

(1) **U.S. STATES** In what U.S. state can you find the cities of Oakland and San Francisco?

ANSWER: California

(2) **PERFORMANCE VENUES** What Australian city is known for its iconic opera house on Bennelong Point?

ANSWER: Sydney (accept Sydney Opera House)

(3) **THE ADRIATIC SEA** What country on the Adriatic Sea is home to the alphabetically last world capital, Zagreb?

ANSWER: Republic of Croatia (or Republika Hrvatska)

(4) **MOST POPULOUS U.S. CITIES** The largest U.S. state capital by population is what city in Arizona?

ANSWER: Phoenix

(5) **SOUTH AMERICAN CAPITAL CITIES** What is the capital of Argentina?

ANSWER: Buenos Aires

(6) **THE GREAT LAKES** Which of the Great Lakes is the only one that shares its name with a U.S. state?

ANSWER: Lake Michigan

(7) **HOW MANY ISLANDS?** What Asian country is composed of more than 7,500 islands, including Luzon, Mindanao, and Samar?

ANSWER: Republic of the Philippines (or Republika ng Pilipinas)

(8) **WORLD'S LARGEST COUNTRIES** In 2023, what South Asian country surpassed China to become the world's most populated country?

ANSWER: Republic of India (or Bharat Ganarajya)

(9) **THE WORLD'S OCEANS** Which ocean is home to islands such as Bermuda, Ireland, and Long Island?

ANSWER: Atlantic Ocean

(10) **THE IBERIAN PENINSULA** What country to the east of Portugal is the largest by both population and area on the Iberian Peninsula?

ANSWER: Kingdom of Spain (or Reino de España)

(11) **U.S. STATE NICKNAMES** What U.S. state, known as the "Hawkeye State," has its capital at Des Moines?

ANSWER: Iowa

(12) **CENTRAL AMERICAN CURRENCY** What largest country by population in Central America begins with the letter "G" and uses a currency called the quetzal, named for a resplendent bird?

ANSWER: Republic of Guatemala (or República de Guatemala)

(13) **CONTINENTS AND PENINSULAS** On what continent is the Balkan Peninsula located?

ANSWER: Europe

(14) **HIMALAYAS** What highest point of the Himalayas is the tallest mountain on Earth?

ANSWER: Mount Everest (or Sagarmāthā; or Qomolangma)

(15) **OLDEST CITIES** What long-inhabited city is the capital of Syria?

ANSWER: Damascus

(16) **METROPLEXES** In what U.S. state does the DFW Metroplex incorporate Dallas and Fort Worth?

ANSWER: Texas

(17) **EUROPEAN RIVERS** What major European river flows through Paris?

ANSWER: Seine

(18) **MAJOR LAKES** What Eurasian body of water is referred to as a sea, despite being considered the world's largest lake?

ANSWER: Caspian Sea

(19) **SHARED CITY NAMES** What name is shared by the largest city in both Maine and Oregon?

ANSWER: Portland

(20) **PACIFIC FLAGS** What country of Oceania sports a flag with a deep blue field, a Union Jack in its canton, and four red stars, similar to the flag of Australia, which, instead, has six white stars?

ANSWER: New Zealand (or NZ; or Aotearoa)

(21) **DENMARK** What city is the capital of Denmark?

ANSWER: Copenhagen

(22) **CENTRAL ASIA** What largely dried-up saltwater lake in Central Asia was depleted by Soviet irrigation projects beginning in the 1960s?

ANSWER: Aral Sea

(23) **AMERICAN PENINSULAS** Cape Cod is a peninsula of what U.S. state?

ANSWER: Massachusetts

(24) **THE BAHAMAS** What city is the capital of the Bahamas?

ANSWER: Nassau

(25) **AMERICAN BAYS** What bay, which is also the largest estuary in the United States, is enclosed by Maryland and Virginia?

ANSWER: Chesapeake Bay

(26) **SALTWATER** What large saline body of water in Utah is the Western Hemisphere's largest saltwater lake?

ANSWER: Great Salt Lake (prompt on partial answers)

(27) **EUROPEAN COUNTRIES BY CITIES** What European country is home to the cities Malmö, Gothenburg, and Stockholm?

ANSWER: Kingdom of Sweden (or Konungariket Sverige)

(28) **U.S. NATIONAL PARKS** What U.S. state is home to Acadia National Park, as well as the northeastern-most point of the continental U.S.?

ANSWER: Maine

(29) **MYANMAR** What city of Myanmar was formerly known as Rangoon?

ANSWER: Yangon

(30) **NORTH AMERICAN CITIES** What city, which is NOT located in the United States, is the most populous city in North America?

ANSWER: Mexico City (or Ciudad de México)

(31) **SAUDI ARABIA** What Saudi Arabian city, the holiest in Islam, is the destination of the hajj?

ANSWER: Mecca

(32) **AFRICAN FLAGS** What largest country in Africa by population uses a flag with three vertical bands of green, white, and green?

ANSWER: Federal Republic of Nigeria

(33) **SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGIONS** What former Portuguese colony is one of two Special Administrative Regions of China, along with Hong Kong?

ANSWER: Macau

(34) **GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS** What U.S. state shares Great Smoky Mountains National Park with Tennessee?

ANSWER: North Carolina (prompt on "Carolina")

(35) **CZECHIA** What is the capital and most populous city of Czechia?

ANSWER: Prague

(36) **COLORADO** What alliterative mountain in Colorado is the inspiration for the song "America the Beautiful?"

ANSWER: Pikes Peak (prompt on "America's Mountain")

(37) **EUROPEAN SEAS** What sea is located between countries like Sweden and Finland and closely associated with states such as Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania?

ANSWER: Baltic Sea

(38) **CIRCLES** What is the northernmost circle of latitude?

ANSWER: Arctic Circle

(39) **SOUTHEAST ASIA** What major river of Southeast Asia flows through the capital cities Phnom Penh and Vientiane?

ANSWER: Mekong River

(40) **TENNESSEE** What city is the second-largest by population in Tennessee after Nashville and ahead of Knoxville?

ANSWER: Memphis

(41) **NORTH AND SOUTH** What line of demarcation creates an invisible boundary that separates the Northern and Southern Hemispheres?

ANSWER: Equator

(42) **ITALIAN CITIES** What city is the capital of Italy?

ANSWER: Rome (or Roma)

(43) **RUINED CITIES** What ruined city in Italy was buried under ash by Mount Vesuvius, just like Herculaneum, Oplontis, and Stabiae?

ANSWER: Pompeii

(44) **U.S. STATES AND RIVERS** What second-longest river in the United States shares its name with a state that has its capital at Jackson?

ANSWER: Mississippi River

(45) **BODIES OF WATER** Hormuz, the Dardanelles, and the Golden Gate are examples of what type of slim body of water that connects two larger bodies of water?

ANSWER: strait (accept Strait of Hormuz, Dardanelles Strait, or Golden Gate Strait)

(46) **INDIAN CITIES** What city is the largest by population in India, just ahead of Delhi?

ANSWER: Mumbai (accept Bombay)

(47) **THE MIDWESTERN U.S.** In what midwestern city is the Gateway Arch located?

ANSWER: St. Louis

(48) **MASSACHUSETTS** What is the capital and largest city by population of Massachusetts?

ANSWER: Boston

(49) **INCREDIBLE STRUCTURES** What structure stretches an astonishing 13,000 miles across China?

ANSWER: Great Wall of China

(50) **THE SEVEN CONTINENTS** Which country is also one of the world's seven continents?

ANSWER: Commonwealth of Australia

(51) **DESERTS** What largest hot desert in the world covers nearly all of North Africa, from Mauritania to Sudan?

ANSWER: Sahara Desert

(52) **MIDDLE EAST CAPITAL CITIES** What city is the capital of Iraq?

ANSWER: Baghdad

(53) **AFRICAN ISLAND COUNTRIES** What African island country is known for its population of lemurs?

ANSWER: Republic of Madagascar (or République de Madagascar; or Repoblikan'i Madagasikara)

(54) **RAINFORESTS** Known for its rainforest, what is the longest river in South America?

ANSWER: Amazon River

(55) **FRENCH LANDMARKS** What 1,083-foot landmark is the tallest structure in Paris?

ANSWER: Eiffel Tower (or Tour Eiffel)

(56) **EUROPEAN STATES** Thuringia, Saxony, and Bavaria are among the states of what European country?

ANSWER: Federal Republic of Germany (or Bundesrepublik Deutschland)

(57) **ASIAN VOLCANOES** What active volcano is the highest peak in Japan?

ANSWER: Mount Fuji (or Fujisan)

(58) **CASTLES** A namesake castle stands at the end of the Royal Mile in what capital city of Scotland?

ANSWER: Edinburgh

(59) **STATES AND STRAITS** What U.S. state names the straits that separate Key West from Cuba?

ANSWER: Florida

(60) **TRANSYLVANIA** The Transylvania region is contained within what Eastern European country that has its capital at Bucharest?

ANSWER: Romania

(61) **U.S. STATE CAPITALS** What highest U.S. state capital by elevation is the capital of New Mexico?

ANSWER: Santa Fe

(62) **SUSPENSION BRIDGES** What orange suspension bridge in California connects Marin County to San Francisco?

ANSWER: Golden Gate Bridge

(63) **CITIES OF AUSTRALIA** What city in the state of Victoria competes for the title of Australia's largest city by population with Sydney?

ANSWER: Melbourne

(64) **TRANSCONTINENTAL SEAS** What sea separates North Africa from Southern Europe?

ANSWER: Mediterranean Sea

(65) **THE SOUTH POLE** What least-populated of the world's seven continents is home to the South Pole?

ANSWER: Antarctica

(66) **CATHOLIC COUNTRIES** What tiny Catholic state is the world's smallest sovereign country?

ANSWER: Vatican City (or Stato della Città del Vaticano; or Status Civitatis Vaticanae; or the Holy See)

(67) **MIDDLE EASTERN GEOGRAPHY** What Middle Eastern country has its capital at Tehran?

ANSWER: Islamic Republic of Iran (or Jomhuri-ye Eslâmi-ye Irân)

(68) **AFRICAN CAPITAL CITIES** What is the capital of Kenya?

ANSWER: Nairobi

(69) **MANHATTAN** What tall building in Manhattan is named for the official state nickname of New York?

ANSWER: Empire State Building

(70) **NARROW COUNTRIES** What long, thin country of South America sits to the west of Argentina and has its capital at Santiago?

ANSWER: Republic of Chile (or República de Chile)

(71) **PRESIDENTIAL CITIES** What Florida city is the largest in total population among cities named for a president of the United States?

ANSWER: Jacksonville

(72) **COMOROS** What capital of Comoros coincidentally shares its name with the angel that visited Joseph Smith and revealed the Book of Mormon?

ANSWER: Moroni

(73) **EASTERN COUNTRIES** Which of the following countries is located furthest east: Iran, Iraq, or Afghanistan?

ANSWER: Afghanistan (or Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan)

(74) **NEW YORK ISLANDS** What island represents New York's least-populated borough?

ANSWER: Staten Island

(75) **MID-ATLANTIC RIVERS** What river flows through Harpers Ferry, Alexandria, and Washington, D.C. before emptying into the Chesapeake Bay?

ANSWER: Potomac River

(76) **MEDITERRANEAN AFRICA** What country of North Africa has a coastline on the Mediterranean Sea, between Egypt and Algeria?

ANSWER: State of Libya (or Dawlat Lībiyā)

(77) **SOUTH AMERICAN CAPITAL CITIES** What country in South America has its capital at Montevideo?

ANSWER: Oriental Republic of Uruguay (or República Oriental del Uruguay)

(78) **ENGLAND AND FRANCE** Jersey and Guernsey are part of what archipelago, which is named for a body of water between England and France?

ANSWER: Channel Islands

(79) **JORDAN** What rock-carved city in Jordan was built as a treasury house by the Nabataean Kingdom?

ANSWER: Petra (or Raqmu)

(80) **SOUTH AMERICAN CITIES** What South American country is known for cities like Medellin, Barranquilla, and Bogotá?

ANSWER: Republic of Colombia (or República de Colombia)

(81) **EUROPEAN SUPERLATIVES** What city is the northernmost capital of Europe?

ANSWER: Reykjavik

(82) **EGYPT** What third-largest Egyptian city by population is known for its Great Pyramid?

ANSWER: Giza (accept Great Pyramid of Giza)

(83) **THE BASS STRAIT** What island is separated from mainland Australia by the Bass Strait?

ANSWER: Tasmania (or Lutruwita)

(84) **VISITING ITALY** In what Italian city can visitors find the Rialto Bridge?

ANSWER: Venice (or Venezia)

(85) **HAWAIIAN ISLANDS** Diamond Head, Waikiki Beach, and the city of Honolulu are located on what island of Hawaii, the third-largest by area and the largest by population?

ANSWER: Oahu

(86) **BIRDS** What island country with its capital at Roseau features a purple and green Sisserou parrot on its flag?

ANSWER: Commonwealth of Dominica (do NOT accept or prompt on "Dominican," "Dominican Republic," or "D.R.")

(87) **SURFERS PARADISE** In what country can surfers conquer massive waves at Nazaré, a town south of Coimbra and to the west of the Tagus River?

ANSWER: Portugal (or Portuguese Republic; or República Portuguesa)

(88) **CANADIAN PROVINCES** The only Canadian cities with more than one million residents can be found in Ontario, Quebec, and what other province?

ANSWER: Alberta

(89) **CHINESE NAMESAKES** The Chinese city Guangzhou gives its name to what U.S. state's city of Canton, the location of the Pro Football Hall of Fame?

ANSWER: Ohio

(90) **MEDITERRANEAN ISLANDS** What island is the largest non-Italian island in the Mediterranean Sea?

ANSWER: Cyprus (or Kýpros)

(91) **TINY COUNTRIES** What island country in Oceania is the world's smallest sovereign state by total area among those that are not enclaved or partially enclaved by another country?

ANSWER: Republic of Nauru (or Repubrikin Naoero; accept Pleasant Island)

(92) **ENCLOSED SEAS** What sea is enclosed by countries such as Türkiye, Ukraine, Georgia, and Russia?

ANSWER: Black Sea

(93) **NATIONAL COSTUMES** In what country is a national costume called the hanbok worn in cities such as Daegu and Busan?

ANSWER: South Korea (or Republic of Korea; or ROK; do NOT accept or prompt on "North Korea," "Democratic People's Republic of Korea," or "DPRK")

(94) **CROATIAN BORDERS** What country to the north of Montenegro and to the west of Serbia is mostly enclosed by Croatia?

ANSWER: Bosnia and Herzegovina (or Bosna i Hercegovina)

(95) **IMPERIAL CITIES** Which of Morocco's four Imperial Cities shares its name with a type of headwear?

ANSWER: **Fez**

(96) **SOUTH AFRICA** What city in South Africa is overlooked by Lion's Head, Signal Hill, and Table Mountain?

ANSWER: **Cape Town**

(97) **VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS** What French department in the Caribbean was the site of the 1902 eruption of Mount Pelée?

ANSWER: **Martinique** (or **Matinik**; or **Matnik**; or **Madinina**; or **Madiana**)

(98) **VIENNA** A popular stop among Vienna tourists is what palace complex, a former summer residence of the Habsburgs?

ANSWER: **Schönbrunn** Palace

(99) **THE LEVANT** What country names an "anti-" mountain range that defines much of its border with Syria?

ANSWER: **Lebanon** (or **Lebanese** Republic; or al-Jumhūriyyah al-**Lubnāniyyah**)

(100) **NATIONAL INITIALISMS** What modern European country was once referred to by the initialism FYROM?

ANSWER: Republic of **North Macedonia** (accept **Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**; prompt on "Macedonia")

(101) **ASIAN ISLANDS** What is the largest island of South Korea by area?

ANSWER: **Jeju** Island

(102) **WISCONSIN** Lambeau Field is located within what Wisconsin city named for a body of water?

ANSWER: **Green Bay**

(103) **ENGLISH CITIES** After London, what is the second-largest city of England by population?

ANSWER: **Birmingham**

(104) **NEW CAPITAL CITIES** What city replaced Malabo as the capital of Equatorial Guinea in 2026?

ANSWER: **Ciudad de la Paz**

(105) **EUROPEAN PARKS** What European city is home to a series of parks called Park Güell?

ANSWER: **Barcelona**

(106) **OREGON** What peak represents the highest point in Oregon?

ANSWER: Mount **Hood**

(107) **THE FRENCH RIVIERA** What is the largest city by population on the French Riviera?

ANSWER: **Nice**

(108) **NORTHERN IRELAND** What city is the second-largest by population in Northern Ireland, trailing only Belfast?

ANSWER: **Derry** (or **Londonderry**)

(109) **ARKANSAS** In what Arkansas city can visitors find Sam Walton's original five and dime store?

ANSWER: **Bentonville**

(110) **WESTERNMOST** Most of Türkiye is located on what western peninsula, which also marks the westernmost part of Asia?

ANSWER: **Anatolia** (prompt on "Asia Minor")

(111) **OIL** What Middle Eastern oil company operates the Ghawar and Safaniya oil fields, the world's largest onshore and offshore oil fields, respectively?

ANSWER: Saudi **Aramco** (or **Saudi Arabian Oil Company**)

(112) **ISLAND CAPITALS** What is the capital of Saint Lucia?

ANSWER: **Castries**

(113) **THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA** What constituent sea of the Mediterranean Sea sits between Southern Europe and Türkiye and includes islands such as Rhodes and Crete?

ANSWER: **Aegean** Sea

(114) **CANADIAN BORDERS** What U.S. state is the only one that has a border with three Canadian provinces: British Columbia, Alberta, and Saskatchewan?

ANSWER: **Montana**

(115) **AFRICAN CAPITAL CITIES** What is the most populated capital city in Africa?

ANSWER: **Cairo**

(116) **SOUTHEAST ASIAN RIVERS** What river of Southeast Asia forms a delta that hosts cities such as Hanoi and Haiphong and begins in the Chinese province of Yunnan?

ANSWER: **Red** River

(117) **ROCKY LANDSCAPES** What type of landscape is characterized by limestone, often with underground caves and features such as sinkholes?

ANSWER: **karst**

(118) **THE UNITED KINGDOM** What mountain of Scotland is the highest point in the United Kingdom?

ANSWER: **Ben Nevis**

(119) **THE OLYMPICS** What Japanese city hosted the 1972 Winter Olympics on the island of Hokkaido?

ANSWER: **Sapporo**

(120) **UNION TERRITORIES** *Two answers required.* Sri Vijaya Puram, also known as Port Blair, is the capital of an Indian union territory named for what two archipelagoes?

ANSWER: **Andaman and Nicobar** Islands (accept in either order)

(121) **LOUISIANA CITIES** What city of northern Louisiana is the state's third-largest by population after New Orleans and Baton Rouge?

ANSWER: **Shreveport**

(122) **ETHNIC REGIONS** Ürümqi is the capital of what largest region of China by area, which takes part of its full name for a Muslim ethnic group?

ANSWER: **Xinjiang** Uyghur Autonomous Region (or **XUAR**)

(123) **SKI RESORTS** What mountains of northeastern Pennsylvania are known for ski resorts such as Camelback and lie north of the Lehigh Valley?

ANSWER: **Pocono** Mountains (or **Poconos**)

(124) **THE FOUR HEMISPHERES** The island of Banaba and the Tarawa Atoll are part of what Pacific island nation, the only country located in all four hemispheres?

ANSWER: Republic of **Kiribati** [[keer-uh-BAHS]] (or Ribaberiki **Kiribati**; accept phonetic pronunciations)

(125) **ROMANCE LANGUAGES** What Romance language names a region of France and southern Europe that most notably includes Provence?

ANSWER: **Occitan** (or **Occitania**)

(126) **FAMILY VACATION** What Missouri town in the Ozarks is known for its family-friendly entertainment in the middle of a surrounding gambling industry?

ANSWER: **Branson**

(127) **JAMAICA** What color names a mountain range of eastern Jamaica which yields a variety of coffee?

ANSWER: **blue** (accept **Blue** Mountains)

(128) **SUDAN** Two states of Sudan were introduced in 2012 to cover areas of what large western region of the country, associated with humanitarian crises, that borders Libya, Chad, South Sudan, and the CAR?

ANSWER: **Darfur**

(129) **SICILY** What is the largest city by population in Sicily, as well as the island's capital?

ANSWER: **Palermo**

(130) **RUSSIAN STATUES** What Russian city, which was formerly named for Joseph Stalin, is known for its nearly 300-foot statue *The Motherland Calls*?

ANSWER: **Volgograd** (accept **Tsaritsyn**)

(131) **CAPITAL RIVERS** The Han River flows through what world capital city?

ANSWER: **Seoul**

(132) **AFRICAN DEMOGRAPHICS** What non-African demographic is the second-most represented among the population of Durban, South Africa?

ANSWER: **Indian** (accept **South Asian**; prompt on "Asian")

(133) **THE LESSER ANTILLES** What Caribbean country is – by far – the largest sovereign state by area in the Lesser Antilles?

ANSWER: Republic of **Trinidad and Tobago**

(134) **HUNGARIAN NAMES** What Hungarian name is shared by a chain bridge and heavily touristed thermal bath in Budapest?

ANSWER: **Széchenyi**

(135) **OFFICIAL NAMES** What Southeast Asian country's full, official name includes the word "Darussalam," meaning "Abode of Peace?"

ANSWER: **Brunei** Darussalam (or Negara **Brunei** Darussalam)

(136) **ITALIAN SEAS** Genoa is located on what arm of the Mediterranean Sea, which sits between the Italian mainland and Corsica?

ANSWER: **Ligurian** Sea

(137) **AFRICAN EMPIRES** In what country did the city of Gao serve as the capital of the Songhai Empire?

ANSWER: Republic of **Mali**

(138) **ALASKAN NATIONAL PARKS** Identify any of the three Alaskan national parks named for a body of water.

ANSWER: (accept **ANY ONE** of) **Glacier Bay** National Park and Preserve, **Kenai Fjords** National Park, or **Lake Clark** National Park and Preserve

(139) **ISLAND CLAIMS** What term refers to the majority of Borneo, specifically the parts of the island claimed by Indonesia?

ANSWER: **Kalimantan**

(140) **SINGAPORE** What island off the south coast of Singapore is known for a resort area that includes a Universal Studios theme park?

ANSWER: **Sentosa** Island

(141) **THE ALPS** What Balkan country has its own named section of the Alps that also reaches neighboring countries Kosovo and Montenegro?

ANSWER: Republic of **Albania** (or Republika e **Shqipërisë**)

(142) **RIVERS OF POLAND** What longest river in Poland flows through Krakow and Warsaw?

ANSWER: **Vistula** (or **Wisła**)

(143) **SALIENTS** Through which salient does the Chobe – or, Cuando – River flow before reaching the Zambezi River?

ANSWER: **Caprivi** Strip

(144) **REFUGEES** What country's Tindouf Province is home to perhaps as many as 100,000 Sahrawi refugees near Morocco and Mauritania?

ANSWER: People's Democratic Republic of **Algeria** (or al-Jumhūriyyah **al-Jazā'iriyyah** ad-Dīmuqrāṭiyyah ash-Sha'biyyah)

(145) **THE NORTHERN ISLES** Scotland's Northern Isles incorporate the Shetland Islands, as well as which archipelago that includes Westray and Papa Westray?

ANSWER: **Orkney** Islands

(146) **LANDLOCKED COUNTRIES** What country of Central Asia is one of only two doubly landlocked countries in the world?

ANSWER: Republic of **Uzbekistan** (or **O'zbekiston** Respublikasi)

(147) **ZODIAC SIGNS** What zodiac sign shares its name with a mountain range of central and western Türkiye?

ANSWER: **Taurus** (accept **Taurus** Mountains)

(148) **LINES OF DEMARCATION** Despite its name, what line of demarcation is not truly linear, but instead juts into French Polynesia, around the Phoenix Islands, and makes a sharp turn near Wrangel Island?

ANSWER: **International Date Line** (or **IDL**)

(149) **EUROPEAN LAKES** What European lake is not a single lake, but a collective term for three bodies of water around the borders of Germany, Austria, and Switzerland?

ANSWER: Lake **Constance** (or **Bodensee**)

(150) **FRANCOPHONE CITIES** What city, located nearly 4,000 miles south-southeast of Paris is the largest primarily French-speaking city by number of residents?

ANSWER: **Kinshasa**

(1) **TIEBREAKER** In terms of elevation, how tall is High Point, the highest point in New Jersey? Give your answer in feet.

ANSWER: 1,803

(2) **TIEBREAKER** At its widest point, how many miles wide is the Tonlé Sap?

ANSWER: 62