

IGC Scramble – Round 2

Regulation Tossups

(1) This state contains a site where the Buddha performed the "great miracle" and "twin miracle"; that site was Shravasti near the Rapti River. The Buddha is thought to have achieved parinirvana in the Kushinagar district in this state. With Buddhist sites like Sarnath, where the Lion Capital was placed, for the point, what state has its capital at Lucknow and is India's most populous state?

ANSWER: **Uttar Pradesh** (or **UP**)

(2) As part of the Obon observances, this island hosts the annual Awa Dance Festival. This island is home to Mount Kōya, the home of Shingon Buddhism. Pilgrims following a route established by Kūkai wear white jackets with the words "two traveling together" emblazoned on them. That pilgrimage on this island travels through cities such as Naruto, Takamatsu, and Matsuyama. The 88 Temple Pilgrimage takes place on, for the point, what smallest of Japan's four main islands?

ANSWER: **Shikoku**

(3) In one early text, this concept is followed by two further avenues taken by Arhats, or those who have gained insight, and one of its portions is the gaining of "Right View" or opening of the dharma-eye. The Yogachara school of Gandhara in modern-day Afghanistan combined this concept with a similar mode involving five psychological "roads". Symbolized by a spoked dharma wheel, for the point, what is this Buddhist concept involving a specific number of roads to nirvana?

ANSWER: Noble **Eightfold Path** (or **Eight Right Paths**)

(4) This province's Lushan County is noted for its Spring Temple Buddha, which is the world's tallest statue of the Buddha, and it is noted for its tens of thousands of Buddha statues in the Longmen Grottoes. This province's Shaolin Monastery, located on the slopes of Mount Song, is the birthplace of Chan Buddhism and a type of kung fu. Home to the Iron Pagoda in Kaifeng is, for the point, what province of central China named for its location on the Yellow River and governed from Zhengzhou?

ANSWER: **Henan** (or **Honan**)

(5) This location was named after the mythical abode of Avalokiteśvara, and it was constructed on the site of an earlier palace constructed by Songtsen Gampo. In 2000, the Jokhang Palace was made a UNESCO World Heritage Site under this location, and it was turned into a museum following an invasion by China. Located in Lhasa, for the point, what was this former residence of the Dalai Lama?

ANSWER: **Potala** Palace

(6) In Vajrayana Buddhism, maṇḍala offerings sometimes includes depictions of this mountain, and it is also believed to have been the residence of the Buddha Cakrasaṃvara [[CHAH-krah-SHAHM-vah-rah]]. This mountain has been sometimes suggested to be in the Pamirs near Kashmir, but Buddhist belief holds that it is located in the center of the earth in Jambudvīpa. For the point, name this sacred mountain in Buddhist cosmology, containing five peaks.

ANSWER: Mount **Meru** (or **Sumeru**; or **Sineru**; or **Mahāmeru**)

(7) In this province, a monastic community called Larung Gar, noted for its thousands of red-roofed houses, was demolished. A massive golden statue of Samantabhadra sitting atop a six-tusked white elephant stands at the summit of the sacred Mount Emei in this province. Hundreds of Buddhist temples were damaged by the 2008 Wenchuan earthquake in, for the point, what province of Western China, which hosts Buddhist temples in Chengdu?

ANSWER: **Sichuan**

(8) A Melayu Kingdom-built complex on this island can be found at the Muaro Jambi Temple Compounds, which stretches along the Batang Hari River. The Buddhist site of Muara Takus can be found on this island in the Riau province, which has its capital at Pekanbaru. With a small percentage of its population following Buddhism, for the point, what island has provinces like Aceh [[AH-chay]] and is the largest island that is completely within Indonesia?

ANSWER: **Sumatra**

(9) The Buddha's disciples began visiting this location during the full moon of Vaisakh, before it was visited by Xuanzang in the 7th century. Known during the time of the Buddha as Uruvela, this site is currently home to the Mahabodhi Temple complex. The Diamond Throne, or Vajrasana, is in this location, where Siddhartha Gautama sat for 49 days. For the point, name this location in Bihar, India, where the Buddha achieved Nirvana under a sacred Bodhi tree.

ANSWER: **Bodh Gaya** (prompt on partial answer; prompt on "Uruvela" or "Bihar" or "India" or "Bodhi tree")

(10) This state includes Buddhist caves at Lenyadri near Junnar, a city that is close to Shivneri fort. A Buddhist site in this state was rediscovered by the tiger-hunting Captain John Smith and can be found in this state's Aurangabad district. Containing Buddhist cave monuments at the Ajanta Caves, for the point, what Indian state is the second-most populous state and has cities like Pune [[POO-nay]] and Mumbai?

ANSWER: **Maharashtra**

(11) This river is overlooked by the Tham [[TAM]] Ting and Tham Theung [[TEUNG]] caves, which contain Buddha statues at the Pak Ou Caves. Those caves are near this river's confluence with the Nam Ou River, which travels through Phongsaly and Luang Prabang Provinces. Sometimes called the "River of Buddhism," for the point, what Southeast Asian river creates a river system with the Tonlé Sap and travels through countries like Cambodia and Vietnam?

ANSWER: **Mekong** River (or **Meigong** He; or **Lancang** Jiang; or **Megaung** Myit; or **Maenam** Khong; or Tonlé **Mekongk**; or Song **Me Kong**; or Song **Cuu Long**; or **Cuu Long** Jiang)

(12) One of the monasteries in this province is the Birken Forest Buddhist Monastery, which can be found near a city that grew around the confluence of the North and South Thompson Rivers, Kamloops. This province's Thrangu Monastery can be found in a city on Lulu Island that neighbors New Westminster and Burnaby. For the point, name this Canadian province where Buddhist temples can be found in cities like Richmond and Vancouver.

ANSWER: **British Columbia** (prompt on "BC")

(13) One monument in this country is the Great Buddha Dordenma statue, which is found in a city that replaced Punakha as capital. A Vajrayana Buddhist site in this country called the Tiger's Nest can be found in the upper Paro valley in a district where the national language of Dzongkha is spoken. With a name referring to its main Buddhist sect, for the point, what country is led by Dragon King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck from the city of Thimphu [[TIM-poo]]?

ANSWER: **Bhutan** (or Kingdom of **Bhutan**; or **Druk gyal khab**)

(14) During its development in China, teachings from this Buddhist sect, particularly the Yogacara philosophy, merged with Daoist thought to form its Zen school. A branch of this Buddhist sect emphasizing esoteric practices is the Vajrayana vehicle, which later developed into Tibetan Buddhism. Recognizing sutras including the *Diamond* and the *Lotus*, for the point, what is this "Great Vehicle" of Buddhism contrasting with Theravada?

ANSWER: **Mahayana** [[mah-hah-YAH-nah]] Buddhism (accept **Chan** Buddhism before "Vajrayana")

(15) It is not Thailand, but the Siam Nikaya is a Buddhist monastic order in this country, only allowing higher ordination from its Radala and Govigama castes. Relics from the Buddha are housed in this country's Ruwanwelisaya stupa, located in the city of Anuradhapura. For the point, name this South Asian country where the Sri Dalada Malagawa temple complex was built by the Kingdom of Kandy.

ANSWER: Democratic Socialist Republic of **Sri Lanka** (or **Shri Lanka** Prajatantrika Samajavadi Janarajaya; or **Ilankai** Jananayaka Choshalichak Kutiyarachu)

(16) This archipelago's Lotus Buddhist Monastery features the largest sitting Buddha statue outside of Asia. This archipelago's Valley of the Temples Memorial Park contains a replica of the Byōdō-in temple of Japan, as well as Shinto and Catholic houses of worship overlooked by the Ko'olau Range within Kāne'ohe. This archipelago's Lāhainā Jodo Mission was damaged by 2023 wildfires. For the point, name this archipelago, which has the highest per capita proportion of Buddhists in the U.S.

ANSWER: **Hawai'i** [[huh-WYE-ee or huh-VYE-ee]]

(17) This country is home to a golden pagoda associated with Theravada Buddhism on Singuttara Hill, and that monument is found in a region that has cities like Twante. Part of the robe of Kassapa can be found in this country's Shwedagon Pagoda in a city which lost many of its administrative powers to a planned city built in 2005. With much of its population adhering to Buddhism, for the point, what Southeast Asian country has its largest city at Yangon?

ANSWER: **Myanmar** (or Republic of the Union of **Myanmar**; or Pyidaungzu thamada **myama** naingngandaw; accept **Burma**)

(18) In 2022, submerged Buddhist statues were revealed due to decreased water levels in this river, which rises at Jari Hill in the Tanggula Mountains. This river passes through the world's largest power station when considering gross capacity, the Three Gorges Dam. Involved in a legend in which the Bodhidharma crossed this river on a reed, for the point, what river is the world's third-longest and is the longest river in China?

ANSWER: **Yangtze** [[YAHNG-tzuh]] River (or **Yangzi** River; or **Cháng** Jiang; accept **Yangtze** River Three Gorges Water Conservancy Project)

(19) This country houses the Somapura Mahavihara, a Buddhist monastery found in this country's city of Naogaon on the little Jamuna River. Buddhists can be found living in this country's Hill Tracts, and this country's Bandarban Golden Temple is built in an Arakanese style and is found in the Chittagong region. For the point, name this South Asian country where Buddhist celebrations are sometimes held in Dhaka.

ANSWER: **Bangladesh** (or People's Republic of **Bangladesh**; or Gonoprojatontri **Banlades**)

(20) This U.S. state's Developing Virtue Secondary School is associated with the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas, a community established by Hsuan Hua near the city of Ukiah. This state's Hsi Lai Temple was established by Taiwanese immigrants in the San Gabriel Valley, and it also boasts the Shasta Abbey, which adheres to the Sōtō Zen tradition. For the point, name this U.S. state, where Chinese and Vietnamese immigrants brought Buddhism to Orange County.

ANSWER: **California** (prompt on "CA")

(21) The Dhamma Talaka Pagoda in this country is built in a traditional Burmese style and has a name referring to its location behind the Edgbaston Reservoir, which can be found at a city crossed by the River Rea. This country contains the Manjushri Institute, a Buddhist college located in Cumbria at Conishead Priory. For the point, name this country where Buddhists can be found in the West Midlands and Greater London.

ANSWER: **United Kingdom** (or **United Kingdom** of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; or Great **Britain**; or **UK**; or **GB**)

(22) This desert contains a Buddhist monastery from the Red Hat sect called Khamar Monastery in Sainshand. Buddhist art can be found in caves in Dunhuang along the Silk Road in this desert, which has its expansion opposed by shelterbelt construction on the Great Green Wall. Buddhist monuments can be found in, for the point, what desert, the sixth-largest in the world, which can be found in Mongolia and North China?

ANSWER: **Gobi** Desert

(23) This country has a Tibetan monastery called the Tibet Institute Rikon, which can be found in the Toss Valley at Rikon im Tosstal in Zell within the Winterthur district. The Tibetan-born Geshe Rabten founded a monastery in this country at Mont Pelerin, which is north of Chardonne and lies in the canton of Vaud. For the point, name this country which has Buddhist centers in Lausanne and Geneva.

ANSWER: **Switzerland** (or **Swiss** Confederation; or **Schweizerische** Eidgenossenschaft; or Confédération **suisse**; or Confederazione **Svizzera**; or Confoederatio **helvetica**; or Confederaziun **svizra**)

(24) This city contains the world's largest hand-made wooden building, the Chi Lin Nunnery, which was built as a retreat for nuns in its Diamond Hill neighborhood. This city's Ten Thousand Buddhas Monastery lies within the "New Territories," while its Po Lin Monastery is known for hosting a bronze statue called "the Big Buddha," which is situated on Lantau Island in the Pearl River Delta. For the point, name this city and special administrative region, home to Buddhist temples in Kowloon.

ANSWER: **Hong Kong**

(25) A man who followed Shingon and Tibetan Buddhism created a sect centered near this country's city of Castellane, which was called Aumism. The Plum Village Monastery was founded by Chan Khong and Thích Nhất Hạnh in this country's Dordogne region near Bordeaux [[bohr-DOH]]. For the point, name this country that contains a site at the Pagode du bois [[bwah]] de Vincennes [[van-SEN]], which can be found in the eighteenth arrondissement of Paris.

ANSWER: **France** (or **French** Republic; or République **française**)

Extra Question

(1) This country houses the Great Stupa of Dharmakaya Which Liberates Upon Seeing at the Dharma Mountain Center at Red Feather Lakes. The City of Ten Thousand Buddhas is a Chan Buddhist temple found in this country's city of Ukiah, which is in Mendocino County. The Naropa University is a Buddhist affiliated school in this country's city of Boulder. For the point, give this country that houses the Jade Buddha Temple in Houston, Texas.

ANSWER: **United States** of America (or **America**; or **U.S.A.**)