

FFP Geography Bee – Adults – Round 1

Regulation Tossups

(1) On this river, Lake Habbaniyah is located between Fallujah and Ramadi in the Al Anbar Governorate. This river's Atatürk Dam, known as the Karababa Dam during its construction, is part of the Southeastern Anatolia Project on this longest river in Western Asia, the longer of the two rivers that feed the Shatt al-Arab. For the point, name this Iraqi river, which merges with the Tigris.

ANSWER: **Euphrates** [[yoo-FRAY-teez]] River

(2) This country's Socialist Peak is the apex of Mount Meru, its second highest mountain, which overlooks the Ngorongoro Crater. This country's Kasakela chimp community was divided by a war in Gombe Stream National Park observed by Jane Goodall. This country, which borders Mozambique and Rwanda, formerly consisted of two separate portions called Tanganyika and Zanzibar. For the point, name this African country governed from Dodoma.

ANSWER: United Republic of **Tanzania** (accept Jamhuri ya Muungano wa **Tanzania**)

(3) This structure was described in the ancient world with the word “wàn,” which figuratively meant “endless.” This structure had over 1200 watchtowers added between Shanhaiguan Pass and Changping during the Ming Dynasty. This structure stretches from the Lop Nur basin all the way to the Liaodong peninsula. For the point, name this enormous structure which once separated imperial China from northern invaders.

ANSWER: **Great Wall** of China (or **Wànlǐ Chángchéng**)

(4) This country's capital, the only capital to border two other countries, is located at the end of the Morava River. This country's coat of arms depicts three peaks representing the Fatra, Matra, and Tatra Ranges, topped by a double cross. This country borders the Ukrainian city of Uzhhorod, located near Prešov and Košice, and it borders Hungary and Poland. For the point, name this country governed from Bratislava.

ANSWER: **Slovakia** (or **Slovak** Republic; accept **Slovensko** or **Slovenska** republika; do NOT accept or prompt on "Slovenia")

(5) This state, which stretches from Wilsons Promontory to Cape Howe, has its population concentrated in the Port Phillip Bay area, which receives the Yarra River and contains the city of Geelong. The center of that urban area contains the Flinders Street Station and hosts the southernmost "Grand Slam" tournament, located north of the Bass Strait. Melbourne is the capital of, for the point, what Australian state, named for a British Queen?

ANSWER: **Victoria**

(6) The Gurvan Saikhan Mountains rise from this desert and shelter the Yolyn Am Gorge. The Nemegt Basin within this desert has yielded exceptionally well-preserved fossils of dinosaurs such as *Tarbosaurus* and *Deinocoelurus*. This desert stretches across a broad rain shadow north of the Tibetan Plateau and south of the Altai Mountains. For the point, name this great cold desert that spans southern Mongolia and northern China.

ANSWER: **Gobi** Desert

(7) In this country, the Makassarese [[MAH-kah-sah-REH-seh]] people engage in trepanging, the harvesting of sea cucumbers, which led them to make some of the earliest outside contact with Aboriginal Australians. This country has the world's largest number of Austronesian speakers, and Aceh [[AH-cheh]] is its only province practicing Sharia law. For the point, name this country, comprised of more than 17,000 islands and led from Jakarta.

ANSWER: Republic of **Indonesia**

(8) One specimen of this plant called the Gernikako Arbola symbolizes the freedom of the Basque people. This plant is the namesake of a city at the center of the Conejo Valley, which is named for its "thousands" of specimens. This plant, displayed on the state quarter of Connecticut, is the national tree of the United States of America. For the point, name this type of tree that partially lends its name to a city east of San Francisco Bay.

ANSWER: **oak** trees (accept **Quercus**; accept thousand **oaks**; accept **Oak**land)

(9) The only place where this language is officially used is an autonomous oblast on the Amur River, and it is also used in enclaves like Crown Heights and Borough Park. This language's use is increasing with the growth of Hasidic communities, although most of its speakers of Ashkenazi descent were murdered in a genocide called Khurban, or the "destruction of Europe." For the point, name this Germanic language written with a Hebrew alphabet, used by Jewish populations.

ANSWER: **Yiddish**

(10) This bay's Belcher Islands are known for their unique shape, and this bay's Akimiski Island is located in its southernmost inlet of James Bay. This bay is the world's largest bay located within one country, and this bay is connected to the Labrador Sea by a strait south of Baffin Island that includes Manitoba's coastline. For the point, name this bay that indents Canada and is named for an English explorer.

ANSWER: **Hudson** Bay (or **Hudson's** Bay)

(11) In this state, the Snurfer, a precursor to the snowboard, was invented in Muskegon, and this state's Mount Bohemia ski resort on the Keweenaw [[KEE-weh-naw]] Peninsula is known for its large vertical drop and lake-effect snow. This state administers Isle Royale and controls roughly half of Lake Saint Clair. Divided into two major portions by the Straits of Mackinac [[MAK-ih-naw]], for the point, what is this state, home to Flint, Grand Rapids, and Detroit?

ANSWER: **Michigan**

(12) Besides Vatican City and Rome, this city, the largest Francophone city in population in the world, is the world's closest capital city to another capital city. This city is separated from that other capital to the north by a lake called the Malebo Pool. The "Rumble in the Jungle" was held between George Foreman and Muhammad Ali in this city when it was the capital of Zaire. For the point, name this capital of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

ANSWER: **Kinshasa** (or **Léopoldville**; accept **Brazzaville** until "north" is mentioned)

(13) This country's settlement of Mina [[MEE-nah]] is the world's largest tent city, in which the ritual of the Stoning of the Devil takes place on the Jamaraat Bridge. This country is home to the world's largest oasis near Hofuf, and this nation's Hejaz region stretches from the Gulf of Aqaba past Jeddah. Bordering Jordan and Qatar, for the point, what is this largest Middle Eastern country by area, led from its capital of Riyadh?

ANSWER: Kingdom of **Saudi Arabia** (or **KSA**; prompt on "Arabia")

(14) This country's national drink is considered to be Almdudler, although Red Bull also originated from it. This country's state of Burgenland is famed for its wine production around the Neusiedler See. A hotel in this country created the Sachertorte, and popular desserts in this country include the Apfelstrudel, Linzer Torte, and Salzburger Nockerl. For the point, name this country whose capital is the home of Wiener schnitzel.

ANSWER: Republic of **Austria** (accept Republik **Oesterreich**)

(15) This region's Banihal Pass historically linked the Vale of Kashmir with the plains of the subcontinent. The Siachen Glacier occupies the northeastern extremity of this region, while K2 rises in the Karakoram farther to the north in its broader disputed territory. The Line of Control divides much of this mountainous region between India and Pakistan. For the point, name this Himalayan region centered on the valley of the Jhelum River.

ANSWER: **Kashmir** (prompt on "India" or "Pakistan")

(16) This city's Largo do Boticário was a former hub of archaic medicine. That area of this city lies at the end of an alley leading to the Carioca River, which rises in the Mata Atlântica forest before emerging near this city's Flamengo Park on Guanabara Bay. This city, known for its upscale Ipanema beach, is the origin of samba music. For the point, name this second-largest city in Brazil, which hosted the 2014 World Cup Final and the 2016 Summer Olympics.

ANSWER: **Rio** de Janeiro

(17) This country includes a "Southern" region governed from Hawassa and known for its Hamar people, who style their hair with clay. This country's Awash National Park is situated in its namesake highlands, sometimes known as the Abyssinian Highlands, which are nicknamed the "roof of Africa." Forming the inland core of the Horn of Africa, for the point, what is this country governed from Addis Ababa?

ANSWER: Federal Democratic Republic of **Ethiopia** (or **Ityop'iya** Federalawi Demokrasiyawi Ripeblik; accept **Abyssinia** before "Abyssinian")

(18) This country, home to the Masikryong [[MAH-SEE-KRYOHNG]] Ski Resort outside Wonsan, has casinos in its Rason Special Economic Zone as well as in the Yanggakdo International Hotel, located on an island in the Taedong River. Tourism has increased dramatically in the last decade in this country, which most tourists “visit” by crossing the Joint Security Area in the DMZ. For the point, name this country, led from Pyongyang.

ANSWER: **North Korea** (or **Democratic People's Republic of Korea**; or **DPRK**; do NOT accept or prompt on "Korea," "South Korea," "Republic of Korea," or "ROK")

(19) This peninsula's southernmost point is Cape Sable, located near the station of Flamingo at the end of the Wilderness Waterway. This peninsula's eastern shore is bordered by coastal regions including those near Palm Beach, and this peninsula is home to Lake Okeechobee, part of the Everglades watershed. Separating the Gulf of Mexico from the Atlantic Ocean, for the point, what is this peninsula, home to Tampa and Orlando?

ANSWER: **Florida** peninsula

(20) **Two answers required.** A high-speed railway with endpoints in these two cities is called the Jinghu and passes over the Danyang–Kunshan Grand Bridge, the world's longest bridge at over 100 miles long. Flights between Daxing [[DAH-SHING]] Airport and Pudong Airport connect these two cities, linking the Bohai Economic Rim and the Yangtze River Delta. For the point, name these two largest cities of China.

ANSWER: **Beijing** and **Shanghai** (accept **Peking** in place of **Beijing**; accept **Beijing-Shanghai** railway; accept in either order)

(21) This country's Avicii Arena is the world's largest sphere and represents the sun in the largest scale model of the solar system, including Jupiter and Saturn at Arlanda Airport and Uppsala, respectively. This country's Karolinska Institute awards the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, and this country displays a yellow cross on its blue flag. For the point, name this country governed from Stockholm.

ANSWER: Kingdom of **Sweden** (accept Konungariket **Sverige**)

(22) This country's Rangipo Desert is located near Mount Ruapehu and was used to film the Black Gate of Mordor in the *Lord of the Rings* films. This country, which administers the Chatham Islands, is the smallest member of the Five Eyes, and Christchurch is the largest city on its South Island. For the point, name this country home to Auckland and Wellington, where Kiwis are endemic.

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

(23) Conspiracy theorists claim Operation Highjump on this landmass was sent to attack Nazi hideouts on New Swabia, a German claim on this landmass that lied on what is now Queen Maud Land, claimed by Norway. This landmass includes the American-run McMurdo Base off its coast on the Ross Sea. Roald Amundsen and Robert Scott both explored, for the point, what ice-covered continent, home to the South Pole?

ANSWER: **Antarctica**

(24) The Mahaweli River, the longest in this country, flows northeast from the central highlands before emptying into the Bay of Bengal near Trincomalee. Much of this country's mountainous interior is dominated by the Central Highlands, where Horton Plains National Park contains the escarpment known as World's End. This nation is separated from India by the Palk Strait and the Gulf of Mannar. For the point, name this island nation whose commercial capital is Colombo.

ANSWER: **Sri Lanka** (prompt on "Ceylon")

(25) These facilities are used by a sport called Sledge Hockey in Winnipeg, and vehicles used to maintain these facilities are created by Zamboni. Examples of these facilities in Canada include the Scotiabank Saddledome and Olympic Oval. The Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree overlooks one of these facilities, which Ottawa's Rideau Canal is transformed into each winter. For the point, name these facilities where sports such as bandy and hockey are played.

ANSWER: **ice** skating **rinks** (accept reasonable alternatives such as **ice** hockey **rinks**)

(26) This body of water contains an area called the "White Shark Café" west of Guadalupe Island, and this body of water includes a "spacecraft cemetery" centered on Point Nemo, the furthest point on Earth from land. This body of water's Kuroshio Current helps bound a massive patch of plastic which exists near Midway Island. Radioactive waste from Fukushima is being pumped into, for the point, what ocean home to the Galapagos and Hawaiian archipelagos?

ANSWER: **Pacific** Ocean

(27) This country's Wat Rong Khun, or "White Temple," features a bridge over hundreds of outstretched hands in its northernmost Chiang Rai province. This country, ruled by the Chakri dynasty, has its northeastern border formed by the Mekong River, and it is the world's most populous Buddhist-majority country as well as the most populous mainland member of ASEAN. Situated between Myanmar and Laos, for the point, what is this country, led from Bangkok?

ANSWER: Kingdom of **Thailand**

(28) This city hosts the Renzo Piano designed Beaubourg, or Centre Pompidou. The Île de la Cité [[EEL deh lah SEE-teh]] and L'île Saint-Louis [[lil SAHN loo-EEH]] are two islands located in this city's portion of one river. This city is home to the Avenue des Champs-Élysées [[SHAHMS-deh-LEE-seh]], which connects Place de la Concorde and the Arc de Triomphe. Lying on the Seine [[SEN]] River, for the point, what is this capital of France?

ANSWER: **Paris**

(29) This peninsula's only landlocked subdivision is Umbria, and this peninsula, which includes two of the world's totally enclaved countries, is bisected at its southern end by the square-shaped Gulf of Taranto. Calabria contains the southern end of this peninsula's Apennine Mountains, often likened to the toe of a boot. For the point, name this peninsula between the Tyrrhenian and Adriatic Seas, home to the Tiber River and Rome.

ANSWER: **Italian** Peninsula (accept **Italic** Peninsula; accept **Apennine** Peninsula until mentioned; accept **Italy**)

(30) This country's only tropical territory is the coral reef of Okinotorishima. North of this country's Yaeyama Islands, disputes over the Senkaku Islands, or Diaoyu Islands triggered protests against it on the anniversary of the Mukden Incident of 1931. This country which administers Iwo Jima disputes the Liancourt Rocks in the East Sea with South Korea. For the point, name this country which disputes the Kuril Islands with Russia off the coast of Hokkaido.

ANSWER: **Japan** (or **Nippon**-koku; or **Nihon**-koku)

Extra Question

(1) This state's Pioneer Valley hosts the "Big E," the largest agricultural event on the eastern seaboard, and includes the towns of Deerfield, Holyoke, and Amherst. This state's former whaling port, New Bedford, is located across Buzzards Bay from an archipelago that separates it from Martha's Vineyard. Home to Cape Cod and Salem, for the point, what is this U.S. "Bay State," governed from Boston?

ANSWER: **Massachusetts**