



**The United States Geography Championships & The International Geography Bee
2020-2021 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 these countries announced that it would allow far fewer pilgrims to undertake the hajj in 2020 due to Covid-19?
A) Iran B) Iraq C) Saudi Arabia D) Egypt
- _____ 2) Which of these states could a trucker pass through on Interstate 90?
A) Louisiana B) Arkansas C) Missouri D) Minnesota
- _____ 3) The most populous and largest provinces of Canada are what, respectively?
A) Quebec, British Columbia B) Ontario, British Columbia
C) Ontario, Quebec D) Quebec, Ontario
- _____ 4) Which of these countries is home to copper mines in the driest desert in South America?
A) Bolivia B) Colombia C) Chile D) Venezuela
- _____ 5) In which month is the current of the Lehigh River in Pennsylvania typically at its fastest?
A) March B) May C) July D) September
- _____ 6) Land not claimed by any particular country is known as what?
A) Terra incognita B) Terra Nullius C) Terra Firma D) Terra Nova

- _____ 7) Which of these states leads the USA in the production of apples?
A) Michigan B) Alabama C) Washington D) Arkansas
- _____ 8) Which of these states is located in more than one time zone?
A) Maryland B) Delaware C) New Hampshire D) Florida
- _____ 9) Which of these places is not controlled by Denmark?
A) Greenland B) Faroe Islands C) Northern Jutland D) Bohemia
- _____ 10) Which of these regions of the ancient world is not located in modern-day Turkey?
A) Lydia B) Cappadocia C) Attica D) Galatia
- _____ 11) This question was written while your question writer was being distracted by a parakeet whose species is native to Peru, Brazil, and what third country that borders both of those?
A) Argentina B) Chile C) Ecuador D) Bolivia
- _____ 12) Midway Atoll is roughly midway between what?
A) South America and Africa B) Asia and North America
C) North America and Europe D) Africa and Australia
- _____ 13) Which two countries are the only two present-day countries that are sultanates?
A) Iran and Iraq B) Lebanon and Syria C) Oman and Brunei D) Qatar and the UAE
- _____ 14) Where could you find the northern endpoint of the Appalachian Trail?
A) Mt. Marcy, NY B) Mt. Katahdin, ME C) Harper's Ferry, WV D) Springer Mountain, GA
- _____ 15) Which state's highest point is creatively named "High Point"?
A) California B) Hawaii C) Colorado D) New Jersey
- _____ 16) Which of these countries is not located in Africa?
A) Guinea-Bissau B) Guinea C) Equatorial Guinea D) Papua New Guinea
- _____ 17) Which of these states has on average trended towards leaning more Republican in presidential elections over the past 30 years?
A) Colorado B) Virginia C) West Virginia D) California
- _____ 18) Museums named after members of which family are found in New York City, Bilbao, and Venice?
A) Rockefeller B) Guggenheim C) Ford D) Gates
- _____ 19) Control of which island chain is disputed between Japan and Russia?
A) Aleutians B) Galapagos C) Kurile D) Svalbard
- _____ 20) Which of these Indian states is located on the Gangetic Plain?
A) Kerala B) Bihar C) Tamil Nadu D) Bihar
- _____ 21) Which of these is the least visited US National Park that is part of the 48 contiguous states?
A) Zion B) Isle Royale C) Acadia D) Great Smoky Mountains

- _____ 22) What or where is Puntland?
A) The region at the eastern tip of the African mainland in Somalia
B) One of the former constituent republics of the Soviet Union
C) The largest of the Greater Antilles islands
D) The new NFL training camp located in eastern Montana due to the Covid-19 crisis
- _____ 23) Which of these lines of latitude once divided North and South Vietnam?
A) 17 degrees north B) 36 degrees north C) Equator D) Tropic of Capricorn
- _____ 24) Warm winds flowing down the eastern slopes of mountains in the western USA are known as what?
A) Mistral B) Chinook C) Haboob D) Roaring Forties
- _____ 25) You can take a ferry across the Baltic Sea from Stockholm to which other European capital?
A) Bern B) Lisbon C) Rome D) Helsinki
- _____ 26) Which of these US states was never an independent country?
A) Hawaii B) California C) Alaska D) Texas
- _____ 27) Which of these Chinese cities is not located on a high speed rail line?
A) Lhasa B) Shanghai C) Shenzhen D) Tianjin
- _____ 28) Which of these Indian Ocean islands had all its residents expelled to make way for a joint US/UK military base?
A) Sri Lanka B) Madagascar C) Réunion D) Diego Garcia
- _____ 29) The most commonly spoken native language in the world is spoken primarily where?
A) Africa B) North America C) Latin America D) East Asia
- _____ 30) Which of these is not the name of a famous isthmus?
A) Corinth B) Panama C) Kra D) Brahmaputra
- _____ 31) The quickest way by passenger train from New York to Washington, DC passes through which of these cities?
A) Wilmington, DE B) Annapolis, MD C) Harrisburg, PA D) Dover, DE
- _____ 32) Into which body of water does the longest river in Europe flow?
A) Black Sea B) North Sea C) Mediterranean Sea D) Caspian Sea
- _____ 33) Which of these is not a constituent country of the United Kingdom?
A) Wales B) Scotland C) Isle of Man D) Northern Ireland
- _____ 34) Civilizations in the Tigris & Euphrates River Valley were centered in what is now which country?
A) South Africa B) Iraq C) Bangladesh D) Nepal

- _____ 35) What do Palau, Burundi, and Myanmar have in common?
 A) They were all members of the Warsaw Pact
 B) They have all changed their capital city in the past 30 years
 C) They all qualified for the first time at the FIFA 2018 World Cup Finals
 D) They all have land borders with exactly three other countries
- _____ 36) Which of these islands was once home to a dwarf hippopotamus?
 A) Cyprus B) Cuba C) Tonga D) Tierra del Fuego
- _____ 37) Which of these islands was used as a staging ground for Britain's recapture of the Falkland Islands during the Falklands War?
 A) Sark B) Pitcairn Island C) Cayman Brac D) Ascension Island
- _____ 38) Which of these straits does not provide an outlet to the Atlantic for the Gulf of St. Lawrence?
 A) Cabot Strait B) Strait of Belle Isle C) Strait of Hormuz D) Strait of Canso
- _____ 39) Your question writer just picked up a box labeled Bay State Wine which oddly came from a store in a neighboring state with what nickname?
 A) Keystone State B) Garden State C) First State D) Granite State
- _____ 40) Which of these islands is least frequented by hurricanes due to its low latitude?
 A) Jamaica B) Aruba C) Hispaniola D) St. Thomas
- _____ 41) Which of these rivers of Asiatic Russia does not flow into the Arctic Ocean?
 A) Ob B) Lena C) Yenisei D) Amur
- _____ 42) This question was written in the middle of Tropical Storm Isaias, as it passed directly overhead in which only New England state to not border an arm of the Atlantic Ocean?
 A) Vermont B) Connecticut C) New Hampshire D) Rhode Island
- _____ 43) Which of these islands is where a decrepit, overgrown series of airstrips now can be found, which for a brief time was home to one of the most heavily trafficked air fields on earth?
 A) Kauai B) Tinian C) Key West D) Wake Island
- _____ 44) Which of these African cities lies at the highest elevation?
 A) Johannesburg B) Alexandria C) Tripoli D) Lagos
- _____ 45) If as an AFS exchange student, you looked up at your new school and saw its national flag with 5 stars on it, you might be studying in which of these countries?
 A) Guatemala B) Panama C) Honduras D) El Salvador
- _____ 46) Which of these countries does not currently claim land in Antarctica?
 A) Norway B) Argentina C) New Zealand D) South Africa
- _____ 47) What happens during a limnic eruption?
 A) Poisonous gases are expelled from a lake
 B) Superheated magma creates diamonds when it reaches carboniferous material
 C) Lightning is caused through a magnetic field created by the eruption
 D) A small amount of steam is emitted on a near-constant basis for at least several months

_____ 48) Which of these European cities is not a capital city that lies on the Danube River?

A) Bratislava

B) Vienna

C) Belgrade

D) Skopje

_____ 49) Which African capitals lie across the Congo River from each other?

A) Gaborone & Libreville

B) Kinshasa & Brazzaville

C) Lusaka & Harare

D) Luanda & Juba

_____ 50) Land speed records for cars have been set at the Bonneville Salt Flats in which US state?

A) Wyoming

B) Colorado

C) Utah

D) Texas