



International Geography Bee

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

NAME: _____ GRADE: _____ (e.g. 8th, 9th, 10th, etc.)

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* = Students in 6th- 8th grades are eligible to compete in both JV and Middle School Divisions. Students in 5th grade and younger are eligible to compete in both the JV and Elementary School Divisions. If you are in 8th 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) Which feature typically extends from the coast to about 20-100 miles off the US East Coast?
A) Abyssal Plains B) Subduction Zones C) Continental Shelf D) Mid-Atlantic Ridge

_____ 2) By 2025, which two cities will each have hosted the Summer Olympics three times?
A) Rome and Athens B) London and Paris C) Beijing and Tokyo D) Mecca and Jerusalem

_____ 3) Hurricanes are least likely to be found at which line of latitude in the Atlantic Ocean?
A) 20 degrees north B) Tropic of Cancer C) 60 degrees south D) 40 degrees north

_____ 4) Which of these US states has the shortest land border with Canada?
A) Washington B) Idaho C) Montana D) North Dakota

_____ 5) River valleys were least important to the development of ancient civilizations where?
A) Greece B) Egypt C) Mesopotamia D) China

_____ 6) Which Russian city is a terminus of the Trans-Siberian Railroad?
A) Kaliningrad B) Murmansk C) Sochi D) Vladivostok

_____ 7) Which body of water has a bridge-tunnel that allows road traffic to cross it near its mouth?
A) Gulf of Mexico B) Chesapeake Bay C) Yukon River D) Great Salt Lake

- _____ 8) What is the only independent country in the Americas where Dutch is an official language?
A) Guyana B) Surinam C) Costa Rica D) Venezuela
- _____ 9) "The dingo ate my baby!" exclaimed Azaria Chamberlain after a tragic incident where?
A) Nunavut B) The Outback C) Anatolia D) The Amazon Rainforest
- _____ 10) This question was written on a flight to which airport, serving the Seoul metropolitan area?
A) Narita B) Changi C) Incheon D) Pudong
- _____ 11) Which city is generally considered to be the center of the US country music industry?
A) Boston B) New Orleans C) Nashville D) Seattle
- _____ 12) Tarns, Moraines, and Drumlins are all geographic features associated with what?
A) Oceans B) Swamps C) Glaciers D) Military Bases
- _____ 13) US citizens currently need a visa to travel to which country?
A) China B) France C) Canada D) Jamaica
- _____ 14) The seafood known as ceviche, a dish of raw ocean fish, is most associated with the cuisine of what country?
A) Peru B) Hungary C) Botswana D) Paraguay
- _____ 15) On vacation this past summer, your question writer was told not to drive his rental car into the Turkish-speaking northern part of what island?
A) Oahu B) Cyprus C) Hispaniola D) Crete
- _____ 16) Which country is not found in the Sahel region of Africa?
A) Mali B) Chad C) Malawi D) Burkina Faso
- _____ 17) Which US state has exactly two representatives serving it in the House of Representatives?
A) Wyoming B) Maine C) Indiana D) South Carolina
- _____ 18) Alpine skiing is most significant to the tourism industry of which Canadian province?
A) Alberta B) Manitoba C) Saskatchewan D) Prince Edward Island
- _____ 19) Which state has recently been building a high-speed railway through its Central Valley to connect two major metropolitan regions found within it?
A) New York B) California C) Michigan D) Nebraska
- _____ 20) If as an AFS Exchange Student, you lived with an Arabic-speaking family near the Aswan High Dam in the city of Luxor, then you would be studying where?
A) Morocco B) South Africa C) Kenya D) Egypt
- _____ 21) The Caribbean Sea is separated from the main part of the Atlantic Ocean by what island chain?
A) Bahamas B) Cayman Islands C) Lesser Antilles D) Florida Keys
- _____ 22) The Indian city now known as Mumbai was primarily known as what during the British Empire?
A) Bombay B) Delhi C) Calcutta D) Bangalore
- _____ 23) The flow of which of these four rivers generates the most hydroelectric power?
A) Colorado B) Delaware C) Hudson D) Mississippi

- _____ 24) Which African country does not constitute all or part of an archipelago?
A) Cape Verde B) Comoros C) Zambia D) Sao Tome and Principe
- _____ 25) You might be enchanted to learn that there is a city called "Truth or Consequences" in which US state, nicknamed the "Land of Enchantment"?
A) Nevada B) New Mexico C) Vermont D) Arkansas
- _____ 26) You can go straight through which strait from the Sea of Marmara to the Aegean Sea?
A) Gibraltar B) Dardanelles C) Bosphorus D) Hormuz
- _____ 27) The second tallest mountain in North America is...?
A) Named after Zebulon Pike B) A volcano in Mexico
C) Found in the Yukon Territory D) 8,422 feet tall
- _____ 28) A canal connecting the Rhine and Danube watersheds can be found in which country?
A) Sweden B) Italy C) Germany D) Ireland
- _____ 29) Voodoo and Santeria are religious traditions that developed in which region?
A) Polynesia B) Patagonia C) Caribbean D) The Balkans
- _____ 30) An annual hot dog eating contest, the Cyclone roller coaster, and a mermaid parade can all be found at which New York City location?
A) Staten Island B) Coney Island C) Riker's Island D) Liberty Island
- _____ 31) Which country recently voted in a referendum to withdraw from the European Union?
A) United Kingdom B) Norway C) Romania D) Turkey
- _____ 32) Which city in present-day China was never occupied by the Japanese in World War II?
A) Hong Kong B) Nanjing C) Shanghai D) Lhasa
- _____ 33) Which mountain range forms the primary continental divide of South America?
A) Llanos B) Chaco C) Pampas D) Andes
- _____ 34) Which of these US states has fallen out of the top 10 in population within the past 40 years?
A) Texas B) New Jersey C) Alabama D) Pennsylvania
- _____ 35) You could amass capital denominated locally in baht in which national capital?
A) Bangkok B) Singapore C) Beijing D) Tokyo
- _____ 36) Swahili is used as a lingua franca most frequently in which part of Africa?
A) The Maghreb B) Sahara C) West Africa D) East Africa
- _____ 37) Monte Carlo is an upscale neighborhood in which microstate?
A) Liechtenstein B) Andorra C) Vatican City D) Monaco
- _____ 38) The end of space shuttle launches had the most negative economic impact for what region?
A) Mississippi Delta B) Greater Denver C) Pacific Northwest D) Atlantic Coast of Florida
- _____ 39) Which African country adopted a new national flag in 1994?
A) South Africa B) Ghana C) Tunisia D) Nigeria

- _____ 40) In which of these European countries is the capital city not the most populous city?
A) Portugal B) Switzerland C) Austria D) Belgium
- _____ 41) Which of these mountain ranges is home to the most active volcanoes?
A) Blue Ridge B) Ozarks C) Green Mountains D) Cascades
- _____ 42) The Ganges River flows through which of the following states of India?
A) Goa B) Rajasthan C) Jammu and Kashmir D) Uttar Pradesh
- _____ 43) Which continent does not contain any of the 5 largest countries by land area?
A) Africa B) North America C) South America D) Asia
- _____ 44) Utah's National Parks include Zion, Bryce Canyon, and which one named for its landforms?
A) Arches B) Buttes C) Mesas D) Salt Marsh
- _____ 45) Which state has acquired the pejorative nickname of "America's Tollbooth" due to its small section of Interstate 95 with a high tolls-collected to mileage ratio?
A) Illinois B) California C) West Virginia D) Delaware
- _____ 46) Which Middle Eastern country does not contain a coastline on the Mediterranean Sea?
A) Syria B) Israel C) Lebanon D) Iran
- _____ 47) Which countries have had to deal most directly with the shrinkage of the Aral Sea?
A) Canada & USA B) France & Spain C) Kazakhstan & Uzbekistan D) Chad & Libya
- _____ 48) Honshu, Hokkaido, Kyushu, and Shikoku are the four largest examples of what in Japan?
A) Prefectures B) Islands C) Lakes D) Deserts
- _____ 49) Bessarabia is a historical region that is now primarily part of which country?
A) Bulgaria B) Yemen C) Moldova D) Latvia
- _____ 50) Sing Sing, Folsom, San Quentin, Angola, and Attica are all famous examples of what type of location?
A) Orphanages B) Prisons C) Nuclear Power Plants D) War of 1812 Battles