

# National U.S. Geography Bee – Semifinals (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>)

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## Regulation Tossups

(1) **This island comprises the bulk of Dukes County, excluding the Elizabeth Islands that separate it from Cape Cod. A peninsula on this island called (+) Chappaquiddick was the site of a car accident caused by Ted Kennedy. (\*)** For the points, name this Massachusetts island west of Nantucket and south of Cape Cod, whose name hints towards its wine industry.

ANSWER: **Martha's Vineyard** (prompt on partial answers)

(2) **The city of Valdez was relocated after one of these disasters, which forced the rebuilding of the Seward Highway. Anchorage was severely damaged by one of these disasters in (+) 1964, which originated from a megathrust on the (\*) Aleutian Trench.** For the points, name this type of disaster that had its epicenter near Prince William Sound.

ANSWER: **earthquake** (accept **1964 Alaska** earthquake; accept **Good Friday** earthquake; prompt on "seismic event" or similar)

(3) **This park's Cadillac Mountain is the highest peak on the nation's Atlantic coastline. This national park was formerly known as Sieur de Monts (+) National Monument. This national park on Mount Desert Island surrounds Bar Harbor and is the site of the earliest (\*) sunrise in the continental United States.** For the points, name this only national park in Maine.

ANSWER: **Acadia** National Park

(4) **One of the most famous attractions in this state is a modest, two-room, white-sided house that now operates as the Elvis Presley birthplace (+) and museum. That city in this state is the seat of Lee County and is called (\*) Tupelo.** For the points, name this state that has its capital at Jackson.

ANSWER: **Mississippi**

(5) **This town sandwiched between Stamford and Westchester County sits at the end of a panhandle which forms the westernmost extent of New England. A London (+) borough gives its name to this town southwest of Bridgeport. (\*)** For the points, name this Connecticut town that shares its name with an English settlement that establishes a namesake "Mean Time."

ANSWER: **Greenwich** [[GREH-nitch]] (accept **Greenwich** Mean Time)

(6) **One of these features called Muirfield was named for a ship that accidentally struck it. One of these features named Lō'ihi will become the ninth member of the (+) Hawaiian archipelago, which forms a chain with a collection of these features named Emperor. (\*)** For the points, name these features that rise from the ocean floor but do not breach the surface, often formed from volcanoes.

ANSWER: **seamounts** (prompt on "underwater plateaus;" prompt on "underwater volcanoes" before "volcanoes" is mentioned)

(7) **The founder of this company transformed a former pineapple plantation at Manele Bay. The sixth largest island of Hawaii was purchased to create a (+) "laboratory of sustainability." Much of the island of Lanai has been purchased by Larry Ellison, the founder of, (\*) for the points, what company that shares its name with an Ancient Greek prophet from Delphi?**

ANSWER: **Oracle**

(8) **This city was the site of the Battle of Platte Bridge, and it lies at the northernmost end of the Laramie Mountains. This hometown of the (+) Cheney family is situated 19 miles from the Teapot Dome formation. (\*) For the points, name this second-largest city of Wyoming, lying 140 miles northwest of Cheyenne, which shares its name with a "friendly ghost."**

ANSWER: **Casper**

(9) **This archipelago's two portions are often nicknamed "Tomorrow Island" and "Yesterday Island," and are said to be bisected by the "Ice Curtain." This (+) archipelago lies at the southernmost extent of the Chukchi Sea. The International Date Line runs through, (\*) for the points, what pair of islands in the Bering Strait, split between Alaska and Russia?**

ANSWER: **Diomedede** Islands (or the **Diomedes**; accept **Gvozdev** Islands)

(10) **A retirement community in this state has the highest concentration of veteran residents outside of a U.S. military base. This state's largest indoor pickleball stadium (+) can be found 20 miles south of Ocala. The retirement community The Villages (\*) forms part of, for the points, what state's Orlando metropolitan area?**

ANSWER: **Florida**

(11) **This river has its mouth near Prophetstown State Park. This river's shores were the site of a battle during Tecumseh's War, and the name of this river (+) was used in a campaign slogan that also referenced John Tyler. (\*) For the points, name this river in Indiana, which lent its name to a nickname used by William Henry Harrison.**

ANSWER: **Tippecanoe** River (accept Battle of **Tippecanoe**, accept "**Tippecanoe** and Tyler Too")

(12) **This building is known for its glass-bottomed Skydeck, the highest observation deck in the United States. This building was formerly the (+) world's tallest until the construction of the Petronas Towers. (\*) For the points, name this tallest building in the U.S. outside of New York, the tallest in the Midwest.**

ANSWER: **Willis** Tower (accept **Sears** Tower)

(13) **Red Shirt Table is the highest peak in this park, which preserves the largest undisturbed mixed grass prairie in the U.S. The (+) South Unit of this park is co-managed by the Oglala Lakota tribe. (\*) Rapid City is the closest city to, for the points, what national park in South Dakota?**

ANSWER: **Badlands** National Park

(14) **This U.S. city's metropolitan area includes the Santa Catalina Range, which is home to Casas Adobes and the Tohono O'odham Reservation. This city, the seat of Pima (+) County, is located between two portions of Saguaro [[suh-WAHR-oh]] National Park. (\*)** For the points, name this second-largest city of Arizona.

ANSWER: **Tucson** [[TOO-sahn]]

(15) **This feature is the source of the St. Marys River and the Suwannee River. The 2007 Bugaboo Fire in this feature blanketed the city of (+) Jacksonville in smoke. The largest blackwater swamp in North America is formed by, (\*)** for the points, what swamp on the border between Florida and Georgia?

ANSWER: **Okefenokee** Swamp

(16) **This island contains M-185, the only state highway in the U.S. which bans motor vehicles. This island is nicknamed the (+) "jewel of the Great Lakes" and sits at the western end of (\*) Lake Huron.** For the points, identify this vacation island, which is named for a strait that connects to Lake Michigan.

ANSWER: **Mackinac** [[MAH-kih-NAW]] Island (or Straits of **Mackinac**)

(17) **This body of water is the largest estuary on the U.S. Pacific Coast. This body of water contains a fjord called the Hood Canal (+) to the west of the Kitsap Peninsula, which is also bounded by the (\*) Tacoma Narrows.** For the points, name this sound, an inlet of the Salish Sea in Washington.

ANSWER: **Puget** Sound

(18) **This airport in the East Elmhurst neighborhood is proposed to be connected via Air Train to Willets Point in the Corona neighborhood. This airport is bound by Rikers (+) Island and lies on the East River. (\*)** For the points, name this smallest of New York's major airports, a facility named for a former mayor of Italian descent.

ANSWER: **LaGuardia** Airport (accept **KLGA**)

(19) **This city, which forms an urban area with Surfside Beach and Pawleys Island, is the centerpiece of the Grand Strand. This city, nicknamed the (+) "Redneck Riviera," lies about halfway between Wilmington and Charleston. (\*)** For the points, name this resort city on the northern coast of South Carolina.

ANSWER: **Myrtle Beach**

(20) **This city's downtown was once home to the village of Yaanga, the seat of Tongva power in its area. This city includes the Venice Canal Historic District and the modernist Walt Disney Concert Hall. (+)** This city is adjacent to the Inland Empire, and its county includes the (\*) San Fernando Valley. For the points, name this largest city in California and second-largest in the United States.

ANSWER: **Los Angeles**

(21) **This city is the smallest of the four U.S. cities with active trolleybus systems. Wright-Patterson Air Force Base is located east of this city, which was the site of an (+) agreement to formally end the Bosnian War. (\*)** For the points, name this Ohio city in the Miami Valley, where the Wright Brothers had their bike shop.

ANSWER: **Dayton** (accept **Dayton** Accords)

(22) **The outflow of this lake is visible from the I-Ten Twin Span Bridge and the Bonnet Carré Spillway. This lake, which is crossed by the world's longest continuous bridge over water, (+) was bound by levees that broke during Hurricane (\*) Katrina.** For the points, name this lake north of New Orleans.

ANSWER: Lake **Pontchartrain** (or Lac **Pontchartrain**)

(23) **This event's "last dash" starts at Unalakleet along the Norton Sound. This event follows the same route taken by a (+) "serum run" which occurred in 1925 from the port of Seward, and this event has its (\*) eastern terminus in Nome.** For the points, name this sled dog race held in early March, which traverses Alaska.

ANSWER: **Iditarod** Trail Sled Dog Race

(24) **This mountain range contains a ski resort at Camelback Mountain. This range's upland area includes the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and is part of (+) Monroe, Pike, and Wayne Counties. Big Pine Hill is the highest peak of, (\*)** for the points, what mountainous region of Northeastern Pennsylvania?

ANSWER: **Pocono** Mountains (or the **Poconos**)

(25) **Harry Byrd built a shelter on Hawksbill Mountain, the highest peak of this national park, which can be accessed from the Skyline Drive. This park in the (+) Blue Ridge Mountains protects the longest tributary of the Potomac. (\*)** For the points, name this only national park in Virginia.

ANSWER: **Shenandoah** National Park

(26) **This city's John A. Roebling Suspension Bridge connects to Covington. This city's Over-the-Rhine district was named for German (+) immigrants, and this city is the closest major city to the Miami Valley in one state's extreme (\*) southwest.** For the points, identify this third-largest city of Ohio after Columbus and Cleveland.

ANSWER: **Cincinnati**

(27) **The "high" section of this region includes the Sand Hills and the Llano Estacado, and this region is home to historic cities such as Dodge (+) City. This region's indigenous Native American tribes include the (\*) Lakota and Wichita. For the points, name this region of flatlands to the east of the Rockies, including states such as South Dakota and Kansas.**

ANSWER: **Great Plains**

(28) **This city's museum district includes the Studebaker National Museum. This city, which is named for a feature along the St. Joseph River, (+) is connected to Chicago by the South Shore Line. The University of Notre Dame is located outside of, (\*) for the points, what city in northern Indiana?**

ANSWER: **South Bend**

(29) **This longest suspension bridge in the Americas crosses a strait called the Narrows. A misspelling of this bridge's (+) namesake required the addition of an extra (\*) "Z," and this bridge traverses New York Bay. For the points, name this bridge that links Staten Island to Brooklyn and is named for an Italian explorer.**

ANSWER: **Verrazzano**-Narrows Bridge

(30) **Artwork at this airport, such as a blue mustang statue with glowing red eyes, have spawned multiple conspiracy theories. This airport is the base of (+) Frontier Airlines, as well as the main aviation hub of the (\*) Rocky Mountains. For the points, name this airport that serves the capital of Colorado.**

ANSWER: **Denver** International Airport (prompt on partial answers; accept **DEN**)

### Extra Questions

(1) **This state's town of Picher was abandoned after massive piles of waste from lead-zinc mining accumulated near the land of the Quapaw Nation. This state (+) was once known as the Indian Territory, and it contains the reservations of the (\*) Cherokee and Seminole people. For the points, name this state home to Tulsa in the southern Great Plains.**

ANSWER: **Oklahoma**

(2) **America's tallest Ferris wheel, the High Roller, opened in this metropolitan area. The Sphere is known for its massive wraparound (+) LED screen in this metropolitan area, where visitors can find an entertainment-rich area called the (\*) Strip. For the points, name this metropolitan area known for its gambling industry in southern Nevada.**

ANSWER: Las **Vegas** (accept Las **Vegas** Strip, **Sin City**, **City of Lights**, or **Entertainment Capital of the World**)