



**The United States Geography Championships & The International Geography Bee
2019-2020 National Qualifying Exam – C Set Version**

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

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Check here: _____ if you were born on or after July 1, 2004 (if so, you are a JV student for USGC & IGB)*

* = 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 USGC 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 these countries does not have the same two colors on its flag as the other three?
A) Canada B) Poland C) Austria D) Sweden
- _____ 2) When visiting which of these countries, should you take care not to insult its king, as it has severe *lese majeste* laws on its books?
A) North Korea B) Thailand C) China D) India
- _____ 3) Which of these US states is nicknamed the Land of Enchantment and has a Zuni sun symbol on its flag?
A) New Hampshire B) New York C) New Jersey D) New Mexico
- _____ 4) The leader of which country recently told Donald Trump that her country was not interested in selling Greenland to the USA?
A) Greece B) Denmark C) Finland D) Slovakia
- _____ 5) Where would an oxbow lake most likely be found?
A) Near the course of a river B) On a mountain where a glacier once had been
C) In a desert near an oasis D) Beneath the Antarctic icecap
- _____ 6) Which of these places has never been the site of a landfalling Category 5 hurricane?
A) Cuba B) Bahamas C) Florida D) Bermuda

- _____ 7) Industrial pollution once led the Cuyahoga River to catch fire in which US city?
A) Chicago B) Cleveland C) New York City D) Miami
- _____ 8) Which of these African countries has an extensive coastline on the Mediterranean Sea?
A) Kenya B) Libya C) Ghana D) South Africa
- _____ 9) Which US state shares its name with a country in the Caucasus Mountains?
A) Alabama B) Georgia C) Mississippi D) Florida
- _____ 10) Which of these crops originated in Australia?
A) Corn B) Tobacco C) Macadamia Nuts D) Wheat
- _____ 11) Which of these cities cannot be reached by a direct flight from New York City?
A) Tokyo B) Buenos Aires C) Moscow D) Auckland
- _____ 12) Which of these places does not contain land below sea level?
A) California B) Israel C) New Orleans D) Serbia
- _____ 13) The only major port on Hudson Bay is in which Canadian province?
A) Manitoba B) New Brunswick C) Alberta D) British Columbia
- _____ 14) Which of these islands is not split between two countries?
A) Tierra del Fuego B) Hispaniola C) St. Martin D) Trinidad
- _____ 15) Which of these countries is home to mountain gorillas in its Volcanoes National Park?
A) Gabon B) Rwanda C) Angola D) Madagascar
- _____ 16) In the summer of 2019, International Academic Competitions relocated its headquarters to Burlington, VT on the shores of which lake?
A) Champlain B) Erie C) Winnepesaukee D) Okeechobee
- _____ 17) The petroleum industry has been most essential to the economy of which of these European countries since World War II?
A) Norway B) Switzerland C) Portugal D) Albania
- _____ 18) Which Mexican state is the namesake of a desert that extends into the US southwest?
A) Yucatán B) Sonora C) Oaxaca D) Quintana Roo
- _____ 19) If as an AFS exchange student, you spoke Quechua as well as Spanish with your host family, and lamented how after a war with Chile, your host country's navy is now confined to Lake Titicaca, then you'd be studying where?
A) Colombia B) Peru C) Bolivia D) Ecuador
- _____ 20) This question was written in the backseat of a taxi in Yerevan, where your question writer could look out and see what mountain?
A) Aconcagua B) Ararat C) Annapurna D) Aneto
- _____ 21) The Lowcountry, Fort Sumter, and Myrtle Beach are all sites one could see in which southern state?
A) Tennessee B) South Carolina C) Arkansas D) Mississippi

- _____ 22) As of 2019, which US state ranks last in population?
A) Wyoming B) South Dakota C) Montana D) Delaware
- _____ 23) Which Canadian city's harborfront was rocked by a massive explosion during World War I?
A) Edmonton B) Calgary C) Saskatoon D) Halifax
- _____ 24) Which state's land area is made up almost entirely of land on peninsulas?
A) Ohio B) Michigan C) Indiana D) Wisconsin
- _____ 25) Climate change leading to the spread of the Sahara at the expense of the Sahel ecosystem is an environmental problem directly affecting which of these countries' farmers and herders?
A) Mali B) Kenya C) Angola D) Lesotho
- _____ 26) The Pacific Crest Trail follows numerous ridges in which mountain range?
A) Ozarks B) Green Mountains C) Bitterroots D) Sierra Nevada
- _____ 27) Borscht, Beef Stroganoff, Solyanka, and tea made from a Samovar are elements of the culinary heritage of which country?
A) Sweden B) Turkey C) Russia D) Portugal
- _____ 28) What was the only European member of the Warsaw Pact to have a Romance language as an official language?
A) Hungary B) East Germany C) Czechoslovakia D) Romania
- _____ 29) The territory of which of these Asian countries was never crossed by the armies of Alexander the Great?
A) Iran B) Afghanistan C) Nepal D) Pakistan
- _____ 30) "Fifty Four, Forty or Fight!" was a slogan related to a line of latitude in reference to what?
A) The US-Canadian border B) The US-Mexican border
C) The Mason-Dixon Line D) The Kansas-Nebraska border
- _____ 31) Which of these cities is not a stop on Amtrak's *Lakeshore Limited* train?
A) Erie, PA B) Cleveland, OH C) Buffalo, NY D) Pittsburgh, PA
- _____ 32) Which of these archipelagic countries off the coast of mainland Africa is not located in the Indian Ocean?
A) Mauritius B) Seychelles C) Comoros D) Sao Tome and Principe
- _____ 33) Which river does not help make Manhattan an island?
A) Harlem River B) Mohawk River C) East River D) Hudson River
- _____ 34) The state of Lower Saxony, or Niedersachsen as its residents call it, owns a significant portion of which of these companies?
A) Honda B) Ford C) Volkswagen D) Ferrari
- _____ 35) The ongoing ethnic cleansing of Rohingya Muslims in Burma (aka Myanmar) has led thousands of refugees to seek shelter in which neighboring, predominantly Muslim country?
A) Bangladesh B) Bhutan C) Laos D) Malaysia

- _____ 36) Puntland, bordering the Gulf of Aden, is the extreme eastern tip of the mainland of what continent?
A) Asia B) North America C) South America D) Africa
- _____ 37) The Negev Desert is the site of which country's nuclear weapons development facilities?
A) Azerbaijan B) Bahrain C) Israel D) Yemen
- _____ 38) Which body of water does Turkey share with another country?
A) Sea of Marmara B) Bosphorus C) Dardanelles D) Aegean Sea
- _____ 39) Which Idaho city lies within 50 miles of the borders of both Montana and Washington state?
A) Boise B) Pocatello C) Idaho Falls D) Coeur d'Alene
- _____ 40) The Rand can be spent as the legal tender currency in which of these cities?
A) Madrid B) Mumbai C) Cape Town D) Osaka
- _____ 41) Where would you find the Amu Darya and the Syr Darya Rivers?
A) Central Asia B) North Africa C) South America D) New England
- _____ 42) Which city, plagued by widespread gang violence, lies directly across the Rio Grande from El Paso?
A) Puerto Vallarta B) Ciudad Juarez C) Mexicali D) Veracruz
- _____ 43) If Carmen Sandiego stole the crown of St. Stephen and escaped across the Hortobagy plain, then she would have committed a crime where?
A) Austria B) Hungary C) Poland D) Czech Republic
- _____ 44) The outside weather was 34 degrees Celsius, as your question writer's plane landed at 10pm on September 21 in what city?
A) Dublin B) Durban C) Dubai D) Dushanbe
- _____ 45) Which river separates the Republic of Congo from the Democratic Republic of Congo?
A) Niger B) Nile C) Zambezi D) Congo
- _____ 46) Saudi Arabia has threatened to turn which peninsular country, with which it has major geopolitical disputes, into an island by building a canal, and filling it with radioactive waste?
A) Bahrain B) Oman C) Qatar D) Kuwait
- _____ 47) Which of these Chinese cities has the highest percentage of Uighurs among its population?
A) Urümqi B) Xi'an C) Lhasa D) Hohhot
- _____ 48) An isthmus made of sand is known by which geographic term?
A) Erg B) Tombolo C) Karst D) Polder
- _____ 49) Which Indian state's coastline is primarily found on the Kathiawar Peninsula?
A) West Bengal B) Gujarat C) Kerala D) Tamil Nadu
- _____ 50) Which of these Texan cities is situated on top of the Ogallala Aquifer?
A) Lubbock B) Galveston C) Corpus Christi D) Brownsville