

The United States Geography Olympiad & International Geography Bee – USA Division

National Qualifying Exam Question Distribution Table

Note: The numbers listed below correspond to the number of questions on the National Qualifying Exam that pertain to the aspect of geography they are listed next to. Each question is classified by geographic area and geographic discipline (the disciplines themselves are broken down further). Thus there are 50 questions total, not 100 or 150. Questions that reference multiple geographic regions or disciplines may be classified in either.

Geographic Distribution

12 – USA

2 - Canada

7 – Latin America and the Greater Caribbean

7 – Europe

7 – Africa

10 – Asia

2 - Australia and Oceania

3 – Undefined, Multiple, or Any

Disciplinary

18 – Physical

18 – Political

7 – Human Geography (Cultural, Economic, Historical, etc.)

7 – Cartography / Applied Geography / Multiple / Any

Sub-Disciplinary

7 – Water Features

7 – Mountains, Geology, Landforms

4 – Weather, Climate, Biomes, and related topics

7 – Countries

7 – Cities

4 – Regional (e.g. provinces, states, regions)

5 – Historic Geography / Current Events

1 – Languages

1 – Religions

2 – Food, Drink, Clothing, Industry, and Commerce

5 – Multiple or Any