

Sample ANSWER KEY for 2013 US Geography Olympiad Short Answer Exam

- 1) San Andreas Fault; Pacific and North American plates. One point for each part, one point if instead of naming plates, the competitor said "tectonic plates."
- 2) It does not flow into the ocean OR it is endorheic OR it has internal drainage OR clear knowledge equivalent.
- 3) Mojave
- 4)

Lake Assal	Africa
Dead Sea	Asia
Lake Eyre	Australia
Laguna del Carbon	South America

5) Above left is a picture of an invasive buffalo herd on one of California's Channel Islands, above right. Name some other Pacific island(s) adversely affected by invasive species (3 pts):

A. Brown Tree Snakes, which have devastated the bird life of this southernmost of the Mariana Islands **GUAM**

B. The Hawaiian Island known as the Valley Isle, where pigs have eaten indigenous plants **MAUI**

C. The larger archipelago to which the Rat Islands belong, so named due to a Japanese shipwreck there in the 1700's that infested them. This archipelago also includes the Near Islands. **ALEUTIANS**

6) California's Channel Islands share their name with a European archipelago. Name the current predominant language in the (European) Channel Islands **ENGLISH**, the country on the continental mainland of Europe they are nearest to **FRANCE**, and three of the islands that are part of the group **JERSEY, GUERNSEY, ALDERNEY, SARK, others..** (5 pts)