



# International Geography Bee

## The United States Geography Olympiad & The International Geography Bee 2018-2019 National Qualifying Exam – A Set Version

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, etc.)

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Check here: \_\_\_\_\_ if you were born on or after July 1, 2003 (if so, you are a JV student for USGO & IGB)\*

\* = Students in 6<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> grades are eligible to compete in both JV and Middle School Divisions. Students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger are eligible to compete in both the JV and Elementary School Divisions. If you are in 8<sup>th</sup> grade or younger and you qualify for JV Nationals off this Exam, then you are also eligible to compete at Middle School or Elementary School Nationals (depending on your grade) for USGO and IGB without needing to take another Exam.

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**Instructions: Print the Correct Answer in the space provided or leave it blank. Write Neatly!!! Correct answers are worth 2 points. Incorrect answers are -1 point. Questions left blank are worth 0 points.**

You have 20 Minutes to complete this Exam. If you are also taking the US History Bee Exam, you have 40 minutes in which to complete both Exams and you may do them simultaneously or one after the other.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1) This question was written while sitting on a plane parked at the gate at Heathrow Airport, the largest airport serving which city?  
A) London                      B) Los Angeles                      C) Frankfurt                      D) New York City
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Which of the following countries has a coastline on both the Caribbean Sea & Pacific Ocean?  
A) Panama                      B) El Salvador                      C) Belize                      D) Cuba
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3) Which is the least commonly spoken of the four official languages of Switzerland?  
A) Italian                      B) Romansch                      C) French                      D) German
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4) The One Belt, One Road initiative is a foreign aid and development program that was started by which country?  
A) China                      B) USA                      C) India                      D) Uzbekistan
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5) Which island in the Indian Ocean basin was the former home of the Dodo bird?  
A) Sri Lanka                      B) Socotra                      C) Mauritius                      D) North Sentinel Island
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6) Which US state is home to the cities of Dayton, Akron, and Canton?  
A) Ohio                      B) Kentucky                      C) New Hampshire                      D) Arizona

- \_\_\_\_\_ 7) Among these four US cities, which faces the greatest threat from rising sea levels due to global warming?  
A) Fargo                      B) Omaha                      C) Biloxi                      D) Fort Worth
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8) If as an AFS exchange student, you lived with a Malayalam speaking family in the state of Kerala, then you would be studying in which country?  
A) India                      B) Malaysia                      C) Indonesia                      D) Turkey
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9) Your question writer's friend from Switzerland was recently invited to a wedding in Burkina Faso, a country on which continent?  
A) South America                      B) Africa                      C) Asia                      D) North America
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10) Your question writer's same friend from Switzerland will himself be getting married next June next to Lake Maggiore, a lake found in Piedmont and Lombardy in which country?  
A) Spain                      B) France                      C) Italy                      D) Russia
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11) Muhammad Ali fought a boxing match called the Thrilla in Manila in which country?  
A) Japan                      B) South Korea                      C) China                      D) Philippines
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12) The body of water between Greenland and Iceland is somewhat oddly named what?  
A) Celtic Sea                      B) Disko Bay                      C) Denmark Strait                      D) Bermuda Triangle
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13) The Hoover Dam generates hydroelectricity from the flow of which river?  
A) Colorado River                      B) Columbia River                      C) Delaware River                      D) Tennessee River
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14) The Mason-Dixon line separated which two US states?  
A) Vermont and New Hampshire                      B) Washington and Oregon  
C) Arkansas and Mississippi                      D) Maryland and Pennsylvania
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15) Which of these Chinese cities is located in Manchuria?  
A) Lhasa                      B) Harbin                      C) Shenzhen                      D) Shanghai
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16) Which European country has been the site of recent protests against Viktor Orban in Budapest?  
A) France                      B) Poland                      C) Slovenia                      D) Hungary
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17) Which of these Canadian cities has the highest annual rainfall?  
A) Iqaluit                      B) Vancouver                      C) Calgary                      D) Regina
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18) During the 1980's, the Libyan flag was entirely which color?  
A) White                      B) Green                      C) Red                      D) Black
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19) What is the only US state to border the Canadian province of New Brunswick?  
A) Idaho                      B) Vermont                      C) Michigan                      D) Maine
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20) Which of these African countries has a shoreline on Lake Victoria?  
A) Uganda                      B) Guinea                      C) Angola                      D) Egypt
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21) Where are the headquarters of the European Union found?  
A) Dublin                      B) London                      C) Tirana                      D) Brussels

- \_\_\_\_\_ 22) What island was invaded by the USA and the UK in 1943 after success in the North African campaign?  
A) Hispaniola      B) Sicily      C) Cyprus      D) Hokkaido
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23) Which country will become the smallest by land area to ever host the FIFA World Cup of soccer in 2022?  
A) Russia      B) Qatar      C) France      D) Germany
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24) The Pampas, Chaco and the Llanos are biomes on which continent?  
A) North America      B) Africa      C) South America      D) Asia
- \_\_\_\_\_ 25) Which is the largest Australian state by land area?  
A) Tasmania      B) New South Wales      C) Victoria      D) Western Australia
- \_\_\_\_\_ 26) Which of these states has a capital named for a US president?  
A) South Dakota      B) Missouri      C) Michigan      D) Kentucky
- \_\_\_\_\_ 27) Which of these island nations is located farthest east?  
A) St. Lucia      B) Jamaica      C) Cuba      D) Barbados
- \_\_\_\_\_ 28) Ethiopia recently signed a peace agreement with which neighboring country that it was once united with until the 1990's?  
A) Somalia      B) Djibouti      C) Eritrea      D) Sudan
- \_\_\_\_\_ 29) The Catskills and Adirondacks are mountain ranges in which US state?  
A) New Jersey      B) New York      C) Colorado      D) California
- \_\_\_\_\_ 30) The Kiel Canal in Germany connects which two seas?  
A) Baltic & North      B) Black & Aegean      C) White & Barents      D) Mediterranean & Red
- \_\_\_\_\_ 31) Which US state had the second largest number of electoral votes in 2016?  
A) California      B) Texas      C) Illinois      D) Minnesota
- \_\_\_\_\_ 32) Which of these Southeast Asian countries is landlocked?  
A) Vietnam      B) Thailand      C) Malaysia      D) Laos
- \_\_\_\_\_ 33) Which peninsula lies to the east of the Sea of Okhotsk and is bounded on the east by the Pacific Ocean?  
A) Balkan      B) Crimea      C) Kamchatka      D) Delmarva
- \_\_\_\_\_ 34) Which shallow lake is found in South Central Florida and was the site of massive flooding during a 1928 hurricane?  
A) Pontchartrain      B) Erie      C) Great Salt Lake      D) Okeechobee
- \_\_\_\_\_ 35) Which landlocked former Soviet republic is wedged between Poland and Russia?  
A) Estonia      B) Ukraine      C) Belarus      D) Uzbekistan
- \_\_\_\_\_ 36) The Sand Hills, Chimney Rock, and the bizarre landmark called Carhenge are all found in what Midwestern state whose largest city names a beach used on D-Day?  
A) Kansas      B) Nebraska      C) Missouri      D) Ohio

- \_\_\_\_\_ 37) Which of these popular tourist destinations is not located in Mexico?  
A) Puerto Vallarta    B) Cancun    C) Acapulco    D) Mallorca
- \_\_\_\_\_ 38) The headwaters of which American river lie closest to the border with Canada?  
A) Delaware    B) Connecticut    C) Colorado    D) Ohio
- \_\_\_\_\_ 39) Which country is known for its raucous Carnival celebrations in its capital of Port of Spain?  
A) Haiti    B) Bahamas    C) Barbados    D) Trinidad and Tobago
- \_\_\_\_\_ 40) The delta of which Russian river lies north of the Arctic Circle?  
A) Ob    B) Volga    C) Don    D) Amur
- \_\_\_\_\_ 41) The Bitterroot Mountains and Glacier National Park are geographic features in which state?  
A) Montana    B) Utah    C) Arizona    D) Oklahoma
- \_\_\_\_\_ 42) Which of these countries has a majority Shiite Muslim population?  
A) Saudi Arabia    B) Iran    C) Morocco    D) Indonesia
- \_\_\_\_\_ 43) Which of these islands was discovered by human beings most recently?  
A) Maui    B) Ireland    C) Java    D) Sri Lanka
- \_\_\_\_\_ 44) Palestine, as currently construed, consists of the Gaza Strip and which other region?  
A) West Bank    B) Musandam    C) Socotra    D) Khuzestan
- \_\_\_\_\_ 45) Which US state did not see any major civil war battles?  
A) Maryland    B) Kentucky    C) Massachusetts    D) Tennessee
- \_\_\_\_\_ 46) Which of these cities has the highest daytime average temperatures in January?  
A) Istanbul    B) Adelaide    C) Rabat    D) Wuhan
- \_\_\_\_\_ 47) Which Canadian island is not located in the Canadian Arctic archipelago?  
A) Ellesmere Island    B) Baffin Island    C) Cape Breton Island    D) Prince Patrick Island
- \_\_\_\_\_ 48) Which African country is home to the Dogon and Tuareg people?  
A) Madagascar    B) Botswana    C) Djibouti    D) Mali
- \_\_\_\_\_ 49) Which largest city by population in Brazil shares its namesake with Minnesota's capital?  
A) São Paulo    B) Recife    C) Florianopolis    D) Rio de Janeiro
- \_\_\_\_\_ 50) Which African country completely surrounds a much smaller African country?  
A) Sudan    B) South Africa    C) Niger    D) Egypt