

National Geography Bee – Finals (ES)

Regulation Tossups

(1) **This region's Yarlung Tsangpo River flows through the world's deepest canyon, and this region is also home to the source of the Salween River. (+) This region's uplifting has been linked to the intensification of the monsoon. The** Ganges and Yangtze rivers originate from (*), for the points, what highest plateau in the world?

ANSWER: **Tibet** Autonomous Region (accept **Tibetan** Plateau; accept **TAR**; accept **Xizang** Autonomous Region; accept **Bod**)

(2) **Virungas Mountains separate this lake from Lake Edward, which also lies along the Albertine Rift. (+) This lake is larger than Lake Nyos and Lake Monoun, making it by far the largest lake in the world with the potential to experience limnic eruptions. Located upstream of Lake Tanganyika (*)**, for the points, what is this African Great Lake located on the border of Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo?

ANSWER: Lake **Kivu**

(3) **This country with 30 percent of Earth's most fertile black soil, a material known as *chernozem*, is referred to as a "bread basket" for being one of the world's major wheat exporters. (+) This country's Vinnytsia region is a major producer of sunflowers, which are also grown in the Kherson Oblast. (*)** For the points, identify this country where steel plants were founded in Donetsk, and which is governed from Kyiv.

ANSWER: **Ukraine** (or **Ukraina**)

(4) **This mountain, also known as Carstensz Pyramid, is the most prominent to lie between the Himalayas and the Andes Mountains. (+) This mountain is the world's tallest to be situated on an island, and Mount Wilhelm is sometimes listed alongside this mountain as the lowest of the Seven Summits. (*)** For the points, name this highest mountain of Indonesia, lying in Western New Guinea.

ANSWER: Puncak **Jaya** (accept Mount **Jaya**wijaya; accept **Carstensz** Pyramid until read)

(5) **This state home to the resort of Ilhabela is roughly divided in two by the Tietê River, and Embraer aircraft are built in its city of São José dos Campos. (+) This state contains the world's largest Japanese diaspora, and it is the most populous subnational entity in the Americas. (*)** For the points, name this Brazilian state home to its largest city.

ANSWER: State of **São Paulo**

(6) **Indira Point of the Nicobar archipelago juts out into this sea, home to the islands of Langkawi and Penang. (+) The Salween and Irrawaddy empty into this sea, connected to the Pacific Ocean via the Straits of Malacca. (*)** For the points, name this sea between Thailand and a namesake archipelago which separates it from the Bay of Bengal.

ANSWER: **Andaman** Sea (accept **Burma** Sea)

(7) **This island is represented by a triskelion of three legs and is governed by a parliament called the Tynwald. (+) This island is the origin and namesake of a breed of short-tailed domestic cat. (*)** For the points, name this British island in the Irish Sea, governed from Douglas.

ANSWER: Isle of **Man** (or **Ellan Vannin**; or **Mannin**; accept **Mann**)

(8) **This city is located west of the southern Atlantic coast's first lighthouse, Tybee Island Light Station. (+) Bonaventure Cemetery is located in this city, where Chippewa Square was used to film scenes in *Forrest Gump*, and this city's eponymous river is formed by the Tugaloo and Chattooga and flows past (*) Augusta. For the points, name this port city known for the oak trees and Spanish moss in its town squares, the oldest in Georgia.**

ANSWER: **Savannah**

(9) **An eruption of this volcano could be heard as far away as Perth and Mauritius and was the second-deadliest volcanic eruption in history. (+) This volcano, which forms the southernmost part of Lampung Province, is situated in the Sunda Strait between Sumatra and Java. (*)** For the points, name this volcano in Indonesia, which erupted in 1883.

ANSWER: **Krakatoa** (or **Krakatau**)

(10) **This country, which controls the Abyei Area, has its largest city at Omdurman. (+) This country, where the Blue and White tributaries of the Nile meet, has a capital in-exile on a namesake Red Sea port. (*)** For the points, name this country in Africa, where the city of Meröe was the former capital of the Kingdom of Kush.

ANSWER: Republic of the **Sudan** (or Jumhūriyyat as-**Sūdān**)

(11) **Petros the Pelican has become a symbol of this island, whose eponymous windmills and "Little Venice" neighborhood are common tourist destinations. (+) Tour boats frequently launch from this island to Delos, a smaller Cycladic island located two kilometers to the southwest. (*)** For the points, name this Greek island whose economy is heavily supported by foreign travelers.

ANSWER: **Mykonos**

(12) **In 2013, over 10,000 Nile crocodiles were accidentally released into this river from the Rakwena Crocodile Farm. (+)** This river's high silt content led Rudyard Kipling to dub it "great grey-green, [and] greasy." Naming a province containing the northernmost point of South Africa (*), for the points, what is this river, which forms the southern borders of Botswana and Zimbabwe before flowing through Mozambique?

ANSWER: **Limpopo** River

(13) **This island's Joe's Hill is one of the most topographically isolated peaks despite being 43 feet high, with the closest higher peak being located in Hawaii. Tabwakea, London, (+)** and Banana are towns on this island, located in the same archipelago as Tauberan and Jarvis Island: the Line Islands. **The world's largest coral atoll, (*)** for the points, name this island of Kiribati [[kih-RIH-bahs]], which shares a name with an Australian island named for a holiday.

ANSWER: **Christmas** Island (accept **Kiritimati** [[kih-RIHS-mahs]])

(14) **This river's tributaries include the Caledon and Fish Rivers, and this river passes the Egmont and Vanderkloof Dams. (+)** This river, crossed by the General Hertzog Bridge, receives discharged water from Oxbow scheme via the Lesotho Highlands Water Project. (*) The longest river in South Africa is, for the points, what river, which takes its colorful name from the Dutch royal family?

ANSWER: **Orange** River (or **Oranjerivier**; accept **!Garib**, **Gariep** River, **Groote** River, Kai **!Garib**, **Senqu** River, **Nu**, or **isAngqu**)

(15) **Joseph Vallot carried out research at this mountain, where Gustave Eiffel planned to construct an observatory. (+)** Though the plane was named for Kanchenjunga, this mountain was impacted by Air India Flight 101 around the Aosta Valley, near Chamonix. (*) For the points, name this mountain, the tallest in western Europe.

ANSWER: **Mont Blanc** (or (or Monte **Bianco**))

(16) **Wall paintings depicting "gatherers" of this plant product were found in (+) Akrotiri, where this product is still collected by hand. (+)** The Kohrasan and Fars Provinces are centers of cultivation for this plant product, which is largely produced by Iran. (*) For the points, identify this very expensive spice used in paella [[pye-AY-yuh]], which is cultivated from the flower that gave its name to Crocus, Kentucky.

ANSWER: **saffron** (accept **Saffron** Walden)

(17) **Sanandaj is the capital of a region named for this ethnic group, which operates the Peshmerga militia and dominates the government of Rojava. (+)** Although they are the majority in a semi-autonomous region governed from Erbil, this ethnic group is the world's largest ethnic group without a state. (*) For the points, name this ethnic group present in northern Iraq and southeastern Turkey.

ANSWER: **Kurdish** people

(18) **This word partly names a set of Australian waterholes in Melbourne, as well as a beach that runs from the Kunene to the Swakop River and is impacted by the Benguela Current. (+) That feature named for this word is also called "The Land God Made in Anger" and is home to the remains of over 1,000 ships. (*)** For the points, identify this word which appears in the name of a desolate coast in Namibia.

ANSWER: **skeleton** (accept **Skeleton** Lake, **Skeleton** Waterholes Creek, or **Skeleton** Coast)

(19) **This geographic feature within Tooele County has seen the thickness of its crust decrease in recent years, possibly due to evaporative potash mining. The closest settlement to this geographic feature is the town of (+) Wendover, whose urban area includes the only place in Nevada to officially observe Mountain Time. Vehicles such as the *Spirit of America* were tested in (*), what salt flats in northeastern Utah, where many land speed records are attempted?**

ANSWER: **Bonneville** Salt Flats

(20) **This river's irrigation structure, the Dowleswaram Barrage, was rebuilt as the Sir Arthur Cotton Barrage near Rajahmundry. This river, which rises in Nashik, is situated north of the Krishna River. (+) This river marks the northern boundary of the Deccan Plateau, and this river, known as the Dakshina Ganga, or "Ganges of the South," drains into the Bay of Bengal in Andhra Pradesh. (*)** For the points, name this longest river completely in India, which flows through its center.

ANSWER: **Godavari** River (accept **Dakshina Ganga** before read)

(21) **This state contains the former gold mining hub of Ouro Preto. This state borders a small portion of a Federal District mostly surrounded by Goiás. (+) This state, to the south of Bahia, is the largest in Brazil which does not include part of the Amazon Rainforest, and this state is also the second-most populous. Lying north of (*) Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo is, for the points, what state of southeastern Brazil governed from Belo Horizonte?**

ANSWER: **Minas Gerais**

(22) **Jeff Yass named a major trading firm after this river, as it flowed through his alma mater of Binghamton University. (+) This river, the longest on the U.S. East Coast, was the site of the worst nuclear accident in U.S. history at Three Mile Island just south of Harrisburg. (*)** For the points, name this river flowing through central Pennsylvania.

ANSWER: **Susquehanna** River

(23) **This city's port on the mouth of the Kelani River is the busiest port by container traffic in the Indian Ocean. (+) This city's Lotus Tower is the tallest human-accessible freestanding structure in South Asia, and this city adjacent to Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte is inhabited largely by Sinhalese speakers. (*)** For the points, name this largest city of Sri Lanka.

ANSWER: **Colombo** (or **Kolāmba**; or **Kolumpu**)

(24) **This national park contains Eagle Mountain, which has a feature called the Goat's Eye. This national park contains a ski resort at Mount Norquay, and this national park borders Yoho and Kootenay National Parks. (+)** Moraine Lake is located in this national park within the Valley of the Ten Peaks, and this national park is home to a picturesque body of water called Lake Louise. (*) For the points, name this national park that is crossed by the Trans-Canada Highway and located in Alberta.

ANSWER: **Banff** National Park (accept **Rocky Mountains** Park)

(25) **The largest city in this country's west is Nukus, south of the former Vozrozhdeniya Island. This country's city of Termez is located on the Amu River, and Bukhara is surrounded in this country by irrigated cotton fields. (+)** This country's western region of Karakalpakstan contains the dried-up port of Moy'noq, and the Zeravshan River flows through this country's city of Samarkand. (*) For the points, name this doubly landlocked country that contains the southern Aral Sea.

ANSWER: Republic of **Uzbekistan** (or **O'zbekiston** Respublikasi)

(26) **This city's SHI Stadium is known for hosting the Scarlet Knights, the easternmost sports teams in the Big Ten. This city, which includes Highland Park and Piscataway, also houses the headquarters of Johnson & Johnson. (+)** Though not in Massachusetts, this city serves as the seat of Middlesex County. Separated by the Raritan River from Edison, (*) for the points, what is this college town home to the main campus of Rutgers University in New Jersey, which shares its name with a Canadian province?

ANSWER: **New Brunswick**

(27) **This river's "Red" tributary rises in the Franconian Jura, and this river corresponds with the Speyer line. (+)** This river, which lends its name to the capital of Rhineland-Palatinate, is situated across from Wiesbaden, and this river, which flows through Würzburg, is the longest river completely within Germany. (*) For the points, name this longest tributary of the Rhine River which flows through Frankfurt.

ANSWER: **Main** River (prompt on "Rhine–Main–Danube Canal" or "RMD Canal")

(28) **A ship bearing the name of this structure is captive in Pyongyang as a museum, itself named for the largest Colorado city on the Arkansas River. Settlements formed from these structures include (+)** Acoma, the oldest continually inhabited settlement in the US, and tribes that inhabit these structures include the Zuni and Hopi. (*) For the points, name these structures exemplified by examples at Taos, made from adobe mud in the American Southwest.

ANSWER: **Pueblos**

(29) **Despite being located in Africa, the Rift Valley, which contains the low-lying Lake Assal, causes this country to be upon the Arabian Plate. (+)** This country's northwest is inhabited by Afars and its southeast by Somalis, and it gives sea access to Ethiopia. (*) For the points, name this smallest country on the Horn of Africa.

ANSWER: Republic of **Djibouti** (or République de **Djibouti**; or Jumhūriyyat **Jībūtī**; or Jamhuuriyadda **Jabuuti**; or **Gabuutih** Ummuuno)

(30) **This country is the only one still ruled by an emir, and its flag includes a black trapezoid alongside white, green, and red stripes. (+)** This country was the site of the world's largest oil spill in the 1990s. (*) For the points, name this small Arab country on the northwestern part of the Persian Gulf, sandwiched between Iraq and Saudi Arabia.

ANSWER: State of **Kuwait** (accept Dawlat al **Kuwayt**)

Extra Questions

(1) **The most populated region of this state is known as the Research Triangle, and one city in that region, Durham, includes a university named for a tobacco magnate. This state's Cape (+)** Fear river passes by Fayetteville and Wilmington. (*) For the points, name this state which includes the college town of Chapel Hill and its capital, Raleigh.

ANSWER: State of **North Carolina**

(2) **This kind of geographic feature is typified by an "entrenched" example near Page, Arizona. This type of geographic feature creates eroded zones and point bars of deposited sediment due to helical flow. (+)** Lake Chicot in Arkansas is the world's largest example of this feature's "cutoff" type, the oxbow lake, and examples of these features include (*) Horseshoe Bend. For the points, identify this type of twisting, wandering waterway that derives its name from the Menderes River.

ANSWER: **meander** (prompt on "channel"; prompt on "river")

(3) **This region is home to Yuba City, which is the center of the Punjabi Mexican American community. This region includes college towns such as Chico (+)** and Davis. This region centers around a river which has its confluence with the American River in an eponymous city and flows through the city of Redding. This region extends from (*) Mount Shasta to a river delta also fed by the San Joaquin River. For the points, name this northern part of the Central Valley in California.

ANSWER: **Sacramento** Valley (prompt on "Central Valley")