

Geography Bee – Final Round (2nd & Under)

Regulation Tossups

(1) Google Street View was introduced to this territory through the Sheep View 360 project, which mounted solar-powered cameras on sheep. This territory is home to a traditional type of pilot (+) whale hunting in which the animals are driven into fjords and beached, known as grindadráp. The parliament of this territory is located on the Tinganes peninsula in the city of (*) Tórshavn. For the points, name this autonomous Danish archipelago.

ANSWER: Faroe Islands (or Føroyar; or Færøerne)

(2) The Aulneau Peninsula protrudes into this body of water, whose shores are home to Zippel Bay State Park. The northernmost part of this body of water is part of an enclave of the Red Lake Indian Reservation. The (+) Northwest Angle, the northernmost part of the Continental United States, is separated from the mainland by this body of water. This body of water is fed by the Rainy River and drained by the (*) Winnipeg River. For the points, name this largest lake on the Minnesota-Canada border.

ANSWER: Lake of the Woods

(3) This city lies on a harbor that is fed by the Napostá Grande Stream, where the entrance is marked by the tallest lighthouse in the Southern Hemisphere. The urban area of this city contains Port (+) Belgrano Naval Base. This city, the fourth-largest city of its province behind Mar del Plata, lies in the southern portion of (*) Buenos Aires Province. For the points, name this Argentine port city whose name translates to "white bay."

ANSWER: Bahía Blanca

(4) This river's source is an ephemeral sandy-braided stream known as this river's Double Mountain Fork. (+) Baylor University is situated along this river, and a town known as Washington-on-the-"this river" is where the Texas Declaration of Independence was signed. For the points, name this Texas River that flows through the cities of Bryan, College Station, and (*) Waco before emptying into the Gulf of Mexico south of Houston.

ANSWER: Brazos River (or Río de los Brazos de Dios; accept Double Mountain Fork Brazos River; accept Washington-on-the-Brazos)

(5) This island is separated from its country's mainland by Keppel Harbour. This island can be reached by a cable car beginning at Mount Faber, which passes through the HarbourFront district enroute to this island's (+) Imbiah Lookout. This island is home to a decommissioned artillery battery at Fort Siloso, as well as a Madame Tussauds museum. (*) For the points, name this tourist island where Donald Trump met Kim Jong-un at Cappel Singapore in 2018.

ANSWER: Sentosa Island

(6) **The Housatonic River rises from this mountain range, which hosts the Tanglewood Music Festival in Lenox. Great Barrington also lies within these mountains, which parallel the Taconic Mountains to its west. The summit of this mountain range. (+)** Mount Greylock, is annually climbed by students at Williams College. Pittsfield is the largest city within these mountains, named for a county in southeastern England. A southern extension of the (*) Green Mountains, this is, for the points, what mountains in westernmost Massachusetts?

ANSWER: The **Berk**shires (accept **Berk**shire mountains or hills)

(7) **This autonomous region is overseen by a civil administrator based in Karyes. This peninsula off Chalkidiki, whose main port is Dafni, contains twelve official sketes, communities of (+)** Eastern Orthodox hermit monks. The population of this subdivision, whose oldest monastery is Great Lavra, is entirely male, with women forbidden to enter. For the points, name this area of northern (*) Greece governed by a Monastic Community and named for its main mountain.

ANSWER: Mount **Athos** (or **Hagion** Oros, prompt on "Holy Mountain")

(8) **An autonomous region for this ethnic group is dominated by the Barzani and Talabani families and is governed from Erbil. A province named for these people is the site of an insurgency led by the anti-Khamenei CPFIK alliance. (+)** The western parts of this ethnicity's homeland, which are facing pressure from Syrian forces, are governed by the SDF as Rojava. (*) For the points, name this stateless ethnic group of West Asia which inhabits large areas of Iraq, Turkey and Iran.

ANSWER: **Kur**dish people (or **Kur**ds; accept **Kur**distan)

(9) **Dauphin Island in this body of water is home to the Audubon Bird Sanctuary. This body of water is crossed by the Battleship Parkway, locally known as the Causeway. This body of water's (+)** "Jubilee" involves sea creatures swarming from its depths, and a city along this bay is home to the oldest American Mardi Gras celebration. (*) For the points, name this inlet of the Gulf of Mexico, a bay that shares its name with a city in southern Alabama.

ANSWER: **Mobile** Bay

(10) **The mouth of the Neckar River is located in this state downstream of Heidelberg. This region's city of Freiburg, located east of the Rhine River, contains small canals called *bachle*. This subdivision has a (+)** shoreline on both sections of Swabia's Lake Constance and shares borders with France, as well as the Canton of Basel. (*) For the points, name this southwestern German state, which is governed from Stuttgart and located west of Bavaria and north of Switzerland.

ANSWER: **Baden-Württemberg** [[BAH-den VURT-em-BERG]] (accept **BW**)

(11) **This island is home to the Pichinglis Creole. This island's highest point, once known as Clarence Peak, is Pico Basilé. This island is home to the Bubi people, the second-largest ethnic group in their country after the (+) Fang. In 2026, a city on this island was replaced by Ciudad de la Paz as the capital, which is located in the mainland region of Río Muni. (*) For the points, name this island in Equatorial Guinea, home to the city of Malabo.**

ANSWER: **Bioko** (or **Ētulá Ēria**; or **Fernando Pó**)

(12) **Wilmette, Illinois contains one of the eight "continental temples" of this religion, which also includes the Lotus Temple in New Delhi. The crusader town of (+) Acre, the holiest city for this religion's followers, is situated in northern Israel. The slopes of Mount Carmel contain the Universal House of Justice, the governing body of this religion, which overlooks the city of (*) Haifa. For the points, name this Iranian religion which venerates the Shrine of the Báb.**

ANSWER: **Bahá'í** Faith

(13) **This region's northern fringe is home to uncontacted members of the Ayoreo people within Kaa-Iya National Park. The Pilcomayo River bisects this region, which contains the cities of (+) Santiago del Estero and San Miguel de Tucumán, and merges with the Pantanal wetland in its north. A Quechua word meaning "hunting ground" names this region, which borders on the (*) Pampas region to its south. For the points, name this semiarid lowland region of Bolivia, Paraguay, and Argentina.**

ANSWER: Gran **Chaco**

(14) **A species of crow from this territory is the only non-human animal known to manufacture hooks, and it also hosts blue-grey flightless birds known as *kagu*. The (+) Cook pine, which is endemic to this territory, can be found in considerable numbers on the aptly named Isle of Pines. This territory's indigenous people are the (*) Melanesian Kanak people. For the points, name this French special collectivity governed from Nouméa.**

ANSWER: **New Caledonia** (or **Nouvelle-Calédonie**)

(15) **The city of Veraval in this state is home to the Somnath Temple. This state's monument to Sardar Vallabhbhai (+) Patel, the Statue of Unity, is the tallest statue in the world. Gir National Park, the home of the last Asiatic lions, is located in this state, and the largest city of this is home to Sabarmati Ashram, one of (*) Mahatma Gandhi's homes, from which he led the Salt March to the city of Dandi. For the points, name this Indian state which contains Gandhinagar and Ahmedabad.**

ANSWER: **Gujarat**

(16) **This region is home to an endangered heirloom variety of cowpea known as its "red pea." The last known community of one ethnic group is the town of Hog Hammock in this region's Sapelo Island. This region is home to an isolated (+) African American ethnic group that retains many West African words in their dialect, the Gullah people. For the points, name this chain of coastal islands that stretch from (*) South Carolina to North Florida.**

ANSWER: **Sea** Islands (accept **Sea** Island red pea; prompt on answers mentioning the "Southeast Coast" or "Southeast U.S.")

(17) **An island within this lake contains the blue-roofed Konevsky Monastery. An archipelago in this lake is home to the islands of Skitsky and Valaam, which house an Orthodox Monastery. This lake is separated from the (+) Baltic Sea by the Karelian Isthmus, and this lake is drained by the Neva River and fed by the Svir River, which carries water from Lake Onega. (*) St. Petersburg lies near the shores of, for the points, what Russian lake, this largest freshwater lake in Europe?**

ANSWER: Lake **Ladoga**

(18) **The Sittaung River parallels this body of water to its east, separated by the Pegu Mountains. This river, which rises north of Myintkyina in Kachin State, (+) includes tributaries which rise in Chin and Shan States. This river flows southward to Sagaing before passing through Magway, and the city of Mandalay lies on the eastern shores of this waterway, whose easternmost distributaries approach the city of (*) Yangon. For the points, name this longest river in Myanmar.**

ANSWER: **Irrawaddy** River (or **Ayeyarwady**)

(19) **This multinational region's Ennedi Plateau contains the Bachikele Canyon, a local biodiversity hotspot. The southern part of (+) Azawagh within this region originated the Azawakh dog breed. One portion of this region is bounded in the north by the Marrah Mountains of (*) Darfur, and Africa's Great Green Wall is meant to prevent this region's desertification. For the points, name this semi-arid region that separates the Sahara from the rest of Africa.**

ANSWER: **Sahel** (accept **Sahelian** acacia savanna)

(20) **Historical rapids located on this river were influential in facilitating trade between the Varangians and the Byzantine Empire. The Pina River forms part of a major canal connecting this river and the Bug [[BOOG]] River. The (+) Chernobyl nuclear disaster occurred in a town named for one of this river's main tributaries, the Pripyat, and the delta of this river is located near Kherson. (*) For the points, name this major European river which flows through Ukraine and its capital, Kyiv.**

ANSWER: **Dnieper** River (or **Dnipro**; or **Dnepr**)

(21) **The largest airport in this country named for its first prime minister, Lynden Pindling. A site called Dean's Blue Hole in this country is the third-deepest blue hole in the world, while this country also contains the Abaco Islands and the island of (+) Eleuthera. This country is in the Lucayan Archipelago, to the east of the Florida Keys, and this country's islands include Abaco and New Providence. (*) For the points, name this island country in the Atlantic Ocean, which has its capital of Nassau.**

ANSWER: Commonwealth of the **Bahamas**

(22) This waterway is intended to act as the Eastern Route for the South-to-North Water Diversion Project. The Bridge of the Bejeweled Belt is located where this waterway meets Tantai Lake near (+) Suzhou [[SOO-joh]]. In Zhejiang [[JUH-jyahng]], a Ming dynasty stone arch structure called the Gongchen Bridge traverses this waterway, which links to the Hai and (*) Yellow Rivers. For the points, name this system of canals in China which links Beijing to Hangzhou [[HAHNG-joh]].

ANSWER: Grand Canal (or Da yunhe [[YUN-huh]]; accept Jing-Hang Grand Canal or Beijing-Hangzhou Grand canal)

(23) A major arm of this sea is the Amundsen Gulf, located in the Inuvik Region. The Prudhoe Bay Oil Field is located along the coast of this sea, which receives much of its freshwater inflow from the (+) Mackenzie River. A long-running maritime boundary with the United States concerning this sea involves a wedge-shaped section. (*) For the points, name this marginal sea of the Arctic Ocean which is located north of Alaska and Canada and named for a British hydrographer.

ANSWER: Beaufort [[BOH-fert]] Sea (prompt on "Arctic Ocean" before mentioned)

(24) Six Mile Creek flows from Dryden through the south of this town. It's not Boston, but this city's namesake Commons contain the start of a Planet Walk. A (+) land-grant university whose buildings include Morrill Hall and McGraw Tower is located in this town, and that college's athletic teams are known as the Big Red. Carl Sagan is buried in this town which sits at the south end of Lake (*) Cayuga. For the points, name this college town in Upstate New York, the location of Cornell University.

ANSWER: Ithaca

(25) This body of water's Kavala Island was where the London Missionary Society created a mission after moving from Ujiji. The Holoholo people live along this body of water, which is drained by a tributary of the (+) Lualaba River called the Lukuga River. The Ruzizi River runs between Lake Kivu and this second-largest freshwater lake in the world by volume. (*) For the points, name this African Great Lake that is shared by countries like Tanzania and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

ANSWER: Lake Tanganyika (or Ikiyaga ca Tanganyika)

(26) The southwestern end of this body of water is formed by the Gulf of Tadjoura. Most of the southern coast of this body of water is comprised of the breakaway state governed from (+) Hargeisa. The Guardafui Channel links this body of water to the Indian ocean, and the Bab-el-Mandeb connects the northwestern end of this body of water to the (*) Red Sea. For the points, name this gulf that separates the Arabian Peninsula from the Horn of Africa and is named for the main port of Yemen.

ANSWER: Gulf of Aden

(27) Ashburn, Virginia, is known for its high density of these facilities, one of which, in Memphis, contains the supercomputer Colossus. The Three Mile Island Nuclear Generating Station is set to be reopened to power examples of these facilities owned by (+) Microsoft, and a complex of them in Abilene, Texas, was opened as part of Project Stargate, which involves Oracle and (*) Nvidia. For the points, name these facilities, which are being constructed to power artificial intelligence models.

ANSWER: data centers (or server farms; or web farms; or computer farms; or cloud computing centers; or server clusters; prompt on "servers" or "networks")

(28) Examples of these features in Oregon include Pelican Butte and Belknap Crater. These structures, which comprise most of the Galapagos Islands, often form near (+) fissure vents. These features can be found throughout Iceland as well as Mauna Loa in Hawaii and are typically formed from low-viscosity (*) lava. For the points, name this type of volcano, the shallower slopes of which are often contrasted with composite and cinder cone volcanoes.

ANSWER: shield volcanoes (accept shield alone after "volcano" is read; prompt on "volcano" or "volcanoes" until read)

(29) This province's second largest city is Summerside, which faces toward Malpeque Bay. This province can be accessed via a bridge crossing the Abegweit Passage of the Northumberland Strait, called the (+) Confederation Bridge. This province's capital of Charlottetown was the site of a conference which intended to create the Maritime Union, and it lies to the north of (*) New Brunswick. For the points, name this smallest Canadian province, consisting of an island in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

ANSWER: Prince Edward Island (or Ile-du-Prince-Édouard; or PEI)

(30) A project to create "Plages," or artificial beaches, along the banks of this river was launched in 2002 on its Rive (+) Droite bank. The panels of the Pont des Arts over this river were replaced with glass in 2014, as tourists would frequently attach "love locks" to its side. In 2019, a fire destroyed a cathedral on this river's Île de la Cité. The opening ceremonies of the (*) 2024 Summer Olympics were hosted on, for the points, what French river, passing by the Notre-Dame Cathedral?

ANSWER: Seine [[SEHN]] River

Extra Questions

(1) **This city's Mindil Beach is known for hosting a "beer can regatta" of makeshift boats. This city's Cullen Bay is the origin of a ferry service to the (+) Tiwi Islands via the Arafura Pearl. This city, the northern terminus of the Stuart Highway, is situated on a harbor overlooked by Point Charles Light, which is an inlet of the (*) Beagle Gulf.** For the points, name this least populous territorial capital of Australia, the largest city of the Northern Territory.

ANSWER: **Darwin** (or **Garramilla**)

(2) **During a cultural revival in the 1990s, this symbol became common in pop culture, notably being used on a dress by Geri Halliwell. Due to Bilbao's ties with its country of origin, the (+) Basque flag is based on this symbol, and it is also present in the flags of Tuvalu, Fiji, Hawaii, and (*) Manitoba.** For the points, name this symbol that is displayed on the flag of Australia, which originated from the flag of the United Kingdom.

ANSWER: **Union Jack** (accept **flag of the United Kingdom** before mentioned)

(3) **This city's Atlantic Seaboard region contains the suburb of Green Point, which is bounded by Signal Hill, and another of this city's suburbs is a waterfront named for (+) Prince Alfred and Queen Victoria. This city's DHL Stadium, which is used for rugby, was constructed for the 2010 FIFA World Cup. This city contains a botanical garden called the Kirstenbosch at the base of (*) Table Mountain.** For the points, name this legislative capital of South Africa, the country's second-most populous city after Johannesburg.

ANSWER: **Cape Town** (or **Kaapstad**; or **eKapa**)