

National Geography Bowl – Round 6 (MS)

First Quarter

(1) The Mewa Shah Cemetery can be found in a portion of this city's south known as SITE Town, and its earliest settlement may have been in the nearby Mulri Hills. The 1960s modernist style was used in the construction of the Mazar-e-Quaid in this city, which houses the body of one of its country's founders. Known as the "City of Lights", this non-capital city contains the Jinnah Mausoleum. For ten points, name this most-populous city in Pakistan.

ANSWER: **Karachi**

(2) This river connected to Havel River via the Finow Canal isn't in the Rhine Basin, but contains a port called Frankfurt. This river, which forms an international boundary with the Lusatian Neisse [[NYE-suh]], rises in the highlands of Silesia, flowing through the cities of Wroclaw and Ostrava. This river is split into three distributaries by the islands of Wolin and Usedom before entering the Baltic Sea north of Szczecin [[SHET-chin]] Lagoon. For ten points, name this river which defines most of the German-Polish border.

ANSWER: **Oder** River

(3) Perdue Farms was founded in this region's city of Salisbury, and part of a state boundary in this region is formed by the Pocomoke River. Cape Charles is the southernmost point of this region, which includes the barrier islands of Assateague and Chincoteague. Resort towns in this region include Lewes, Rehoboth Beach, and Ocean City, and its largest city is Dover. For ten points, the eastern shore of Chesapeake Bay is on what peninsula named for the three states that share it?

ANSWER: **Delmarva** Peninsula (or **Delaware-Maryland-Virginia** Peninsula)

(4) This currency is divided into 100 units known as agorot, and some of its banknotes display symbols such as a pipe representing the National Water Carrier, as well as Maimonides on its Series A banknotes. This currency, which is the most traded currency in the Middle East, currently displays a menorah and a vista of the Sea of Galilee on its denominations. Used alongside the Jordanian dinar in the West Bank is, for ten points, what official currency which displays Hebrew numerals, used in Israel?

ANSWER: Israeli new **shekel** (or **NIS**)

(5) This country, which formerly controlled the Indian cities of Trankebar and Serampore, constructed the Osu Castle in Accra, also known as Fort Christiansborg. This country was the southernmost part of the Kalmar Union, and sold part of the Virgin Islands to the U.S. in 1917. Settlers from this country founded a colony in Godthåb. Located west of the Øresund Strait is, for ten points, what country, which controls the Faroe Islands and Greenland?

ANSWER: Kingdom of **Denmark** (or Kongeriget **Danmark**; accept **Denmark**–Norway)

(6) Either Johannesburg or this city may have the world's largest urban forest, which is a status claimed by this city's Tijuca National Park. This city's Zona Sul contains the Rodrigo de Freitas Lagoon. A granite and quartz mountain in this city is connected by a cable car to Morro da Urca and is Sugarloaf Mountain. Containing Copacabana beach and the *Christ the Redeemer* statue, for ten points, what is this second-largest city in Brazil after São Paulo?

ANSWER: **Rio** de Janeiro

(7) A tourist landmark in this city is overlooked by the Fortaleza do Monte. The Ruins of Saint Paul's are located in this city, whose islands include Taipa and Coloane, and the pataca currency is used in this city, where reclaimed land on Seac Pai Bay is the foundation of the MGM Cotai casino. For ten points, name this former Portuguese colony in Asia, a Chinese city near Hong Kong known for its gambling industry.

ANSWER: **Macau** (or **Macao**; or Regiao Administrativa Especial de **Macau** da República Popular da China; or Jung wah Yahnmahn Guhngwohgwok **Oumun** Dahkbiht Hahngjingkeui; accept **Macanese** Pataca; accept **Macau** Pataca)

(8) The Pasquino and the Marforio are two of the "talking statues" of this city. Gardens in this city include the Villa Ada and the Villa Borghese, and its Castelfusano park is in the coastal district of Ostia. The Trinità dei Monti church is at the top of this city's 135 Spanish Steps. This city's historic ruins include the Baths of Caracalla, the Arch of Titus, and the Pantheon. For ten points, the Capitoline and Palatine Hills are part of what European capital on the Tiber River?

ANSWER: **Rome** (or **Roma**)

(9) Robert Bezeau's village of plastic bottles is in this country, and this country's San Blas Islands are populated by the indigenous Guna people. The man-made Lake Gatun is fed by the Chagres River in this country, and it is impossible to drive between North America and South America because of a thick section of rainforest in this country. For ten points, identify this Central American country home to a namesake canal connecting the Atlantic to the Pacific.

ANSWER: **Panama** (or Republic of **Panama**)

(10) The city of Buea lies at the base of this mountain, the highest point of a namesake volcanic "line" which includes Annobón. This mountain is the most prominent and highest in West Africa, and climbers looking to scale it have been deterred by the Anglophone Crisis. Bioko is visible from this mountain, which rises over 13,000 feet above the Gulf of Guinea. For ten points, name this highest mountain and namesake of a country governed from Yaoundé [[yah-OON-deh]].

ANSWER: Mount **Cameroon** (or **Fako**; or **Mongo ma Ndemi**)

Second Quarter

(1) The Institut Ramon Llull [[YOOL]] promotes this language, the northernmost dialect of which is spoken in the Roussillon region, which includes the city of Perpignan. This language is spoken in the Carche area of Murcia and a strip called "La Franja" in easternmost Aragon, and it is official in the Valencian Community and Andorra. For ten points, name this language spoken in northeastern Spain, sharing its name with a region including Barcelona.

ANSWER: Catalan (do NOT accept or prompt on "Spanish"; anti-prompt on "Valencian" until mentioned)

BONUS: Catalan is most closely related to this language spoken in southern France, sharing its name with an administrative region governed from Toulouse.

ANSWER: Occitan language (or lenga d'òc; or Provençal)

(2) One protected area in this country is Lukwakwa, which is located near the Musele-Matebo Game Management Area. Animals, such as the puku and impala, were reintroduced in this country's Lusenga National Park beginning in 2007. Nine Game Managements surround the largest national park in this country, Kafue. For ten points, name this African country where the wildlife haven of Blue Lagoon National Park is located approximately 60 miles west of Lusaka.

ANSWER: Republic of Zambia (or Icitundu ca Zambia)

BONUS: This bordering country of Zambia hosts a large elephant population in Hwange National Park, which is located off the main road between Bulawayo and Victoria Falls.

ANSWER: Republic of Zimbabwe

(3) This region includes the Saryarka area, a UNESCO World Heritage Site of lakes and plains in northern Kazakhstan. The Tengger and Dzungarian portions of this region lie in China, while the Pontic-Caspian part lies near the Black Sea. This region is bounded to the north by taiga forests and to the south by deserts like the Gobi and Karakum. For ten points, Mongols and Turks performed mounted warfare on what vast grassland biome that stretches across Central Asia?

ANSWER: Asian steppe (prompt on "grasslands")

BONUS: Overgrazing and desertification threaten the steppe, especially from large herds of this domesticated animal, widely herded in Central Asia for wool, milk, and meat.

ANSWER: sheep

(4) The central arc of this range includes the Bukovina and Maramureș regions, while its southern portion encompasses the Făgăraș Mountains. This mountain range's highest peak, Gerlachovský štít, lies in the Tatra Mountains, a subrange located on the Slovak–Polish border. This range forms the northern boundary of Wallachia and has served as a refuge for groups like the Dacians and Vlachs. For ten points, name this mountain range that runs through Romania, Ukraine, and Slovakia.

ANSWER: **Carpathian** Mountains

BONUS: The Danube runs through this large gorge which sits along the border of Serbia and Romania.

ANSWER: **Iron Gates** (or **Portile de Fier**; or **Đerdapska klisura**; or **Vaskapu-szoros**)

(5) Blue-ice areas of Antarctica are known for their large concentrations of these objects, including examples such as the Allan Hills. The Inuit used one of these objects named for Cape York as a source of iron. The largest of these objects is called Hoba, and lies near the town of Grootfontein in Namibia. These objects were generated after an impact event in 2013 in Chelyabinsk Oblast. For ten points, name these rocks from outer space which fall to Earth's surface.

ANSWER: **Meteorites**

BONUS: The Tunguska Event, which was likely a meteorite explosion, occurred in this Russian krai to the west of the Sakha Republic. It is the largest krai and second-largest federal subject in Russia.

ANSWER: **Krasnoyarsk** Krai

(6) The construction of this structure submerged the Baiheliang formation and attracted criticism for harming the wintering site of the Siberian crane, as it reduced the area of Poyang Lake by roughly 77 square miles. This structure was criticized for accelerating the extinction of the baiji, and a model of it lies in the city of Chongqing [[CHONG-ching]]. Part of the world's largest power station, for ten points, what is this massive Chinese dam on the Yangtze River?

ANSWER: **Three Gorges** Dam

BONUS: The Three Gorges Dam is located in this province of Central China with a name meaning "north of the lake," home to the cities of Xiangyang [[SHEE-AHN-GYAHNG]] and Yichang.

ANSWER: **Hubei** [[HOO-BEH]] (accept phonetic pronunciations)

(7) The #BringBackOurGirls movement emerged from the kidnapping of students in this country's Borno State. The first recorded case of mpox in 2022 emerged from a patient who traveled to this country's Delta State, and this country's northeast has been the site of insurgency by Boko Haram. This country is home to the "Nollywood" film industry, which includes films in Yoruba and Igbo. For ten points, name this country which relocated its capital to Abuja in the 1990s.

ANSWER: Federal Republic of **Nigeria** (do NOT accept or prompt on "Niger")

BONUS: A 2016 offshoot of Boko Haram was part of this larger terrorist organization led by Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, which was governed from Raqqa until 2017.

ANSWER: **Islamic State** of Iraq and the Levant (or **ISIL**; accept **Daesh**; accept **Islamic State** of Iraq and Syria; accept **ISIS**)

(8) The Broads are a network of rivers and lakes in this country created by flooding peat workings. This country's South Downs National Park protects chalk hills such as the Seven Sisters. This country is known for its Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, which include examples protecting the Cotswolds and the Isle of Wight. Home to national parks named Yorkshire Dales and Lake District, for ten points, what is this constituent country?

ANSWER: **England** (prompt on "United Kingdom," "Britain," or "Great Britain")

BONUS: Another Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty is situated in this peninsula home to Lizard Point and Lands End, the southwestern-most part of England.

ANSWER: **Cornwall** (or **Kernow**; or **Cornish** Peninsula)

Third Quarter

The categories are:

1. Amusement Parks
2. Greek Islands
3. Asian Mountains
4. National Parks

Amusement Parks

Concerning amusement parks in the United States, name the...

- (1) Type of thrill ride using an elevated track, including the Millennium Force with its 300-foot drop.

ANSWER: **roller coaster**

- (2) Company that names a "Land" in Anaheim and a "World" in Orlando.

ANSWER: The Walt **Disney** Company (accept **Disney**land or Walt **Disney** World Resort)

- (3) Second-most populous Ohio city after Cincinnati, about an hour east of Cedar Point in Sandusky.

ANSWER: **Cleveland**

- (4) New Jersey gambling resort city, in which Steel Pier is located on the Boardwalk.

ANSWER: **Atlantic City** (prompt on "A.C.")

- (5) Amusement park in Williamsburg, Virginia, originally known as "The Old Country."

ANSWER: **Busch Gardens** Williamsburg

- (6) Pennsylvania city and county, in which Dutch Wonderland is located amidst the state's largest Amish population.

ANSWER: **Lancaster**

- (7) Herschend-owned theme park that invites more ticketed guests than any other attraction in Tennessee.

ANSWER: **Dollywood**

- (8) Orange County city that is home to Knott's Berry Farm and may be named for a neighborhood north of Wrigleyville.

ANSWER: **Buena Park**

Greek Islands

Concerning the islands of Greece, name the...

(1) Number of islands in the name of the Dodecanese [[doh-dek-ah-NEEZ]], sometimes called the "Dozen Islands."

ANSWER: **twelve**

(2) Sea between Europe and Africa, in which many of the islands are found.

ANSWER: **Mediterranean** Sea

(3) Largest of the Dodecanese, which names a "Colossus," one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

ANSWER: **Rhodes** (accept Colossus of **Rhodes**)

(4) Largest Greek island, southeast of the Peloponnese and led from Heraklion [[heh-RAK-lee-un]].

ANSWER: **Crete**

(5) Sea between Greece and Turkey, home to the Cyclades and the Sporades.

ANSWER: **Aegean** Sea

(6) Island in the Ionian Sea that was home to Odysseus and the namesake of the seat of Tompkins County, New York.

ANSWER: **Ithaca**

(7) Third-largest Greek island, separated from Turkey by the Mytilini Strait.

ANSWER: **Lesbos** (or **Lesvos**)

(8) Island that is connected to Boeotia [[bee-OH-shah]] by the 1300-foot Chalcis [[KAL-siss]] Bridge.

ANSWER: **Euboea** [[yoo-BEE-ah]] (or **Evia**; accept phonetic pronunciations)

Asian Mountains

Concerning the mountains of Asia, name the...

- (1) Bigfoot-like creature said to live in the mountains of Tibet.

ANSWER: **Yeti** (or **abominable snowman**)

- (2) Tallest mountain in the world, on the border of Nepal and China.

ANSWER: Mount **Everest** (or **Qomolangma**; or **Sagarmatha**)

- (3) Mountain range on the China-India border, which contains Nepal and much of Tibet.

ANSWER: **Himalayas**

- (4) Stratovolcano on the island of Honshu, the tallest peak in Japan.

ANSWER: Mount **Fuji** (or **Fujisan**)

- (5) Mountainous kingdom in which Gangkhar Puensum is the highest unclimbed mountain in the world.

ANSWER: Kingdom of **Bhutan** (or **Druk Gyalkhap**; or **Druk Yul**)

- (6) 1000-mile-long range, stretching from the Strait of Hormuz into southeastern Turkey.

ANSWER: **Zagros** Mountains

- (7) Tallest mountain in northeast China and the Korean Peninsula, known as Changbai in Chinese.

ANSWER: **Baekdu** (or **Paektu**)

- (8) Mountain between Tibet and India, once thought the world's highest and now known to be the third-highest.

ANSWER: **Kangchenjunga** (or **Kanchanjangha**; or **Khangchendzonga**)

National Parks

Concerning national parks around the world, name the...

(1) Great ape that is studied in Tanzania's Gombe National Park, a close relative of bonobos and gorillas.

ANSWER: common **chimpanzee**

(2) Oldest national park in the world, home to Old Faithful in northwest Wyoming.

ANSWER: **Yellowstone** National Park

(3) South American country on the equator, home to Galapagos National Park and its namesake tortoises.

ANSWER: Republic of **Ecuador** (or Republica del **Ecuador**)

(4) Bear species, 80 percent of the Chinese population of which live in a namesake ten-thousand square mile park.

ANSWER: giant **panda** (accept Giant **Panda** National Park)

(5) Desert in southern Africa that is home to the international Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, covering much of Botswana.

ANSWER: **Kalahari** Desert

(6) Australian state that is home to the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and is governed from Brisbane.

ANSWER: **Queensland**

(7) Alberta city that was the first to incorporate within a Canadian national park, both taking their name from a town in Scotland.

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

(8) Country that is home to Corcovado National Park, the largest old-growth forest on the American Pacific coast.

ANSWER: Republic of **Costa Rica** (or Republica de **Costa Rica**)

Fourth Quarter

(1) **The largest island of this country is defined by rivers such as the Serayu and Brantas. This country's territorial extent is referred to as "Sabang to Merauke," and its westernmost province. (+)** Aceh, is governed under Sharia law. This country's Yogyakarta Region is located on an island of over one hundred million people and is (*) governed by a Sultan. For ten points, name this Southeast Asian country, which is home to the most populous island in the world, Java.

ANSWER: Republic of **Indonesia** (or Republik **Indonesia**)

(2) **This feature stretches from Lebanon's Beqaa Valley to central Mozambique and includes both an eastern and a western branch. This feature, which includes the Danakil Depression. (+)** is flanked by escarpments that form dramatic landscapes, such as Ethiopia's Simien Mountains. Volcanic mountains such as Mount Kilimanjaro and Mount Kenya rise along this feature's edges, and it contains sites of early (*) hominid fossils such as Olduvai Gorge. For ten points, name this major geological trench system in eastern Africa.

ANSWER: **Great Rift** Valley

(3) **The Marsican brown bear is endemic to this mountain range, particularly in the Abruzzo region. This mountain range's Monte Titano is displayed on the coat of arms of the world's oldest republic. (+)** and the highest point of this mountain range is Corno Grande. This mountain range, which stretches from Calabria to Liguria, is bounded by the Po Valley (*) and includes part of San Marino. For ten points, name this mountain range which stretches across the Italian Peninsula.

ANSWER: **Apennine** Mountains (or **Appennini**; do NOT accept or prompt on "Alps")

(4) **This region includes the protected areas of Satpukur, Chandpai, and Sarankhola, and has been designated a Ramsar site for its ecological importance. This region is home to spotted deer, estuarine crocodiles, and the elusive (+) Panthera tigris tigris. A network of tidal waterways and mudflats defines this ecoregion, whose name comes from the local word for (*) "beautiful forest."** For ten points, name this mangrove ecosystem located at the mouth of the Ganges-Brahmaputra Delta.

ANSWER: **Sundarbans** (prompt on "India"; prompt on "Bangladesh")

(5) **In 1912, Patrick Marshall designated the Andesite Line, which closely corresponds to this region. Subduction in this region creates oceanic trenches like the Tonga Trench (+) and the Philippine Trench. This region contains island arcs such as the Aleutians and the Japanese archipelago, and is bordered by (*) volcanic mountain chains like the Andes and Cascades.** For ten points, name this tectonically active area that forms a horseshoe shape around the Pacific Ocean.

ANSWER: **Ring of Fire**

(6) **With an average of nine per year, Volusia County, Florida has the highest per capita rate of these incidents in the world. Réunion in the Indian Ocean experienced a spike in these occurrences in the 2010s, leading to (+) beach closures and a controversial culling program. Oceanic factors like the presence of longshore currents, steep continental shelves, and high fish biomass contribute to these events, as well as (*) cage diving. For ten points, name these phenomena involving marine predators.**

ANSWER: **shark attacks** (accept equivalents involving **sharks attacking humans**)

(7) **Half of the world's endangered mountain gorillas live in this country's Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. This country's city of Jinja is home to the Nalubaale Power Station, (+) formerly known as the Owen Falls Dam, which forms Lake Kyoga. Bugala Island is the largest of this country's Ssesse Islands, and Lake Albert and Lake Edward form this country's western border with the Democratic Republic of the Congo. (*) Lake Victoria lies southeast of, for ten points, what East African country governed from Kampala?**

ANSWER: Republic of **Uganda**

(8) **This body of water contains an island where *Cantua* flowers may be found, Amantaní. The Chiripa culture grew on the shores of this body water, which contains the (+) "Island of the Sun" and a dual gauge car float called *Manco Capac*. Two parts of this body of water are connected by the Strait of Tiquina. Located between (*) Bolivia and Peru, for ten points, what is this lake in South America, the largest freshwater lake in the Andes [[AN-deez]]?**

ANSWER: Lake **Titicaca** (or Lago **Titicaca**; or **Titicaca** Qucha)

Extra Question

(1) **This crop is grown in a series of patches on Tristan da Cunha, and a museum in Blackfoot is dedicated to it. The Colorado beetle is known or harming this crop, whose cultivars include the Jersey Royal and (+) Yukon Gold. This crop, used to make a type of pancake called a *boxty*, is the main ingredient in an Italian dish called *gnocchi*. (*) Idaho is famed for its production of, for ten points, what starchy vegetables associated with Ireland, used to make french fries?**

ANSWER: **potatoes** (or ***Solanum tuberosum***)

BONUS: This largest city in Turkey straddles the Bosphorus and was previously known as both Byzantium and Constantinople.

ANSWER: **Istanbul**