

South Asian Geo Bee – Prelim Round (HS-MS)

Regulation Tossups

(1) This city includes special economic zones such as Hardware Park and HITEC City, the latter of which adjoins the Jubilee Hills. This city's Golconda Fort was a former hub of diamond trading, while its Rashtrapati Nilayam estate serves as a winter retreat for India's president, and this city is the largest where Telugu is used as a main language. For the point, name this second-largest city of southern India after Bangalore.

ANSWER: **Hyderabad**

(2) This city contains South Asia's only underwater road tunnel, which was partly financed by the Exim Bank of China and constructed by the China Communications Construction Company. Jamburi Park is found in this city, which is served by Shah Amanat International Airport. Foy's Lake is found in this city, which contains a business district called Agrabad, part of the Double Mooring precinct. Found on the Karnaphuli River between the Hill Tracts and the Bay of Bengal, for the point, what city is the second-largest in Bangladesh?

ANSWER: **Chittagong** (or **Chattogram**; or **Cottogram**; or **Catgao**; or **Sitang**)

(3) This country is the westernmost in Asia which has territory south of the equator, and it includes the island of Gan, which is part of Addu Atoll. That atoll in this country contains its highest point at Villingili, at only seven feet in elevation. This country, lying north of the British Indian Ocean Territory, has the highest per capita GDP in South Asia. Comprised of more than 1100 coral islands in 26 atolls, for the point, what is this smallest country in Asia?

ANSWER: Republic of **Maldives** (or **Dhivehi Raajjeyge** Jumhooriyyaa)

(4) The Naubat Khana in this structure houses India's War Memorial Museum, and a bridge connects it to the Salimgarh Fort. One of the women's quarters in this location was named after Mumtaz Mahal, the wife of Shah Jahan. The main entrance to this location is the Lahori Gate, where every year since 1947, India's prime minister raises its flag and makes a speech from its gate during Independence Day. For the point, name this Delhi building which served as the residence of the Mughal emperors.

ANSWER: **Red Fort** (or **Lal Qila**)

(5) This river's stretch from Dhubri to Sadiya is designated as National Waterway Two, which includes Pamdu Port. Forming the Barak Valley, this river is also the location of gorges such as the Yarlung Tangpo Grand Canyon. The Assam Valley is carved by this river, which originates from Manasarovar Lake near Mount Kailash in Tibet. For the point, name this principal river of northeast India, which forms a delta with the Ganges.

ANSWER: **Brahmaputra** (or **Jamuna**; accept **Yarlung Tsangpo** before mentioned)

(6) This ethnic group is the majority ethnic group in the North Central and Uva provinces of one country. The osariya is worn by this ethnic group, and many members of this ethnic group live in Sabaragamuwa Province, which has its capital at Ratnapura. This ethnic group has castes like the Durava, Karava, and Salagama castes, and its members live in cities like Polonnaruwa and Galle. Largely following Theravada Buddhism, for the point, what group forms the largest ethnic group in Sri Lanka?

ANSWER: **Sinhalese** people (or **Sinhala** Janathava)

(7) This region is threatened by pollution from the Rampal Power Station in the city of Khulna. This region, which receives the Meghna River, was heavily damaged by Cyclone Sidr. This region, known for having one of the world's highest rates of tiger attacks, lies southeast of Kolkata. Containing the world's largest mangrove forest, for the point, what is this densely-forested region on the Bangladesh-India border, situated within the Ganges Delta?

ANSWER: **Sundarbans** (prompt on "Ganges Delta" until mentioned)

(8) This mountain range's ski resort at Malam Jabba was destroyed in 2008 due to its "un-Islamic nature," and it adjoins the Swat Valley. This mountain range, home to the source of the Helmand River, is the world's third highest after the Himalayas and the adjoining Karakoram Range, and this mountain range, which was the former site of the Bamiyan Buddhas, contains the Khyber Pass. For the point, name this chief mountain range of Afghanistan.

ANSWER: **Hindu Kush**

(9) This sea can be reached via the Thottappally Spillway, which drains the Kuttanad. Astola Island is located in this sea, which also contains Basavaraj Durga Island. The terminal of the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor is the Jawaharlal Nehru container port, which is located on this sea. Containing the abyssal Indus Fan and connected via the Gulf of Aden to the Red Sea, for the point, what sea in the Indian Ocean has cities like Mumbai on its coast?

ANSWER: **Arabian** Sea (or bahr al-'**arab**)

(10) The Marble Rocks are located in this state along the Narmada River. The Jahangir Citadel was built in this state at the city of Orchha, which is found on the Betwa River. This state is home to the oldest known inscription of a circular symbol used to represent the number zero, and this state's largest city was founded on the Kanh and Saraswati rivers. For the point, name this Indian state where a 1984 disaster involving Union Carbide occurred in its capital, Bhopal.

ANSWER: **Madhya Pradesh**

(11) One landmark in this city is the 18th-century Ramnagar Fort, built by Balwant Singh, who ruled as Maharaja of a state based around this riverside settlement. This metropolis, located downstream from Lucknow and Allahabad in Uttar Pradesh, includes two major cremation sites at Manikarnika and Harishchandra. With riverbanks serving as a destination for many pilgrims, for the point, what is this holiest city of Hinduism, located on the Ganges River?

ANSWER: **Varanasi** (or **Benares**; or **Kashi**)

(12) Among the shortest rivers that drain into this body of water is the highly polluted Koovam River. Marina Beach is located on this body of water and runs from Foreshore Estate to nearby Fort St. George. The Agniyar River flows into this body of water, which contains a marine terminal called Sittwe Port. This body of water contains the Defence Islands, which are north of Port Blair. Receiving inflow from the Brahmaputra and Ganges Rivers, for the point, what bay is bounded by Myanmar, Bangladesh, and India?

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

(13) This city's partially-completed Grand Jamia Mosque is set to become the world's largest mosque outside of Saudi Arabia. This city contains Bahria Town, which houses the Rafi Cricket Stadium. This city contains a replica of the Charminar monument, which was built by refugees from Hyderabad. This city, which contains one of the world's largest populations of Bengali immigrants and Afghan refugees, is the second-largest port on the Arabian Sea after Mumbai. For the point, name this largest city in Pakistan.

ANSWER: **Karachi**

(14) This city's Hospital Area can be found south of the Memorial Chorten. This city's central district is Chubachu, while other regions in this city include "the meadow of pearls," Motithang. This city's Radio Waves radio station broadcasts in English and Dzongkha. Located in Chang Gewok, this city was declared the capital city by Druk Gyalpo Jigme Dorji Wangchuck. The city of Punakha was replaced as capital by this city, which is the highest capital in Asia. For the point, name this capital city of Bhutan.

ANSWER: **Thimphu** [[TIM-poo]]

(15) Those who died climbing this mountain are remembered via the Gilkey Memorial. This mountain contains a couloir called the Bottleneck, which is often traversed in order to limit time spent in the death zone. House's Chimney can be found on this mountain at the Abruzzi Spur. This peak lies between Gilgit-Baltistan in Pakistan and Xinjiang in China in the Karakoram range and was called the "Savage Mountain." For the point, name this second-highest mountain on Earth after Mount Everest.

ANSWER: **K-Two** (or Mount **Godwin-Austen**)

South Asian Geo Bee – Final Round (HS-MS)

Regulation Tossups

(1) This sea's southernmost point lies at Dondra Head in Sri Lanka, near the port city of Galle [[GAH-leh]], and this sea's Gulf of Mannar is bounded by a collection of shoals called "Adam's Bridge," which stretches toward Tamil Nadu. Kochi (+) is a major port on the southwestern Malabar Coast of India, on the shores of this sea which surrounds the island nation of the (*) Maldives. Located west of India and Sri Lanka, for the points, what is this sea?

ANSWER: Laccadive [[LAH-kah-deev]] Sea (or Lakshadweep Sea; accept phonetic pronunciations)

(2) This mountain system is known for the "hill station" retreats of Ooty and Nandi Hills. This mountain system has two northern termini, one ending at the Satpura Range and the other at the Chota Nagpur Plateau. (+) The Godavari River has its source in one arm of this mountain system, and it passes through the other branch before entering the (*) Bay of Bengal. For the points, name this system of mountain chains that borders the Deccan Plateau in southern India.

ANSWER: Ghats (accept Western Ghats or Eastern Ghats)

(3) This city was captured by the Khanate of Kalat, which was ruled by the Brahui, and Mir Noori Naseer Khan left the Gichki tribe in charge of it. This city's port was opened under Muhammad Nawaz Sharif and lies in the (+) Demi Zirr harbor. During the Kargil War, this city was connected to Karachi as part of a defensive scheme, and this city is set to be integrated into the (*) Maritime Silk Road. For the points, identify this city on the Arabian Sea, a Pakistani port in Balochistan that was once part of Oman.

ANSWER: Gwadar

(4) According to the Guinness Book of World Records, this is the world's fastest-growing mountain. The standard route to climb this mountain, which scales the Diamir Face, is named for (+) Toni Kinshofer. This mountain's name is Urdu for "naked mountain," and it is the second-most prominent peak of South Asia. The (*) western anchor of the Himalayas is, for the points, what second-tallest mountain of Pakistan and ninth-highest mountain in the world?

ANSWER: Nanga Parbat (or Diamer until mentioned)

(5) In this state's capital, the Owaisi family, descendants of Razakar paramilitary forces, formed the AIMIM party, which continues to win the support of Muslims. Golconda diamonds are named for a (+) fort in this region, the historical base of the Nizam princes. This subdivision, whose major cities include Secunderabad, is one of India's two (*) Telugu-speaking states. For the points, name this landlocked state in southern India's Deccan Plateau, the capital of which is Hyderabad.

ANSWER: Telangana

(6) **This desert contains the mouth of the Ghaggar-Hakra River, which may be a remnant of the ancient Sarasvati River. This desert, the world's most populous, is home to the city of (+) Bikaner. An off-road vehicle produced by the Mahindra motor company is named for this desert, which also includes the cities of Jaisalmer and (*) Jodhpur.** Extending into Punjab, for the points, what is this largest desert of India, situated on its western border?

ANSWER: **Thar** Desert (accept **Great Indian** Desert before "India" is mentioned)

(7) **The highest point in this island chain is Mount Thullier, which was possibly named for Henry Edward Landor Thuillier. The largest settlement in this island chain is (+) Malacca, and residents of this island chain include the Shompen people. This island chain's Central Group contains Teressa and Trinket islands, while its (*) Southern Group includes Kondul Island.** For the points, name this island chain that joins the Andaman Islands to form the boundary between the Bay of Bengal and the Andaman Sea.

ANSWER: **Nicobar** Islands (accept Andaman and **Nicobar** Islands)

(8) **In this city, the Malan Bridge links the Injil and Guzara districts and was legendarily built with a mixture of clay and eggshells by princesses Bibi Nur and Bibi Hur. The Khwaja Abdullah Ansari International Airport is located in this city, which contains the Tomb of (+) Baysunghur, built by Gawhar Shad, the wife of Timurid ruler Shah Rukh. The Mir Ali Sher Navai mausoleum is one of the sites within this city's (*) Musalla complex. Called "the Pearl of Khorasan,"** for the points, what city is the third-largest in Afghanistan?

ANSWER: **Herat** (or **Harat**; or **Hirat**; or **Haraiva**; or **Horeiva**; or **Hires**; accept **Herat** International Airport)

(9) **A garden and red brick obelisk in this city are dedicated to victims of the Jallianwala Bagh massacre. The Zamzama Gun is on display in this city at its (+) Gobindgarh Fort. This city takes its name from a sacred pool dug by Guru Ram Das, and this city is home to the Harmandir Sahib, better known as the (*) Golden Temple, the most visited gurdwara in the world.** For the points, name this Punjabi city in India, the holiest site in Sikhism.

ANSWER: **Amritsar** (or **Ambarsar**)

(10) **This city adjoins Ramu Upazila, where religious violence targeted Buddhist temples in 2012. The Kutupalong refugee camp is located near this city, and the world's longest marine drive connects this city with (+) Teknaf and was opened in 2017 by Sheikh Hasina. Rakhine people in this city support its Burmese Market, and this city has the world's (*) longest uninterrupted beach.** For the points, name this city in southern Bangladesh, named for an officer of the British East India Company.

ANSWER: **Cox's Bazar** (or **Kôksbājār**; or **Panowa**; or **Palongkee**)