

Geography Bowl – Round 8 (IS-ES)

First Quarter

(1) While the coasts of this sea include only remote settlements, like Sachs Harbour, it contains four artificial islands, including Endicott and Northstar. The Amundsen Gulf is an inlet of this Arctic sea, and the Chukchi Sea meets this sea at Point Barrow. Bordering the coastline of the Yukon Territory, as well as the Prudhoe Bay oilfield, for ten points, what is this sea north of Alaska and western Canada?

ANSWER: **Beaufort** [[BOH-furt]] Sea

(2) Including the precarious “Chair Ladder” crag, this peninsula’s seaside ruins at Botallack Mine were a former production hub of tin. The city of Penzance is a gateway to the westernmost point of this peninsula, Land’s End. Jutting out into the Celtic Sea is, for ten points, what peninsula, which forms the southwestern-most extent of Great Britain?

ANSWER: **Cornwall** (or **Kernow**)

(3) The only place to land on this island is Nyrøysa [[NEE-roy-sah]], and the peak of Olavtoppen is on this island near the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. The closest inhabited places to this island are Tristan da Cunha and Antarctic research stations, both over 1,000 miles away. A Norwegian dependency approximately 1,600 miles southwest of Cape Town, for ten points, what is this most remote island in the world?

ANSWER: **Bouvet** [[boo-VEH]] Island (accept phonetic pronunciations)

(4) In this mountain range, Pico Veleta contains Europe’s highest paved road. This mountain range, which is the highest part of the Baetic System, has its peak at Mulhacén [[moo-lah-SEN]], the highest point in mainland Spain. Lying between the cities of Almería and Granada and sharing its name with a range in California, for ten points, what is this highest mountain range of mainland Spain?

ANSWER: **Sierra Nevada** (accept **Sierra Nevada** Observatory; accept Peni**baetic** System before mentioned)

(5) The *Nature* series of this currency depicts the IJsselmeer polders and a map of Flevoland. The *Forebears Two* series of this currency features images of Joost van den Vondel and Baruch Spinoza. Despite no longer being circulated in its home country, this currency is still used in Caribbean territories at Curaçao and Sint Maarten. For ten points, name this former currency of the Netherlands.

ANSWER: **guilder** (or **florin**; or **gulden**; accept Dutch **guilder**; accept Caribbean **guilder**)

(6) Mount Agung, the tallest point on this island, allows views of Mount Rinjani on nearby Lombok. In 2002, this island's district of Kuta was the site of bombings near nightclubs, which killed nearly 90 Australians. This island contains the second-largest city in Eastern Indonesia after Makassar. For ten points, name this heavily-touristed island of the Lesser Sundas, which has its capital at Denpasar.

ANSWER: **Bali**

(7) This city's Ignition Park is located on the former Studebaker plant, which was key to this city's growth in the late 19th century, along with Singer Sewing and Oliver Chilled Plow. Forming an urban area with Elkhart, this city is home to a university led from a building known as the "Golden Dome." "Touchdown Jesus" can be seen in, for ten points, what Indiana city, home to the University of Notre Dame?

ANSWER: **South Bend**, Indiana

(8) A "White Witch" is said to inhabit this city's Rose Hall, while cruises serve this city at the port of Falmouth. This city was heavily damaged by Hurricane Melissa in 2025. This city's Sangster International Airport is the busiest airport in the Anglophone Caribbean, and this city contains a statue of Usain Bolt. For ten points, name this city forming the second-largest urban area of Jamaica, lying in its northwest.

ANSWER: **Montego Bay**

(9) The Czech Republic's national river, the Vltava, is a tributary of this larger river, which originates in the Giant Mountains' Mount Violík. A major tributary of this river, the Havel, links it to Berlin and Poland. Flowing through cities such as Prague, Magdeburg, and Hamburg, for ten points, what is this third-longest river of Germany, which formed the historical borders of the Roman and Carolingian empires?

ANSWER: **Elbe** [[EL-buh]] River

(10) The purported graves of Saints Perpetua and Felicity are located in this city's ruined Basilica Majorum. The ruins of a walled citadel on the hill of Byrsa are located in this city, and its Punic Ports are believed to be the ruins of a series of ancient harbors constructed by a Phoenician colony. The ruins of Carthage are found in, for ten points, what north African capital city?

ANSWER: **Tunis**

Second Quarter

(1) This city received international attention after it hosted the 1982 Southern Cross Games at its Estadio Gigante de Arroyito. One of the fiercest rivalries in its country's football league is this city's local derby between Central and Newell's Old Boys. For ten points, name this third largest city in Argentina, famous for being the birthplace of Lionel Messi.

ANSWER: **Rosario**, Argentina

BONUS: The second largest city in Argentina is this city, named after a Spanish city with the same name, and home to the Jesuit Block and Estancias, where Pope Francis formerly resided, as well as the country's oldest university founded in 1613.

ANSWER: **Córdoba**

(2) The damming of this river resulted in the creation of the artificial Barro Colorado Island. A national park protecting this river adjoins Portobelo National Park, and this river is impounded by the Madden Dam, which was renamed Lake Alajuela in 1999. Lake Gatun is situated on this river, the largest reservoir in Central America. For ten points, name this longest river that flows into the Panama Canal basin.

ANSWER: **Chagres** River

BONUS: The Panama Canal flows past Panama City in the south and empties north past this port city on the Caribbean Sea, which was named for an explorer.

ANSWER: **Colón** (note: the Spanish name for Christopher Columbus was "Cristóbal Colón")

(3) A confederation of this ethnic group inhabits the Adrar des Ifoghas. This ethnic group reveres the tomb of Tin Hinan within the Hoggar Mountains, and they also coined the name for the Ténéré. The unrecognized state of Azawad was proclaimed by members of this ethnic group, nicknamed the "Blue people." For ten points, name this nomadic, Berber ethnic group, which inhabits the Sahara Desert.

ANSWER: **Tuaregs** (prompt on "Berbers")

BONUS: The breakaway state of Azawad was led from this Malian city, which served as the capital of the Songhai Empire.

ANSWER: **Gao**

(4) A Curonian example of one of these landforms is split between Lithuania and Kaliningrad. The longest of these landforms, Arbat, is found along eastern Crimea. These landforms are created when longshore drift reaches a section of headland with a sharp turn, and they sometimes form tombolos. For ten points, name these coastal deposition bars, often made of sand and known for their elongated shape.

ANSWER: **spit** (or sandspits)

BONUS: Washington's Dungeness Spit extends into this strait between the Olympic Peninsula and Vancouver Island, which shares its name with a minor tectonic plate.

ANSWER: Strait of **Juan de Fuca**

(5) This formation has its northern end near Isla Contoy, and it is protected by the Sian Ka'an Biosphere Reserve as well as the Hol Chan Marine Reserve in Caye Caulker. Resort destinations such as Cozumel lie within this formation in the westernmost part of the Caribbean Sea. For ten points, name this second-largest barrier reef system in the world, extending from the Yucatan Peninsula to Honduras.

ANSWER: **Mesoamerican** Barrier Reef System (or **MRBS**; or **Great Maya** Reef)

BONUS: The Bay Islands Department are inhabited by this ethnic group of mixed African and Amerindian ancestry, who originated in Saint Vincent.

ANSWER: **Garifuna** people

(6) This strait is the site of a whirlpool associated with the legend of Scylla and Charybdis, and it is the site of a city often called Reggio. The government of Silvio Berlusconi supported building the world's longest suspension bridge over this strait, which bounds Calabria at the southern end of the Tyrrhenian Sea. For ten points, name this strait between the Italian peninsula and Sicily.

ANSWER: Strait of **Messina**

BONUS: Messina is the third-largest city in Sicily after Palermo and this city, located to its south, overlooked by Mount Etna on the Ionian Sea.

ANSWER: **Catania**

(7) The largest brick masonry structure in the Americas is situated within this national park, which contains the Carnegie Marine Biological Laboratory. A flotilla of the "Conch Republic" was sent to this national park during a government shutdown, and it also contains the Loggerhead Lighthouse. Protecting an archipelago named for its reptiles, for ten points, what is this national park in the Florida Keys?

ANSWER: **Dry Tortugas** National Park

BONUS: This city in the middle of the Florida Keys has a boundary stretching 14 miles, from Seven Mile Bridge to Tom's Harbor Bridge, and was named by workers on the Florida East Coast Railroad who were complaining about how long the project was taking and not after a Greek battle site.

ANSWER: **Marathon**

(8) In 2011, one of the longest bridges over water, the Jiazhou Bay Bridge, opened and connected this city with its Huangdao and Hongdao districts. One of the most sacred sites in Daoism, Mount Lao, is located near this city, and the May Fourth Square in this city commemorates its 1919 protests. For ten points, name this Chinese city known for its German architecture, constructed during its occupation from 1897 to 1914.

ANSWER: **Qingdao** [[CHING-DOW]] (or **Tsingtao**)

BONUS: During World War One, Qingdao was occupied and effectively ceded to Japan, who issued the Twenty-One Demands to essentially seize control of what peninsula, which Qingdao lies on?

ANSWER: **Shandong** Peninsula

Third Quarter

The categories are:

1. Georgia
2. The Balkans
3. Southeast Asian Cuisine
4. Manitoba

Georgia

Concerning the geography of Georgia, name the...

(1) Type of structure that includes the hydroelectric Morgan Falls example, restricting the Chattahoochee River.

ANSWER: **dams** (accept Morgan Falls **Dam**; accept hydroelectric **dam**)

(2) Largest city and capital of Georgia.

ANSWER: **Atlanta**

(3) City that is home to the University of Georgia and shares its name with the city where the Acropolis is found.

ANSWER: **Athens**

(4) River running from southern Georgia to the Gulf of Mexico, made famous by a Stephen Foster song.

ANSWER: **Suwanee** River (or **Swanee** River)

(5) Mountain on which Gutzon Borglum designed a "memorial to the Confederacy."

ANSWER: **Stone** Mountain (accept **Stone** Mountain Park)

(6) North Georgia "Poultry Capital of the World," sharing its name with a Florida university town.

ANSWER: **Gainesville**

(7) Small city in southern Georgia that names a type of sweet onion.

ANSWER: **Vidalia** [[vye-DAY-lyah]] (accept **Vidalia** onion; accept phonetic pronunciations)

(8) Largest lake in the state, named for the "Poet of the Confederacy."

ANSWER: Lake **Lanier** (or Lake Sidney **Lanier**; accept Sidney Clopton **Lanier**)

The Balkans

Concerning the Balkan region, name the...

- (1) Religion that dominates Albania, Kosovo, and Bosnia, contrasted with the Orthodox Christians in the region.

ANSWER: **Islam** (accept **Muslim**; accept Hanafi **Sunni**)

- (2) Capital of Turkey, formerly known as Constantinople and Byzantium.

ANSWER: **Istanbul**

- (3) Second-longest river in Europe, which runs through Budapest.

ANSWER: **Danube**

- (4) Country from which Kosovo declared independence, led from Belgrade.

ANSWER: Republic of **Serbia**

- (5) Sea at the mouth of the Dnieper, considered the eastern end of the Balkans.

ANSWER: **Black** Sea

- (6) Country that is home to the cities of Kumanovo and Bitola, with a red and yellow sunburst flag.

ANSWER: Republic of North **Macedonia**

- (7) Largest city in Dalmatia and home to Diocletian's Palace, situated on the Adriatic Sea.

ANSWER: **Split**

- (8) Region divided between Greece, Bulgaria, and Turkey, named for an Ancient Roman province.

ANSWER: **Thrace** (accept **Thracia**; accept pronunciations as [[THRAH-keh]] or [[THRAH-kee-ah]])

Southeast Asian Cuisine

Concerning the cuisine of Southeast Asia, name the...

- (1) Hard-shelled fruits that grow on palm trees and are used in various sweet dishes.

ANSWER: **coconuts**.

- (2) General type of spicy fruits from Latin America that are used to make many Thai curries.

ANSWER: **chilis** (accept **peppers**)

- (3) Beef noodle soup that is the national dish of Vietnam.

ANSWER: **pho** [[FUH]]

- (4) Southeast Asian minority ethnic group who serve purple sticky rice in American restaurants.

ANSWER: **Hmong** (accept **Miao**)

- (5) Sour pod-like fruit used in many Southeast Asian dishes.

ANSWER: **tamarind**

- (6) Spanish process of immersing food in spiced stock that has been adapted and become the national dish of the Philippines.

ANSWER: Philippine **adobo**

- (7) Chinese island that is the namesake of a chicken and rice dish commonly considered the national dish of Singapore.

ANSWER: **Hainan** (accept **Hainan**ese Chicken Rice)

- (8) Malaysian state led from Kota Bharu, whose Thai-influenced cuisine include a green papaya dish called somtam.

ANSWER: **Kelantan**

Manitoba

Concerning the geography of Manitoba, name the...

- (1) Country in which Manitoba is located near Ontario.

ANSWER: **Canada**

- (2) Explorer who names a massive bay bordering Manitoba to the north and a river that flows through much of New York.

ANSWER: Henry **Hudson** (accept **Hudson** Bay; accept **Hudson** River)

- (3) Capital and largest city of Manitoba, home to a hockey team called the Jets.

ANSWER: **Winnipeg**

- (4) Province that borders Manitoba to the west.

ANSWER: **Saskatchewan** (or **SK**)

- (5) River "of the North" that flows through much of southern Manitoba and North Dakota.

ANSWER: **Red** River of the North

- (6) Large lake that used to exist in Manitoba thousands of years ago.

ANSWER: Lake **Agassiz**

- (7) "Wheat City," the second-largest city in Manitoba.

ANSWER: **Brandon**

- (8) Major river that flows through Manitoba's capital, named for a First Nations people.

ANSWER: **Assiniboine** River

Fourth Quarter

(1) **The Tarim Basin's northern boundary is formed by these mountains, where the Syr Darya River originates. This range, which is home to the (+) Turpan Depression, has its highest point at Jengish Chokusu.** (*) For ten points, name this Central Asian mountain range which connects the Pamir and Altai Mountains and lies in countries like Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and far western China.

ANSWER: **Tian Shan** (or **Tengri Tagh**; or **Tengir-Too**; accept Pyotr Semyonov-**Tyan-Shansky**; prompt on "Kyrgyz Ala-Too" before mentioned)

(2) **An Anglo-British force attacked this city in Operation Musketeer. This city's lighthouse was the world's first constructed from reinforced concrete. (+) built at the suggestion of Ismail the Magnificent. A statue of Ferdinand de Lesseps** (*) was removed in this city in 1956. For ten points, name this city, which was established in 1859 at the northern end of the Suez Canal.

ANSWER: **Port Said** (or **Bōrsaʿīd**; prompt on "Suez Canal" but do NOT accept or prompt on "Suez" alone)

(3) **The Maples Group is headquartered in this region, and 40,000 entities have their registered offices at this country's Uglend House. (+) Citizens of this region have the highest standard of living in the Caribbean. With its capital city at** (*) George Town, for ten points, which British Overseas Territory is known for providing offshore financial services for wealthy clients?

ANSWER: **Cayman** Islands

(4) **The closing of this body of water contributed to the formation of the Alpide belt from Iberia to Indonesia. This body of water was once an inlet of Panthalassa, (+) and, in the early Cenozoic, this body of water fragmented as it contributed to the development of the Indian and Atlantic Oceans. Lying between** (*) Gondwana and Laurasia, for ten points, what was this prehistoric ocean?

ANSWER: **Tethys** Ocean (or Neo-**Tethys** Ocean; accept "sea" in place of "ocean")

(5) **This city, which is home to a recreational area called Kok Tobe, has the world's tallest free-standing tubular steel structure. Kunaev Street runs through this city, and this city's name might be derived from the word for (+) "apple," and this city is the second-largest in** (*) Central Asia. For ten points, name this largest city and former capital of Kazakhstan.

ANSWER: **Almaty** (or **Alma-Ata**)

(6) **The Five Great Avenues are in an area of this city's Heping District, and this city has a free-market zone called (+) TEDA. This city contains Nankai University and it is located on the Hai River, which links to the Grand Canal.** (*) For ten points, name this directly-administered city which is surrounded by Hebei province and lies on the Bohai Sea.

ANSWER: **Tianjin** (or **Tientsin**; accept **Tianjin** Economic-Technological Development Area)

(7) **This mountain contains a triangulation station used to measure Maclear's arc. The slope of this mountain has a region located south of Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden named (+) Cecilia, in reference to Cecil Rhodes. Located in South (*)** Africa's most visited national park, for ten points, what mountain lies between Devil's Peak and Lion's Head and overlooks Cape Town?

ANSWER: **Table** Mountain (or **Tafelberg**; or **Intaba yetafile**; accept **Table** Mountain National Park)

(8) **This region's town of Orange is the origin of the House of Orange-Nassau, within its Vaucluse department. This region's major cities include Arles (+) and Toulon, and this region, which boasts a Roman aqueduct called the Pont du Gard, contains the Palais de Popes in (*)** Avignon. For ten points, name this region of southeastern France, adjoining the Côte d'Azur, which contains Marseille.

ANSWER: **Provence** (accept **Provence**-Alpes-Côte d'Azur ; prompt on "PACA" or "Region Sud")

Extra Questions

(1) **This river is fed by tributaries including the Gilgit and Swat Rivers, and this river's basin includes the cities of Multan and (+) Faisalabad. Along this river's ancient floodplains developed the urban centers of an ancient civilization, including Mohenjo-daro. (*)** Flowing past Hyderabad and the longest river to drain into the Arabian Sea, for ten points, what is this longest river of Pakistan?

ANSWER: **Indus** River (accept **Indus** Valley Civilization)

BONUS: This second-most populous city in the E.U. is the largest city in Spain.

ANSWER: **Madrid**

(2) **This country's Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples' Region was dissolved in 2023. This country's Mursi people are known for their prominent lip plates. This country, (+) the world's most populous to be landlocked, has the Oromo as its largest ethnic group, although (*) Amharic is its lingua franca.** For ten points, name this most populous country of the Horn of Africa.

ANSWER: Federal Democratic Republic of **Ethiopia** (accept **Ityop'iya** Federalawi Demokrasiyawi Ripeblik; accept **Abyssinia**)

BONUS: This colorfully-named sea includes ports such as Incheon, and includes a bay known as the Bo Hai in East Asia.

ANSWER: **Yellow** Sea