

FFP Geography Bee – Younger Students – Round 1

Regulation Tossups

(1) One football stadium in this country, the San Mamés Stadium, recently hosted the 2024 Women's Champions League Final. This country's Santiago Bernabéu Stadium houses the most successful European club in history. For the point, name this European country where soccer stadiums house F.C. Barcelona and Real Madrid.

ANSWER: Kingdom of Spain (or Reino de España)

(2) This country is the world's second-largest exporter of palm oil, and it uses the ringgit as its currency. This country's largest state by GDP is Selangor, and it contains one of the world's busiest border crossings at Johor. For the point, name this country home to the world's tallest twin towers, which contain the headquarters of Petronas in its capital, Kuala Lumpur.

ANSWER: Malaysia

(3) A complex of these features appears to float in a rock formation called Meteora. The world's oldest continually operating library can be found in one of these facilities on the Sinai Peninsula, Saint Catherine. Mount Athos exemplifies, for the point, what facilities of the Orthodox Church, typically inhabited by monks?

ANSWER: Orthodox monastery (or monasteries; accept Ostrog Monastery; accept Saint Catherine's Monastery; do NOT accept "churches")

(4) The alignment of Jupiter coincides with a pilgrimage to this river called Kumbh Mela. The Yamuna River, which flows through Agra, is a tributary of this river, which empties into the Bay of Bengal. For the point, name this sacred river of India and Pakistan which forms the world's largest river delta.

ANSWER: Ganges River (or Ganga; accept Padma)

(5) This country acquired control of Tiran Island on the shores of the Gulf of Aqaba [[AH-kuh-buh]], near the site of its NEOM mega-project. This country's western coast also includes the King Abdullah Economic City. For the point, name this country with the longest coastline on the Red Sea, a kingdom governed from Riyadh.

ANSWER: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (or Al Mamlakah al Arabiyah as Suudiyah; prompt on "Arabia")

(6) The Aymara people form a small minority in this country's southeast. This country's Japanese community includes former president Alberto Fujimori, and Quechua is this country's second-most spoken language. For the point, name this South American country, where Spanish is spoken in Lima.

ANSWER: Republic of Peru (accept Republica del Peru)

(7) This country contains speakers of the Romansh language in its southeast. This country's bilingual areas include the Valais and Fribourg cantons. Italian, French, and German are used in, for the point, what country, home to Zurich and Geneva and famed for its neutrality?

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

(8) The Nalubaale Hydroelectric Power Station was constructed on this lake at its meeting with the White Nile. Ferries serve cities such as Mwanza, Kisumu, and Entebbe on this lake as a means of international travel. Bordering Uganda and Tanzania, for the point, what large African lake is named for a 19th-century British queen?

ANSWER: Lake **Victoria**

(9) This country's cruise port of Kusadasi is a gateway to the ruins of Ephesus. This country, which uses the lira as its currency, has the largest GDP of any country in the Middle East. For the point, name this country, which is governed from Ankara and home to Istanbul.

ANSWER: Republic of **Turkey** (or **Turkiye** Cumhuriyeti)

(10) Tennessee produces a pink crystalline limestone that resembles this material, which is also sourced from the Italian town of Carrara. Used to create the Leaning Tower of Pisa and Washington Monument is, for the point, what solid white material used by Michelangelo to sculpt his *David*?

ANSWER: **marble** (prompt on "limestone," "stone," or "rock")

(11) This city gives it name to the U.S. city which is home to the University of Idaho. This is the larger of the two cities linked by the M11 Neva motorway, which is also named for St. Petersburg, and sites in this city include Red Square and the Kremlin. For the point, name this largest city and capital of Russia.

ANSWER: **Moscow** (or **Moskva**)

(12) This city is known for a financial district called the Bund, and the skyline of this city is recognizable from its Oriental Pearl TV Tower. This city is one of China's four directly administered municipalities, which also include Tianjin, Chongqing, and Beijing. For the point, name this largest city by population in China.

ANSWER: **Shanghai**

(13) This country displays the Utvær Lighthouse and Gokstad ship, as well as a codfish, on its banknotes of this country. This country has the world's largest sovereign wealth fund, the Oil Fund, which is funded by a petroleum industry based in Stavanger. For the point, name this Nordic country that sources its oil from the North Sea and is led from Oslo.

ANSWER: Kingdom of **Norway** (accept Kongeriket **Norge**)

(14) The Hexi Corridor is home to the western end of this structure at the ruins of Fangpan Castle. The Yumen Pass, which is also known as the Jade Gate, affords a route for this structure in Gansu province. The Jinshanling section is a notable part of, for the point, what massive structure which continues for over 13,000 miles throughout China?

ANSWER: **Great Wall** of China

(15) These vessels often congregate at Sardinia's Costa Smeralda and the Spanish town of Marbella. One of these vessels, called *Amadea*, remains in San Diego, after it was seized due to its alleged ownership by Russian oligarch Suleyman Kerimov. For the point, name these luxurious watercraft, often spotted in Monaco and the Caribbean.

ANSWER: super**yachts** (or mega**yachts**)

(16) This country contains a nuclear research center outside of Dimona, named for former prime minister Shimon Peres. This country is the only one in the Middle East to possess nuclear weapons, and its largest naval base lies in Haifa. For the point, name this country, which led its fight against Hamas in the Gaza War from the capital of Jerusalem.

ANSWER: State of **Israel** (or Medinat **Yisra'el**)

(17) One of these structures called Seikan carries the Hokkaido Shinkansen. Other examples of these structures are named for Clifford Milburn Holland and Abraham Lincoln in New York. For the point, name these underground structures, exemplified by one named after the English Channel between the U.K. and France.

ANSWER: **tunnels** (or railway **tunnel**; or vehicular **tunnel**; accept Seikan **Tunnel**, Holland **Tunnel**, Lincoln **Tunnel**, or Channel **Tunnel**; prompt on "Chunnel" with "what kind of structure is that?")

(18) A failed invasion of this island occurred at Playa Girón, and this island contains San Juan Hill in its second-largest city, Santiago. This island is home to the only remaining communist nation outside of Asia. The Bay of Pigs indents the southern coastline of, for the point, what island, home to Guantanamo Bay and Havana?

ANSWER: **Cuba**

(19) Superfund sites were created as a result of an environmental disaster in this city's Love Canal neighborhood. This city in western New York shares its name with a city in Ontario. For the point, name this city, which shares its name with a massive waterfall system on the U.S.-Canadian border.

ANSWER: **Niagara Falls**, New York

(20) Canary Wharf is a major financial location in this city's Isle of Dogs peninsula, which straddles the River Thames. This city's Great Clock of Westminster was renamed in 2012 to mark Elizabeth the Second's Diamond Jubilee. For the point, name this capital of the United Kingdom and England.

ANSWER: **London**

(21) This country is home to states such as Minas Gerais and Rio Grande do Sul. Recife, Natal, and Fortaleza are among the largest cities in this country's northeast. The most populous country to use a Romance language, for the point, what is this largest country in South America which speaks Portuguese in cities like Rio de Janeiro?

ANSWER: Federative Republic of **Brazil** (or Republica Federativa do **Brasil**)

(22) The town of Arborio in the Po Valley names an Italian cultivar of this crop which is used to make risotto. Eastern Arkansas produces nearly half of this crop grown in the United States, and the basmati form of this crop originates from India. For the point, name this staple grain crop of Asia, used to make sushi.

ANSWER: **rice** (accept basmati **rice**)

(23) 28 Impregilo employees who died building one of these structures are the subject of a memorial at the Saint Barbara Catholic Church. One of these structures called the Akosombo lies on the Volta in Ghana. For the point, name these structures which include the Aswan High in Egypt and the Hoover in Nevada.

ANSWER: **dams** (accept Akosombo **Dam**, Volta **Dam**, Aswan High **Dam**, Hoover **Dam**, or **hydroelectric dam**)

(24) This country's largest city may have originated chicken tikka masala. Angus beef cattle originate from the county of Aberdeen in this country, where a type of pudding made from the organs of sheep is a national dish. For the point, name this country within the United Kingdom known for its haggis and kilts.

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

(25) This city is home to tourist sites such as the Neon Museum and the Fremont Street Experience. This city serves as the seat of Clark County, and it is the most populous city in the Mojave Desert. For the point, name this gambling hub, the largest city of Nevada.

ANSWER: Las **Vegas** (accept **Sin City**, **City of Lights**, **Entertainment Capital of the World**, or **Marriage Capital of the World**)

(26) Coca-Cola imported to the United States from this country uses white sugar instead of corn syrup. Lebanese immigration to this country influenced *al pastor* preparation of meat. For the point, name this country, where Ciudad Juárez was the birthplace of burritos.

ANSWER: **Mexico** (accept Estados Unidos **Mexicanos** or United **Mexican** States)

(27) This city's *Esquilino* neighborhood near its *Termini* station has recently become a largely immigrant area. The Quirinal Hill is the namesake of a palace in this city where the country's head of state resides. For the point, name this capital of Italy that contains the Colosseum, built during the rule of a namesake empire.

ANSWER: **Rome** (accept **Roman** Empire)

(28) These animals are protected by a national park called “Addo,” north of Gqeberha. A major tributary of the Limpopo is named after these animals, targeted by ivory poachers in Kruger National Park. For the point, name these largest of Africa’s “Big Five” game animals, a huge pachyderm with tusks.

ANSWER: **elephants** (accept **Olifants** River)

(29) In Brentwood, a short tram takes visitors in this city to an art museum called the Getty Center. This city’s D Line extension expands its metro system from Koreatown through Beverly Hills. For the point, name this California city, which served by the busiest airport on the West Coast, LAX.

ANSWER: **Los Angeles** (accept **L.A.** before LAX is mentioned)

(30) This country’s Maya Bay was closed to prevent overtourism within Krabi province. This country’s prime minister, Paetongtarn Shinawatra, was removed from office following a conflict on its eastern border. For the point, name this country home to Phuket and Bangkok.

ANSWER: Kingdom of **Thailand** (or Ratcha Anachak **Thai**; or Prathet **Thai**; accept **Siam** before mentioned)

Extra Question

(1) This country’s Lake Hévíz is Europe’s largest thermal lake, lying near Lake Balaton. Other large cities in this country include Szeged, Győr, and Debrecen, and this country in Central Europe uses a Uralic language, natively known as Magyar. For the point, name this country which is governed from Budapest.

ANSWER: **Hungary** (accept **Magyarország** before “Magyar”)