

Geography Bee – Final Round (K-5)

Regulation Tossups

(1) This country's city of Lae was the last place where Amelia Earhart was sighted before her disappearance. This country's city of Rabaul was used by Japan as a major base in the (+) South Pacific on its island of New Britain, which bounds the Bismarck Sea. In 1971, a 15-year-old schoolgirl designed the red and black flag of this country, which displays a Southern Cross and a (*) Raggiana bird-of-paradise. For the points, name this country, whose capital city was named for Fairfax Moresby.

ANSWER: Independent State of **Papua New Guinea** (or **Papuaniugini**; accept **PNG**; do NOT accept or prompt on "Papua" or "New Guinea" alone)

(2) This town, the eastern terminus of the "Haute Route," is linked by the highest open-air railroad to the Gornergrat ridge. This town forms the southernmost portion of its country's "Sprachraum" where (+) German is predominant. Monte Rosa, the second-highest peak of the Alps, is visible from this town, which is connected by the "Glacier Express" to St. Moritz. Located in (*) the Valais Canton, for the points, which Swiss ski resort is overlooked by the Matterhorn?

ANSWER: **Zermatt**

(3) This archipelago's Peros Banhos atoll contains Port Charles, which is named for the British king on Île du Coin, where members of a French-speaking creole population have attempted to re-settle. Forming a ridge with the (+) Laccadive Islands, this archipelago contains a major U.S. military base at Diego Garcia. In 2026, a treaty to transfer administration of this archipelago to (*) Mauritius was suspended. For the points, name this archipelago which comprises the British Indian Ocean Territory.

ANSWER: **Chagos** Archipelago (accept Bassas de **Chagas**; prompt on "Oil Islands")

(4) An airport built on an artificial island named for this region was constructed to relieve pressure on Itami Airport, and the Kii Peninsula forms its southernmost extent. The (+) Keihanshin metropolitan area anchors this region at the easternmost part of the Seto Inland Sea, including Ise Bay. This region encompasses the prefectures of Hyōgo and Nara, as well as (*) Kyoto and Kobe. For the points, name this second-most populous urban region of Japan, which contains Osaka.

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

(5) These people, who built the Five Victorious Pagodas in Mrauk U, share the same language as the Marma, who mostly live across an international border in Bangladesh, and they are also called the (+) Arakanese. This Sino-Tibetan group, which predominantly practices Buddhism, inhabits the city of Sittwe, as well as Ramree Island in the Andaman Sea. This ethnic group clashes with a neighboring Muslim-majority group, the (*) Rohingya. For the points, name this ethnic group whose namesake state is in western Burma.

ANSWER: **Rakhine** (or **Arakanese**)

(6) **A homopycnal [[HOH-moh-PIK-nal]] flow can cause the creation of the Gilbert type of these landforms, which are defined by topset, foreset, and bottomset beds. When the narrow portion of one of these features is located by the sea, while the wider part is inland, it is considered (+) "inverted." One of these landforms takes the shape of a bird's foot in the case of the Mississippi. (*)** For the points, name these usually triangular landforms, which are created where a river meets the ocean.

ANSWER: river **delta**s (accept Gilbert **delta**s, inverted river **delta**s, or Mississippi River **delta**)

(7) **Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh are the only two states in a country which recognizes this language as an official language. Major festivals such as Durga Puja recite (+) texts from this language, including the *Devi Mahatmya*. This language, which is still used at holy sites such as the Meenakshi Temple, is an official language in (*) Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh. For the points, name this classical Indo-European language of South Asia.**

ANSWER: **Sanskrit**

(8) **The Younger Dryas period is sometimes named for this body of water's Stadial. This body of water is fed by Endrick Water and drained by the River Leven. This body of water is home to Inchmurrin, the largest freshwater island in the (+) British Isles, and a Jacobite song describes the "Bonnie Banks" of this body of water, which has the second-largest volume of any other body in the United Kingdom, after (*) Loch Ness. For the points, name this largest Loch in Scotland.**

ANSWER: Loch **Lomond** (accept Loch **Lomond** Stadial or "The Bonnie Banks o' Loch **Lomond**")

(9) **The Huntington Dam along this river forms the J. Edward Roush Lake. This river, in a valley that names a Midwestern seismic zone, originates near the town of Fort Recovery and receives the (+) Vermillion River. This river, whose mouth is located near Shawneetown, flows through the college towns of West Lafayette and Terre Haute. (*)** For the points, name this tributary of the Ohio River, which makes up the lower portion of the Illinois-Indiana border.

ANSWER: **Wabash** River (accept **Wabash** Valley Seismic Zone)

(10) **This city contains a construction project called Marota City and, supposedly, Paul the Apostle stayed at a house on this city's Straight Street, which was once a Roman road. Both Christian and Muslim believers hold that a mosque in this city is the site where (+) John the Baptist's head was buried. This city, which is located on the Barada River, is one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world. (*)** For the points, name this capital of Syria.

ANSWER: **Damascus** (accept Great Mosque of **Damascus**)

(11) This city, which contains the Oradel Industrial Center, serves as the main base of the Los Zetas. This city is served by (+) Quetzalcóatl International Airport, and this city is connected to a northern neighbor by several international bridges, including one named for Patrick J. Ottensmeyer, as well as another named after Abraham Lincoln and Benito Juarez. (*) For the points, name this city in northern Tamaulipas, whose "older" twin city lies across the Rio Grande in Texas.

ANSWER: Nuevo Laredo (do NOT accept or prompt on "Laredo" alone)

(12) This city is home to a performing arts center named for Robert Mondavi and the United States Bicycling Hall of Fame. This city, the most populous within Yolo County, borders (+) Solano County. This city's Aggie Stadium is contained within a university that was established as an agricultural station due to foggy conditions in (*) Berkeley. For the points, name this Central Valley college town, which sits west of Sacramento and is home to a campus of the University of California.

ANSWER: Davis

(13) An area of this island bounded by the Koukdjuak River contains the world's largest goose colony. It's not in Scandinavia, but this island's twin-flat peaked Mount Asgard is named for the residence of Norse gods, and its highest peak is Mount (+) Odin in Auyuittuq National Park. This island, to the north of the Ungava Peninsula, is bounded by the Davis Strait to the east, and this island is the world's (*) fifth-largest island. For the points, name this largest island of Canada.

ANSWER: Baffin Island (or Qikiqtaaluk)

(14) This mountain range is home to the ruins of Ecbatana, the capital of the Median Empire. The Dena subrange of this mountain range contains its highest peaks, which include Kale Qodveis and (+) Qash-Mastan. A trilingual inscription authored by Darius the Great is located on Mount Behistun within this mountain range, and plains at the foot of this mountain range are home to cities such as (*) Susa and Shiraz. For the points, name this principal mountain range of western Iran.

ANSWER: Zagros Mountains

(15) The Stoney Nakota call this lake Ho-run-num-nay, or "lake of the little fishes," and this lake, towered over by Fairview Mountain, is overlooked by a ski resort that competes with Mount Norquay and Sunshine Village. This lake is adjoined by the (+) highest settlement in Canada, and this lake, which flows into the Bow River at the southern end of the Icefields Parkway, gains its (*) turquoise color from rocks in glacial melt. For the points, name this Alberta lake in Banff National Park.

ANSWER: Lake Louise

(16) This city is home to the Slickrock Trail, which is popular with mountain bikers, and a namesake "Jeep Safari". The seat of Grand County, this city is the western terminus of a rail service called (+) Rockies to the Red Rocks. This city on the Colorado River was named for an ancient biblical kingdom located in modern-day (*) Jordan. For the points, name this city in eastern Utah, a gateway to Canyonlands and Arches National Parks.

ANSWER: Moab (accept Moab Easter Jeep Safari)

(17) A gateway in this province called Shanhai Pass is often termed the "Old Dragon's Head." Chengde Mountain Resort is situated within this province, which lies to the east of (+) Shanxi and to the north of Henan. This province, which contains two separate coastal sections on the Bo Hai Sea, is named for its position north of the Yellow River and it encloses Tianjin. For the points, name this (*) most populous province of North China, which surrounds Beijing.

ANSWER: Hebei

(18) During the 19th century, immigrants from this archipelago brought its local *raião* [[rah-AHM]] instrument, which influenced the ukulele. *Milho frito* and (+) *bolo de mel* are local dishes from this archipelago, and, in British cuisine, this archipelago lends its name to a cake that uses its namesake (*) fortified wine. For the points, name this archipelago located off the coast of Africa, which is one of the two autonomous regions of Portugal, along with the Azores [[AY-zores]].

ANSWER: Madeira (accept Madeira cake; accept Madeira wine)

(19) Volunteers who help contain wild Chincoteague ponies on this peninsula are known as Saltwater Cowboys. Wild horses are common on Assateague Island off the coast of this peninsula. (+) Cape Charles is located on the southern tip of this peninsula, whose largest cities include Salisbury and a state capital named (*) Dover. For the points, name this peninsula that makes up the eastern shore of the Chesapeake Bay, named for the three states located on it.

ANSWER: Delmarva (accept Delaware and Chesapeake Peninsula before "Chesapeake" is read)

(20) The Museo Nazionale dell'Automobile is located in this city, which is the center for its country's automotive industry as the home of Fiat, Lancia, and Alfa Romeo. (+) The Palazzina di caccia of Stupinigi is located in this city's metropolitan region, and this city's main Royal Palace includes the Church of the Holy Shroud, which is meant to house a relic depicting the supposed face of Jesus. (*) For the points, name this city of northern Italy which hosted the Winter Olympics in 2006.

ANSWER: Turin (or Torino; accept Shroud of Turin)

(21) Russian immigration to this country originated from the Virgin Islands Campaign as well as the Soviet space program, as a part of which the Baikonur Cosmodrome was constructed. (+) This country's language, which is the largest of the Kipchak group of languages, has transitioned from using Cyrillic to Latin since 2025, and the largest city in this country is (*) Almaty. For the points, name this Central Asian country whose capital, Astana, was formerly named Nursultan after its first president.

ANSWER: Republic of Kazakhstan (or Qazaqstan Respublikasy)

(22) **Birding is popular in this country at Malolotja Nature Reserve. Hhohho and Lubombo are among the four administrative regions of this country, where the Great Usutu River enters through a western border with a (+) larger nation. This country's traditions include the Reed Dance, and this country is known for a type of hat called a *mokorotlo* that appears on this country's blue, white, and (*) green flag. For the points, identify this small Southern African kingdom which has its capital at Mbabane.**

ANSWER: Kingdom of **eSwatini** (or Umbuso we**eSwatini**)

(23) **Maskurolhi is a delicacy eaten in this country during Ramadan, which begins with a Maahefun celebration in locations like Fuvahmulah. Tourists are mainly served by this country's Velana International Airport on (+) Hulhulé island. A Four Seasons resort has been operating in this country's popular Landaa Giraavaru island on the Baa atoll. (*) For the points, name this Asian country where rising sea levels threaten settlements like Malé.**

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

(24) **Three mountains on this island are the namesake of its Three Saints Bay. This island is home to the the World War Two-era Fort Abercrombie, and this island contains a popular sportfishing site at the (+) Karluk River. This island, which is separated from the mainland by the Shelikof Strait, is the second-largest island in the United States by area. (*) For the points, name this Alaskan island, the namesake of a large type of brown bear.**

ANSWER: **Kodiak** Island

(25) **Along this river, Mapungubwe National Park protects a hill home to the ruins of an iron-age civilization. In 2000, this river was subject to flooding at its mouth in (+) Xai-Xai due to Cyclone Leon-Eline. Polokwane is the capital of a province named for this river, and the Witwatersrand separates this river's drainage basin from the Vaal. (*) Kruger National Park is located along this second-longest African river to enter the Indian Ocean. For the points, name this river on the Zimbabwe-South Africa border.**

ANSWER: **Limpopo** River

(26) **The Bras d'Or Lake empties into this strait, and the Îles-de-la-Madeleine lie at its western entrance. This strait is crossed by a ferry between North Sydney and Channel-Port aux Basques, operated by (+) Marine Atlantic. Bounding Cape Breton Island, the Trans-Canada Highway's longest section over sea transits this strait, the widest entrance into the (*) Gulf of St. Lawrence. For the points, name this strait between Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, named for an Italian explorer for England.**

ANSWER: **Cabot** Strait

(27) **This region's Shinnecock Hills Golf Club claims to have the oldest golf clubhouse in the United States. Two ZIP codes within its communities of Sagaponack and Water Mill consistently rank as the most (+) expensive by home values in the U.S. A bus company called this region's namesake Jitney offers transit to this region, under contract with Suffolk County, and it extends east towards (*) Montauk. For the points, name this cluster of summer resort communities on eastern Long Island.**

ANSWER: The **Hamptons** (accept **Hampton** Jitney; accept South**hampton** before "cluster of summer resort"; prompt on "Long Island" or "South Fork")

(28) **The port of Sur on this body of water was known for its production of boats called sambuk. One country has proposed relocating its capital to the Makran region lying on this body of water, and this body of water hosts (+) Fujairah, as well as a port named for Sultan Qaboos. This gulf is home to the exclave of Khor Fakkan, which is administered by Sharjah, as well as an exclave on the (*) Musandam Peninsula. Lying east of the Strait of Hormuz, for the points, what gulf contains the port of Muscat?**

ANSWER: Gulf of **Oman** (accept Sea of **Makran** before "Makran")

(29) **Among this administrative region's eleven provinces is the northern Sondrio. Though the Ticino River begins in its namesake (+) Swiss canton, it ends in this region, which has a flag that consists of a white rose on a green background. West of Mantua, the Po River forms the southern border of this subdivision between (*) Piedmont and Venice. For the points, name this most populous Italian region, which is governed from Milan and named for a Germanic tribe.**

ANSWER: **Lombardy** (or **Lombardia**; accept **Lombards**)

(30) **The Sultanate of Demak was the first sultanate established on this island, and its last major precolonial kingdom was the Mataram Sultanate, which invaded modern Surabaya. A major empire centered on this island was established following a failed (+) Mongol invasion repulsed by its founder, Raden Wijaya, and this island was where the Sailendra dynasty constructed the Buddhist temple Borobudur. The (*) Majapahit Empire was based on, for the points, what Indonesian island, the world's most populous?**

ANSWER: **Java**

Extra Questions

(1) **The world's hottest temperature above the 45th parallel north was recorded in this province's town of Lytton, which was destroyed by a wildfire. This province was the site of a 2026 mass shooting at Tumbler Ridge, and (+) hundreds of unmarked graves were discovered at an Indian Residential School in its city of Kamloops. Home to (*) Whistler Blackcomb, for the points, which Canadian province hosted the 2010 Winter Olympics and is governed from Victoria?**

ANSWER: **British Columbia**

(2) **Shark Bay in this state is famed for being the site of modern-day stromatolites. This state was once home to hold rushes near the towns of Coolgardie and (+) Kalgoorlie. The northernmost part of this state is the Kimberly region, which is bounded to the south by the Tanami and (*) Great Sandy Deserts, and the State Barrier Fence runs through this state to prevent rabbit incursions from the east. For the points, name this state which has its capital at Perth.**

ANSWER: **Western Australia**

(3) **This country's town of Vindeby hosted the world's first offshore wind farm on the island of Lolland, the proposed northern end of the Fehmarn Belt fixed link. This country, which is home to cities such as (+) Aalborg and Odense, is the southernmost country to use a currency called the krone. This country which hosts the Great Belt and Little Belt is situated to the west of the (*) Øresund Strait. For the points, name this country that is situated between Germany and Sweden and has its capital at Copenhagen.**

ANSWER: Kingdom of **Denmark** (or Kongeriget **Danmark**)