

(MS) Geography Bee Round 1

Regulation Tossups

(1) This first trading port of African enslaved persons in the Americas was formerly known as Mauritsstad and is the site of Kahal Zur Israel, the first synagogue in the Americas. This capital of Pernambuco administers Fernando de Noronha and is known for its *Frevo* style of dance. The easternmost city to host the 2014 FIFA World Cup was, for the point, what Brazilian city whose name translates to "reef"?

ANSWER: **Recife** [[ruh-SEE-fee]] (be lenient on pronunciation)

(2) The easternmost portion of this mountain range is known as the Aures, which is the home of a Berber ethnic group called the Chaoui, and the northernmost point of this range is known as the Rif. The rain shadow of this mountain range helped form the Sahara Desert. Mount Toubkal is the highest peak of, for the point, what mountain range in Africa that stretches from Tunisia to Morocco, named for a mythical Titan who held the sky on his back?

ANSWER: **Atlas** Mountains

(3) This state's Laguna Verde Nuclear Power Station produces five percent of its country's energy. This state, which is home to the archaeological sites Tres Zapotes, has its capital at Xalapa [[hah-LAH-pah]], and this state controls the east side of Pico de Orizaba. Upon landing in what is now Mexico, Hernán Cortés founded, for the point, what Mexican state whose namesake city has the prefix "Heroica"?

ANSWER: **Veracruz** (or Free and Sovereign State of **Veracruz** de la Llave; accept Heroica **Veracruz**)

(4) On Perdido Key, southwest of this city, an annual festival has contestants throw a dead mullet between state lines. This city contains an obelisk dedicated to William Dudley Chipley, a man who orchestrated the construction of a railroad that stretched 160 miles west to the Apalachicola River at the town of Chattahoochee. The county seat of Escambia County is, for the point, what westernmost city in the panhandle of Florida?

ANSWER: **Pensacola**

(5) This sea's islet of Sveti Stefan was converted into a luxury hotel from a fishing island by connecting it to Budva Municipality via tombolo. This sea's inlets include the Bay of Kotor and Gulf of Trieste, and this sea is used as a vertical datum to measure peaks of the Dinaric Alps. Said to contain its "pearl" at Dubrovnik, for the point, what is this sea between Italy and the Balkans?

ANSWER: **Adriatic** Sea (accept Pearl of the **Adriatic**)

(6) The Zamboanga Peninsula extends off of this island, connected by ferry to Great Santa Cruz Island, home to a pink-sand beach. The volcano Mount Apo overlooks this island's largest city, Davao, and this island, grouped with the Sulu Archipelago, is located north of the Celebes [[SEH-leh-bess]] Sea. The Moro conflict is an ongoing insurgency on and around, for the point, what southernmost island of the Philippines, the site of Muslim separatism?

ANSWER: **Mindanao**

(7) This region's northernmost portion contains the Torngat Mountains, where a weather station known as "Kurt" established the only armed German presence in the Americas during World War Two. This region's town Happy Valley-Goose Bay is located on the Churchill River, which contains the world's second-largest manmade lake, the Smallwood Reservoir. For the point, what is this region in Canada that forms a province with Newfoundland?

ANSWER: **Labrador** (accept Newfoundland and **Labrador**)

(8) This island, which is inhabited by the indigenous Batak and Minangkabau [[MEE-nahng-KAH-bao]] peoples, contains the Toba supervolcano in its Barisan Mountains. The northern and westernmost province, Aceh [[AH-cheh]], is located at the tip of this island, whose largest cities include Palembang and Medan. The Sunda Strait separates Java from the southern coast of, for the point, what other Indonesian island, located across the Strait of Malacca from the Malay Peninsula?

ANSWER: **Sumatra**

(9) This peninsula's southernmost point is Cape Charles, and this peninsula's main commercial center is Sailsbury. Rehoboth Beach and Ocean City are resorts on this peninsula whose city of Lewes is connected to Cape May via ferry, and the Chincoteague ponies lives on this peninsula's offshore island of Assateague. Located on the east of Chesapeake Bay, the city of Dover lies on, for the point, what peninsula whose name is a portmanteau of three states?

ANSWER: **Delmarva** Peninsula

(10) This mountain, which is delineated by the Tamur and Teesta Rivers, was considered the highest point in the world until 1852 when that title passed to Mount Everest. Tourists can view the southeast face of this mountain by trekking the Goecha La pass, which is located in the state of Sikkim. For the point, name this mountain in the Himalayas, the highest point in India.

ANSWER: Mount **Kangchenjunga** (or **Khangchendzonga**; or **Kumbhkaran Lungur**)

(11) This "Island of Poets" is the largest of a namesake archipelago that includes Samhah and Darsah, and this island's capital Hadibu is controlled by the United Arab Emirates. This island, where Thomas the Apostle was shipwrecked en route to India, lies east of the Guardafui Channel from Puntland, and its xeric [[ZEE-rik]] landscape is known for endemic species like the Dragon Blood Tree. For the point, name this Yemeni island located off the Horn of Africa.

ANSWER: **Socotra** (or **Suqutrā**)

(12) This city, nicknamed the "Nymph of the Thermaic Gulf," was formerly the center of the Romaniote Jewish community, and this city's Ano Poli neighborhood became Europe's largest Sephardic community during Ottoman rule. This city is located north of the Halkidiki Peninsula and contains Aristotle University, the largest in the Balkans. For the point, name this capital and largest city of Greek Macedonia.

ANSWER: **Thessaloniki** (or **Thessalonica**; or **Saloniki**; or **Salonica**)

(13) Among the pollutants given off in the production of this commodity are its namesake mill effluent. Obtained from the mesocarp of species like *Elaeis guineensis*, this commodity is produced on plantations by the Cargill corporation. A haze in a region of Asia has been caused by the clearing of tropical rainforests for production of this oil. Malaysia and Indonesia are the two largest producers of, for the point, what controversial vegetable oil derived from a tree?

ANSWER: **Palm** Oil (accept **Palm** oil mill effluent; prompt on "Oil"; prompt on "Cooking Oil"; prompt on "Vegetable Oil")

(14) This island, governed from Flying Fish Cove, is mainly inhabited by Peranakans, or Straits Chinese. Exmouth is the mainland town closest to this island which hosts the westernmost of its country's immigration detention facilities. The world's only "crab bridge" is located on this island, which is 600 miles to the east of the Cocos, or Keeling, Islands. For the point, name this Australian island named for the day it was first sighted, December 25.

ANSWER: Territory of **Christmas** Island)

(15) The country in which this city is found moved its executive offices from this city to the planned city of Putrajaya. Bukit Bintang is the main shopping district of this city, served by Port Klang and known for its Batu Caves that contain a massive gold statue of Lord Murugan. The world's tallest twin towers, the Petronas Towers, are located in, for the point, what city in Southeast Asia, surrounded by Selangor and serving as the capital of Malaysia?

ANSWER: Federal Territory of **Kuala Lumpur** (accept **KL**)

(16) This island's FDR Boardwalk stretches from Fort Wadsworth to New Dorp. Todt Hill is the highest point of this island and the entire Atlantic Coastal Plain. Synonymous with Richmond County, this island receives the busiest ferry route in the U.S. at St. George Terminal, and this island is connected to Brooklyn via the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge. For the point, name this southernmost borough of New York City.

ANSWER: **Staten** Island (accept **Richmond County** before mentioned)

(17) This archipelago's sectarian violence, partly perpetrated by Laskar Jihad, was settled by the 2002 Malino II Accord. This archipelago is split into a Christian south, with its capital at Ambon, and a Muslim north, with its capital of Sofifi on Halmahera. East of the Banda Sea and northwest of the Arafura Sea is, for the point, what Indonesian archipelago between Sulawesi and New Guinea, formerly named for its seasonings like nutmeg?

ANSWER: **Moluccas** (accept **Maluku** Islands; prompt on "Spice" Islands; prompt on Malay Archipelago before "Indonesian" is mentioned)

(18) This region's chief goddess is Mari, whose consort is the dragon Sugaar. Two of this region's constituent provinces are Álava and Gipuzkoa. This region's indigenous language is Euskara [[yoo-SKAH-rah]]. This region's capital is Vitoria-Gasteiz, and this region's city of Guernica was subjected to a bombing campaign by the Condor Legion. For the point, name this autonomous region of northwestern Spain, which is home to a notable language isolate.

ANSWER: **Basque** Country (or **Basque** Autonomous Community; or **Euskadi**; or **País Vasco**; or **Euskal Autonomia Erkidegoa**; or **EAE**; or Comunidad Autónoma del **País Vasco**; or **CAPV**)

(19) This city's international airport contains the UPS Worldport and has a logo that features a victorious man against the backdrop of a butterfly. The Muhammad Ali International Airport is located in this city that is also home to the "World's Largest Baseball Bat" outside a factory that makes this city's namesake Slugger. For the point, name this city with many sporting connections including the Kentucky Derby.

ANSWER: **Louisville** (accept **Louisville** Slugger)

(20) The opening of a cable railway on this mountain was commemorated with the song "Funiculì, Funiculà." This mountain's peak is contained within the Gran Cono, formed from the collapse of a structure called Mount Sommo. An observatory on this mountain monitors the Phlegraean Fields as part of the Campanian volcanic arc, and this mountain destroyed Herculaneum. For the point, name this volcano that overlooks Naples and buried Pompeii in 79 AD.

ANSWER: Mount **Vesuvius** (or **Vesuvio**)

(21) This museum displays part of the Cape York meteorite, the largest on display in the Northern Hemisphere. Neil deGrasse Tyson has been the director of this museum's Hayden Planetarium since its founding. An equestrian statue of this museum's founder was moved to North Dakota due to its depiction of a Native American man and an African man in subordinate positions. Adjoining Central Park, for the point, what is this New York museum founded by Theodore Roosevelt?

ANSWER: **American** Museum of **Natural History** (accept **AMNH**; prompt on "American" or "Natural History")

(22) This city is home to the original Lennon Wall, covered in Beatles-inspired graffiti, and a bridge tower in this city guards the entrance to the Malá Strana neighborhood. This city is home to the largest Jewish cemetery in Europe and is famed for its six-century old astronomical clock. This city's Charles Bridge crosses the Vltava River, and this city is the largest in Bohemia. For the point, name this capital of the Czech Republic.

ANSWER: **Prague** (or **Praha**)

(23) This province's McArthur River uranium mine is the world's largest. Lloydminster and Moose Jaw are cities in this province that doesn't observe Daylight Savings Time and which has completely rectangular borders. Reindeer and Athabasca are both lakes in this province that borders North Dakota and the Northwest Territories. Regina [[ree-JY-nah]] is the capital of, for the point, what province bordering Manitoba, home to Saskatoon?

ANSWER: **Saskatchewan**

(24) This city docks a "floating church" on a self-propelled boat that travels northwards to towns like Kamyshin and Tolyatti. The "Sword of [this city]" was presented to its former namesake by Winston Churchill during the Tehran Conference. This city, connected to the Don River via canal, contains the world's largest statue of a woman, *The Motherland Calls*. For the point, name this city, the site of a decisive World War Two defeat for Germany, formerly named for a Soviet leader.

ANSWER: **Volgograd** (accept **Stalingrad**; accept **Tsaritsyn**; accept Sword of **Stalingrad**; accept Battle (or Siege) of **Stalingrad**)

(25) This island's eastern coast is followed by the Canal des Pangalanes [[pahn-gah-LAH-nehs]]. This island is part of a namesake country, the world's second-largest country consisting primarily of islands. The elephant bird was formerly endemic to this island that is the world's top producer of vanilla and sapphires and home to the Avenue of Baobabs. For the point, name this island east of Mozambique where lemurs are endemic.

ANSWER: **Madagascar** (or **Madagasikara**; accept Republic of **Madagascar**; accept Republique de **Madagascar**; accept Repoblikan'i **Madagasikara**)

(26) A national symbol of this country is actually located in Turkey, Mount Ararat, the believed landing site of "Noah's Ark." After a border conflict with Azerbaijan, the Nagorno-Karabakh autonomous region's area decreased following the defeat of this country. For the point, name this smallest country located in the Transcaucasia Region with its capital at Yerevan.

ANSWER: Republic of **Armenia** (or **Hayastani** Hanrapetut'yun)

(27) A marker to this feature is found in the town of Ruisui, and the highest point on this feature is Yu Shan. By international agreement, traveling the length of this feature is needed for a round-the-world aviation speed record. This feature reaches its westernmost terrestrial point at Baja California, and the sun lies directly overhead to viewers on this line during the June solstice. For the point, what is this line, named for the crab constellation in the Northern hemisphere?

ANSWER: **Tropic of Cancer** (accept **Northern Tropic** before "Northern" is mentioned; do not accept or prompt on "Tropic of Capricorn")

(28) This sole non-European language recognized as a minority language in the Czech Republic is spoken in the border town of Dongxing in Guangxi, and it is the most spoken of the Austroasiatic languages. This language, originally used the Chữ Nôm script, but it is now the most-spoken Asian language to chiefly use the Latin script, due to French rule. Nguyen [[WEE-IN]] is a common surname in, for the point, what language spoken in Ho Chi Minh City?

ANSWER: **Vietnamese** (accept Tiếng **Việt**)

(29) This country's Khawr al Udayd, or "Inland Sea," is the proposed site of the Salwa Canal, which would make this country an island. This country, with the highest GDP per Capita in the Muslim world, is ruled by the al-Thani family and was blockaded by the Gulf Cooperation Council after it was accused of supporting terrorism. For the point, name this peninsular country that extends off Saudi Arabia.

ANSWER: State of **Qatar** (or Dawlat **Qatar**)

(30) This U.S. state's town of Blaine contains one half of the Peace Arch Park and has a shoreline on the Strait of Georgia. This state has its southeastern border formed by the Snake River, and this state, home to some of the snowiest places in the continental U.S. at Mount Baker and Mount Rainier, also contains Tacoma. For the point, name this state which is home to Olympia and the Seattle Space Needle.

ANSWER: **Washington**

Extra Questions

(1) This border between a country and a division of another country runs past the Altar Desert, Tohono O'odham Nation, and Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument and has Nogales as its largest city. This border, created by the Gadsden Purchase, consists of one diagonal and one straight line, barring a section near Yuma on the Colorado River. For the point, name this border that separates a state governed from Phoenix from a country to the south.

ANSWER: **Mexico-Arizona** Border (accept **US-Sonora** border until "Phoenix")

(2) In this region, which gained its popular name in 1971, a four-story building nicknamed "The Spaceship" is located at 1 Infinite Loop in Cupertino. This region's town Palo Alto is home to the garage where Hewlett-Packard was founded. This region, which is named after the fourteenth element of the periodic table, has its largest city at San Jose. For the point, name this "Valley" in the Bay Area of California known for its technology sector.

ANSWER: **Silicon** Valley