

East Asian Geography Bee – Prelim Round (HS-MS)

Regulation Tossups

(1) Japan's Warehouse Kawasaki arcade was based on this settlement, which was formerly controlled by triads such as 14K and Sun Yee On. This settlement's *yamen* gate was formerly guarded by two cannons, and the Lung Tsun Stone Bridge extended off this settlement, which was partly deconstructed to build the Kai Tak Airport. This settlement became an enclave after the New Territories were leased to the United Kingdom. For the point, name this most densely populated place in human history, a "walled city" within Hong Kong.

ANSWER: **Kowloon** Walled City (prompt on "Hong Kong")

(2) Rift valleys can be found within this island's Tanggeasinua and Mekongga mountain ranges. The Lalinda, Lasolo, and Sampara rivers on this island drain eastward, and this island's freshwater lakes include Matano, the deepest freshwater lake in Southeast Asia. This island's complex shape resulted from the collision of terranes from the Asian, Australian, and Pacific plates, and this city is the easternmost of the Greater Sunda islands. For the point, name this Indonesian island also known as Celebes.

ANSWER: **Sulawesi** (accept **Celebes** before mentioned)

(3) This city's northward expansion into Novaliches resulted in the division of Caloocan's territory into two non-contiguous parts. This city's Eastwood district is home to one country's largest cyberpark, and the Ninoy Aquino Parks and Wildlife Center are found in this city's Diliman district. Commonwealth Avenue is located in, for the point, what most-populated city of the Philippines, named after the country's second president?

ANSWER: **Quezon** [[KAY-zon]] City

(4) The Sōya subprefecture within this region includes its northernmost point, and this jurisdiction includes the disputed islands of Kunashir and Iturup. This subdivision is governed from the site of an annual "snow festival," and the Kurils lie to the northeast of this prefecture, which is separated by the La Pérouse Strait from Russia and also borders the Tsugaru Strait. For the point, name this northernmost of Japan's four major islands.

ANSWER: **Hokkaidō** (or **Aynu Mosir**; prompt on "Ezo")

(5) This ethnic group inhabits towns such as Sa Pa in Lào Cai province, and its "flower" grouping is named for its members' colorful embroidery. This ethnic group's language forms a family with the Mienic, or Yao, languages. This ethnic group is a subset of the Miao people, and this ethnic group immigrated en masse to the United States, establishing major centers in Fresno, Wausau, and St. Paul following the Secret War. For the point, name this stateless ethnic minority which is present in Indochina.

ANSWER: **Hmong** People (accept **HMoob**)

(6) The Bystrinsky District on this landmass hosts dog sled races in the village of Esso. This landmass is home to geothermal hot springs in the resort village of Paratunka, which is located down the road from Yelizovo. On Avacha Bay, off this peninsula, lies a city near the Koryaksky volcano which has a name that translates to "city of Peter and Paul," and most of this peninsula's residents live in Petropavlovsk. For the point, name this peninsula which is bounded to the west by the Sea of Okhotsk and located in the Russian Far East.

ANSWER: **Kamchatka** Peninsula (or **Kamchatka** Krai)

(7) This region roughly corresponds to Patrick Marshall's conception of the "Andesite Line." Zones that form this region include the Izu–Bonin Trench and the Ryukyu Trench. This broad multinational region was created by the subduction of the Antarctic plate, the Nazca plate, and the Cocos plate beneath the South American Plate, and the Japanese portion of this region includes Mount Bandai and Mount Fuji. For the point, name this tectonic belt of volcanoes and seismic activity along the Pacific Ocean.

ANSWER: **Ring of Fire** (or Pacific **Ring of Fire**; accept **Rim of Fire**; accept **Girdle of Fire**; accept **Circum-Pacific belt** before "Pacific")

(8) The highest peak completely within this region is Kongur Tagh, which is the world's highest peak outside the Himalayas, Karakoram, or Hindu Kush. This region is the world's largest landlocked national subdivision, and it also contains the world's furthest point from the ocean in the Dzungarian Basin. The Taklimakan Desert dominates this region, which is separated from Central Asia by the Tian Shan Mountains. For the point, name this region of China which is home to the Muslim Uygur [[WEE-gur]] minority.

ANSWER: **Xinjiang** Uygur Autonomous Region (or **XUAR**; accept **Chinese Turkestan**; accept **Eastern Turkestan**; prompt on "Uygur Autonomous Region" alone before "Uygur")

(9) This language, which is grouped with the Loloish languages, is written with a namesake script that is also used to write the Mon language and the liturgical Pali language. A namesake ethnic group also called the Bamar speak this language, which is the most spoken non-Chinese language of the Sino-Tibetan language family. This language is spoken by many tribes in the Chittagong Hill Tracts and its standard dialect comes from the Irrawaddy River valley. For the point, name this language used in Yangon and Mandalay.

ANSWER: **Burmese** (or **Myanmar** Language)

(10) Despite no longer being the capital of its home country, the name of this city means "capital of capitals." The Kamo river flows through the north and east of this city, and the Katsura river flows through its west. This city is surrounded on three sides by the mountains Higashiyama, Kitayama, and Nishiyama. The Nijō Castle can be found in, for the point, what former capital of Japan, often considered its cultural capital?

ANSWER: **Kyoto** (or **Kyoto** City)

(11) This province's Yanoda Rainforest is part of its Baoting Li and Miao Autonomous County, which has its capital at Baocheng Town. This province's Nanshan Temple consists of a massive Buddha statue which rises from the ocean in the port of Sanya. This province is the smallest by area in China, and this province's capital was one of the last Kuomintang strongholds to be captured. For the point, name this southernmost province of China, an island province which has its capital at Haikou.

ANSWER: **Hainan**

(12) This city, which is surrounded by, but not part of, the Chüy region, is the home of many Chinese-speaking Muslim people known as Dungans. This Turkic city includes districts named "October" and "Lenin," and this city's White House is the location of President Sadyr Japarov's office. This national capital lies north of the Ala-Too mountains, a subrange of the Tian Shan, and this city is a short distance south of the Kazakh border. For the point, name this Central Asian city, the capital of Kyrgyzstan.

ANSWER: **Bishkek** (or **Pishpek**; or **Frunze**)

(13) This island is home to the Schmidt Peninsula, the northernmost point of which is Cape Elizabeth. This island is traversed by the Poronay River, which flows into the Gulf of Patience. The Strait of Tartary connects the mainland to this island, and this island is separated from a neighboring country by the La Pérouse Strait. Vladimirovka was the historic name of the capital of this island, which has a name beginning with the word "Yuzhno." For the point, name this Russian island located directly north of Hokkaido.

ANSWER: **Sakhalin**

(14) This country's tourist hub of Vang Vieng is situated on the Nam Song River, which is known for its karst formations. This country's southern panhandle includes the Khone Phapheng Falls, the world's widest waterfall, as well as the Plain of Jars in the Annamite Range. This country, which forms the northwestern portion of Indochina, has the largest proportion of Hmong people of any country. For the point, name this country of Southeast Asia which is governed from Vientiane.

ANSWER: **Laos** (or **Lao** People's Democratic Republic; or Sathalanalat Paxathipatai Paxaxôn **Lao**; or République démocratique populaire **lao**)

(15) This city includes the Sacred Heart Cathedral, which is nicknamed the "Stone House" for its all-granite construction, as well as the Chow Tai Fook Finance Centre, the home of the world's fastest elevators. This city includes a marker demonstrating where the Tropic of Cancer passes through it, and this city historically served as a southeastern terminus of the Silk Road. Formerly called Canton, for the point, what fifth-largest city of China by population forms an urban area with Macau and Hong Kong?

ANSWER: **Guangzhou** (or **Kwongchow**; or **Kwangchow**; accept **Canton** before mentioned; do NOT accept or prompt on "Guangdong")

East Asian Geography Bee – Final Round (HS-MS)

Regulation Tossups

(1) **One portion of this city, Arcovia City, contains the Arco de Emperador triumphal arch. With a northern neighbor, this city shares the Bridgetowne development, which spans both banks of the Marikina River, and it contains the statue (+) The Victor.** The headquarters of the Philippines' Department of Education is located in this city at Ortigas Center, and this city was formerly the capital of the neighboring (*) Rizal Province, despite being part of Metro Manila. For the points, name this city which shares its name with the main river flowing through Manila.

ANSWER: **Pasig** City

(2) **The residential area of Discovery Bay on this island is known as an expatriate center. On this island, Tung Chung town was built on a former fishing village, and this island was further developed by the construction of the (+) Ngong Ping 360 gondola lift.** The island of Chek Lap Kok, off this island's northern coast, is home to its region's main airport, the hub of (*) Cathay Pacific. For the points, name this island where tourists can visit Hong Kong Disneyland.

ANSWER: **Lantau** Island (prompt on "Hong Kong" before mentioned)

(3) **The southernmost prefecture in this province, Ganzhou, is traditionally Hakka-speaking, though most of this area speaks Gan instead. China's largest but shrinking freshwater lake, Poyang, is located south of the Yangtze River in this province, which lies east of (+) Hunan.** This region's city of Ruijin is a center of "red tourism," and the Chinese Red Army emerged from a (*) 1927 uprising in this subdivision's capital. For the points, name this Chinese province governed from Nanchang.

ANSWER: **Jiāngxī** [[JYANG-shee]] Shěng (or **Kiangsi**)

(4) **Prior to the establishment of this state by Sharif ul-Hāshim, Karim ul-Makhdum established Islam with the first mosque in its modern country at Tawi-Tawi. The Sultanate of Bulungan gained independence from this state during the 19th century. This state was annexed by (+) American colonizers following their defeat at the Battle of Bud Bagsak during the Moro Rebellion.** (*) For the points, name this Filipino sultanate that leased Sabah to British Malaysia, causing ongoing territorial disputes between the Philippines and Malaysia.

ANSWER: Sultanate of **Sulu**

(5) **The first European town on this river, Albazino, was the capital of Jaxa, a microstate composed of Polish and Ukrainian refugees, mixed with indigenous Evenk and Daur people. Cities spanning from (+) Chita to Changchun are included in the drainage basin of this river, which also contains Lake Khanka. This river, which passes by the Jewish Autonomous Oblast, empties into the Sea of (*) Okhotsk.** The longest river of Russia to not flow into the Arctic Ocean, for the points, what river forms Russia's border with China?

ANSWER: **Amur** River (or **Heilong Jiang**)

(6) **An arc-shaped mountain range within this landform is called the Mazartag, which is home to a namesake fort to the north of Hotan. This landform is home to ancient karez well systems as well as preserved ruins of the (+) Tocharian cultures. This landform is bounded by the Tian Shan Mountains to the north, the Kunlun Mountains to the south, and the (*) Pamir Mountains to the west. Much of the Tarim Basin is comprised of, for the point, what Chinese desert to the west of Lop Nur?**

ANSWER: **Taklamakan** Desert (accept "**Tarim Basin**" before mentioned)

(7) **The former longest suspension bridge in the world, the Akashi Kaikyo Bridge, was constructed in this region to connect to nearby Awaji Island. The Fushimi ward in this region is known for producing most of its country's (+) sake [[SAH-kay]], and this region is home to wagyu brands such as Tajima cattle from Hyōgo. This region's namesake international airport was constructed off (*) Honshu and serves cities such as Kobe [[KOH-beh]]. For the points, name this south-central region of Japan that contains Osaka and Kyoto.**

ANSWER: **Kansai** region (accept **Kansai** International Airport)

(8) **This city sits along the Songhua River and is home to Volga Manor, a theme park known for recreations of landmarks from St. Petersburg and Moscow. This city's Saint Sophia Cathedral is the most prominent architectural remnant of its former occupation by (+) Russia. This city's Sun Island hosts a massive sculpture display during the world's (*) largest snow and ice festival. For the point, name this largest city in Heilongjiang.**

ANSWER: **Harbin**

(9) **This state's Pali name translates to the "Land of Ogres," and Ramree Island in this state was the site of history's deadliest animal disaster when hundreds of retreating Japanese troops were devoured by crocodiles. (+) Mrauk U was the most powerful of the kingdoms centered in this state, which borders the states of Bago and Chin. This state, formerly known as (*) Arakan, has its capital at Sittwe. Located south of Bangladesh, for the points, what state of Burma is the homeland of the Rohingya?**

ANSWER: **Rakhine** State (accept **Arakan** before mentioned)

(10) **A small western section of this lake is occupied by Battambang Province. This lake is the home of the world's largest freshwater fish, a species of giant catfish. This lake, which occupies a depression formed by the collision of the (+) Indian and Eurasian Plates, is located south of Siem Reap. This lake is known for reversing its direction of flow between rainy seasons, and its namesake river ends at (*) Phnom Penh. For the points, name this lake, a part of the Mekong River basin in Cambodia.**

ANSWER: **Tonlé** Sap (prompt on "fresh river" or "Great Lake")