

U.S. Geography Bee – Final Round (V-JV)

Regulation Tossups

(1) This national park includes a mountain pass called Persimmon Gap, as well as an igneous intrusion called the Elephant Tusk. This national park contains a former resort called Langford Hot Springs, and one of the peaks in this park is Mount (+) Huffman, which is located in the Chisos Mountains. One of the landmarks of this park in Brewster County is Mule Ear Peaks. (*) For the points, name this national park in Texas which contains protected regions of the Chihuahuan Desert and is named for a curve on the Rio Grande.

ANSWER: **Big Bend** National Park

(2) Dar al-Islam, the first planned Muslim community in the U.S., was established in this settlement. This settlement is named after a word meaning "wild chokecherry place" in the Tewa language, and it lies within Rio Arriba County. (+) Badlands in this settlement's Plaza Blanca cliffs were called the "White Place" by one artist. The Carson National Forest abuts this settlement, located near Ghost Ranch. (*) For the points, name this settlement in northern New Mexico, known as the site of Georgia O'Keeffe's studio, about 50 miles north of Sante Fe.

ANSWER: **Abiquiú** [[ah-bih-KYOO]], New Mexico (or **Péshú:bú**; or **Gultidda**)

(3) On this mountain's slopes, the backcountry Thunderbolt Trail is named for a roller coaster on Revere Beach. This mountain overlooks the Hoosic Valley and rises above the town of Adam. Herman Melville (+) is said to have been inspired by the shape of this mountain to write *Moby-Dick*, as it resembled a sperm whale and could be seen from his house in Pittsfield. Students of Williams College annually climb, (*) for the points, what summit of the Berkshires, the tallest mountain in Massachusetts?

ANSWER: Mount **Greylock**

(4) The highest Boy Scout camp in America is located in this mountain range at Camp Steiner. The tallest peak in this mountain range was named for the first director of the United States Geological Survey. Kings Peak and Mount (+) Agassiz are part of this mountain range, where the Provo River rises from Wall Lake. The highest mountain range in the contiguous United States to run in an east-to-west direction is, (*) for the points, what range in the northeastern part of Utah?

ANSWER: **Uinta** [[yoo-IN-tuh]] Mountains

(5) **This national park is home to Camp Marston, where certain engineering students at Iowa State University were once required to learn surveyor skills. This national park is centered around the Kabetogama, Namakan, and Rainey Lakes. Visitors to this national park may stay in the (+) Kettle Falls Hotel, which is only accessible by water during the summer, and this park is typically accessed via kayak or canoe from the city of International Falls. (*)** For the points, name this national park of northern Minnesota, named for French boatmen.

ANSWER: **Voyageurs** National Park

(6) **The damming of this river created a lake named for the "Swamp Fox" Francis Marion. One of the tributaries of this river was named for Native Americans who merged with the Catawba people, and that tributary is known as the Wateree. (+)** This river, the second-largest on the East Coast by drainage area, forms by joining the Congaree south of Columbia. (*) For the points, name this river, which flows into the Atlantic Ocean between Myrtle Beach and Charleston, South Carolina.

ANSWER: **Santee** River (accept North **Santee**; accept South **Santee**)

(7) **Dams on the La Mina River's tributaries were used to create the now-closed Baño Grande and Baño de Oro historic swimming pools. This region takes its name from a mountain said to be the home of the chief god of the Taino people. The (+) El Toro Wilderness is a specially protected region within this forest. This forest is located on the slopes of the Sierra de Luquillo mountains, near the city of Rio Grande. (*)** For the points, name this only tropical national forest, located in Puerto Rico.

ANSWER: El **Yunque** National Forest (accept **Caribbean** National Forest)

(8) **The western part of this protected area is drained by Crow Creek, and eponymous buttes [[BYOOTS]] within this area are part of the Brule member of the White River Formation. This protected area is jointly administered with the Arapaho National Forest, (+) although it lies northeast of the city of Greeley. Lying along the South Platte River, this protected area, which is administered from Fort Collins, is known for its (*) shortgrass prairie. For the points, name this national grassland in northeastern Colorado, which is named for a Native American tribe.**

ANSWER: **Pawnee** National Grassland

(9) **This mountain's north slope contains a snowfield called the Dove, which is located near the Keyhole Route, and this mountain also includes the Mills Glacier. This mountain was named after a surveyor who mapped a region called the "Great American Desert." (+)** This mountain contains a sheer face called the Diamond, and it forms the Twin Peaks with Mount Meeker. (*) For the points, name this mountain in the Front Range of Colorado, which is the northernmost Fourteener in the Rocky Mountains and the tallest peak in Rocky Mountain National Park.

ANSWER: **Longs** Peak (accept Stephen Harriman **Long**)

(10) **A tributary of this river, the Powwow River, flows into the Great Pond, while two other tributaries of this river, the Soucook and Suncook Rivers, flow into the Gulf of Maine. The Tyngsborough Bridge was constructed over this river as a crossing of its state's (+) Route 113, while the Chain Bridge runs through this river's Deer Island. The eastern border between New Hampshire and Massachusetts is located three miles north of, (*) for the points, what river, whose watershed includes Concord, New Hampshire?**

ANSWER: **Merrimack** River

(11) **The Lost Maples State Natural Area is located in a plateau with this name, whose northern edge includes the San Saba River. Comal Springs and Zilker Park's Barton Springs (+) receive water which travels through an artesian aquifer with this name, which was historically the main source of water for San Antonio. (*) For the points, give this name of a plateau in Texas which is bounded by the Balcones Fault and the Llano [[YAH-noh]] Estacado and contains a southeast region called the Texas Hill Country.**

ANSWER: **Edwards** (accept **Edwards** Plateau; accept **Edwards** Aquifer)

(12) **The Pinconning and Rifle Rivers flow into this body of water, which hosts the Wenona Beach Amusement Park on its shores. This body of water contains an Art Deco-style automated lighthouse called the Gravelly Shoal Light. (+) and the largest island in this body of water is Charity Island. The Tobico Marsh is located on the shore of this body of water at Bay City State Park. (*) For the points, name this bay on Lake Huron, which lies between the Lower Peninsula and the Thumb region of Michigan.**

ANSWER: **Saginaw** Bay

(13) **In 2012, two hostages captured while clearing mines in the Galkayo area were rescued and returned to this facility. This facility, located on the southern end of an international airport in Ambouli, and its eponymous person, a French army general stationed in (+) Indochina, was misspelled until 2009. In 2014, President Ismaïl Omar Guelleh extended a 20-year lease on this facility. Many drone strikes against Al-Qaeda forces in (*) Yemen were launched from this facility. For the points, name this only permanent U.S. military base in Africa, situated in Djibouti.**

ANSWER: Camp **Lemonnier**

(14) **An election to incorporate this city was approved by the overwhelming majority of 2018 voters in Cameron County, and before that, it was known as Kopernik Shores. This town's creation raised concern over harm to the habitat of (+) Kemp's ridley sea turtles on Boca Chica Beach. Initially planned to accommodate the Falcon Heavy craft and lying at the mouth of the (*) Rio Grande, for the points, what is this city, the site of SpaceX's South Texas launch base?**

ANSWER: **Starbase**, Texas (accept **Kopernik Shores** before mentioned; accept **Boca Chica** Village before "Boca Chica Beach")

(15) **This park's Hangman's Elm is one of the oldest trees within the city it is located in, and Waverly Place marks this park's northern boundary. Known for its "chess hustlers," this park is served by a subway station where the (+) IND Sixth Avenue and IND Eighth Avenue lines meet on West Fourth Street. The campus of New York University adjoins this park within (*) Greenwich Village.** For the points, name this public park in Lower Manhattan, known for its marble arch and named for a president.

ANSWER: **Washington Square** Park

(16) **This river, which was followed by the California Road, is dammed by the Conchas Dam in New Mexico as part of the Tatumcari Irrigation Project. The Sanford Dam on this river creates Lake Meredith in the Texas Panhandle, (+) and this river is the main outflow of Lake Eufaula. Tributaries of this river include the Little River, as well as a river which had a small portion renamed the Oklahoma River. (*)** For the points, name this river which starts in Colorado, the longest tributary of the Arkansas River.

ANSWER: **Canadian** River (or South **Canadian** River; do NOT accept or prompt on "North Canadian River")

(17) **Eagle Cave is an onyx cavern in this natural region that is a popular camping destination. The Ocooch Mountains contain the highest point of this natural region. Tributaries that flow into the Mississippi River in this natural region include the (+) Whitewater, Chippewa, and Baraboo Rivers. Major cities in this natural region include Dubuque, Eau Claire, and La Crosse. (*)** For the points, name this historically unglaciated region covering parts of Iowa, Illinois, and Minnesota, and all of southwest Wisconsin.

ANSWER: **Driftless** Area (or **Paleozoic Plateau**; or **Bluff Country**; accept **Coulee** Region; accept **Blufflands**)

(18) **The Somes Sound indenting this island is often described as the "only fjord of the East Coast" and separates Northwest and Southwest Harbors. This island is the second-largest of the Eastern Seaboard behind (+) Long Island, and it was named by Samuel de Champlain for the lack of vegetation on its summits. This island contains the town of Bar Harbor and the (*) oldest national park east of the Mississippi River.** For the points, name this island in Maine, home to Acadia National Park.

ANSWER: **Mount Desert** Island

(19) **One point with this name contains a sundial known as the Millennium Monument, near the Jack and Isaac Bay Preserve. This name is also used by the former Orote Point, lying at the mouth of Apra Harbor. The Secretary of the Interior in the Kennedy and (+) Johnson administrations of this name was commemorated through the naming of a location that records the first sunrise on U.S. soil on Saint Croix. (*)** For the points, provide this name used by the easternmost and westernmost points by travel direction in the U.S., in the Virgin Islands and Guam, named for members of a Mormon political family, Stewart and "Mo".

ANSWER: Point **Udall** (accept Stewart Lee **Udall**; accept Morris King "Mo" **Udall**)

(20) **This body of water is traversed by the MV *Coho* and it includes Protection Island, which is north of Discovery Bay and includes a site where rhinoceros auklets nest. This channel, which was named for a Greek sailor who searched for the Strait of Anián. (+)** acts as an outlet for the Salish Sea. This body of water is connected to the Strait of Georgia by the Haro Strait, and it includes the international boundary between the United States and (*) Canada. For the points, name this strait between the Olympic Peninsula and Vancouver Island.

ANSWER: Strait of **Juan de Fuca** (or **Juan de Fuca** Strait)

(21) **The Middle Permian epoch is also named for this mountain range, which includes McKittrick Canyon. One peak in this mountain range is marked by a steel pyramid created by American Airlines, which pays tribute to the Pony Express. The tallest point in this mountain range is also known as (+) Signal Peak and rises above the Chihuahuan Desert. The Big Room can be found within this mountain range at Carlsbad Caverns National Park. Bordered by the Delaware and (*) Sacramento Mountains, for the points, which mountain range contains El Capitan in West Texas?**

ANSWER: **Guadalupe** Mountains (accept **Guadalupean** epoch, **Guadalupe** Peak, or **Guadalupe** Mountains National Park)

(22) **This national park's visitor center includes the Maltese Cross Cabin, and all its units are linked by the Maah Daah Hey Trail. The South Unit of this national park is at Medora, a town near the Burning Hills Amphitheater, and contains the (+) Bully Pulpit Golf Course. Crossed by the Little Missouri River, this national park in McKenzie and Billings counties includes the Elkhorn Ranch Unit. (*)** For the points, identify this North Dakota landmark named for a president?

ANSWER: **Theodore Roosevelt** National Park

(23) **The Carbella Bridge across this river was destroyed by 2022 flooding. H. F. Richardson constructed the descending Uncle Tom's Trail for a canyon on this river, which has an island containing Pirogue Island State Park near (+) Miles City. This river has its source in the Absaroka Range, and one of the tributaries of this river is the Bighorn River. With tributaries like the Tongue and (*) Powder Rivers, for the points, what river is the main tributary of the upper Missouri River?**

ANSWER: **Yellowstone** River (accept Grand Canyon of the **Yellowstone**; accept **Yellowstone** Falls)

(24) **This city's Hub City Writers Project was influenced by the Federal Writers' Project. John Quincy Adams Ward created a monument in this city which remembers the victor at the Battle of Cowpens. (+) Daniel Morgan. The diner chain Denny's has its headquarters in this city, which also hosts Converse and Wofford colleges. Located in one state's (*) "Upstate" region, for the points, which city in South Carolina forms a combined statistical area with Anderson and Greenville?**

ANSWER: **Spartanburg** (accept Greenville-**Spartanburg**; prompt on "GSP")

(25) Insurance agent Jack Lee Harelson looted a site in this desert at Elephant Mountain Cave. Near Gerlach, this desert contains works like "Imagination Station - Desert Broadcasting System" at Dooby Lane. The ghost town of Hardin City was founded in this desert as a (+) silver mining town. This desert, which lies on the site of Lake Lahontan, is the site of an event founded by Larry Harvey and the Cacophony Society in which a wooden (*) effigy is lit on fire. For the points, name this desert in the Great Basin of Nevada which hosts the Burning Man event.

ANSWER: Black Rock Desert (accept Black Rock City)

(26) James Mooney recorded a Cherokee myth that this mountain was the home of the White Bear. Lavita Hill and Mary Crowe fought to change the name of this mountain, which has an observation tower designed by (+) Bebb and Olson that can be reached with a spiral ramp. This mountain in the Copperhill Formation has subpeaks like Mount Love and Mount Buckley. (*) For the points, name this tallest point on the Appalachian Trail, which is also the tallest mountain in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

ANSWER: Kuwohi (or Kuwahi; or Clingmans Dome)

(27) The Heron Rookery is located in this national park, along its portion of the East Arm Little Calumet River. This national park is home to a wetland complex known as Cowles Bog, which is not technically a bog, as well as a true bog named (+) Pinhook. This national park follows a narrow, 15-mile strip of land on the coast of a Great Lake and is home to a reclaimed wilderness area called (*) Hoosier Prairie. For the points, name this sandy national park on the southern shore of Lake Michigan.

ANSWER: Indiana Dunes National Park

(28) This peninsula's Breezy Point neighborhood was nicknamed the "Irish Riviera" and is the site of Fort Tilden. With the Jacob Riis [[REESS]] Park, this peninsula forms a portion of the Gateway National Recreation Area. This peninsula's far east contains the terminus of the (+) "A" train at Mott Avenue, on its border with Nassau County. This peninsula, which bounds Jamaica Bay, is spanned by boardwalk that was heavily damaged by Hurricane (*) Sandy. For the points, name this peninsula in Queens, which forms the southernmost extent of Long Island.

ANSWER: Rockaway Peninsula (or the Rockaways)

(29) This facility was built to replace a secondary facility named after Fernando L. Ribas-Dominicci. This facility in Carolina is connected to the rest of its city via the Teodoro Moscoso Bridge. (+) This facility was formerly named after its location in Isla Verde before it was renamed for an autonomist governor, and it is the only U.S. airport with direct service to Saint Barthélemy. This airport serves as the southernmost hub of (*) JetBlue. For the points, name this busiest airport in the Caribbean.

ANSWER: Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport (accept either underlined portion; accept San Juan Airport or similar answers; accept SIU or TISI)

(30) **This body of water includes the submerged Gregory Natural Bridge and Padre Bay, which is named for those who used the Crossing of the Fathers. Entrada sandstone comprises an island on this body of water called Gunsight Butte [[BYOOT]].** (+) This body of water covers a site called the Cathedral in the Desert, which was visible as a result of the Southwestern North American megadrought. (*) For the points, name this reservoir which is created by the Glen Canyon Dam on the Colorado River.

ANSWER: Lake **Powell**

(31) **The seat of Richland County is located at the source of this river, where the Otter Tail and Bois de Sioux Rivers meet. A 1950 flood occurred when this river reached its highest historic levels at Winnipeg. This river's tributaries include the** (+) Sheyenne River and the Pembina River, and it runs through both Moorhead and (*) Fargo. For the points, name this river along the Minnesota-North Dakota border, whose name distinguishes it from a southern counterpart.

ANSWER: **Red River of the North** (accept **Rivière Rouge du Nord**; prompt on "Red River")

(32) **On this peninsula, the Doo Wop Motel District is known for its Googie-era architecture within a community known as the Wildwoods, and it contains the oldest resort town in the United States, as well as a non-Maryland** (+) Ocean City. The Great Egg Harbor Bridge provides road access to this peninsula from Atlantic County, and this peninsula contains the southern terminus of the (*) Garden State Parkway. For the points, name this peninsula, which forms the southernmost part of New Jersey.

ANSWER: **Cape May** Peninsula

(33) **A member of the Cherokee Nation named David Bogle founded this city's Museum of Native American History. This city includes the Hotel Massey and a building that was once owned by the world's largest company by revenue, the** (+) Terry Block Building. This city's Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art features pavilions designed by Moshe Safdie, includes Ozark forest land, and was founded by Alice (*) Walton. For the points, name this Arkansas city, home to the headquarters of Walmart.

ANSWER: **Bentonville**

(34) **A land trail along this river runs through areas such as Manayunk and Mont Clare. Canoeing and kayaking are popular activities done on this river's section near the Flat Rock Dam, and this river also hosts the annual Dad Vail Regatta.** (+) The Strawberry Mansion Bridge was constructed over Fairmount Park in this river, where Fairmount Dam has served as a popular venue for rowers. (*) For the points, name this tributary of the Delaware River that flows through cities like Norristown and Philadelphia.

ANSWER: **Schuylkill** [[SKOOL-kill]] River

(35) **A university in this city is home to the Chester Fritz Auditorium. Ralph Engelstad financed an indoor arena in this city that is colloquially known as the Betty. The Alerus Center stadium and Ralph Engelstad Arena in this city are home to a college team that uses the (+) Fighting Hawks as its mascot. An obelisk in this city is a memorial to rescue workers for the 1997 floods of a river flowing from Wahpeton to Lake Winnipeg. (*)** For the points, name this city, which is home to the University of North Dakota.

ANSWER: **Grand Forks**

Extra Questions

(1) **This city is served by an airport named for former Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge. Situated on Presque Isle Bay, this city contains a statue of Commodore Oliver (+) Hazard Perry, whose flagship, the USS *Niagara*, is docked in its harbor. This city is situated roughly halfway between Cleveland and (*) Buffalo.** For the points, name this largest city of northwestern Pennsylvania, sharing its name with the Great Lake it lies on.

ANSWER: **Erie**, Pennsylvania

(2) **Apartment complexes in this city make a horseshoe shape around the Thirsty Beaver Saloon. Interstate 85 intersects Interstate 77 near this city's University and Northlake regions. This city is home to its state's tallest building, the 871-foot (+) Bank of America Corporate Tower, and this city is located in the south-central Piedmont region. Closely associated with surrounding (*) Mecklenburg Country,** for the points, what city is the most populous in North Carolina?

ANSWER: **Charlotte**