

IGC Scramble – Round 1

Regulation Tossups

(1) This city contains the historic Giác [[ZHAK]] Lam Temple, which is found in the former Tân Bình district. Hokkien immigrants built the Quan Âm [[KWAHN UHM]] Temple in this city, which is found in a district called Chợ [[JUH]] Lớn. This city's largest pagoda is found in District Three and is the Xá Lợi [[SAW LIE]] Pagoda. Containing several Buddhist sites, for the point, what is this city, the most populous in Vietnam?

ANSWER: **Ho Chi Minh** City (or Thanh pho **Ho Chí Minh**; or **Saigon**; or **HCMC**)

(2) This work retains much of the original outline of its source, *Records of the Western Regions*, whose author recounts his experiences as far as Kanchipuram. In this novel, its main party passes through the Flaming Mountains in the Tian Shan range on a trip to India, and during that trip, they defend their master Tang Sanzang from various threats. For the point, name this fictionalized account of Buddhist monk Xuanzang's trek to India.

ANSWER: **Journey to the West** (or **Xīyóujì**)

(3) This statue is located near the Mahao Cliff Tombs, dating from the Han Dynasty, as well as the Wuyou Temple. This statue was carved out of red bed sandstone cliffs at the meeting of the Min and Dadu Rivers in Sichuan Province, and it faces Mount Emei. For the point, name this second-tallest statue of the Buddha and the tallest stone Buddha statue, located in China.

ANSWER: **Leshan** Giant Buddha

(4) According to the *Devadūta Sutta*, one central area of this location is surrounded by the *samanantarās* and is known as the *Mahāniraya*. The *Mahāvīci* is the deepest level of this location in both Theravada and Mahayana Buddhism, which a person reaches after falling upside down for two thousand years to symbolize reversed views. For the point, name this term to refer to the Buddhist location for hell.

ANSWER: **Naraka** (prompt on "hell" or similar answers)

(5) The Drukpa Kagyu school operates the Tango Monastery north of this city, located on Cheri Mountain, and the latter mountain's namesake monastery was established by its country's founder, Ngawang Namgyal. The Buddha Dordenma statue is located in this city, constructed to commemorate the 60th birthday of its former king, Jigme Singye Wangchuck. Replacing the Tibetan Buddhist hub of Punakha, for the point, what is this national capital where Cham dances are performed at Tshechu festivals?

ANSWER: **Thimphu** [[TEEM-poo]] (accept phonetic pronunciations)

(6) British Buddhist monk Ajahn Brahm has been invited to talks in this city at the Ren Ci Hospital auditorium, and lodging for monks is provided by the Kong Meng San Phor Kark See Monastery in the Bishan area. The Foo Hai Ch'an Monastery in this city contains a fragment of Sri Lanka's Bodhi Tree, and it is located in the Geylang district, containing some of its oldest Malay settlements. For the point, name this city where the monk Guo Jun garnered controversy for staying at Marina Bay Sands.

ANSWER: **Singapore**

(7) Tibetan Buddhists consider the Dalai Lamas to be emanations of one of these people, Chenrezig. In the Vajrayana tradition, a popular grouping of eight of these people include Manjushri, and in East Asian Buddhism, Guanyin, a typically female example of these people, is dedicated to by the Shaolin Monastery, the birthplace of Chan Buddhism, and is the equivalent to Avalokiteśvara. For the point, name these people who traditionally forgo personal nirvana to help others achieve Buddhahood.

ANSWER: **bodhisattvas** (or **pútísàduǒ**)

(8) Pilgrims can go around this city by using the Lingkor path, and this city contains Norbulingka "Jeweled Park" palace, where the "Yoghurt Festival" occurs. This city hosts the Jokhang Temple, which can be found at Barkhor square. With many Buddhist sites, for the point, what city is the second most populous urban region on the Tibetan Plateau after Xining [[SHEE-ning]] and is the administrative capital of Tibet?

ANSWER: **Lhasa** (or Chengguan District of **Lhasa** City; or **Chengguan**; or **Chenggoin**)

(9) The Dharma Drum Mountain, which was established on this island, is one of its "Four Great Mountains." During the Japanese occupation of this island, many of its Buddhist institutions affiliated themselves with one of four central temples, known as the "Four Holy Mountains," including the North Yue-Mei Mountain in Keelung. For the point, name this island where Buddhism was first established by the Kingdom of Tungning, based out of modern-day Tainan.

ANSWER: **Taiwan**

(10) A major city along this body of water, Visakhapatnam, is the largest city in Andhra Pradesh and contains several Buddhist UNESCO World Heritage sites. This body of water was a major highway for the transmission of Buddhism to the coastal Rakhine state, and the Chittagong Hill Tracts in another country on this body of water is home to a majority of its Buddhists. For the point, name this body of water which served as a maritime bridge to spread Buddhism to Southeast Asia, a large arm of the Indian Ocean.

ANSWER: Bay of **Bengal** (prompt on "Indian Ocean")

(11) The Khasti Chaitya is a stupa in this country that can be found in a city that contains the Durbar Square. Buddhists hold this country's Muktinath temple to be sacred, and that temple can be found in Mustang district at the base of the Thorong La mountain pass. Siddhartha Gautama was born in, for the point, what Himalayan country, where Newar Buddhism is practiced in the Kathmandu Valley?

ANSWER: Federal Democratic Republic of **Nepal** (or Sanghiya Lokatantrika Ganatantra **Nepala**)

(12) The Hongbeopsa Temple near this city contains the Korean Peninsula's largest Bronze Amida Buddha statue. Another Buddhist temple in this city, the Haedong Yonggungsa, is one of the few located on the seaside near the Haeundae Beach, and another of its temples, the Beomeosa, is on the slopes of Mount Geumjeongsan. For the point, name this second-largest South Korean city, which contains the largest number of Buddhists in the country.

ANSWER: **Busan** (or **Pusan**)

(13) Laotian refugees built a temple in this country at Otahuhu. In this country, the Bodhinyanarama [[boh-dee-nyah-nah-RAH-mah]] Monastery was built in Stokes Valley in the city of Lower Hutt. The first Buddhists in this country were Chinese immigrants who arrived at goldfields in the Otago region, which has its seat at Dunedin. For the point, name this country where the Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Temple can be found on the North Island in Auckland.

ANSWER: **New Zealand** (or **Aotearoa**)

(14) Standing on the western entrance of this building during the equinox produces a view that makes the sun seem to rise from its central lotus tower. This building was turned into a Theravada Buddhist temple from its original Vaishnava Hinduism, and it was constructed by Suryavarman the Second. For the point, name this massive temple complex displayed on the Cambodian flag.

ANSWER: **Angkor Wat**

(15) This country contains the Zu Lai Temple, found in a municipality called Cotia. Early Buddhist temples were founded in this country at cities like Presidente Prudente in the Southeast Region, where states like Espírito Santo are located. For the point, name this country, which contains the largest Buddhist temple in Latin America in a state that borders Minas Gerais, São Paulo.

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

(16) Once a site where followers of the "Way of Trial and Practice" gathered, this mountain is surrounded by five lakes at its base, including Lake Sai. An esoteric Buddhist group called Shugendo once gathered at this mountain, which joins Mount Tate [[TAH-the]] and Mount Haku as one of the "Three Holy Mountains." With its peak supposedly representing a sacred lotus, for the point, what stratovolcano on Honshu is the highest mountain in Japan?

ANSWER: Mount **Fuji** (or **Fujisan**; or **Fuji** no Yama)

(17) This country contains a Tibetan Buddhist site called the Ongi Monastery, found in Dundgovi Province. The Erdene Zuu Monastery might be this country's oldest surviving Buddhist monastery and can be found near Kharkhorin in a valley of the Orkhon River. For the point, name this country, where the Gandan Monastery was opened in a city with a name meaning "Red Hero," Ulaanbaatar.

ANSWER: **Mongolia** (or **Mongol Uls**)

(18) This city hosts a Buddhist-affiliated temple found on Robson Heights at Lorong Bellamy, and that city has sites like the shopping district of Bukit Bintang. Hainanese people created the Thean Hou Temple in this city, where Merdeka Square can be found. Including a temple to Guanyin, for the point, what city in the Klang Valley hosts the twin-towered Petronas Towers and is the capital of Malaysia?

ANSWER: **Kuala Lumpur** (or Federal Territory of **Kuala Lumpur**; or **KL**; or Wilayah Persekutuan **Kuala Lumpur**)

(19) This country's Dharmagiri Hermitage and the Buddhist Retreat Centre both lie within the Maloti Mountains. This country's Nan Hua Temple, situated within the city of Bronkhorstspuit, is the largest on its continent, and it was targeted during a white separatist terrorist attack as part of the 2002 Soweto bombings. The Dalai Lama was denied a visa to visit Desmond Tutu in, for the point, what country, where Chinese immigrants brought Buddhism to Durban?

ANSWER: Republic of **South Africa** (accept **RSA**)

(20) The discovery of the Laguna Copperplate Inscription on this island, in a province governed from Santa Cruz, provided evidence for Hindu-Buddhist artifacts. The Seng Guan Temple can be found on this island at Tondo, which is part of a city that has the Intramuros district and is the second-most populous in its nation after Quezon City. For the point, name this island in the Philippines where Buddhist temples can be found in the capital city, Manila.

ANSWER: **Luzon** (prompt on "Philippines")

(21) This country hosts the headquarters of a lay organization called the Diamond Way Buddhism group, which is based in Immenstadt, located in the Alps. Anagarika Govinda was a founder of the Arya Maitreya Mandala order, which is based in Pforzheim, a city that is in this country's Karlsruhe [[KARLZ-roo-uh]] administrative region. For the point, name this country where a Theravada Buddhist temple can be found at Frohnau in Berlin.

ANSWER: Federal Republic of **Germany** (or Bundesrepublik **Deutschland**)

(22) This city's Grand Palace lies in a district that includes Rattanakosin Island and contains an image of the Buddha made of green stone. This city's Phra Nakhon district contains the Temple of the Emerald Buddha, which was constructed under Rama the First, the first Chakri dynasty king. The Wat Paknam is located in, for the point, what national capital on the Chao Phraya River delta?

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

(23) This country's Trossachs [[TROH-siks]] wooded region contains a retreat site for the Triratna Buddhist Community. This country's Kagyu Samye Ling Monastery and Tibetan Centre is found in a village in Dumfries and Galloway near the White Esk river. With Western Europe's oldest Buddhist monastery, for the point, what constituent country of the United Kingdom has its capital at Edinburgh?

ANSWER: **Scotland** (or **Alba**; prompt on "United Kingdom" or "UK" or "Great Britain")

(24) According to the Buddha, the number of *kalpas* that have passed in the universe is greater than the number of sand grains from this river to the sea. One of the four sacred rivers flowing from Lake Anavatapta, this river's use for ritual washing to rid oneself of bad karma was rejected by the Buddha. Flowing through a namesake plain, for the point, what is this sacred river in both Buddhism and Hinduism, on which Varanasi is located?

ANSWER: Ganges River

(25) This country's Fo Guang Shan Nan Tien Temple is a Buddhist site located outside of the city of Wollongong in the Illawarra region. The highest percentage of Buddhists in this country are at Christmas Island. This country's See Yup Temple is found in a city on the Yarra River at Port Philip Bay. For the point, name this country where Buddhists can be found living in Queensland and in cities like Canberra.

ANSWER: Commonwealth of Australia

Extra Question

(1) A temple in this city that can be entered via the "Thunder Gate" and the "Treasure-House Gate" can be found in a ward that contains the National Museum of Western Art, neighboring the Arakawa ward. This city has a Buddhist temple called Zojo-ji in a special ward named Minato, and that temple is surrounded by Shiba Park. For the point, name this city that contains the Asakusa Kannon, the capital of Japan.

ANSWER: Tokyo (or Tokyo Metropolis)