

(E) Geography Bee Semifinals

Regulation Tossups

(1) **This archipelago is traversed by the Middle East's first monorail, which shuttles visitors from Internet City to an Atlantis Resort. This archipelago shares its shape with archipelagoes at Deira and Jebel Ali. (+) and this archipelago is named for the Jumeirah neighborhood. Constructed in the style of a specific type (*) of tree, this is, for the points, what artificial archipelago off Dubai's coast?**

ANSWER: **Palm** Jumeirah (accept **Palm** Islands)

(2) **This city's Diamond Tooth Gertie's Gambling Hall is the oldest casino in Canada, and this city, nicknamed the "Paris of the North," is among the westernmost to use Mountain (+) Time. This city's Bonanza Creek was the site of a gold discovery in 1896, which led to the largest gold rush in history and was named for the (*) Klondike Region. For the points, name this second-largest city in Yukon.**

ANSWER: **Dawson** City

(3) **This mountain's highest point is known as Low's Peak, named after a British official who ascended it with a Dusun guide. This peak, Asia's highest mountain island, is located in the Crocker Range of (+) Sabah, and contains the massive rafflesia flower as well as (*) orangutans on its slopes. For the points, name this highest peak of Malaysia and Borneo.**

ANSWER: Mount **Kinabalu** (or Gunung **Kinabalu**)

(4) **This city is the seat of Snohomish County and is separated from Whidbey Island by Possession Sound. This city recorded the first case of COVID-19 in the U.S., and its Paine Field (+) adjoins a factory that is the world's largest building by volume, where the Dreamliner is built. Home to the production site of Boeing's (*) aircraft, this is, for the points, what Washington city, north of Seattle?**

ANSWER: **Everett** (accept Boeing **Everett** Factory)

(5) **This city's Maydan al Shajara square was formerly known for its Atlas Cedar tree and is located on Gamal Abdel al-Nasser Street. The "Lion of the Desert" was executed in this city for leading resistance against Italian (+) colonial officials, and Fathi Terbil's arrest in this city set off a Civil War, which led to the formation of the National Transitional (*) Council. For the points, name this second-largest city of Libya.**

ANSWER: **Benghazi**

(6) **This national park's McKittrick Canyon is the site of a house called the "Ship on the Desert." Dell City in Hudspeth County (+) is the southern gateway to this national park, which unofficially observes Mountain Time. Towering over the Chihuahuan (*) Desert, this is, for the points, what national park which is home to Texas's highest peak?**

ANSWER: **Guadalupe Mountains** National Park (prompt on partial answers; prompt on "Guadalupe Peak")

(7) **This river's source lies at the pyramidal peak of Monte Viso in the Cottian Alps, and its mouth lies near the city of Adria [[AH-dree-ah]]. This river, whose main tributary is the Ticino [[tee-CHEE-noh]], (+) forms much of Emilia-Romagna's northern border and also flows through the capital city of Piedmont, (*) Turin. For the points, name this longest river of Italy.**

ANSWER: **Po** River

(8) **This archipelago's village of Hog Hammock is illegal to visit without a tourism permit, and its town of Port Royal contains the Marine Corps Recruit Training for troops living east of the Mississippi. This archipelago's "Golden Isles," (+) including St. Simons and Jekyll Island, hosted the G8 summit. Inhabited by the Gullah, (*) this is, for the points, what archipelago off of the coast of Georgia?**

ANSWER: **Sea** Islands

(9) **This lake, known as Kati Thanda in Ngarabana, is fed by the Warburton River and is part of the Great Artesian Basin. This seasonal lake lies between Lake Torrens (+) and the Simpson Desert and contains the highest continental low point, at only 52 feet below sea level. The Goyder Channel connects (*) the North and South sections of, for the points, what largest lake in Australia?**

ANSWER: Lake **Eyre** (or Kati Thanda-Lake **Eyre**)

(10) **This mountain range's site Durupinar is said to contain the petrified ruins of Noah's Ark. This mountain range supposedly contained the entrance to the underworld of Kur, and Sulaymaniyah [[SOO-lay-mah-NYE-ah]] and Shiraz (+) are cities in this mountain range that roughly stretches from Lake Van to the Strait of Hormuz. (*) For the points, name this mountain range between Iraq and Iran.**

ANSWER: **Zagros** Mountains (or Koyal **Zagros**; or Çiyakani **Zagros**)

(11) **The mouth of this river at Port Arthur is the site of Motiva, the largest oil refinery in the U.S. This river was the smallest of the three used to create the Viceroyalty of New Spain's borders in the Adams-Onís (+) Treaty. The largest manmade lake in the Southern U.S., the Toledo Bend Reservoir (*) is located in, for the points, what river which forms much of the border between Texas and Louisiana?**

ANSWER: **Sabine** River

(12) **It's not Saint Martin, but this island's Mai Khao beach is known for its close-up views plane landings at its third-busiest airport behind Don Mueang. A "Big Buddha" monument overlooks this island connected to Phang (+) Nga Province by the Sarasin Bridge in the Andaman Sea. With its active nightlife centered on Patong, this is, (*) for the points, what largest island in Thailand?**

ANSWER: **Phuket** (accept **Phuket** Province)

(13) **This river, which forms much of La Rioja's [[ree-OH-hahs]] border, historically marked the Roman-Carthaginian border. This river's delta in the Province of Tarragona (+) marks the Gulf of Valencia's northern extent. Flowing past Zaragoza into the Balearic (*) Sea, this is, for the points, what longest river completely within Spain?**

ANSWER: **Ebro** River (or **Ebre** River)

(14) **This lake is separated from the Ghoubbet-el-Kharab cove by the Ardoukoba. This lake, located at the junction of the Arta, Tadjoura, and Dikhil Regions is the world's most saline (+) lake outside of Antarctica, and its lowest point, at over 500 feet below sea level, is on the Afar Triangle. The site of the lowest (*) point in Africa is, for the points, what this crater lake in Djibouti?**

ANSWER: Lake **Assal** (or Buḥayrah '**Asal**)

(15) **Mons and Namur are cities of this region whose town of Spa, nestled in the Ardennes, gave its name to the modern English term. This region, which contains the smallest German-speaking (+) community in its country, has traditionally been represented with a red rooster. (*) For the points, name this majority French-speaking region of Belgium.**

ANSWER: **Wallonia** (or **Wallonie**; accept **Waals** gewest)

(16) **This city isn't in Spain, but it contains the Estadio Monumental Banco Pichincha [[pee-CHEEN-chah]] used by the Barcelona Sporting Club. This city's namesake gulf contains Puna Island, (+) and this city on the Guayas [[GWAH-yahs]] River is the main gateway to the Galapagos (*) Islands. For the points, name this largest city of Ecuador.**

ANSWER: Santiago de **Guayaquil** (or **Wayakil**; accept Gulf of **Guayaquil**; accept **Guayaquil** conference)

(17) **This national park's Geologfjord [[JEE-oh-lohg-fyord]], which includes the Nunatak Glacier, can be accessed from Ittoqqortoormiit [[ee-TOHK-oh-toor-mit]]. (+) This national park includes Summit Station, a center of coring activities 10,000 feet above sea level on a massive ice sheet. The largest national park in (*) the world is, for the points, what park, which occupies a quarter of the world's largest island?**

ANSWER: **Northeast Greenland** National Park

(18) **This highway only enters its namesake city on a section called the Woodrow Wilson Bridge, which passes by National Harbor. This highway is formally known as Interstate 495. (+)** and Bethesda and Alexandria are cities along this highway, which passes over the (*) Potomac twice. For the points, name this highway that encircles Washington, D.C.

ANSWER: **Capital Beltway** (accept **Interstate 495** before mentioned; prompt on "Beltway"; prompt on descriptive answers of the highway around D.C.)

(19) **This lake was the largest of a system that included Zumpango and Chalco, which hosted a type of salamander called the axolotl [[ak-soh-LAH-til]]. The draining of this lake (+) has been cited as the reason for a recent lack of snow in the Anahuac [[ah-NAH-hwahk]] (*) region.** For the points, name this lake on which the Aztec capital of Tenochtitlan was built.

ANSWER: Lake **Texcoco** (or Lago de **Texcoco**)

(20) **This phenomenon is preceded by Sundowner winds in the Santa Ynez [[EE-nehs]] Mountains. This phenomenon, which originates from dry high-pressure air masses in the Great Basin, (+) expedited the burning of houses in San Bernardino and (*) Malibu.** For the points, name these winds that often spread wildfires in Southern California.

ANSWER: **Santa Ana** Winds (or **Devil** Winds)

(21) **This river, that includes the Supung and Ubung Dams, was nicknamed "MiG Alley" in the 1950s. This river, like the Tumen, also has its source on Paektu (+) Volcano and was crossed by the People's Volunteer Army in 1950 to counter encroaching UN (*) forces.** For the points, name this river that forms the western border between North Korea and China.

ANSWER: **Yalu** River (accept **Amnok** or **Amrok** before "Amnok" is mentioned)

(22) **Arms of this body of water include the Gulf of Catania and the Laconian Gulf. This body of water, which is home to the deepest part of the Mediterranean Sea, (+) makes up the southern coast of Albania and the western coast of the Peloponnese. Connected to the Tyrrhenian Sea by the Strait of (*) Messina, this is, for the points, what European sea located south of the Adriatic?**

ANSWER: **Ionian** Sea (prompt on "Mediterranean" before mentioned)

(23) **This city's tallest building, the New Reserve Bank Tower, is headquarters of an organization that printed a dollar bill with the most zeroes in history in 2008. This city in the Mashonaland (+) was formerly known as Salisbury when it was the capital of Rhodesia, before it got its current name in 1982 from Robert (*) Mugabe.** For the points, name this capital of Zimbabwe.

ANSWER: **Harare** (accept **Salisbury** before mentioned)

(24) **This mountain range contains Hunter Mountain, as well as its highest peak, Slide Mountain. Along with the Poconos, this mountain range forms an eastern escarpment of the Allegheny (+) Plateau, which was formerly nicknamed the "Borscht Belt" or "Jewish Alps."** Located between the Delaware and (*) Hudson Rivers, this is, for the points, what mountain range in Southern New York?

ANSWER: **Catskill** Mountains (or **Catskills**)

(25) **This city administers the National Park Reserve of Sable Island and is home to three campuses of Dalhousie [[dal-HOW-see]] University. This city annually sends a Christmas tree to Boston (+) in memory of the aid this city was sent following the 1917 collision of the SS *Mont-Blanc* and the SS *Imo*, which devastated this city and nearby (*) Dartmouth.** For the points, name this capital of Nova Scotia.

ANSWER: **Halifax** (accept **Halifax** Explosion)

Extra Questions

(1) **This city houses the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library. In a viral 2016 video, Hillary Clinton said she "was just chilling" in this city where catastrophic flooding in 2008 submerged the (+) Linn County Courthouse. Home to the studio where Grant Wood painted *American Gothic* (*), this is, for the points, what second-largest Iowa city, named for nearby cascades?**

ANSWER: **Cedar Rapids**

(2) **This city's Marienplatz is famed for its Mariensäule [[mah-REE-en-soy-leh]] column and a tower that contains the Rathaus-Glockenspiel clock. This city on the Isar River hosted the 1972 (+) Summer Olympics, marred by the murder of 11 Israeli athletes by the Palestinian Black September terrorist organization. Hosting the original Oktoberfest (*) is, for the points, what German city, the capital of Bavaria?**

ANSWER: **Munich** (or **München**; or **Minga**)

(3) **The Manga District of this nation has been disputed after much of it was given to a neighbor through the Radcliffe Line. The Ahsan Manzil is a distinct pink palace along the Buringa River in this nation's capital. (+) The shipbreaking capital of the world is this nation's port of Chittagong. (*)** For the points, name this South Asian country with capital at Dhaka.

ANSWER: **Bangladesh** (or People's Republic of **Bangladesh**; or Gana Prajatantri **Bangladesh**)