



# National Geography Bowl

## Sample Round

### First Quarter

(1) The only railroad facility on this network is operated by Metro-North in the Hudson Valley, located just after crossing the Bear Mountain Bridge. This network has its headquarters in the town of Harpers Ferry, and Kuwahi, or Clingmans Dome, in Tennessee marks the highest point of this trail that ends at Mount Katahdin in Maine. For ten points, name this hiking trail named for an eastern U.S. mountain range.

ANSWER: **Appalachian** Trail (accept **Appalachian** National Scenic Trail; prompt on "AT")

(2) The Apure River empties at the border of this country's state of Bolívar, which is bounded to the east by an "Esequiba" region this country claims as its own. This country, which has territorial disputes with Guyana, is home to the mouths of the Catatumbo and Orinoco Rivers. For ten points, name this country where the Llanos [[YAH-nohss]] bridges the region between the Orinoco and Caracas.

ANSWER: Bolivarian Republic of **Venezuela** (or República Bolivariana de **Venezuela**)

(3) This desert, which prevented trade between Kharga Oasis and Fezzan, contains the Great Sand Sea and the Siwa Oasis. The portion of this desert that extends into Egypt is typically called the Western Desert. For ten points, what is this desert which takes its name from a country with its capital at Tripoli?

ANSWER: **Libyan** Desert (accept **Western** Desert before mentioned; prompt on "Sahara"; prompt on "Libya")

(4) This island's Pitch Lake, the world's largest natural asphalt reserve, is between the town of Point Fortin and this island's largest city of San Fernando. Soca music, with mixed African and Indian influence, is played at Carnival celebrations on this island which also feature limbo contests, and Nicki Minaj hails from this island, home to Port of Spain. For ten points, name this island which forms a country with Tobago.

ANSWER: **Trinidad** (accept **Cairi**; accept **Trinidad** and Tobago only after "Tobago" is mentioned)

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(5) This region's Tahquamenon Falls are renowned for their root-beer color. The people from this region are 16 percent Finnish in ancestry, and this region is home to the cities of Sault Ste. Marie [[soo-saint-mah-REE]], on the Soo Locks, and Marquette. Granted as a consolation for ceding the Toledo Strip, for ten points, what is this region of Michigan's north, home to the "Yoopers"?

ANSWER: **Upper Peninsula** (or **U.P.**; prompt on "Michigan")

(6) This island's highest point is Mount Talomo, part of the Apo-Talomo Range. This island's longest river is the Agusan, which starts in Tagum and flows into Butuan Bay. This island has the largest population of Muslims and is the second-most populated island in its country. This island's two largest cities are Davao City and Zamboanga City. For ten points, name this second-largest island of the Philippines.

ANSWER: **Mindanao**

(7) This system's major stops include Jamaica Station and Atlantic Terminal, and Water Mill is a stop on this system's Montauk Line. This system is the busiest commuter railway in North America, and its East Side Access extension was facilitated via a tunnel underlying Roosevelt Island. For ten points, name this railway system which travels through Queens and Brooklyn, and is named for the USA's most populous island.

ANSWER: MTA **Long Island** Rail Road (or **LIRR**; prompt on "MTA" or "Metropolitan Transportation Authority")

(8) This city's Magere Brug translates to "Skinny Bridge." This city's suburbs include Hoofddorp and Haarlem, and this city's Schiphol [[SKIP-"hole"]] Airport is located entirely below sea level and is the hub of KLM. Home to the Rijksmuseum and Anne Frank House in addition to hundreds of miles of canals is, for ten points, what capital of the Netherlands?

ANSWER: **Amsterdam**

(9) This facility was utilized by Kurt Benirschke, who created the world's first frozen bank of genetic material for endangered species. The first video on YouTube showcased elephants at this zoo in Balboa Park, whose pandas, including Bai Yun, were repatriated to China in 2019. For ten points, name this most-visited zoo in the U.S., located in a city on California's southernmost coast.

ANSWER: **San Diego** Zoo

(10) Jean Baptiste Tavernier [[tah-vehrn-YEH]] mentioned that a black-stoned counterpart of this structure was planned to be built prior to Aurangzeb's deposition of his father. This monument on the banks of the Yamuna River was built to house the tomb of Mumtaz, the foremost wife of Shah Jahan, and is located in the city of Agra. For ten points, name this ivory-white mausoleum, built during Mughal rule, an iconic symbol of India.

ANSWER: **Taj Mahal**

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### Second Quarter

(1) About 40 people reside in this archipelago's settlement of Goose Green, which lies about two miles from the settlement of Darwin. RAF Mount Pleasant is a major airfield in this archipelago whose main industry of sheep farming is centered outside the city of Stanley. Located on the Patagonian Shelf, for ten points, what is this archipelagic British Overseas Territory whose sovereignty status is disputed with Argentina?

ANSWER: **Falkland** Islands (or **Falklands**; or Islas **Malvinas**)

BONUS: Immigration from the U.K., Chile, and this South Atlantic island has kept the Falklands population somewhat constant. This remote volcanic island is part of a British Overseas Territory with Ascension and Tristan da Cunha.

ANSWER: **Saint Helena** (accept **Saint Helena**, Ascension, and Tristan da Cunha)

(2) This sea contains the world's deepest port at Gwadar. This sea's Lakshadweep archipelago is opposite to the Malabar Coast, which includes the port of Kochi. On this body of water, seventy-eight volunteers met in Sabarmati Ashram, a suburb of Ahmedabad, to begin Gandhi's March to the Sea which ended at Dandi, also on this sea. For ten points, name this sea which is a subregion of the northern Indian Ocean.

ANSWER: **Arabian** Sea

BONUS: Kathiawar, a peninsula that juts out into the Arabian Sea, contains the only habitat of these animals, which are depicted in an Ashokan sculpture that inspired India's national emblem and are vastly outnumbered by their African counterparts.

ANSWER: **Asiatic Lions** (accept **Indian lion**; accept **Persian lion**; prompt on "Lion")

(3) Many populations of people who practice this religion are concentrated in North Gondar Zone and Shire Ina Selassie, and those who converted from this religion to Christianity are called Falash Mura. Following centuries of discrimination, Ethiopian members of this religion made *aliyah*. For ten points, name this religion, practiced throughout Africa, including by Beta Israel.

ANSWER: **Judaism** (accept **Jewish Faith**; or **Jews**)

BONUS: The Jewish Autonomous Oblast, whose population is less than 1% Jewish, is found in which country where it borders Khabarovsk Krai and Amur Oblast?

ANSWER: **Russian** Federation

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(4) This region's Carnac Stones were allegedly formed from pagans in pursuit of Pope Cornelius, and this region's Île Vierge [[eel-VYHRZH]] contains the world's tallest lighthouse. This region's U.S.-inspired flag displays "fur-like" ermine patterns with black and white stripes, and this region is home to the cities of Brest and Rennes. Between the Bay of Biscay and the English Channel, for ten points, what is this westernmost region of France?

ANSWER: **Brittany** (or **Bretagne**)

BONUS: Brittany is located south of another peninsular region in England that is also named for a Celtic ethnic group, which includes the Land's End Peninsula and is the southwesternmost part of Great Britain.

ANSWER: **Cornwall** (accept **Cornish** Peninsula)

(5) The term *decassegui*, or "working away from home," refers to people of this ethnicity who migrated away from their adopted country. The city of Maringá has a park named for people of this ethnicity, who published a paper called the *Shimbun*. More than two million people, most of whom practice Buddhism or Shintoism, have, for ten points, what ethnicity which combines ancestry from one East Asian nation and one large South American nation?

ANSWER: **Japanese-Brazilian** (accept **Nihonjin**; accept descriptive answers including both **Japan** and **Brazil**; prompt on partial answers)

BONUS: Alberto Fujimori, another South American of Japanese descent, served as President of which Andean country, where he opposed the Shining Path insurgency, but as of 2023 is now in prison?

ANSWER: **Peru**

(6) A national park named for these animals is located near the mouth of the Sundays River. An island likely named for these animals forms part of the city of Aswan in Egypt. The bush and forest varieties of this elephant are the only two African species of them. A country governed from Yamoussoukro gained its name from the trade of a good most commonly obtained from these animals. For ten points, name these large, tusked animals.

ANSWER: **Elephants** (accept Addo **Elephant** National Park; accept **Elephantine** Island; accept African Bush **Elephant**; accept African Savannah **Elephant**; accept African Forest **Elephant**; accept African **Elephant**)

BONUS: Elephants can be found in the wild in Mole [[MOE-lay]] National Park in the savannah region of which country found between Ivory Coast and Togo?

ANSWER: **Ghana**

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(7) This city, annexed by Nazi Germany during the Anschluss in 1938, was bombed 22 separate times by the Allies during World War Two. This city is the second-most populous city in the Alps and is located four miles north of the Patscherkofel [[PAHT-shehr-KOH-fel]] Peak. The host of both the 1964 and 1976 Winter Olympics, for ten points, what is this capital of Tyrol, Austria's fifth-most populous city?

ANSWER: **Innsbruck**

BONUS: Innsbruck was awarded the 1976 Winter Olympics after this American city was originally selected as the host city but withdrew. 1976 was a Centennial year for this city's state, and Alpine events would have been held at Steamboat Springs, about three hours northwest of this city.

ANSWER: **Denver**

(8) The Bob Marshall Wilderness is located in the west of this state, whose Hungry Horse Dam is on the South Fork Flathead River. Gallatin Canyon is located near this state's community of Big Sky. Cities in this state include Kalispell and Butte, while its capital includes Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument and the Yellowstone Art Museum. For ten points, name this state governed from Helena, whose largest city is Billings.

ANSWER: **Montana**

BONUS: This western Montana city along the Clark Fork River is located near Mount Sentinel and is home to sites like Rattlesnake National Recreation Area and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation as well as main campus of the University of Montana.

ANSWER: **Missoula**

### Third Quarter

The categories are:

1. Stately Rivers
2. Italian Regions
3. Planned Capitals
4. Northern Canada

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### *Stately Rivers*

Many rivers in the US share their names with states, among those, name the...

(1) River that runs from Lake Itasca to the Gulf of Mexico.

ANSWER: **Mississippi** River

(2) River that is formed by the junction of the Allegheny and Monongahela in Pittsburgh.

ANSWER: **Ohio** River

(3) Longest tributary of the Mississippi which runs past Omaha and Bismarck.

ANSWER: **Missouri** River

(4) River which joins with the Tombigbee to form the Mobile River.

ANSWER: **Alabama** River

(5) River which passes through the Bluegrass region and supplies one-sixth of the water to a certain commonwealth.

ANSWER: **Kentucky** River

(6) New England river that separates Vermont and New Hampshire.

ANSWER: **Connecticut** River

(7) River that contains the Kentucky Dam and is crossed by the Natchez Trace Parkway.

ANSWER: **Tennessee** River

(8) River which is also known as the Kaw and is fed by the Smoky Hill and Republican Rivers.

ANSWER: **Kansas** River

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### *Italian Regions*

Considering the twenty regions of the Italian Republic, name the...

(1) "Birthplace of the Italian Renaissance" with cities like Pisa and Florence.

ANSWER: **Tuscany** (or **Toscana**)

(2) Autonomous island region that is separated from the mainland by the Strait of Messina.

ANSWER: **Sicily** (or **Sicilia**)

(3) Region previously in an independent kingdom with Sardinia and containing Turin.

ANSWER: **Piedmont** (or **Piemonte**; accept Savoy-**Piedmont**-Sardinia)

(4) Most populous region, bordering Switzerland.

ANSWER: **Lombardy** (or **Lombardia**)

(5) Northern region containing historic medieval cities like Verona and Venice.

ANSWER: **Veneto** (or **Venetia**)

(6) Second-most populated region, containing Rome.

ANSWER: **Lazio**

(7) Southern region that includes Naples, the Amalfi Coast, and Capri.

ANSWER: **Campania**

(8) Only landlocked region on the Italian Peninsula, centered around Perugia.

ANSWER: **Umbria**

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### *Planned Capitals*

Name the planned national capital city that...

(1) Was planned out and surveyed by Pierre L'Enfant and Benjamin Banneker.

ANSWER: Washington D.C. (accept either underlined portion; accept District of Columbia)

(2) Contains the Parliamentary Triangle and was designed by Walter and Marion Griffin in New South Wales.

ANSWER: Canberra

(3) Was designed by Kenzō Tange and replaced the coastal city of Lagos as its nation's capital.

ANSWER: Abuja

(4) Is a sparsely populated city that replaced Yangon as the capital in 2008.

ANSWER: Naypyidaw

(5) Was made the seat of the executive and judicial branches of Malaysia in 2001.

ANSWER: Federal Territory of Putrajaya

(6) Was announced by Joko Widodo to become the new capital of Indonesia in 2024.

ANSWER: Capital City of Nusantara

(7) Was originally shaped like an airplane and whose layout was designed by Oscar Niemeyer.

ANSWER: Administrative Region of Brasília

(8) Least-populated national capital in the world which replaced Koror City as the capital of Palau.

ANSWER: Ngerulmud



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### *Northern Canada*

Canadian Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King said, "If some countries have too much history, we have too much geography." Concerning Northern Canada, name the...

(1) Territory that experienced an 1890s gold rush in its Klondike region.

ANSWER: **Yukon** Territory

(2) Newest, largest, and northernmost Canadian territory with a capital at Iqaluit [[ee-KAL-oo-it]].

ANSWER: **Nunavut**

(3) Largest island, the fifth largest by area in the world.

ANSWER: **Baffin** Island

(4) City at the center of the Klondike Gold Rush, named for a geologist.

ANSWER: **Dawson** City (or City of **Dawson**)

(5) Largest lake entirely within Canada, through which the Arctic Circle passes.

ANSWER: **Great Bear** Lake (or **Sahtú**)

(6) Deepest lake in North America, located in the Northwest Territories.

ANSWER: **Great Slave** Lake (or **Tideè**)

(7) Second-largest island in Canada, also known as Kitlineq.

ANSWER: **Victoria** Island

(8) Northernmost island in Canada with only three settlements at Alert, Eureka, and Grise Fiord and a population of less than 200.

ANSWER: **Ellesmere** Island (or **Umingmak** Nuna)

### Fourth Quarter

(1) **This city has 41 colleges and universities located in its metropolitan area, the most in the U.S. This city's City Hall was designed by modernist architect I.M. (+) Pei in 1978. This is the city in which Abraham Zaprunder and bank robbers Bonnie and Clyde are buried. Home to Dealy Plaza (\*) and the third-most populous city in Texas, for ten points, what is this city in which John F. Kennedy was assassinated?**

ANSWER: **Dallas**

(2) **This country's city of Pasto is overlooked by the Galeras volcano, the most active in the Americas, and this country, which administers the San Andrés and Providencia archipelago, disputes Bajo Nuevo Bank with the U.S. and Nicaragua. This country's city of Cúcuta (+) has received an influx of refugees fleeing Nicolás Maduro, and this country administers the southern Darien Gap. Located between Panama, Ecuador, and (\*) Venezuela, for ten points, what is this South American country?**

ANSWER: Republic of **Colombia** (or Republica de **Colombia**)

(3) **One of these ecosystems surrounds Grande Terre and the Ile des Pins [[eel-deh-PAHN]] but has been partially damaged by nickel mining. A structure called the Great Blue Hole is found in one of these ecosystems in Belize. These structures, which may come in (+) platform or fringing varieties, often include Anthozoa. The world's largest example of these ecosystems is located off the coast of Queensland. (\*) For ten points, name these calcium carbonate systems that include a Great Barrier example.**

ANSWER: **Coral reefs** (prompt on "Barrier Reef," "Platform Reef," "Fringing Reef," "Lighthouse Reef," "Great Barrier Reef," or "New Caledonia Barrier Reef")

(4) **This non-Danish city's neighborhood of Tivoli Gardens replaced the Back-O-Wall settlement. This city, which is surrounded by the Blue Mountains, includes a natural harbor protected by the Palisadoes, which connects it to the town of Port (+) Royal. Norman Manley International Airport serves this city whose Hope Road houses a museum dedicated to Bob Marley. (\*) For ten points, name this capital of Jamaica.**

ANSWER: **Kingston**

(5) **This state's official question is "Red or Green?" which refers to peppers found in its cuisine, and which are featured on its current license plate. One sweet native to this state is a butter cookie (+) flavored with cinnamon and anise which is similar to the Spanish *bizcocho*. Growing its namesake chile peppers in the Hatch Valley, near its second largest city of Las Cruces, (\*) for ten points, what is this southwestern U.S. state?**

ANSWER: **New Mexico** (accept **New Mexico** chile; accept **New Mexico** group; prompt on "New Mexican Chile")

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(2) **This gulf has been identified as the mythical "Great Gulf" which ancient cartographers believed was formed by the Dragon's Tail Peninsula. Pattaya City is located on the northernmost inlet of this gulf fed by the Chao Phraya River, (+) and this gulf's eastern boundary is formed by the Mekong River Delta. Located between Vietnam (\*) and a namesake country, for ten points, what is this nation, also known as Siam?**

ANSWER: Gulf of **Thailand** (accept Gulf of **Siam** before mentioned)

(7) **The Mosque of the Booksellers can be found in this country, where a group of pirates came to be known as the Salé Rovers. Ahmad al-Mansur, a sultan of the Saadi Dynasty, ruled this country which contains the largest example of a type of market known as a souk. Tarboosh (+) is another name for a type of hat named for a city in this country where the Lisan al-Maghrib newspaper was established. Berbers (\*) make up a large percentage of the population in, for ten points, what North African country?**

ANSWER: Kingdom of **Morocco** (or Al Mamlakah **al Maghribiyah**)

(8) **At more than 400 feet tall, the tower of this city's St. Peter's Church offers visitors a panoramic view of the Daugava [[DOW-gah-vah]] River. This city lies on a namesake gulf which is sometimes known as the Gulf of Livonia. With more than 620 thousand residents, this city is the largest in the three (\*) Baltic states and it lies 100 kilometers north of the Lithuanian border. For ten points, name this capital city of Latvia.**

ANSWER: **Riga**

### Extra Question

**This state has the largest uranium reserves in the USA. This state's North Antelope Rochelle Mine is part of the Powder River Basin and is the world's largest (+) coal mine. The Green River Basin also produces coal in this U.S. state where population loss due to North Dakota's oil boom has been offset by tourist growth in Teton County. (\*) For ten points, name this state, home to Yellowstone National Park, and cities like Laramie and Cheyenne.**

ANSWER: **Wyoming**

BONUS: This plant, grown in the Caribbean and used to make rum in New England, was part of the Triangular Trade between the West Indies, West Africa, and the British American colonies.

ANSWER: **Sugarcane** (prompt on "Sugar")