

IGC Blitz – Final Round

Regulation Tossups

(1) Formerly operating from Potsdamer Strasse, this company faced a 1932 transport strike that was organized by the Revolutionary Trade Union Opposition. This company, which is based at its headquarters at (+) "Trias", operates the "Jelbi" [[YEL-bee]] mobility as a service program and does not operate the S-Bahn. (*) For the points, name this main transportation company of the German capital, which operates services like the U-Bahn.

ANSWER: **BVG** [[BEH-VEH-GEH]] (or **Berliner Verkehrsbetriebe**)

(2) Leinenstrasse station is found in this borough and is colored with light teal coloring, while this borough also contains the Berlin Hermannstrasse station, which is the southern end of the (+) U-Eight line. This borough contains the Hermannplatz interchange station between the U-Seven and U-Eight lines. Home to the (*) Britzer Garten, for the points, which borough of Berlin is known for its high percentage of immigrant residents?

ANSWER: **Neukolln** [[NOY-keuhn]] (or **Neuk**)

(3) This station can be found between Alexanderplatz and Heinrich-Heine-Strasse stations on a U-Bahn line. Located near Bruckenstrasse, this station, which sightseeing boats sometimes stop at, was the first (+) Gesterbahnhof to reopen after the Berlin Wall fell. Found next to a bridge over the Spree River, (*) for the points, what station on U-Bahn line U-Eight was expanded, forcing tracks to lie partly over the river?

ANSWER: Berlin **Jannowitzbrücke** [[YAH-noh-vitz-broo-kuh]] (accept phonetic pronunciations)

(4) This borough contains an Art Nouveau station building at Berlin Mexikoplatz, where the U-Three line is being considered for extension. This borough contains a site previously referred to as the (+) Dahlem Botanical Garden. The Berlin-Wannsee railway station can be found in this borough's area of (*) Wannsee. For the points, name this borough of Berlin that contains the German Archaeological Institute and the Berlin Botanical Garden.

ANSWER: **Steglitz-Zehlendorf**

(5) On this structure, Richard R. Burt helped secure the release of Natan Sharansky. This structure, which carries Bundesstrasse One, was once called the "Bridge of Unity." Arthur D. (+) Nicholson's body was returned at this structure, where Rudolf Abel was exchanged for Gary Powers. Named after a (*) palace, for the points, what bridge between Potsdam and Wannsee was once called the "Bridge of Spies" due to prisoner exchanges?

ANSWER: **Glienicke** [[GLEE-nih-kuh]] Bridge (or **Glienicker** Brücke)

(6) The Jewish cemetery located in this quarter's Schönhauser Allee is where the painter Max Liebermann is buried, while its Gethsemane Church is its largest church and was also a meeting spot for peaceful (+) resistance against the East German government. Until 2001, this quarter was its own borough until it, alongside Weissensee, were incorporated into what is now Berlin's (*) second-largest borough. For the points, name this most-populated of Berlin's quarters.

ANSWER: Prenzlauer Berg (prompt on "Pankow")

(7) At Buch, this river passes under the Bundesautobahn Ten and creates the boundary between Karow and Französisch Buchholz. With its headwaters affected by the Berlin to (+) Stettin railway's construction, this river passes through the Majakowskiring and Schonhausen Palace's gardens. Paralleled by pedestrian walkways, (*) for the points, what river has two mouths, with one at the Berlin-Spandau Ship Canal and the other at the Spree River in Mitte [[MIH-tuh]]?

ANSWER: Panke [[PAN-kuh]] River

(8) This borough contains a train station that featured at the beginning of the *The Bourne Ultimatum*, in which the station was made to appear like it was in (+) Moscow. This borough contains the Berlin-Hohenschonhausen Memorial on the site of a (*) political prison. For the points, name this borough located in former East Berlin that contains the Tierpark Berlin and the former Stasi headquarters.

ANSWER: Lichtenberg (accept Berlin-Lichtenberg)

(9) The terraced gardens of this palace were constructed from the hills of Bornstedt, and its park includes the Chinese Palace, designed by Johann Gottfried Böhmer, and the Temple of (+) Friendship, constructed in memory of Princess Wilhelmine of Prussia. This palace was constructed so that Frederick the Great had a (*) residency away from a royal court, with its name being the French for "carefree." For the points, name this palace located near Berlin at Potsdam.

ANSWER: Sanssouci Palace

(10) This bridge contains the sculptures *Athena Arms the Warrior* and *Athena Protects the Young Hero*. Found at one end of the Unter den Linden transport artery, this bridge was where people died when crowds gathered to see the (+) marriage of Elisabeth Ludovika and Frederick William the Fourth. Part of the Museumsinsel station is found underneath this bridge, which crosses the (*) Spree River. For the points, name this bridge in Mitte [[MIH-tuh]] that was named for the City Palace.

ANSWER: Schlossbrücke

(11) This borough is home to a collective that takes part in train surfing and graffiti called the Berlin Kidz. The Mehringdamm station is in this borough, where Peter Behrens designed the (+) Moritzplatz station. Home to the Jewish Museum in Berlin and containing Grolitzer Park, which can be reached by the (*) Grolitzer Bahnhof station, for the points, what Berlin borough has been gentrified and has many residents of Turkish descent?

ANSWER: Kreuzberg [[KROYTS-behrg]]

(12) **Crossed by bicycle and automobile traffic at the Lange Brücke, this river provides the inflow and outflow for the Zeuthener See, while its path also contains the Langer See, which carries boat traffic. At (+) Schmockwitz, this tributary of the Spree River is linked to the River Oder via the Oder-Spree Canal, allowing for ships to travel between Berlin and (*) Poland.** For the points, name this river that meets the Spree River at a confluence at Kopenick, a Berlin suburb.

ANSWER: **Dahme** [[DAH-muh]] River

(13) **Often covered with barbed wire and marked with a white line, one of these places, Nordbahnhof, was used as an interchange point for East German personnel despite remaining (+) closed to West Berliners. The only one of these heavily guarded places not found in a tunnel was Bornholmer Strasse. (*)** For the points, name these closed railway stops in which West Berlin railway lines passed through but did not stop in East Berlin.

ANSWER: **ghost stations** (or **Geisterbahnhof**; prompt on "stations" or "S-Bahn stations" or "U-Bahn stations")

(14) **In this borough, the legendary Baltic Sea site of Vineta lends its name to the station of Vinetastrasse. This borough contains Greifswalder Strasse station and (+) Wollankstrasse station, the latter of which appears in the film *The Debt*. This borough includes the Schonhausen Palace, which Frederick the (*) First in Prussia tried to expand.** For the points, name this second largest borough of Berlin.

ANSWER: **Pankow** [[PAHN-koff]]

(15) **Within this institution stands the Berlin Botanical Garden and Botanical Museum. Most of this institution's facilities at Dahlem in southwestern Berlin are served by both the (+) Dahlem-Dorf and Thielplatz stations of the U-Bahn's U3 line and the Lichterfelde West station of the S-Bahn's (*) S1 line.** For the points, identify this institution whose name is a testament to its founding on the democratic side of West Berlin.

ANSWER: **Free University** of Berlin (or **FU** Berlin; or **FU**)

(16) **This building's "service entrance" was used as an escape route by the Red Army Faction but was also used to exfiltrate members of the Main Directorate for Reconnaissance. (+) This site contains a border crossing point called the *Tranenpalast*, or "Palace of Tears," in which visitors had to depart from (*) East German friends and family. Found near a crossing of the Spree, for the points, what station was found in East Berlin but was served by West Berlin trains?**

ANSWER: Berlin **Friedrichstrasse** station

(17) **Planned to be replaced by 2029, this bridge carries a roadway that has traffic from Bundesstrasse One and its current version was built in 1968. When it was completed, this bridge (+) replaced a temporary structure opened in 1946 and became the largest East German road bridge. The oldest (*) river crossing in Berlin, for the points, what bridge traverses the Spree River and links Potsdamer Platz and Alexanderplatz?**

ANSWER: **Muhldamm**brücke (or **Muhldamm** Bridge)

(18) **The longest adjustable telescope in the world is at the Archenhold Observatory in this borough, which can be reached by a station next to the Elsenbrücke on the Elsenstrasse. The (+) Soviet War Memorial is located in this borough, where Germany's first commercial airfield opened at Johannisthal [[YOH-han-ess-tal]] Air Field. The (*) largest of Berlin's boroughs by size, for the points, what borough was formed in a 2001 merger?**

ANSWER: **Treptow-Kopenick**

(19) **Inspired by the heroine of an 1866 E. Marlitt novel, the statue on this monument has been given the nickname "Goldelse" by Berliners. Originally standing at the (+) Platz der Republik, the Nazis moved this monument to its current location at the *Großer Stern* square of the Großer Tiergarten. Constructed to commemorate the (*) Second Schleswig War, for the points, what is this monument, whose statue was inspired by German unification?**

ANSWER: Berlin **Victory Column**

(20) **In 1997, this structure was where Thorsten Goldberg's installation *Stone - Paper - Scissors* was built. Santiago Calatrava rebuilt the middle section of this structure, which carries a roadway and (+) two lines running between Schlesisches Tor and Warschauer Strasse stations. Carrying U-One and U-Three, (*) for the points, what double-deck bridge crosses the River Spree at Friedrichshain and was named after a spiked tree trunk placed over the river to prevent smuggling?**

ANSWER: **Oberbaum** Bridge (or **Oberbaum**brücke)

(21) **Express bus X-Seven served this airport via the Rudow station on the U-Seven line. Interflug had a hub at this airport, the only airport in the former region of (+) East Berlin. In 2020, this non-operational airport became Terminal Five of a new airport. Served by a station on the S-Bahn, (*) for the points, what former airport was largely incorporated into Berlin Brandenburg Airport?**

ANSWER: Berlin **Schönefeld** Airport (or Flughafen Berlin-**Schönefeld**; or **SXF**; or **EDDB**; or **ETBS**)

(22) **During the opening of this location by Angela Merkel, a "Symphony of Light" was performed, though a drunken teenager carried out a knife attack, leading to forty-one people being wounded. The bottom part of this station is in the (+) Tiergarten tunnel and serves long-distance trains. This station, once known as Lehrter Station, is found in the (*) Moabit district of the Mitte borough. For the points, name this primary railway station in Germany's capital.**

ANSWER: **Berlin Hauptbahnhof** (or **Berlin Central** Station; or **Berlin Hbf**)

(23) **A vehicle being used in this system was involved in the 1998 Eschede train disaster, which was caused by a fatigue crack. This system's line nine either starts at Berlin Ostbahnhof or Berlin Sudkreuz and runs to (+) Bonn. This system includes a Sprinter service linking Berlin main station and Munich main station. (*) For the points, name this high-speed rail system in the Deutsche Bahn in which trains may travel up to three hundred kilometers per hour in Germany.**

ANSWER: **Intercity Express** (or **ICE** [[EE-TSEH-EE]])

(24) **A district named after this river includes the village of Paretz, where the river's namesake canal allows the two to connect near Spandau. This river's source is located on the (+) Mecklenburg Lake Plateau, in between Lake Müritz and the city of Neubrandenburg, and at Plaue, this river is connected to the (*) Elbe by a canal. For the points, name this river whose major tributaries include the Spree.**

ANSWER: **Havel** River (accept **Havel**land)

(25) **This site, which is being redeveloped into the Urban Tech Republic, contained a location named "Nebel-Hall." This airport, which was reached by the 128 bus, became the main airport of (+) West Berlin after Pan Am and British Airways relocated. Connected to motorway A111 and named for aviator Otto (*) Lilienthal, for the points, what decommissioned airport in Berlin served the budget airlines easyJet and Ryanair before being replaced by Berlin Brandenburg Airport?**

ANSWER: **Tegel** (or Berlin **Tegel** Airport; or Berlin **Tegel** "Otto Lilienthal" Airport; or Flughafen Berlin-**Tegel** "Otto Lilienthal;" or **TXL**; or **EDDT**)

Extra Question

(1) **In Berlin, some of these things can be used with the special "Kurzstrecke" rate in which the price is four euros. These things could be selected via the (+) Bolt or FreeNow apps and until 2005, these things were required to be colored with a beige ivory paint. (*) For the points, name these vehicles which charge a regulated rate based on kilometers traveled and can be flagged using street hailing.**

ANSWER: **taxi**s (or taxi**cab**)