



**United States Geography Championships and International Geography Bee  
2021-2022 National Qualifying Exam - B Set Version**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Instructions – Print the letter of the correct answer in the space provided or leave it blank. Write neatly and in capital letters. Correct answers are worth 2 points. Incorrect answers are worth –1 point. Questions left blank are worth 0 points.**

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. In what direction would you predominantly travel to get from Kansas City, MO to Louisville, KY?

- A. North
- B. South
- C. East
- D. West

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Which of these is NOT an official language of the United Nations?

- A. English
- B. Hindi
- C. French
- D. Arabic

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. What two countries in the Americas share the longest land border in the world?

- A. Brazil and Argentina
- B. Peru and Chile
- C. Mexico and the United States
- D. the United States and Canada

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. How many mountains over 24,000 feet tall are there in the Western Hemisphere?

- A. 0
- B. 2
- C. 4
- D. 10

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. The Yalu River forms the border between what two nations?

- A. China and North Korea
- B. Vietnam and Cambodia
- C. India and Pakistan
- D. Myanmar and Thailand

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. Which of these is the most populous city in Australia?

- A. Auckland
- B. Canberra
- C. Perth
- D. Sydney

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. Which of these best defines the term latitude?

- A. it is a line that shows elevation on a map
- B. it is a guide to the symbols used on a map
- C. it specifies a location on earth north or south of the Equator
- D. it specifies a location on earth east or west of the Prime Meridian

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. Which of these is NOT true of Antarctica?

- A. it is smaller than Australia
- B. it is the coldest continent
- C. it is the driest continent
- D. it is the windiest continent

\_\_\_\_\_ 9. The rainiest location in the United States is in which state?

- A. Hawaii
- B. Alaska
- C. California
- D. Mississippi

\_\_\_\_\_ 10. The Tropic of Capricorn passes through all of these South American countries EXCEPT

- A. Brazil
- B. Chile
- C. Argentina
- D. Guyana

\_\_\_\_\_ 11. Which of these cities is the capital of Slovenia?

- A. Belgrade
- B. Ljubljana
- C. Zagreb
- D. Bratislava

\_\_\_\_\_ 12. Which of these is NOT an official language of Switzerland?

- A. English
- B. German
- C. French
- D. Romansh

\_\_\_\_\_ 13. Which of these is NOT true of Madagascar?

- A. over 90% of its wildlife is found nowhere else on earth
- B. it is the second-most populous nation in Africa
- C. it is the fourth-largest island in the world
- D. it is off the coast of eastern Africa

\_\_\_\_\_ 14. Which of the following is a major industry in the Quintana Roo state of Mexico due to cities like Cancun, Cozumel, and Playa del Carmen?

- A. tourism
- B. agriculture
- C. oil exploration
- D. technology

\_\_\_\_\_ 15. Which of these is the largest lake in South America?

- A. Lake Poopó
- B. Lake Titicaca
- C. Salar de Uyuni
- D. Salar de Coipasa

\_\_\_\_\_ 16. Which of these is a satellite-based navigation system developed by the US government?

- A. GPS
- B. GLONASS
- C. SKYNET
- D. GIS

\_\_\_\_\_ 17. Which of these is NOT considered a monotheistic religion?

- A. Islam
- B. Christianity
- C. Taoism
- D. Judaism

\_\_\_\_\_ 18. The Old River Control Structure helps maintain the present course of what major American river as it flows towards the Gulf of Mexico?

- A. the Colorado
- B. the Mississippi
- C. the Columbia
- D. the Rio Grande

\_\_\_\_\_ 19. Which of these cities is the capital of Colombia?

- A. Medellin
- B. Cali
- C. Barranquilla
- D. Bogota

\_\_\_\_\_ 20. Which of these is the largest island in the Caribbean?

- A. Cuba
- B. Hispaniola
- C. Jamaica
- D. Puerto Rico

\_\_\_\_\_ 21. Which of these is the closest to the population of Italy?

- A. 200 million
- B. 150 million
- C. 100 million
- D. 60 million

\_\_\_\_\_ 22. Which of these is the collective name for the countries of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia?

- A. Scandinavia
- B. the Baltic States
- C. Transcaucasia
- D. the Alpine Republics

\_\_\_\_\_ 23. Jambalaya, gumbo, fried chicken, and pecan pie are all part of the food traditions of what region of the United States?

- A. the Midwest
- B. New England
- C. the Pacific Northwest
- D. the South

\_\_\_\_\_ 24. Which of these is NOT a major Greek island?

- A. Crete
- B. Mykonos
- C. Sardinia
- D. Rhodes

\_\_\_\_\_ 25. Which of these is the most common religion practiced in India?

- A. Hinduism
- B. Buddhism
- C. Christianity
- D. Confucianism

\_\_\_\_\_ 26. Which Asian country's cuisine features dishes like bulgogi, kimchi and bibimbap?

- A. Mongolia
- B. South Korea
- C. Nepal
- D. Taiwan

\_\_\_\_\_ 27. Which of these is the highest mountain in the US outside of Alaska?

- A. Mount Hood
- B. Pike's Peak
- C. Mount Rainier
- D. Mount Whitney

\_\_\_\_\_ 28. Which of these is NOT an independent country in Melanesia?

- A. Fiji
- B. the Philippines
- C. Vanuatu
- D. Papua New Guinea

\_\_\_\_\_ 29. Which of these is the largest nation in Africa by area?

- A. Egypt
- B. Algeria
- C. Namibia
- D. South Africa

\_\_\_\_\_ 30. Puget Sound is located along the coast of what American state?

- A. Washington
- B. Virginia
- C. Florida
- D. Texas

\_\_\_\_\_ 31. What is the longest river system in Canada?

- A. the Mackenzie
- B. the Niagara
- C. the Nelson
- D. the Ottawa

\_\_\_\_\_ 32. San Jose is the capital of what Central American nation?

- A. Honduras
- B. Costa Rica
- C. Belize
- D. Nicaragua

\_\_\_\_\_ 33. Which of these is the most commonly spoken variety of the Chinese language?

- A. Gan
- B. Hakka
- C. Min
- D. Mandarin

\_\_\_\_\_ 34. Kisumu, Kenya, Mwanza, Tanzania and Entebbe, Uganda are all major ports on what African Great Lake?

- A. Lake Victoria
- B. Lake Turkana
- C. Lake Kivu
- D. Lake Edward

\_\_\_\_\_ 35. Vajiralongkorn, also known as King Rama X, is the reigning monarch of what Southeast Asian nation?

- A. Vietnam
- B. Laos
- C. Thailand
- D. Myanmar

\_\_\_\_\_ 36. What two climate types cover most of Australia?

- A. hot desert and hot semi-arid desert
- B. rainforest and monsoon
- C. humid subtropical and oceanic
- D. warm-summer and hot-summer Mediterranean

\_\_\_\_\_ 37. Which of these countries is NOT located on the Horn of Africa?

- A. Djibouti
- B. Ethiopia
- C. Somalia
- D. Chad

\_\_\_\_\_ 38. Mount Rushmore is located in the Black Hills in what US state?

- A. Oregon
- B. Montana
- C. South Dakota
- D. Idaho

\_\_\_\_\_ 39. Which of these numbers best represents the population of the United States?

- A. 500 million
- B. 420 million
- C. 330 million
- D. 250 million

\_\_\_\_\_ 40. Which of these is NOT part of the 'ABC Islands'?

- A. Aruba
- B. Bonaire
- C. Curacao
- D. Dominica

\_\_\_\_\_ 41. Which country of the United Kingdom has a flag with a red dragon on a green and white field?

- A. England
- B. Scotland
- C. Northern Ireland
- D. Wales

\_\_\_\_\_ 42. The Gulf of Bothnia is between which two northern European nations?

- A. Sweden and Finland
- B. Russia and Estonia
- C. Norway and Denmark
- D. Germany and the Netherlands

\_\_\_\_\_ 43. Which is the most populous Japanese island?

- A. Honshu
- B. Kyushu
- C. Shikoku
- D. Hokkaido

\_\_\_\_\_ 44. Which of these is the LEAST populous nation in Africa?

- A. Democratic Republic of the Congo
- B. Botswana
- C. Seychelles
- D. Gambia

\_\_\_\_\_ 45. Which of these biogeographic regions is between the Sahara desert and the Sudanian savanna in northern Africa?

- A. the Sahel
- B. the Maghreb
- C. the Mashriq
- D. Al-Andalus

\_\_\_\_\_ 46. Macau is a former colony of what European nation?

- A. the Netherlands
- B. Portugal
- C. Spain
- D. France

\_\_\_\_\_ 47. Which of these is true of an 'ancient lake'?

- A. it must be completely submerged under ice
- B. it can only be formed by a meteor impact or volcanic eruption
- C. it has consistently contained water for over 1 million years
- D. it must be connected to an ocean

\_\_\_\_\_ 48. Fluvial landforms are created by which of the following?

- A. wind
- B. rivers and streams
- C. earthquakes
- D. glaciers

\_\_\_\_\_ 49. Employment, educational opportunities and family connections are given what name in connection to immigration?

- A. distance decay
- B. pull factors
- C. push factors
- D. economic utility

\_\_\_\_\_ 50. Which of these nations is enclaved entirely by South Africa?

- A. Mauritius
- B. Botswana
- C. Lesotho
- D. Comoros