

Geography Bowl – Final Round (MS)

First Quarter

(1) This river's tributary, the Opava River, flows through the Moravian-Silesian Region of Czechia. This river splits into the Dziwna, Świna, and Peene after flowing through the Szczecin [[SHETCH-eeen]] Lagoon. The border between Germany and Poland generally follows a line consisting of the Lusatian Neisse [[NYE-suh]] River and this body of water, which flows into the Pomeranian Lagoon. For ten points, name this second-longest river in Poland.

ANSWER: Oder River (or Odra River; or Wódra River; accept Oder-Neisse line; accept Oder Lagoon; accept Oderhaff)

(2) A peak in this mountain system contains a point called "Peak of the Twentieth Anniversary of Komsomol." This mountain range contains a crossing between Naryn and Kashgar at Torugart Pass, which lies near Chatyr-Kol Lake. One of the mountains in this mountain system was renamed Victory's Peak after the Soviet Union's victory during the Second World War. With its highest summit at Jengish Chokusu, for ten points, what sacred mountain range spans much of Central Asia?

ANSWER: Tian Shan (or Tengri Tagh; or Tengir-Too)

(3) This province contains the Estádio Nacional do Chiazzi, where some events of the 2010 African Cup of Nations were held. This province, first claimed by Portugal via the Treaty of Simulambuco, is divided into municipalities like Buco-Zau and Belize. This province was separated from the rest of the country via land controlled by the Democratic Republic of the Congo. For ten points, name this oil-rich province and exclave of Angola.

ANSWER: Cabinda (or Kabinda; accept Angolan Congo before "Congo" is mentioned; accept Front for the Liberation of the Enclave of Cabinda; accept Frente para a Libertação do Enclave de Cabinda)

(4) This city's Nou Mestalla was proposed to host some matches of the 2030 FIFA World Cup, and its City of Arts and Sciences includes a building named for Felipe, Prince of Asturias. This city, associated with the rice dish paella [[pai-AY-uh]], lends its name to the third-largest city of Venezuela. This city is the eponymous capital of an autonomous community including Alicante, and it lies on the western part of the Balearic Sea. For ten points, name this third-largest city of Spain, lying on its Mediterranean coastline.

ANSWER: Valencia

(5) The International Court of Justice made a ruling on this body of water's Meanguera del Golfo. Frederick Chatfield and E. G. Squier had a conflict over this body of water's El Tigre Island, which is part of the Valle [[BAH-yeh]] department. Per the Bryan-Chamorro Treaty, the United States could create a base in this body of water and lease the Great and Little Corn islands. For ten points, name this gulf of the Pacific Ocean shared between El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua.

ANSWER: Gulf of Fonseca (or Golfo de Fonseca)

(6) One of these features called Cumorah in Palmyra, New York is said to be the site where the golden plates were discovered by Joseph Smith, the founder of Mormonism. Wisconsin's Horicon Marsh and the southern shore of Lake Ontario contain large "fields" of these features, which take their name from an Irish word for "little ridge." These depositional features are often found near ribbed moraines. For ten points, name these oval-shaped mounds formed by glacial activity.

ANSWER: **drumlins** (or **droimnin**; accept **drumlin** fields)

(7) Gustave Marsh was incorrectly credited with blazing the first trail up this mountain, though Buffalo Soldiers established one earlier in 1903. Robert L. M. Underhill was the first to ascend this mountain's East Face, and this mountain, found at the border of Inyo and Tulare [[tuh-"LAIR"-ee]] counties, marks the southern endpoint of the John Muir Trail. For ten points, name this mountain in the Sierra Nevada, the tallest point in the contiguous United States.

ANSWER: Mount **Whitney** (or **Tumanguya**)

(8) This official region hosts one of the largest bird sanctuaries in its country, the Saltholme, within County Durham. This region contains Europe's largest man-made forest, Kielder Forest, and Lindisfarne, an important center of Celtic Christianity, is located off the coast of this region. A large contemporary statue in this region is its namesake "Angel" in Tyne and Wear. Northumberland is part of, for ten points, what official region of England which includes Newcastle?

ANSWER: **North East** England (accept County **Durham** before mentioned; prompt on "Northumberland" until mentioned; prompt on "England" or "United Kingdom" or "North England"; prompt on "Angel of the North")

(9) The Shompen language is a disputed language family within this larger family, and one of its main groups, the Munda languages, is spoken throughout South Asia. One of those languages, Santali, is one of India's scheduled languages, and another language in this family, the Wa, is a recognized national language in the autonomous state in Burma with the same name. The Monic languages from Thailand are part of, for ten points, what Asian language family which includes Khmer and Vietnamese?

ANSWER: **Austroasiatic** languages (do not accept or prompt on "Austronesian")

(10) Ferries leaving from Bukavu on the shores of this lake are the sole way of reaching Idjwi [[ee-DJWEE]] Island. This lake is the largest body of water considered at risk of a limnic eruption. This lake is separated from Lake Edward and the Nile River basin by the Virungas Mountain Range, and its water flows south through the Ruzizi River to Lake Tanganyika. For ten points, name this African Great Lake located on the border of Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

ANSWER: Lake **Kivu**

Second Quarter

(1) This river, impounded by the Sir Arthur Cotton Barrage, is the subject of the Polavaram Project. This river rises in the Trimbakeshwar Range and has a tributary named the Purna River, and the seven mouths of this river are named for rishis and include Atreya, Gautami, and Kausika. The Sriram Sagar Project is an irrigation scheme on this river, which is found in Telangana. For ten points, name this second longest river in India, shorter than the Ganges River.

ANSWER: **Godavari** River (or **Dakshina Ganga**)

BONUS: The Purna runs through this plateau, which covers much of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.

ANSWER: **Deccan** Plateau (or **Peninsular** Plateau)

(2) One of the two urban lines connecting to this airport is the Xiong'an [[SHYONG-ahn]] intercity railway, and upon its opening, the Nanyuan Airport closed the same day. Due to the unique shape of its terminal, this airport is often labeled "the starfish", and it contains the largest single-building terminal in the world. Located near the border with Hebei, for ten points, what airport services Beijing, was opened in 2019, and serves alongside the busier Capital International Airport?

ANSWER: Beijing **Daxing** [[DAH-SHEENG]] International Airport (prompt on "Beijing" before mentioned; do NOT accept "Beijing Capital International Airport")

BONUS: China United is an airline headquartered at Daxing and is a subsidiary of this larger state-owned airline, the second largest in China by passenger traffic after China Southern.

ANSWER: **China Eastern** Airlines

(3) This location is home to "The Boss," a grizzly bear who survived two train collisions. This park's largest lake is known in the Stoney language as the "Lake of the Spirits" and is a reservoir whose size and depth were expanded following the damming of the Cascade River. Lake Minnewanka is found in this park, which also houses the Columbia Glacier, the largest in the Rocky Mountains. For ten points, name this Canadian national park located west of Calgary in Alberta.

ANSWER: **Banff** National Park

BONUS: Alberta is also home to this park, which shares the Columbia Icefield with Banff and is the largest national park in Alberta's Rocky Mountains.

ANSWER: **Jasper** National Park

(4) The Bolaven Plateau lies at the southern end of this mountain range, which is also home to the Xiangkhoang Plateau. This mountain range is the home of an endemic bovine called the saola. This mountain range once named a protectorate sandwiched between Cochinchina and Tonkin, and it is also home to the Plain of Jars. For ten points, name this mountain range in eastern Indochina, traversed by the Ho Chi Minh trail between Vietnam and Laos.

ANSWER: **Annamite** Range

BONUS: The Annamite range hosts a sizable population of the “large” species of this Southeast Asian bovine species, also called the “Indian Bison” and commonly used as wild cattle in India, Myanmar, and Vietnam.

ANSWER: **Gaur** (or *Bos gaurus*)

(5) This polity's governmental facilities are based in the city of Ayn Issa, and its territory encompasses most of the Al-Hasakah Governorate. This polity, which is known for its all-female Women's Protection Units, controls the city of Raqqa. This polity's territory, situated mostly to the north and east of the Euphrates River, largely overlaps with the territory of Western Kurdistan. For ten points, name this autonomous republic in northeastern Syria known for its progressive politics.

ANSWER: **Rojava** [[roh-JAH-vah]] (accept **Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria**; accept **AANES**; prompt on "Syrian Kurdistan" or "Western Kurdistan" or “Kurdistan”; prompt on "Syria" before mentioned)

BONUS: Rojava is located about 40 miles north-northeast of this largest governorate of Syria by population. This governorate is named for an ancient city of which Libertarian politician Gary Johnson proved ignorant during his 2016 campaign for president.

ANSWER: **Aleppo** Governorate (accept “What is **Aleppo**?”)

(6) A town named for this phenomenon is sandwiched between Briny Breezes and Delray Beach in Palm Beach County, and it is deflected east by the Charleston Bump. This phenomenon demarcates the western border of the Sargasso Sea, and this phenomenon, which strengthened Hurricane Sandy in 2012, is responsible for the mild climate of the Outer Hebrides and Bermuda. Originating from the Straits of Florida is, for ten points, what warm-water current between North America and Europe?

ANSWER: **Gulf Stream**

BONUS: Near Nova Scotia, the Gulf Stream meets a current named for this peninsular region, forming the easternmost part of mainland North America north of Newfoundland.

ANSWER: **Labrador** (accept **Labrador** Current)

(7) This region's tallest peak, the Langenberg mountain, is found on its border with a southeastern neighbor and is located in its Rothaargebirge [[ROHT-haar-geh-beer-guh]] region. The shortest river in Germany, located in this region, flows through Paderborn. Until 1999, this region was the site of Germany's seat of government at Bonn, which was also the capital of West Germany. Containing Cologne and its state capital, Düsseldorf, for ten points, what is this most populous German state?

ANSWER: **North Rhine-Westphalia** (or **NRW** or **Nordrhein-Westfalen**)

BONUS: Another major city in North Rhine-Westphalia is this historical city containing the Palatine Chapel and the remains of Charlemagne.

ANSWER: **Aachen** [[AH-kun]] (accept **Aix-la-Chapelle** [[ex-la-sha-PELL]]; be lenient on pronunciation)

(8) Lying at the mouth of the Umgeni River, this city has its suburbs in areas like the Bluff. The 1960 Nobel Peace Prize winner names this city's Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre. This city's Moses Mabhida Stadium was used for the 2010 FIFA World Cup. For ten points, name this third-most populous city in South Africa, a port city smaller than Johannesburg and Cape Town.

ANSWER: **Durban** (or **eThekwin**; accept ICC **Durban**)

BONUS: This second-most populous province in South Africa contains the city of Durban.

ANSWER: **KwaZulu-Natal** (or **iKwaZulu-Natali**; or **KZN**; prompt on "Natal")

Third Quarter

The categories are:

1. Costa Rica
2. Euro Coins
3. Island Cities in Asia

Costa Rica

Concerning the geography of Costa Rica, name the...

- (1) Subregion of North America containing Costa Rica and Nicaragua.

ANSWER: **Central America** (prompt on "Latin America")

- (2) Term for a strip of land with water on two sides, one of which includes Costa Rica.

ANSWER: **isthmus** (accept but do not reveal Central American **isthmus** or **Isthmus** of Central America)

- (3) Capital city of Costa Rica.

ANSWER: **San José**

- (4) Subdivisions of Costa Rica, also the term for the 26 semi-sovereign regions of Switzerland.

ANSWER: **cantons**

- (5) Plateau in central Costa Rica, which shares its name with flat regions in both California and Scotland.

ANSWER: **Central Valley**

- (6) Type of ecosystem that includes Costa Rica's Monteverde, characterized by persistent fog.

ANSWER: **cloud forests** (accept **water forest**, **primas forest**, **mossy forest**, tropical montane **cloud forest**, or **silvagenitus**; prompt on "forest"; prompt on "rainforest")

- (7) Remote Costa Rican island in the Pacific Ocean that shares its name with an Australian archipelago also called the Keeling Islands

ANSWER: **Cocos** Island(s)

- (8) National park with the largest primary forest on the American Pacific coast, sharing its name with a mountain in Rio de Janeiro.

ANSWER: **Corcovado** National Park

Euro Coins

Considering the coinage of euros in Europe, name the...

- (1) Six-sided shape that appears on the back of French coins.

ANSWER: **hexagon**

- (2) Serbian-American engineer who is pictured on Croatia's 50-cent coin.

ANSWER: Nikola **Tesla**

- (3) Microstate that features heads of the Catholic Church on its coins.

ANSWER: **Vatican** City State (prompt on "Holy See" or "See of Rome")

- (4) Celtic string instrument, also called a *cláirseach* [[KLAHR-shahk]], found on all Irish coins.

ANSWER: Celtic **harp**

- (5) Largest value of circulating euro coins; the Greek version of which shows the abduction of Europa by Zeus

ANSWER: **two** euros

- (6) Riding horses developed by the Habsburgs, named for a Slovenian village and appearing on the Slovenian 20 cent coin.

ANSWER: **Lipizzan**ers (accept **Lipizzan**er stallion; prompt on "Lipizza" or "Lipica")

- (7) Grand Duke of Luxembourg who appeared on its coins before abdicating in 2025.

ANSWER: Grand Duke **Henri**

- (8) Country that depicts its national seal, a double cross on three hills, on its coins.

ANSWER: **Slovakia** (or **Slovak** Republic; do NOT accept or prompt on "Czechoslovakia")

Island Cities in Asia

Concerning cities on Asian islands, name the...

- (1) Indian city that was historically located on seven islands, once known as Bombay.

ANSWER: **Mumbai**

- (2) Largest city on the island of Taiwan.

ANSWER: **Taipei**

- (3) Capital of the island nation of Bahrain.

ANSWER: **Manama** [[mah-NAH-mah]] (accept phonetic pronunciations)

- (4) Highest peak in Oceania, standing over the town of Tembagapura on New Guinea.

ANSWER: **Puncak Jaya** (or **Carstensz Pyramid**)

- (5) Second-largest Indonesian city, the capital of East Java.

ANSWER: **Surabaya**

- (6) Largest Malaysian state, led from Kuching on the north coast of Borneo.

ANSWER: State of **Sarawak** [[suh-RAH-wahk]] (accept phonetic pronunciations)

- (7) Capital of Bali, the largest city in the Lesser Sunda Islands.

ANSWER: **Denpasar** (prompt on "Sarbagita")

- (8) Administrative center of Sakhalin Oblast

ANSWER: **Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk**

Fourth Quarter

(1) **In violation of a 2020 ceasefire, one country disputing this region launched an offensive to intensify the Lachin Corridor blockade. That ceasefire came about following the end of a second namesake (+) war over this region, during which one side's forces captured its second-largest city, Shusha. By October 2023, nearly every member of one (*) ethnic group in this region was expelled following the dissolution of the Republic of Artsakh. For ten points, name this region within Azerbaijan that it has historically disputed with Armenia.**

ANSWER: **Nagorno-Karabakh** (accept First or Second **Nagorno-Karabakh** War; prompt on partial answer; prompt on "Artsakh" before mentioned)

(2) **This city, home to the world's largest beachfront garden, occupies the island of São Vicente and was the first permanent Portuguese settlement in the Americas. This main city of the Baixada [[bye-SHAH-dah]] (+) Santista metropolitan area shares its name with a general who named Mindanao's southernmost major city. This city's football club experienced a "golden era" due to its players like (*) Pepe and Pelé. Latin America's busiest container port is found in, for ten points, what port serving São Paulo?**

ANSWER: **Santos** (accept General Paulino **Santos**; accept **Santos** FC)

(3) **In 2010, this group released several of its imprisoned members during a prison break in Bauchi State. The 2021 Battle of Sambisa Forest in Borno State, which saw this group's former leader, (+) Abubakar Shekau, die by suicide, forced this group into Kaduna State. This group declared the Daular Musulunci state in the northeastern part of one country after (*) departing from the Kano State. For ten points, name this jihadist militant group which has attempted to seize territory in northern Nigeria.**

ANSWER: **Boko Haram** (or **Jama'at Ahl al-Sunna li al-Da'wa wa al-Jihad**; or **IAS**; accept **Daular Musulunci** before mentioned; do NOT accept or prompt on "Islamic State" or "Islamic State - West Africa Province")

(4) **This mountain range's Yazgulem subrange includes the Fedchenko Glacier. This mountain range's Trans-Alay Range contains a summit once known as Lenin Peak. (+) though the summit is today officially named Avicenna Peak. This mountain range includes a mountain named for a Samanid ruler, Ismoil Somoni Peak. With its highest point at (*) Kongur Tagh, for ten points, what Central Asian mountain range largely lies in the Gorno-Badakhshan area of Tajikistan?**

ANSWER: **Pamir** Mountains

(5) **One of these landforms contains the deepest cave in the world formed by quartzite, the Abismo Guy Collet. The easternmost of these landforms is Tafelberg in Suriname, and in Pemon, these features have a name meaning (+) "house of the gods." One of these features in the Guiana Highlands, Ayan, has Angel Falls near its summit. Found in Venezuela's (*) Gran Sabana region, for ten points, what features, including Mount Roraima, are mesas found in South America?**

ANSWER: **tepui**s [[teh-POO-eez]] (or **tepuys**; accept Auyán-**tepui**; prompt on "mesa" or "tabletop mountain")

(6) **The name of this country's currency, the metical, derives from the Arabic for aunt of eight used for precious metals, although it is subdivided into centavos. This country borders Mpumalanga Province, where its former president, Samora Machel, died in a plane crash. (+)** This country is home to Quelimane and Lake Cahora Bassa, and it borders South Africa and Malawi. Separated from (*) Madagascar by a namesake channel, this is, for ten points, what African country governed from Maputo?

ANSWER: Republic of **Mozambique** (or República de **Moçambique**)

(7) **An island on this river was where Domingo Gúzman discovered over a thousand pistole coins in the Mesuno Treasure. This largest river system contained in the northern part of the Andes reaches the Caribbean Sea at the (+) Bocas de Ceniza. The city of Cali is located on a tributary of this river, the Cauca [[KOW-kah]] River, and another tributary of this river is the (*) Bogotá River. With cities like Barranquilla [[BAH-ran-KEE-yah]] on its banks, for ten points, what principal river of Colombia is named for a biblical figure?**

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

(8) **This mountain is home to the Buddhist temple Gwaneumsa [[gwah-NUM-sah]], while relics of the Buddha are enshrined at Jonjaamji along this mountain's Yeongsil [[YUNG-SHEEL]] Trail. (+) Baengnokdam [[BANG-NOHK-DAH]] is a crater lake located atop this volcano, and Jirisan, Seoraksan [[suh-RAHK-sahn]], and this mountain can be (*) grouped together as its country's most important and tallest peaks. Comprising much of the central region of Jeju Island, for ten points, what is this shield volcano, the highest peak of South Korea?**

ANSWER: **Hallasan**

Extra Question

(1) **This body of water includes both Yesterday Island and Tomorrow Island. This body of water was crossed by Steve Burgess and Dan Evans using a Land Rover Defender, and its narrowest point is between (+) Cape Prince of Wales and Cape Dezhnev. This strait includes the Diomed Islands, which are split by the (*) International Date Line. Separating the Chukchi Peninsula and the Seward Peninsula of Alaska, for ten points, what strait runs between the Pacific and Arctic Oceans?**

ANSWER: **Bering** Strait

BONUS: This city on the Río de la Plata is the largest city in Argentina and contains the Plaza de Mayo.

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