

Economic Geography Bee – Final Round (HS)

Regulation Tossups

(1) **The Taiz Governorate administers the island of Perim in this body of water, which was the site of historical pearl fishing. Traders along this body of water have lived at sites like At Turbah and (+) Khôr 'Angar. The half-brother of Osama Bin Laden outlined plans for the Bridge of the Horns across this body of water, which connects the Red Sea to the Gulf of Aden. Large quantities of petroleum flows through (*)**, for the points, what strait between the Horn of Africa and Yemen?

ANSWER: **Bab el-Mandeb**

(2) **In the 1970s, one country replaced this currency with the ouguiya, which is made of five khoums. This currency, issued by the BCEAO, (+) was nearly replaced in one country with a local currency by Ousmane Sonko. XOF and XAF are codes for the two types of this currency, which is divided into two non-interchangeable types: (*) West African and Central African. For the points, identify this African currency used by 14 countries, which is distinct from a former French currency of the same name.**

ANSWER: **CFA franc** (accept **West African franc** or **Central African franc** before mentioned; prompt on "franc")

(3) **Exports overseen by this multinational organization, such as beef, have contributed to deforestation among the Yanomami. Aloysio Nunes noted that a nation run by the (+) United Socialist Party was barred from this organization until it "re-establishes democracy." This organization, whose legislature is called the Parlasur, was founded by the Protocol of (*) Ouro Preto [[OW-roo PREH-toh]] and the Treaty of Asunción. For the points, name this trade bloc comprised of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay.**

ANSWER: **Mercosur**

(4) **This region's Spraberry Trend encompasses the Llano [[YAH-noh]] Estacado and the Edwards Plateau, known for a type of sandstone. In the 1920s, oil facilities in this region opened around Big Lake, (+) McCamey, and Hendrick. Component basins of this region include the oil-rich Delaware and Marfa, encompassing cities such as (*) Odessa and Midland. For the points, name this largest petroleum-producing basin in the United States, found in western Texas and named after the final period of the Paleozoic era.**

ANSWER: **Permian** Basin (prompt on "New Mexico" or "Texas" or "West Texas")

(5) **The only active mine for this resource in the U.S. is at Silver Peak in Nevada, and it is used for grid storage. Argentina, Bolivia, and Chile comprise a (+) "Triangle" named for this resource concentrated in salt pans, which is commonly used for smartphones. Australia, Chile, and China account for three-quarters of the total output of this (*) alkali metal as a green resource extracted from spodumene. For the points, name this natural resource mined around the world for its use in batteries.**

ANSWER: **lithium** (accept **Lithium** Triangle; accept Triángulo del **Litio**)

(6) **This European city names a set of rules addressing the relationship between carriers and cargo-owners. Prior Informed Consent procedure was outlined in a convention named for this city regulating the trade of hazardous chemicals. (+)** Prior to 1819, this city's port was the world's busiest port by annual cargo. Home to the largest seaport in Europe, (*) for the points, what city in the Rhine-Meuse-Scheldt Delta is the second-largest in the Netherlands?

ANSWER: **Rotterdam** (accept **Rotterdam** Convention)

(6) **This agency created a product called the fugio that included the line, "Mind Your Business." David Rittenhouse, who names Rittenhouse Square, was the first director of this agency. (+)** Denver, San Francisco, and West Point are three of the four cities that host production facilities of this agency, which is based in Philadelphia and includes a (*) P mark on most coins. For the points, name this bureau that, along with the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, prints paper currency in the U.S.

ANSWER: United States **Mint**

(7) **Brown coal in this country is concentrated in Angren, found in the Akhangaran River Valley. The Chirchiq and Naryn Rivers in this country provide hydroelectricity to support its energy grid. The largest (+) open-pit gold mine in the world is in this country's portion of the Kyzylkum Desert. Oil reserves have been preserved in this country's Kashkadarya region and the Fergana Valley. (*)** Bukhara is an oil producer in, for the points, what Central Asian county, home to energy companies in Tashkent?

ANSWER: Republic of **Uzbekistan**

(8) **A producer of this commodity, Sime Darby, has been accused of exploitation in Selangor. The Musim Mas Group and Cargill have opened plantations for producing this good in areas like (+) Medan and Kalimantan. As a result of deforestation and burning, activities surrounding this commodity led to the 2015 Southeast Asian (*) haze of air pollution. For the points, name this cooking ingredient produced primarily in Malaysia and Indonesia, a type of oil from a tree.**

ANSWER: **palm oil** (prompt on "vegetable oil"; do NOT prompt or accept "oil" alone)

(9) **This state's largest power plant, which gets its water flow from the Irai Dam, is named for its Chandrapur district. This state's agricultural success stems from products like Nashik grapes. (+) Mahabaleshwar strawberries, and Nagpur oranges. Tata Consultancy Services is headquartered in this state, whose largest city is home to Essel Group and the National Stock Exchange. An IT hub in (*) Pune [[POO-neh]] is found in, for the points, what state, home to Mumbai?**

ANSWER: **Maharashtra**

(10) **This company operates a platform developed with the World Bank to map rural entrepreneurs, called Taobao villages. This company introduced a "1+6+N" structure that includes a food delivery app previously called (+) Ele.me, which operates around the Bund. This company became the second in Asia after Tencent (*) to be worth over \$500 billion. For the points, name this company founded by Jack Ma and based in Hangzhou, specializing in e-commerce.**

ANSWER: **Alibaba** Group Holding Limited