

Geography Bee – Semifinal Round (IS)

Regulation Tossups

(1) **This city once contained a statue called the Wissmann Monument, which depicted a colonial governor and is now held in Hamburg. The Carrier Corps and the King's African Rifles are honored by this city's (+) Askari Monument on Samora Avenue. Julius Nyerere [[nyuh-REH-reh]] International Airport is in this city, the most populous in (*) East Africa. Located on the Swahili coast, for the points, what city with a name meaning "Abode of Peace" is the largest in Tanzania?**

ANSWER: **Dar es Salaam** (or **Daresalaam**; accept **Dar es Salaam** African Memorial)

(2) **In this desert, the confluence of the Karakash and White Jade rivers forms the Hotan River. The Mazartag Mountains are in the western part of this desert, which has an alluvial fan in its southern portion formed by the Molcha River. (+) The Lunmin Highway is one of the routes on the Cross-Desert Highway that traverses this desert, which is bordered by the Kunlun Mountains to the south and the (*) Gobi to the east. For the points, name this Chinese desert in the Tarim Basin of Xinjiang [[SHIN-jyahng]].**

ANSWER: **Taklamakan** Desert (accept **Taklamakan** Desert Highway; accept **Tarim** Desert Highway before "Tarim" is mentioned)

(3) **The southern part of this bay is located between Cape Henry and Cape Charles. Before reaching its mouth at this bay, the Patuxent [[puh-TUCK-sunt]] River forms the boundary for districts like (+) Prince George's and Anne Arundel. This bay receives water discharged by a river flowing through (*) Washington, D.C., the Potomac. For the points, name this largest estuary in the United States, a bay which is separated from the Atlantic Ocean via the Delmarva Peninsula.**

ANSWER: **Chesapeake** Bay

(4) **This location was turned into a museum in 1939 after its last occupant, Lázaro Cárdenas, moved to Los Pinos in 1934. During the reign of Maximilian the First, this location was renamed to the (+) Castillo de Miravalle. The Niños Héroes [[NEEN-yohs eh-ROH-ehs]] died while fighting off US forces during a battle at this location, which is now memorialized in the (*) Marines' Hymn as the "Halls of Montezuma." For the points, name this castle, the former residence of Mexican presidents.**

ANSWER: **Chapultepec** Castle

(5) **This region's border with the neighboring Alashan League is defined by the Helan Mountains, and, along with Xinjiang [[SHEEN-jyahng]], this is one of China's primary regions for growing wolfberries. This region's (+) Xihaigu [[SHEE-HAI-GOO]] subregion, home to the city of Guyuan, was deemed by U.N. experts in the 1970s the "most unfit place for human settlement" due to its aridity and frequent droughts. Led from the capital of (*) Yinchuan, for the points, what is this Chinese autonomous region for the Hui [[HWEH]] people?**

ANSWER: **Ningxia** [[NEENG-SHEE-AH]] (or **Ningxia** Hui Autonomous Region; or **NHAR**; accept phonetic pronunciations)

(6) **It's not in Saudi Arabia, but this city's Riyadh district once served as the home of Osama bin Laden, who lived there until 1996. This city's Mayo district was named for the month of the coup in which (+) Jaafar Nimeiry took power, and the killer of Muhammad Ali Pasha's son lends his name to this city's El Mek Nimr Bridge. Tuti Island is surrounded by the "Three Towns," which include this city, (*) Bahri, and Omdurman. For the points, name this national capital at the confluence of the Blue and White Niles.**

ANSWER: **Khartoum** (or **Khartum**)

(7) **This river is impounded by the Wazirabad barrage, while the Gokul barrage on this river is found in the Mathura district of Uttar Pradesh. The SYL proposal aimed to link this river to the (+) Sutlej River. When flowing through Delhi, the northern part of the River Sahibi reaches this river after following the Najafgarh drain. Joining the (*) Saraswati and the Ganges at the Triveni Sangam, for the points, which river of India has the Taj Mahal on its banks at Agra?**

ANSWER: **Yamuna** River (accept Sutlej **Yamuna** link canal)

(8) **In 2010, this river was contaminated by an oil spill from Villasanta through its Lambro tributary. The delta region of this river was made a UNESCO World Heritage Site and was paired with Ferrara. This river originates from a (+) namesake valley in the Cottian Alps near the Monviso mountain, and it is connected to Milan through the *navigli* channels. Flowing through (*) Turin and Piacenza, for the points, what is this longest river in Italy?**

ANSWER: **Po** River (accept Ferrara, City of the Renaissance, and its **Po** Delta)

(9) **The creation of this body of water flooded a village named Aniba, where remains from the A-Group culture were found. Beginning south of the Halaib Triangle, the (+) Wadi Allaqi [[WAH-dee ah-LAH-kee]] travels to its mouth on the shore of this body of water, which is siphoned by canals built during the New Valley Project. That project on this (*) lake was launched to irrigate the Western Desert. For the points, name this reservoir in Egypt and Sudan which was created when the Aswan High Dam was built.**

ANSWER: Lake **Nasser** (or Boheiret **Naser**; or Lake **Nubia**; or Boheret **Nubeya**)

(10) **This mountain range is divided into two zones of deformation by the Kazerun strike-slip fault. The Shanidar Cave of Bradost Mountain in this range includes the site of the first-known use of ritual burials by Neanderthals. (+)** and this range hosts the Little Zab river. The city of Shiraz lies at the foot of this range, and this range encircles ancient (*) Persepolis. For the points, name this mountain range, spanning much of western Iran.

ANSWER: **Zagros** Mountains

(11) **This city contains the Sukhna Lake, which was created by impounding a stream that travels down from the Shivalik Hills. A UNESCO World Heritage Site in this city is home to the Tower of Shadows and Geometric Hill. The Open Hand Monument joins the Palace of Assembly as part of this city's Capitol Complex. (+)** Improving on designs by Maciej Nowicki [[MAH-chay noh-VIT-skee]] and Albert Mayer, (*) for the points, what planned city in India was designed by Le Corbusier and serves as a shared capital for both Haryana and Punjab?

ANSWER: **Chandigarh** (accept **Chandigarh** Capitol Complex)

(12) **This country's Pedra Furada archeological site in the state of Piauí may predate the Clovis culture, and that site is situated in the Serra da Capivara, or "Capybara Hills." Mounds called *teso* in this country were built by a culture on (+)** Marajó Island, and this country's west is home to the world's greatest number of uncontacted tribes. Piranha teeth (*) have been fashioned into tools in, for the points, what South American country, home to most of the Amazon Rainforest and the city of São Paulo?

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

(13) **Google co-founder Larry Page has purchased multiple islands from different jurisdictions in this archipelago, including Eustatia [[yoo-STAY-shuh]] Island, Cayo Norte, and the Hans Lollik Islands. This archipelago's "Spanish" portion was the site of weapons testing on the island of Vieques. (+)** and it's U.S. controlled portion includes a city named Charlotte Amalie. The Danish West Indies were part of this archipelago, and included St. Thomas and (*) St. Croix [[KROY]]. For the points, give this Leeward Islands archipelago off the eastern coast of Puerto Rico, named by Christopher Columbus for Saint Ursula.

ANSWER: **Virgin** Islands (accept any of British **Virgin** Islands, United States **Virgin** Islands, or Puerto Rican/Spanish **Virgin** Islands, since the first clue references all three)

(14) **One of these areas belonging to Peru is known as the Mar de Grau. In 1999, the Permanent Court of Arbitration ruled that the Hanish Islands should not be considered when determining the boundaries of one of these areas between (+)** Yemen and Eritrea. Portugal has claimed that its territory in one of these areas should be extended due to the presence of a (*) continental shelf. For the points, name these areas extending 200 nautical miles where countries have the rights to marine resources.

ANSWER: **Exclusive Economic Zones** (or **EEZs**; accept **Maritime Continental Margins**)

(15) This city, which Casto Méndez Núñez bombarded, is home to the oldest continuously published Spanish newspaper. This city's Iglesia de la Matriz lies in the Barrio Puerto and was supposedly raided by (+) Francis Drake. Rafael Sotomayor lends his name to this city's Plaza Sotomayor, which honors sailors who died at the Battles of Punta Gruesa and Iquique [[ee-KEE-kay]]. (*) For the points, name this "jewel of the Pacific," a seaport which is home to the National Congress of Chile.

ANSWER: Valparaíso (accept bombardment of Valparaíso)

(16) Following World War Two, a territorial dispute on this archipelago emerged after one country claimed its uninhabited Habomai Islands, along with Kunashir and Shikotan, as the "Northern Territories." The (+) Vries [[FREEZ]] Strait divides this archipelago's two major islands, the Iturup and Urup Islands. An airport partially named for Dmitri Mendeleev was constructed on this archipelago (*) after World War Two. For the points, name this archipelago extending southwest from Kamchatka, disputed between Russia and Japan.

ANSWER: Kurile Islands

(17) This language family has been divided into 16 geographic zones, with Rundi in Zone J and Shona in Zone S. Though this family has displaced the Khoisan languages, similar-sounding (+) clicks are still used in some members of this language group, such as Xhosa [[KOH-sah]] and Zulu. These languages, which include Swahili, have spread to the south and east through the Congo basin. (*) For the points, name this largest language family of Sub-Saharan Africa.

ANSWER: Bantu languages (prompt on "Niger-Congo" or "Atlantic-Congo" languages)

(18) The only equestrian statue of Otto von Bismarck in Germany is located in this city, which is also the home of the Schlachte [[SHLAHK-tuh]] medieval harbor. This city gained prominence after it was featured in a fairytale from the (+) Brothers Grimm about its Four Town Musicians. This city, one of the three city-states in Germany alongside Hamburg and Berlin, carries the official state name (*) "Free Hanseatic City." For the points, name this coastal German city on the Weser [[VEH-zuh]] River.

ANSWER: Bremen (or City Municipality of Bremen; or Free Hanseatic City of Bremen)

(19) This province contains the only six confirmed remaining habitats of an alligator species known as the muddy dragon, and it is famed for its ancient villages of Xidi and Hongcun. This province is known for its dramatic (+) granite peaks found within the mountainous Huangshan region, also called the "Yellow Mountains," and this province borders Jiangxi and Shandong. Lying between Jiangsu, (*) Henan, and Hubei is, for the points, what landlocked Chinese province governed from Hefei?

ANSWER: Anhui [[AN-HWEH]]

(20) **Two weeks after its Holy Week celebrations, this city hosts an annual fair on the far bank of the Guadalquivir River, and its leading citizens are brought to its Maestranza for one of the world's most prestigious bullfighting events. The (+) Giralda, a bell tower located in this city, was constructed as a minaret for a former mosque while under the Almohad Dynasty. The General Archive of the Indies and the largest Gothic cathedral in the world are found in, (*) for the points, what city in Andalusia?**

ANSWER: **Seville** (or **Sevilla** [[seh-VEE-yah]])

(21) **On this island, hoof prints and cross shapes were found at the Eriosh Petroglyphs site, while graffiti was found at the Hoq Cave. Luís de Camoes was inspired by the climate of this island to write the poem (+) "By a Dry, Barren and Fearsome Hill." This island's Diksam Plateau has the greatest concentration of (*) dragon blood trees, which are named for their red sap. Containing the city of Hadibu, for the points, what island of "alien" plants is administered by Yemen?**

ANSWER: **Socotra** (or **Suqutra**; or **Saqatri**; accept **Socotra** dragon tree)

(22) **Berdiansk Raion includes the Obytichna instance of these landforms, one of which creates the shore of Taman Bay and is called Chushka. The Dolgaya example of these landforms divides (+) Taganrog Bay and the Sea of Azov, and another of these landforms in Crimea is Arabat. The Curonian example of these landforms separates a (*) lagoon from the Baltic Sea. For the points, name these elongated sand bars which often divide a bay or cove from a larger body of water.**

ANSWER: **spits** (or sand**spit**; accept Obytichna **Spit**, Curonian **Spit**; Courish **Split**, Kurshskaya **kosa**, Kurische **Nehrung**, Kursiy **nerija**, Chushka **Spit**, **Kosa** Chushka, Dolgaya **Spit**, **Kosa** Dolgaya, Arabat **Spit**, or Arabat **beli**; prompt on "sand bar" or "sand dune")

(23) **This country's Wabar impact craters were formed only 300 years ago and were found while searching for the legendary city of Iram of the Pillars. This country is currently constructing the luxury island destination of (+) Sindalah, as well as a completely linear city called The Line in its NEOM megaproject. (*) The ultra-conservative Wahhabism is popular in, for the points, what Middle Eastern country governed from Riyadh.**

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

(24) **Dakhla Bay is found in this territory, where the city of Smara was first visited by a European with the arrival of Michel Vieuchange. Cabo Blanco is a headland shared between this territory and another (+) sovereign nation. This territory is divided between the Southern Provinces and the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic via a berm called the (*) Moroccan Sand Wall. Sometimes called "Africa's last colony," for the points, what territory is represented by the Polisario Front and is occupied by Morocco's military?**

ANSWER: **Western Sahara** (or **Sahara Occidental**; accept Moroccan **Western Sahara** Wall)

(25) The world's oldest commercial rum distillery is this country's Mount Gay Rum, and, since moving from Curaçao, this country is also the main area for producing Malibu rum. This country hosted the (+) 2007 Cricket World Cup in venues such as its Kensington Oval stadium. Needham's Point Lighthouse, as well as this country's capital, is located in Carlisle Bay. (*) For the points, name this island country which lies farther east than the main arc of the Lesser Antilles and has its capital at Bridgetown.

ANSWER: Barbados

(26) This country's Syunik Province is home to the Carahunge [[kah-rah-HOON-juh]] site, which is sometimes described as this country's Stonehenge. The Nor Geghi Stone Age site can be found in the valley of this country's Hrazdan River. This country's Gegharkunik Province hosts its largest lake, Lake (+) Sevan. Though not Turkey, the biblically featured Mount Ararat (*) can be viewed from the capital of this city. For the points, name this country, governed from Yerevan.

ANSWER: Republic of Armenia (or Hayastani Hanrapetut'yun)

(27) A phenomenon resembling an underwater version of these features exists off the coast of Le Morne Brabant Peninsula in Mauritius, but is actually caused by sand and silt being moved by currents. One of these features on Auyantepui (+) was discovered by an American aviator searching for ore, and another set of these features named Saint Anthony bisect Minneapolis. Iguazu and (*) Angel are examples of, for the points, what cascading natural features exemplified by Niagara?

ANSWER: Waterfalls (accept clear-knowledge equivalents)

(28) Saint Olaf's Church, dedicated to the patron saint of this archipelago, is the oldest church in its country and is located on this archipelago's island of Jomala. This island group's (+) "Autonomy Day" celebrates an early decision of the League of Nations. A ferry connects this archipelago's capital of Mariehamn to the cities of Turku and (*) Stockholm. For the points, name this autonomous region of Finland, an island group at the north end of the Baltic Sea.

ANSWER: Åland Islands

(29) This city is home to the only museum in the Middle East dedicated to Japanese art, the Tikotin [[tee-KOH-tin]] Museum. Pilgrims from the major Abrahamic religions travel to this city's (+) Stella Maris Monastery due to its association with a grotto linked to the prophet Elijah. That monastery is located in this city on the slopes of Mount Carmel. Home to the (*) Baha'i World Centre, for the points, what is this third-largest city of Israel?

ANSWER: Haifa

(30) **Construction delays in this city led to the creation of the world's tallest filing cabinet, and the Unitarian Meeting House overlooks an outdoor pedestrian mall on this city's Church Street. The mythical creature Champ is the mascot of this city's (+) Lake Monsters baseball team. ECHO is a science museum in this city which is located on a campus dedicated to Senator Patrick Leahy [[LAY-hee]], who also names this city's airport. The largest city on (*) Lake Champlain is, for the points, what largest city of Vermont?**

ANSWER: **Burlington**

(31) **One of this river's tributaries is the Falémé River, which rises in the Fouta Djallon region. This river is dammed by the Manantali Dam in the Kayes Region, while the Maka-Diama Dam also impounds this river and allows for a connection between (+) Nouakchott [[NWAHK-shot]] and Saint Louis. This river crosses through Gouina Falls, which has been called the "Niagara Falls of Mali." Forming from the (*) Bakoy and Bafing rivers, for the points, what West African river constitutes part of the border between Mauritania and a country led from Dakar?**

ANSWER: **Senegal** River (or **Seen O Gal**; or Dexus **Senegaal**; or Fleuve **Sénégal**)

(32) **This state is known for its offshore casino boats on the Mandovi River, which also abuts its chief port of Mormugao. This state contains the remains of missionary Francis Xavier in its (+) Basilica of Bom Jesus. This state, which is located on the slopes of the Western Ghats, is sandwiched between Maharashtra and Karnataka and has its capital at (*) Vasco da Gama. For the points, name this western coast state, the smallest state of India, and a former Portuguese colony.**

ANSWER: **Goa** [[GOH-ah]]

(33) **Since the ninth century, the Subak irrigation system has been used to manage the water for this island's paddy fields. One country's national government does not recognize the traditional Hindu royal houses of this island, which ruled the (+) Buleleng region. The largest city on this island, Denpasar, is the most populated in this island's wider archipelago, the Lesser Sunda Islands, and it also contains the (*) Ubud tourist center. One of the most popular tourist destinations annually, for the points, what is this island located directly east of Java?**

ANSWER: **Bali**

(34) **Two answers required. These two countries' border passes near cities such as Debrecen and Timișoara, and that border between these two countries was partly demarcated by the Treaty of Trianon. (+) These two countries were the only ones to border both the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia, and they historically contested the region of Transylvania. (*) For the points, what are these two European countries governed from Budapest and Bucharest?**

ANSWER: **Romania** and **Hungary** (accept **Magyarország** in place of Hungary)

(35) **This island is separated from the Melville Peninsula by the Fury and Hecla Strait and from the Kitikmeot Region by the Gulf of Boothia. This island occupies nearly all of the landmass of the Qiqiktaaluk [[kih-kik-TAH-look]] Region. Major mountains on this island include the flat-topped (+) Mount Asgard and its highest point, Mount Odin. The population of this island is centered around Frobisher Bay, and this island is home to (*) Iqaluit [[ih-KAH-loo-eet]], the capital city of Nunavut. For the points, name this largest island in Canada.**

ANSWER: **Baffin** Island (accept **Qiqiktaaluk** before read)

Extra Questions

(1) **The Bohdan Khmelnytsky Monument is located in this city's Sophia Square, and many protests in this city occurred at the Maidan Nezalezhnosti. One of the largest national libraries in the world is this city's (+) Vernadsky National Library, and the largest mass-produced aircraft was designed by an aerospace firm headquartered in this city, Antonov. The tryzub symbol recently replaced Soviet heraldry in this city's Motherland Monument following a (*) war that greatly expanded in 2022. Situated on the Dnieper, for the points, what is this Ukrainian capital?**

ANSWER: **Kyiv** (or **Kiev**)

(2) **This city's Democracy Monument is located on a traffic circle at the intersection of Ratchadamnoen Klang Road and Dinso Road. One of the stops on the Banana Pancake Trail that is frequented by backpackers is this city's (+) Khao San Road, which is north of the Wat Phra Kaew Buddhist temple. Rama the Tenth is the owner of this city's Grand Palace, which was the home for kings of (*) Siam. For the points, name this city on the Chao Phraya River, the capital of Thailand.**

ANSWER: **Bangkok** (or **Krung Thep** Maha Nakhon)