. This city's location has attracted companies known as *maquiladoras*, and it can be accessed from the north by the San Ysidro Port of Entry. For the point, name this Mexican city in Baja California, located just south of the Californian border.

ANSWER: **Tijuana**

(33) Home of the Maloti Mountains, this country gets its nickname, "The Kingdom in the Sky," because its entire area exists above 1,000 meters of elevation. Once known as Basutoland, this country declared its independence from the United Kingdom in 1966. For the point, name this country whose boundaries were drawn via a treaty with the Boers and that today is enclaved by South Africa.

ANSWER: **Lesotho** [[leh-SOO-too]] (Or the Kingdom of **Lesotho**)

(34) This country's Reka River and Škocjan [[SKOTS-yahn]] Caves form an underground wetland system on the Karst Plateau. This country's Mount Triglav is the highest point in the Julian Alps, near the source of the Sava River, which flows into Croatia from this country. For the point, name this former Yugoslav Republic with capital Ljubljana [[lyoob-LYAH-nah]].

ANSWER: Republic of **Slovenia** (or Republika **Slovenija**)

(35) The landscape outside this city includes the Ore Mountains and a national park and climbing area named for its resemblance to Switzerland. In 2019, over \$1 billion of jewels, but not a 41-carat green diamond, were stolen from a museum established by Augustus the Strong in this city on the Elbe River. The Green Vault and the Zwinger palace complex were reconstructed after the World War Two firebombing of, for the points, what German city?

ANSWER: **Dresden**

Extra Questions

(1) Avenida 9 de Julio runs through this city that is named after a Madonna found on the island of Sardinia. Containing the Plaza de Mayo, this national capital that notably lies south of the Tropic of Capricorn contains the *barrio* of Flores, the birthplace of Pope Francis. For the point, name this capital city of Argentina.

ANSWER: Autonomous City of **Buenos Aires** (Ciudad Autónoma de **Buenos Aires**)

(2) Since 2011, this island has been home to the tallest tower in the world, the Skytree. This island that is bisected by its country's namesake Alps is separated by the Inland Sea from Shikoku. Regions such as Kansai divide this island where the Kanto Plain is home to the world's largest city. For the point, name this Japanese Island that contains Tokyo.

ANSWER: **Honshu**

(3) Havre de Grace can be found on one side of this body of water into which the James River flows. This body of water is home to a practice by which one common organism moves out of a low-oxygen area in what's known as a "Crab Jubilee." Virginia Beach and Baltimore are located on, for the point, what body of water and Mid-Atlantic bay?

ANSWER: **Chesapeake** Bay