



International
Geography Bee

**The United States Geography Championships & The International Geography Bee
2019-2020 National Qualifying Exam – B 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 any other exam(s), you have 40 minutes in which to complete them, and you may do them simultaneously or one after the other.

- _____ 1) Which of the following countries was not part of a larger country during the Cold War?
A) Belarus B) Slovakia C) Lithuania D) Hungary
- _____ 2) The islands of Hawaii include which of the following Pacific islands?
A) Molokai B) Saipan C) Bora Bora D) Yap
- _____ 3) Which trail begins at Springer Mountain and ends over 2000 miles away on top of Mt. Katahdin?
A) Oregon Trail B) Pacific Crest Trail C) Chisholm Trail D) Appalachian Trail
- _____ 4) Which of these countries is not an archipelago?
A) Maldives B) Comoros C) Seychelles D) Zimbabwe
- _____ 5) The Klondike Gold Rush took place in the northwestern part of which country?
A) Australia B) Canada C) South Africa D) Ireland
- _____ 6) While his route is uncertain, it's safe to say Marco Polo never saw which of these deserts?
A) Lut B) Gobi C) Taklamakan D) Atacama
- _____ 7) What is the largest country in the world by population not to have a permanent seat on the UN Security Council?
A) India B) China C) Indonesia D) Brazil

- _____ 8) Which of these African countries is not part of the Nile River's watershed?
A) Egypt B) Libya C) Sudan D) Angola
- _____ 9) Which of these countries has the most ethnically homogenous population?
A) Russia B) North Korea C) Malaysia D) Singapore
- _____ 10) Which two religions have the greatest number of adherents in Lebanon?
A) Islam & Judaism B) Islam & Buddhism
C) Christianity & Judaism D) Islam & Christianity
- _____ 11) An outbreak of saltwater crocodile attacks has recently afflicted the population of which country?
A) Paraguay B) Malawi C) Timor-Leste D) Kyrgyzstan
- _____ 12) Which US city has been suffering from a water supply polluted by lead in recent years?
A) Flint, MI B) Paducah, KY C) Manchester, NH D) Reno, NV
- _____ 13) Which two Canadian provinces border New York state?
A) Ontario & Alberta B) Quebec & Ontario C) Quebec & Alberta D) Quebec & New Brunswick
- _____ 14) Asia has no coastline on which of the following oceans?
A) Atlantic B) Pacific C) Indian D) Arctic
- _____ 15) "Visit Russia while Putin is president? Nyet!" said a traveler who thus clearly had no interest in visiting which of the following peninsulas?
A) Chukchi B) Jutland C) Iberian D) Delmarva
- _____ 16) Of the four time zones in the lower 48 states, the smallest number of people live in which one?
A) Eastern B) Central C) Mountain D) Pacific
- _____ 17) Evo Morales was deposed in 2019 from being president of which landlocked South American nation?
A) Uruguay B) Ecuador C) Surinam D) Bolivia
- _____ 18) Which of these countries is found in the Sahel region of Africa?
A) Morocco B) Mali C) Malawi D) Mozambique
- _____ 19) The Lusophone Commonwealth includes Mozambique, Guinea Bissau, and other former colonies of what country?
A) Spain B) Portugal C) Italy D) Sweden
- _____ 20) Which of these countries is located in what is known as Indochina?
A) Cambodia B) Pakistan C) Bhutan D) Mongolia
- _____ 21) Which of these US states has the largest state capital by population in the USA?
A) Arizona B) New Hampshire C) Idaho D) Oklahoma
- _____ 22) Which of these US states is not considered to be part of the Bible Belt?
A) Tennessee B) Alabama C) Arkansas D) Massachusetts

- _____ 23) Which of these US cities is not paired with the Mexican city directly across the border from it?
A) San Diego – Tijuana
B) El Paso – Ciudad Juarez
C) Laredo – Nuevo Laredo
D) Brownsville - Mexicali
- _____ 24) Land in which of these modern-day countries was never conquered by Alexander the Great?
A) Egypt
B) Turkey
C) Afghanistan
D) Spain
- _____ 25) Which of these can be found west of the Mississippi River?
A) White Mountains
B) Green Mountains
C) Black Hills
D) Mt. Greylock in the Berkshires
- _____ 26) Which African country shares its name with a large lake which it borders?
A) Algeria
B) Chad
C) Tunisia
D) Somalia
- _____ 27) Which Central American country does not have a coastline on the Caribbean Sea?
A) Panama
B) Costa Rica
C) Nicaragua
D) El Salvador
- _____ 28) A student just asked your question writer which strait is located between Italy and Albania, separating the Adriatic from the Ionian Sea, and he correctly responded the Strait of...?
A) Gibraltar
B) Hormuz
C) Otranto
D) Messina
- _____ 29) Which lake in New Zealand is on the site of a massive volcanic eruption thousands of years ago?
A) Lake Kivu
B) Lake Taupo
C) Lake Onega
D) Lake Louise
- _____ 30) The Channel tunnel connects which two regions in the UK and France?
A) Lancashire & Brittany
B) Kent and Pas-de-Calais
C) Wales & Provence
D) Yorkshire and Aquitaine
- _____ 31) How many countries in the world are entirely surrounded by exactly 1 other country?
A) One
B) Two
C) Three
D) Four
- _____ 32) Which of these four states will have the greatest number of electoral votes in 2020?
A) Vermont
B) Alaska
C) North Dakota
D) West Virginia
- _____ 33) What is the coldest national capital, with an average January high temperature of roughly 4 degrees Fahrenheit?
A) Reykjavik
B) Ottawa
C) Ulaanbaatar
D) Kathmandu
- _____ 34) In 2019, an experimental non-stop passenger flight was tested by Qantas to connect Sydney with what city?
A) Tokyo
B) Perth
C) New York City
D) Mumbai
- _____ 35) A scenic mountain road that is closed in winter is named for what highest peak in Austria?
A) Matterhorn
B) Mont Blanc
C) Grossglockner
D) Mount Logan
- _____ 36) The Delaware Water Gap is located at the border of Pennsylvania and which other state?
A) Delaware
B) New Jersey
C) Maryland
D) New York

- _____ 37) Which of these nations has over 40 million more people than the other three combined?
A) Australia B) Bangladesh C) Saudi Arabia D) South Africa?
- _____ 38) Which of these US states sees the fewest landfalling hurricanes in a given century?
A) Texas B) Massachusetts C) Oregon D) North Carolina
- _____ 39) Which of these cannot be found in or bordering Africa?
A) Orange River B) Red Sea C) Blue Nile D) White Sea
- _____ 40) Ernest Hemingway, in *The Sun Also Rises*, wrote about the festival of San Fermin and the running of the bulls in which Iberian city?
A) Pamplona B) Lisbon C) Cadiz D) Malaga
- _____ 41) An unusually strong 2011 East Coast earthquake had its epicenter near Charlottesville in which state?
A) North Carolina B) Virginia C) Maryland D) New Jersey
- _____ 42) The Sakha Republic is by area the largest subnational governing region in the world, and is located in?
A) The Russian Far East B) Antarctica
C) Northern Canada D) Sub-Saharan Africa
- _____ 43) There are neighborhoods all known by what name in London, New York City, and Hong Kong?
A) Kowloon B) Chinatown C) Knightsbridge D) Soho
- _____ 44) US Route 1 begins in Maine and ends at?
A) San Diego B) Seattle C) Boston D) Key West
- _____ 45) *The Economist* has projected which country to have the highest GDP growth rate in 2020 due to new production from offshore oil fields?
A) Ireland B) Guyana C) Bahamas D) Japan
- _____ 46) Piranhas can naturally be found in which of the following river basins?
A) Amazon B) Congo C) Brahmaputra D) Karun
- _____ 47) In 2019, jewel thieves struck the Grünes Gewölbe, or Green Vault, a museum in which capital of Saxony?
A) Leipzig B) Stuttgart C) Dresden D) Lübeck
- _____ 48) *Mersey Beat* was the name of a short-lived newspaper about the music scene in which British city?
A) Newcastle B) London C) Liverpool D) Edinburgh
- _____ 49) This question was written on a flight from Newark to Hong Kong directly over which city?
A) Recife B) Invercargill C) Nuuk D) Juba
- _____ 50) Which of these rivers flows through downtown Bangkok?
A) Mekong B) Salween C) Irrawaddy D) Chao Phraya