

Geography Bowl – Round 1 (MS)

First Quarter

(1) This city's south is served by the Depok–Antasari Toll Road, linking it to Sawangan in Depok and Bojong Gede in the Bogor Regency. The Halim Perdanakusuma International Airport is this city's secondary airport and is located near its border with nearby Bekasi, and this city's main seaport, the Port of Tanjung Priok, handles boat traffic from to its Thousand Islands. For ten points, name this city which has a primary airport that is partially named after its country's first president, Sukarno.

ANSWER: **Jakarta**

(2) This country's peak of Suur Munamagi sits in the Haanja Upland region. In this country, the Kaali craters were shown to have been caused by a meteorite by Ivan Reinald. This country's island of Saaremaa lies in the Moonsund archipelago south of Hiiumaa island, and this country's Lake Vorts is connected by the Emajogi River to Lake Peipus. Historically, variants of the name Dorpat were used to refer to this country's city of Tartu. For ten points, name this Baltic nation which has its capital at Tallinn.

ANSWER: Republic of **Estonia** (or **Eesti** Vabariik)

(3) This U.S. state's O'Leno State Park is located on the Santa Fe River, which flows into the Suwannee River. This state's Broward County lies on top of a layer of limestone called the Biscayne Aquifer, which takes its name from Biscayne Bay. The Kissimmee River flows into this state's largest freshwater lake, Lake Okeechobee. For ten points, name this U.S. state which contains the nation's largest subtropical wilderness, Everglades National Park.

ANSWER: **Florida**

(4) The longest river in this territory is the Diahot River, which flows along the escarpment of Mont Panié. La Tontouta International Airport serves as a hub for Aircalin in this territory's town of Paita. This territory is home to a pro-independence alliance called the FLNKS, which is supported by the Kanak people. A former penal colony, Grande Terre, is the largest island in, for ten points, what French territory in the Pacific Ocean with its capital at Nouméa?

ANSWER: **New Caledonia** (or **Nouvelle-Calédonie**)

(5) In this city, shacks at "Paperland" were removed to create a business district named Zona Río. A restaurant on this city's Avenida Revolución is the birthplace of the Caesar salad. This city hosted the failed Trump Ocean Resort Baja [[BAH-hah]] Mexico project near the San Ysidro [[ee-SEE-droh]] Port of Entry. The most populous city in Baja California, for ten points, what Mexican city is part of a cross-border metropolitan area with San Diego?

ANSWER: **Tijuana** [[tee-WAH-nah]] (accept San Diego-**Tijuana**)

(6) Julio César Arana's pursuit of this resource led to the Putumayo genocide, which was publicized by Roger Casement. This resource contributed to an economic boom in cities such as Iquitos and Belém. Leopold the Second's rule over the Congo Free State emphasized the extraction of this resource, and Akron is nicknamed for this resource, since it's home to the headquarters of Goodyear. For ten points, name this resource produced in the Amazon and Southeast Asia to make products such as tires.

ANSWER: **rubber** (accept **latex**, **caucho**, or **caoutchouc**)

(7) The West Pearl Tower, which is the tallest tower in western China, is located in this city, and the Anshun Bridge cross over this city's Jin River. The Jinsha archaeological site in this city was converted into a museum due to its significance as the capital of the ancient Shu civilization. One of China's most important Daoist sites is this city's Mount Qingcheng in Dujiangyan. For ten points, name this capital of Sichuan province, known for its panda breeding center.

ANSWER: **Chengdu**

(8) The Elbow River flows from the Rockies to this city, where it merges into the Bow River. In 2007, this city annexed the former hamlet of Shepard from the surrounding Rocky View County. This city became the first in its country to host the Winter Olympics in 1988, with some hosted at the Olympic Oval, McMahon Stadium, and Scotiabank Saddledome. Forming an urban conglomeration with neighboring Edmonton, for ten points, what Canadian city is the largest in Alberta?

ANSWER: **Calgary**

(9) This country's Pendjari National Park is part of a multinational protected area called the W-Arly-Pendjari Complex. The Couffo River flows into this country's Lake Ahémé, which is connected by the Aho Channel to the Grand-Popo Lagoon. To honor this country's legendary female warriors, President Patrice Talon unveiled the Amazon Monument. With its seat of government in Cotonou, for ten points, what African country bordering Togo has its capital at Porto-Novo?

ANSWER: Republic of **Benin** (or République du **Bénin**; accept **Dahomey**)

(10) This city's metropolitan county is home to the boroughs of Knowsley, Sefton, St Helens, and Wirral. The Royal Albert Dock and the Three Graces buildings stand prominently along this city's waterfront. A tunnel named for this city passes beneath an estuary that separates it from Birkenhead, and that estuary, the Mersey, flows into a bay named for this city on the Irish Sea. For ten points, name this English city which is home to Everton Football Club and known as the home city of the Beatles.

ANSWER: **Liverpool**

Second Quarter

(1) A popular tourist destination in the massif named for this mountain is Aiguille [[ay-GWEE-yuh]] du Midi. This mountain's main hiking route is the Goûter [[goo-TEH]] Route, which begins near Saint-Gervais-les-Bains [[sahn-zhehr-VEH-leh-BAHN]] and passes by the Tête Rousse [[teht-ROOSS]] Hut. A tunnel that passes through this mountain connects Chamonix [[shah-moh-NEE]] to Courmayeur [[koor-my-YUHR]] in the Aosta [[OW-stah]] Valley. France and Italy dispute the summit area of, for ten points, what mountain in the Alps, the second-most prominent mountain in Europe?

ANSWER: Mont **Blanc** (accept Mont **Blanc** Massif)

BONUS: Another notable peak in the Alps is this pyramidal peak on the Swiss-Italian border, which has long been depicted on packages for Switzerland's Toblerone chocolate.

ANSWER: **Matterhorn**

(2) The Timpanogos tribe aided the discovery of this U.S. state's namesake lake by the Domínguez-Escalante expedition. Explorations in this state by Étienne Provost made him the eponym of a city that serves as the seat of this state's namesake county. The Emigration Canyon is located in this state, which includes the This is the Place Monument commemorating a decision by Brigham Young to settle. The Mountain Meadows Massacre took place in, for ten points, what U.S. state, where West Jordan was founded by Mormon settlers?

ANSWER: **Utah** (accept **Utah** Lake; accept **Utah** County)

BONUS: Before it became Utah's first national park in 1919, this protected area served as a Mormon sanctuary, where pioneers arrived to farm the Virgin River Valley.

ANSWER: **Zion** National Park

(3) A trade association of companies involved in this industry includes Ufotable, and Akihabara is often considered a pilgrimage site for this industry's fans. Based in Koganei, Studio Ghibli has had a strong presence in this industry since the late 20th century, producing works such as *Princess Mononoke*. For ten points, name this industry with a major company based in Kyoto, known for making films from manga content.

ANSWER: **anime** industry (accept **japanese animation** industry or similar answers; prompt on "animation" alone)

BONUS: Another catalyst in the popularization of anime in the West is this video game-turned anime series. The setting of its first game, Kanto, is based on the real-life Japanese region.

ANSWER: **Pokemon**

(4) In 2019, xenophobic riots in this city broke out after the death of a mini-bus taxi driver in Jeppestown, leading to the Greenmarket Square refugee sit-in. This city's FNB Stadium, nicknamed "Soccer City," hosted the final match of the 2010 FIFA World Cup, and this city hosted the G20 Summit in 2025, making that event the first of its kind to be held in an African country. For ten points, name this city, where the Nelson Mandela Bridge opened in 2003, the largest in South Africa.

ANSWER: **Johannesburg** (or **Joburg**; or **Jozi**; or **eGoli**)

BONUS: Johannesburg adjoins this city, which serves as the executive capital of South Africa.

ANSWER: **Pretoria** (or **Tshwane**)

(5) It's not in Spain, but the basement of this museum still houses the remains of a medieval fortress constructed during the reign of the monarch Philip the Second. This museum's Near Eastern Antiquities section contains the stele of the Code of Hammurabi, and its vast collection of art boasts some of Jacques Louis-David's paintings, including the *Oath of the Horatii*. I. M. Pei designed the glass pyramid of, for ten points, what museum in Paris, which is home to the *Venus de Milo* and the *Mona Lisa*?

ANSWER: **Louvre**

BONUS: I. M. Pei also designed the library of this former American president in Boston, Massachusetts.

ANSWER: John F(itzgerald) **Kennedy** (or **JFK**; accept John F. **Kennedy** Presidential Library and Museum)

(6) In this prefecture's port of Sakai, the Mozu Tombs, which are shaped like keyholes, were constructed during the Kofun period. Emperor Kōtoku constructed his capital in this prefecture when it was known as Naniwa, and this prefecture is home to the oldest Buddhist temple in its country, Shitennō-ji. For ten points, name this prefecture in the Kansai region of Japan where Toyotomi Hideyoshi constructed a famed castle.

ANSWER: **Osaka** Prefecture

BONUS: During Tokugawa rule, Osaka originated *bunraku*, a form of drama involving these objects, which were heavily used at the Takemoto theater.

ANSWER: **puppets**

(7) The Peace Bridge is an international bridge connecting this city with Fort Erie over the Niagara River. The western edge of the modern Delaware Park–Front Park System was the site a world's fair in this city, in which William McKinley was assassinated near the Temple of Music. Beginning in 2026, the new Highmark Stadium will replace the former Ralph Wilson Stadium in this city as the home of its NFL team, the Bills. For ten points, name this second-largest city in New York state.

ANSWER: **Buffalo**

BONUS: Buffalo sits on the western end of the Eastern Great Lakes Lowlands, opposite this other New York city. This seat of Oneida County is named for an ancient city in what is now Tunisia, considered the first Phoenician city in North Africa.

ANSWER: **Utica**

(8) A crossing between this polity's Portas do Cerco and Gongbei Port is one of the world's busiest border crossings. This polity's Governor Nobre de Carvalho Bridge connects Taipa Island to its peninsular section and is depicted alongside a lotus flower on its green flag. This polity is home to a diamond called *The Star of Stanley Ho* in its Grand Lisboa hotel. For ten points, name this special administrative region, a gambling hub and former Portuguese colony in southern China.

ANSWER: **Macau** Special Administrative Region (or Regiao Administrativa Especial de **Macau**; or **Aomen** Tebie Xingzhengqu; accept **MASR**)

BONUS: Another of Macau's largest casinos is owned by this corporation, which notably developed a three-tower resort in Singapore's Marina Bay.

ANSWER: Las Vegas **Sands** Corp. (accept Marina Bay **Sands**)

Third Quarter

The categories are:

1. Australian Wildlife
2. Berlin
3. Beijing

Australian Wildlife

Concerning wildlife on the continent of Australia, name the...

- (1) Hopping marsupial with a long tail that appears in the logo for QANTAS.

ANSWER: **kangaroos**

- (2) Textile fiber produced by shearing sheep, of which Australia is the world's second-largest producer.

ANSWER: **wool**

- (3) Island state which is home to a namesake carnivore, its "devil."

ANSWER: **Tasmania** (accept **Tasmanian** devil)

- (4) Major underwater ecosystem of Australia which stretches for almost 1,500 miles off the coast of Queensland.

ANSWER: **Great Barrier Reef** (prompt on partial answers)

- (5) Type of predatory fish which names an island in Sydney Harbour that is also called Boambilly.

ANSWER: **shark** (accept **Shark** Island)

- (6) Dark-colored type of waterfowl which appears on the flag of Western Australia.

ANSWER: **black swan** (or **Cygnus atratus**; prompt on "swan")

- (7) Australian state where bushfires killed as much as half the population of Koala's on an island near Adelaide.

ANSWER: **South Australia**

- (8) Island off Perth which, along with Bald Island, is one of the only habitats of the quokka.

ANSWER: **Rottneest** Island (or **Wadjemup**)

Berlin

Concerning the city of Berlin, name the...

- (1) Structure that divided the city during the Cold War.

ANSWER: Berlin **Wall** (or **Anti-Fascist Protection Rampart**)

- (2) Organization of 27 member states, of which Berlin has the highest population within city limits.

ANSWER: **European Union** (or **E.U.**)

- (3) People group honored by a Holocaust memorial to the south of the Brandenburg Gate.

ANSWER: **Jewish** people (accept word forms; accept Memorial to the Murdered **Jews** of Europe)

- (4) Federal highway system, of which the A24 connects Berlin and Hamburg.

ANSWER: **Autobahn** (or Bundes**autobahn**)

- (5) Capital of Brandenburg, which names a "platz" that was destroyed in World War Two but redeveloped in the 2000s.

ANSWER: **Potsdam** (accept **Potsdamer** Platz; accept **Potsdam** Square)

- (6) Museum Island institution named for the second-century altar from an eponymous empire in modern Türkiye.

ANSWER: **Pergamon** Museum (accept **Pergamon** Altar; accept **Pergamon** Empire)

- (7) Fountain in the square next to City Hall, which depicts a Roman god surrounded by four women representing rivers.

ANSWER: **Neptune** Fountain (or **Neptun**brunnen; do NOT accept or prompt on answers including "Poseidon")

- (8) Lake in the eastern district of Treptow-Köpenick [[TREP-toh KUHR-peh-nik]], the largest lake in Berlin.

ANSWER: **Müggelsee** [[MUHR-gel-zeh]] (accept phonetic pronunciations)

Beijing

Concerning the Chinese capital of Beijing, name the...

(1) Sport played in Cadillac Arena by the Beijing Ducks, a team that once starred NBA players Jeremy Lin and Stephon Marbury.

ANSWER: **basketball**

(2) English name for the imperial palace complex, known for its highly restricted access.

ANSWER: **Forbidden City**

(3) Former English name for the city, which is still found in a crispy duck dish and a subspecies of *Homo erectus*.

ANSWER: **Peking** (accept **Peking** duck; accept **Peking** Man)

(4) Longest artificial waterway in the world, which links Beijing to cities to its south.

ANSWER: **Grand Canal** (accept Jing-Hang **Grand Canal**; prompt on partial answers)

(5) Square in the city center, where Mao Zedong proclaimed the founding of the People's Republic.

ANSWER: **Tiananmen** Square

(6) Two-word nickname for Beijing National Stadium, which has interlocking beams that resemble a certain avian structure.

ANSWER: **Bird's Nest**

(7) Province led from Shijiazhuang [[SHEE-JEE-ah-ZHWANG]], which surrounds Beijing.

ANSWER: **Hebei** [[HUH-BEY]] (accept phonetic pronunciations)

(8) Former imperial garden, which is now a compound in which the leaders of the Communist Party reside.

ANSWER: **Zhongnanhai** [[ZHOHNG-NAHN-HYE]] (accept phonetic pronunciations)

Fourth Quarter

(1) This body of water contains the Cape of Khargoy, where the Kurykan Wall is located. The Three Brothers Rock is found on Olkhon Island, (+) the largest island of this body of water, which is split into basins by the Academician Ridge. The Angara River flows out of this lake before reaching the (*) Yenisei River. Around a fifth of the world's unfrozen freshwater is found in this body of water, the largest freshwater lake in the world by volume. For ten points, name this Siberian lake, the deepest lake in the world.

ANSWER: Lake Baikal

(2) Following its independence in 1990, this country gained the Penguin Islands and its second-largest city, Walvis Bay. This country's tallest peak, Brandberg Mountain, can be found at the Central Plateau in its eponymous (*) desert. That desert was formerly included in the broader Skeleton Coast (*) in this country's northern Atlantic coast, which includes the Swakop River. For ten points, name this country that forms a quadri-point border at the tip of the Caprivi Strip.

ANSWER: Republic of Namibia (or Republiek van Namibië; or Republik Namibia; accept Namib Desert)

(3) This river's major tributaries include the Musi and Bhima rivers, and this river's source at Mahabaleshwar is a major pilgrimage site. In 2024, severe flooding along this river overwhelmed the Prakasam (+) Barrage, near its end at the city of Vijayawada. Regarded as sacred in Hinduism, this river is the site of a fair held every twelve years, the Pushkaram Fair. Emptying into the (*) Bay of Bengal, for ten points, what river named for an avatar of Vishnu is the second-longest river entirely within India?

ANSWER: Krishna River

(4) This country's Fortress of Bashtovë [[bahsh-TOH-vuh]], located near the Shkumbin River, as well as the ruins of ancient Apollonia on the right bank of the Vjosa [[VYOH-sah]] River are on this country's tentative list for UNESCO World Heritage Site inclusion. Churches and (+) mosques dating from Byzantine and Ottoman periods are found in this country's city of Berat. (*) Enver Hoxha [[HAH-jah]] constructed many bunkers in, for ten points, what Balkan country where Skanderbeg's heroics inspired its black double-headed eagle symbol?

ANSWER: Republic of Albania (or Republika e Shqipërisë)

(5) The world's northernmost of these features is called Kure [[KOO-reh]] and exists just beneath the "Darwin Line," where the Kuroshio Current keeps temperatures warm enough to avoid isostatic subsidence. One of these features called Johnston (+) was claimed by the United States under an act for securing guano deposits. Another one of these features named (*) Bikini was the site of 23 nuclear tests, including the Castle Bravo hydrogen bomb. For ten points, name these ring-shaped coral islands with a lagoon, exemplified by Midway.

ANSWER: atolls (accept Kure Atoll, Johnston Atoll, Bikini Atoll, or Midway Atoll; prompt on "Island" or "Coral Island"; prompt on "Lagoon")

(6) **In this country, the Badiiao people live alongside speakers of languages such as Yakan in southern regions including Basilan. A major city in this country, Iloilo [[EE-loh-EE-loh]] City (+) on Panay Island, has Hiligaynon as its predominant language. Cebuano has served as a lingua franca in this country's (*) Central Visayas and most of Mindanao. For ten points, name this Asian country, where a national language is a standardized form of Tagalog with numerous Spanish loanwords.**

ANSWER: Republic of the **Philippines** (accept **Filipino** language)

(7) **The Lendu and Hema ethnic groups are currently waging a conflict in this country's Ituri region. In 2021, the Italian ambassador to this country, Luca Attanasio, was killed en route to a school food program in Rutshuru in an event blamed on the (+) Hutu-led FDLR. Beginning in 2022, the March 23 Movement led a military offensive in this country, in which Bunagana was captured during an advance towards Goma and Bukavu. (*) For ten points, name this country where a series of armed conflicts are being fought in its eastern Kivu region.**

ANSWER: **Democratic Republic of the Congo** (or **DRC**; or **République démocratique du Congo**; or **RDC**; or **DR Congo**; or **Congo-Kinshasa**; prompt on "Congo"; prompt on "Zaire"; do NOT accept or prompt on "Republic of the Congo")

(8) **This country's highest point is the mountain of Huascarán, which is found in Yungay Province in the Cordillera Blanca range. This country's Marañón [[mah-rah-NYON]] River (+) flows into the Amazon basin, and its Urubamba River flows through a gap in the Vilcabamba range. (*) Quechua [[KET-wah]] is a co-official language in this country, which has a port city named Callao [[kah-YAH-oh]]. Containing an Incan site at Machu Picchu, for ten points, what South American country has its capital at Lima?**

ANSWER: Republic of **Peru** (or República del **Perú**; or **Piruw** Ripuwlika; or **Piruwxa** Ripuwlika)

Extra Question

(1) **In this country's Isan region, the Khorat Plateau is divided by the Phu Phan Mountains. An island in this country is linked to Phang Nga (+) via the Sarasin Bridge, and Three Pagodas Pass is a mountain pass in the Tenasserim Hills on the border between this country and (*) Myanmar. This country's province of Phuket [[poo-KET]] lies in the Andaman Sea. For ten points, name this Southeast Asian country which has its capital on the Chao Phraya River delta at Bangkok.**

ANSWER: Kingdom of **Thailand** or Ratcha-anachak **Thai**; accept **Siam**)

BONUS: This city's "Golden Triangle of Art" contains the Reina Sofía Museum and the Prado Museum.

ANSWER: **Madrid**