

Geography Bee – Final Round (6th-8th)

Regulation Tossups

(1) 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)

(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) Ferries serve Friday Harbor in this archipelago, which includes Lopez and Orcas islands. This archipelago, bounded by the Haro Strait and Boundary Pass, marks the southern end of the (+) Strait of Georgia. This archipelago was the site of the "Pig War" between the United Kingdom and the United States, and it lies within the Salish Sea. (*) For the points, name this archipelago of Washington, which sits east of Vancouver Island and was named for a Spanish viceroy.

ANSWER: San Juan Islands

(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) **This town, in the western portion of McLennan County, was the site of an encampment called Fort Qualls. That encampment in this town was made to counter the anti-war "Camp Casey" established by Cindy Sheehan, a founder of (+) Gold Star Families for Peace. One man was noted for his use of "pickup diplomacy" on the Prairie Chapel Ranch outside of this town, which lies in the urban area of Waco. (*)** For the points, name this rural town in Central Texas, known as the site of the "Western White House" of George W. Bush.

ANSWER: **Crawford**, Texas

(7) **This state's town of Laguna, which served as the capital of the Juliana Republic, contains the house of Anita Garibaldi. The largest Oktoberfest in the Southern Hemisphere is hosted in Blumenau within this state, which contains four of (+) South America's five tallest buildings in Balneário Camboriú. This state is governed from Florianópolis, and it was named after a female martyr. Situated between (*) Paraná and Rio Grande do Sul, for the points, what is this second-southernmost state of Brazil?**

ANSWER: **Santa Catarina**

(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 mountain range's Soborom Hot Springs lie on the slopes of Tarso Voon and are used by the nomadic Toubou people. The summit of this mountain range, (+) Emi Koussi, lies in Borkou, which this mountain range formerly named a wider region with, alongside the Ennedi Plateau. Extending into southern Fezzan, these mountains were the site of conflict during a war over the (*) Aouzou Strip. For the points, name this highest mountain range of the Sahara Desert, situated in northern Chad.**

ANSWER: **Tibesti** Mountains

(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) **This place was expanded in the 1960s by Meinhard von Gerkan to include a main hexagonal-shaped building to reduce walking distances. That expansion of this place, which lies just south of the (+) Flughafenensee lake, occurred due to jet limitations at Tempelhof. Lufthansa notably did not begin service to this location until (*) German Reunification in 1990. For the points, name this airport in Western Berlin that closed in 2020 following the long-delayed opening of Berlin Brandenburg Airport.**

ANSWER: Berlin **Tegel** "Otto Lilienthal" Airport (or **TXL**; or **EDDT**)

(14) **According to the Nation of Islam, this island, also known as Pelan, was where the white race was created through "grafting" experiments by Yakub. Due to their significance to Christianity, this island's (+) Monastery of Saint John the Theologian and the Cave of the Apocalypse were made UNESCO World Heritage Sites. (*)** For the points, name this Greek island where John received the visions described in the Book of Revelation.

ANSWER: **Patmos**

(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 *rajão* [[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) **It's not K2, but the first successful ascent of this mountain was made in 1897 by an expedition led by the Duke of Abruzzi. The Bagley Icefield is found on the slopes of this mountain, which is the high point of its namesake mountain range. This mountain's (+) Tlingit name is Yaas'etit'aa Shaa, and this mountain is the second-tallest in one country after Mount (*) Logan. For the points, name this American-Canadian mountain, located on the border between Alaska and the Yukon.**

ANSWER: Mount **Saint Elias** (accept **Saint Elias** Mountains)

(20) **This city, home to McDonald Jones Stadium, was defended by Fort Scratchley, which was shelled by a Japanese Submarine during World War Two. This city's (+) Stockton Ferry crosses the Hunter River and serves the Queens Wharf, which was built for the 200th anniversary of the First Fleet. (*) For the points, name this second-largest city in New South Wales, which shares its name with an English city situated upon the Tyne River.**

ANSWER: **Newcastle**

(21) **A minority of this ethnicity practices a form of Islam called Kan Imam San, in which prayer occurs just once a week. These people, who are related to the Utsuls of (+) Hainan, live on the Southeast Asian mainland, although that is not their ancestral home. Many members of this ethnicity are called Montagnards, and the majority of this ethnic group lives in (*) Cambodia. For the points, name these Muslim and Hindu people native to south-central Vietnam.**

ANSWER: **Champa** people

(22) **This language, whose closest relatives include Serer and Wolof, is often written in the Adlam script, which was invented in Guinea. Though this tongue is spoken in parts of Senegal, (+) its users extend into Nigeria, where speakers of this language represent the country's fourth-largest linguistic group form a major presence in the Muslim-majority north. (*) For the points, name this Niger-Congo language, whose namesake ethnicity is often grouped with the Hausa people.**

ANSWER: **Fulani** (or **Fulfulde**; or **Pular**)

(23) **Geographers sometimes use the Minkowski-Bouligand dimension to measure and approximate this quantity. Hugo Steinhaus laid the groundwork for a (+) paradox involving this feature, postulated by Lewis Fry Richardson. A pioneer in fractal geometry, Benoit Mandelbrot raised academic awareness of this feature in a 1967 paper measuring this quantity for (*) Great Britain. For the points, identify this feature, the namesake paradox of which describes the impossible task of measuring a landmass's perimeter.**

ANSWER: **coastline** (accept **coastline** paradox)

(24) **This county's Teterboro Airport is noted for serving private aircraft. This county has a large Korean American population in Palisades Park, and its largest city is (+) Hackensack. This county, which may have been named for the second-largest city of Norway, contains the northern terminus of the Garden State Parkway and the (*) George Washington Bridge, which crosses the Hudson River. For the points, name this most populous county of New Jersey.**

ANSWER: **Bergen** County

(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) **In proposing this action, one country's president cited that one city has an impending "Day Zero." Transfers aided by the Taleqan Dam have attempted to reduce the urgency of this action, yet droughts continue to push for its need. (+)** This policy, proposed by President Masoud Pezeshkian, would involve the shifting of government offices to other locations like Chabahar on the southern Makran coast. (*) For the points, name this action that would remove a status long-held by Tehran.

ANSWER: **moving Iran's capital** (accept clear-knowledge equivalents)

(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**)