



# International Geography Bee

## The United States Geography Olympiad & The International Geography Bee 2017-2018 National Qualifying Exam – A Set Version

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, etc.)

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\* = Students in 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to compete in both JV and Middle School Divisions. Students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and younger are eligible to compete in both the JV and Elementary Divisions. If you are in 8<sup>th</sup> grade or younger and you qualify for JV Nationals off this Exam, then you are also eligible to compete at Middle School or Elementary Nationals (depending on your grade) for USGO and IGB without needing to take another Exam.

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**Instructions: Print the Correct Answer in the space provided or leave it blank. Write Neatly!!! Correct answers are worth 2 points. Incorrect answers are -1 point. Questions left blank are worth 0 points.**

You have 20 Minutes to complete this Exam. If you are also taking the US History Bee Exam, you have 40 minutes in which to complete both Exams and you may do them simultaneously or one after the other.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1) Afrikaans, a language of South Africa, is derived from which other language?  
A) Icelandic                      B) Arabic                      C) Dutch                      D) Swahili
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Part of the main Continental Divide in the USA can be found in which state?  
A) Montana                      B) Maine                      C) Washington                      D) South Carolina
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3) Glastonbury in England and Roskilde in Denmark are both famous for being the site of what?  
A) Elite Universities                      B) World War II Battles                      C) Music Festivals                      D) Maoist Uprisings
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4) Serious proposals have been mooted to connect India to which other country via a bridge?  
A) Madagascar                      B) Sri Lanka                      C) Thailand                      D) Seychelles
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5) Which tectonic plate is found off the west coast of most of South America?  
A) Nazca Plate                      B) Caribbean Plate                      C) Scotia Plate                      D) Juan de Fuca Plate
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6) Döner Kebabs were made popular in Germany by numerous immigrants mostly from what country?  
A) Norway                      B) Turkey                      C) Vanuatu                      D) El Salvador
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7) Which landmark is no longer standing in Paris?  
A) Eiffel Tower                      B) Louvre Museum                      C) Arc de Triomphe                      D) Bastille

- \_\_\_\_\_ 8) Keeping latitude constant, the farther west you go in a time zone, what happens?  
A) The sun rises later. B) The sun sets earlier.  
C) Solar eclipses occur more often. D) There are more daylight hours in December.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9) Paul Kagame has ruled which African country with an iron fist for decades since its genocide in the 1990's?  
A) Egypt B) Togo C) Lesotho D) Rwanda
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10) Which is not a major wine producing region?  
A) Napa Valley B) Southwest France C) Tuscany D) Rub al-Khali
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11) A baseball backstop on a military base in which state was destroyed by firing from a Japanese submarine in World War II?  
A) Texas B) Oregon C) Kansas D) Ohio
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12) Which country in Central America has abolished its army and has the region's highest level of social development according to many indicators?  
A) Nicaragua B) Costa Rica C) Honduras D) Belize
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13) The Iron Range can be reached by traveling an hour by car north of which US city?  
A) Miami, FL B) Point Barrow, AK C) Hilo, HI D) Duluth, MN
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14) Which country has endured the most coups over the past 60 years?  
A) Thailand B) Monaco C) Israel D) Bahamas
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15) If you wanted to start a water skiing business in Greece, in which sea might you look to tow around your customers?  
A) Ligurian Sea B) Black Sea C) Aegean Sea D) Tyrrhenian Sea
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16) Wild Australian dogs are known by which name?  
A) Dingo B) Drongo C) Bongo D) Quango
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17) Nuclear weapons have been detonated on or above all of the following islands except?  
A) Honshu B) Bikini C) Novaya Zemlya D) Hispaniola
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18) The only permanent UN Security Council member whose flag isn't red, white, and blue is?  
A) India B) China C) Mexico D) France
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19) Which present-day African country's territory was once part of the Roman Empire?  
A) Angola B) Libya C) Madagascar D) Zambia
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20) Which of these four cities has more rainbows appear in the sky each year than the others?  
A) Honolulu B) Riyadh C) Bamako D) Tucson
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21) A hypothetical direct invasion of Saskatchewan could cross the border from which US state?  
A) North Dakota B) Utah C) Maine D) Arkansas
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22) The expression from the TV show *Survivor* of "voting someone off the island" wouldn't make sense if the show were set where?  
A) Madeira B) Serengeti C) Cyprus D) Tuvalu

- \_\_\_\_\_ 23) More Americans have ancestors from which of the following places than the others?  
A) Finland                      B) Portugal                      C) Ireland                      D) Switzerland
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24) Which city did not host matches during the 2014 FIFA World Cup?  
A) Rio de Janeiro              B) São Paulo                      C) Manaus                      D) Buenos Aires
- \_\_\_\_\_ 25) A transcontinental train in Australia is known as the...?  
A) Pacific Atlantic              B) Atlantic Indian              C) Indian Pacific              D) Baghdad Express
- \_\_\_\_\_ 26) This question was written at 44.8 degrees north and 0.5 degrees west near the city of?  
A) Hamburg                      B) Bordeaux                      C) Sofia                          D) Moscow
- \_\_\_\_\_ 27) The highest mountain in the 48 contiguous US states is located in which mountain range?  
A) Bitterroots                      B) Sierra Nevada              C) Catskills                      D) Green Mountains
- \_\_\_\_\_ 28) The Rhine and the Rhone are separated by one vowel orthographically and by which area geographically?  
A) The portion of Switzerland between Lake Geneva and Basel  
B) The Carpathian Mountains  
C) Roughly 800 kilometers of tundra in Lapland  
D) Jutland
- \_\_\_\_\_ 29) African refugees seeking to cross into Europe have often run into problems crossing which sea?  
A) Mediterranean              B) Yellow                          C) Caribbean                      D) Barents
- \_\_\_\_\_ 30) Which flight could be sent either westwards or eastwards and still take roughly the same amount of time?  
A) Seattle to Beijing              B) Chicago to Rome              C) Boston to Dubai              D) New York to Hong Kong
- \_\_\_\_\_ 31) In which country could you open up a book of maps in the Atlas Mountains?  
A) Algeria                          B) Albania                          C) Andorra                          D) Antigua and Barbuda
- \_\_\_\_\_ 32) Which South American country's government arrested its opposition leaders in August 2017?  
A) Chile                              B) Uruguay                          C) Venezuela                      D) Argentina
- \_\_\_\_\_ 33) What is a strategic liability of the South Korean capital city, Seoul?  
A) There are no underground shelters in the city in case of attack  
B) Its distance hundreds of kilometers from a seaport would make resupply difficult  
C) It lies within artillery distance of the North Korean border  
D) South Korea's nuclear weapons are kept there, making them vulnerable to theft
- \_\_\_\_\_ 34) Which state is likeliest to lose a congressional district after the next round of Congressional reapportionment after the 2020 census?  
A) California                      B) Texas                              C) New York                      D) Vermont
- \_\_\_\_\_ 35) Which Middle Eastern country has the greatest proportion of Christians among its population?  
A) Israel                              B) Lebanon                          C) Syria                              D) Jordan

- \_\_\_\_\_ 36) Which state is home to the Fortune 500 companies of Target, 3M, and General Mills, as well as the Mayo Clinic in its southern city of Rochester?  
A) Rhode Island      B) Minnesota      C) Louisiana      D) New York
- \_\_\_\_\_ 37) The city of Bhopal in India is most famous for what?  
A) Being selected as India's new capital from 2020 in a 2017 referendum  
B) The site of the greatest penetration of Chinese forces in the Indo-Chinese wars of the 1960's  
C) Its annual festival celebrating the introduction of rice to India by British colonists in 1884  
D) A 1984 industrial disaster at a Union Carbide plant that killed thousands
- \_\_\_\_\_ 38) Which of these 4 countries has seen the most deaths from hippopotamus attacks since 1990?  
A) Tunisia      B) Djibouti      C) Uganda      D) Vatican City
- \_\_\_\_\_ 39) Which region of Spain has a predominantly oceanic climate with comparatively high rainfall?  
A) Galicia      B) Andalusia      C) Catalonia      D) Castile
- \_\_\_\_\_ 40) The location of nearby hydroelectric power sources helped lead to sites such as Oak Ridge and Hanford being chosen as locations for what?  
A) Apollo Program      B) Manhattan Project      C) Tesla factories      D) Resettling Syrian refugees
- \_\_\_\_\_ 41) Which country is located in the Greater Antilles?  
A) Cuba      B) Argentina      C) Honduras      D) Trinidad and Tobago
- \_\_\_\_\_ 42) A license plate saying "Famous Potatoes" on it might have been officially given out in which city?  
A) Pocatello      B) Pensacola      C) Peoria      D) Pittsburgh
- \_\_\_\_\_ 43) Which of these cities has the greatest mean annual hours of sunshine?  
A) Khartoum      B) Copenhagen      C) Vladivostok      D) Vancouver
- \_\_\_\_\_ 44) With your mule named Sal, you can travel 15 (or more) miles on which upstate New York canal?  
A) Huron      B) Erie      C) Superior      D) Michigan
- \_\_\_\_\_ 45) Which place appears most disproportionate to its actual size on a Mercator projection map?  
A) Africa      B) Panama      C) Alaska      D) Indonesia
- \_\_\_\_\_ 46) Which South American country is entirely in the Northern Hemisphere?  
A) Guyana      B) Peru      C) Ecuador      D) Uruguay
- \_\_\_\_\_ 47) Banff and Jasper National Parks in Canada are located in which province?  
A) Ontario      B) Nunavut      C) Alberta      D) Prince Edward Island
- \_\_\_\_\_ 48) Isobars in tightly packed concentric circles on a weather map could indicate what?  
A) A drought      B) A hurricane      C) Sunny skies      D) A large high pressure area
- \_\_\_\_\_ 49) Which Asian river does not begin in China?  
A) Mekong      B) Yangtze      C) Yellow      D) Ganges
- \_\_\_\_\_ 50) If as an AFS exchange student you lived on the Adriatic island of Hvar and listened to your host father's war stories from Operation Storm during fighting in 1995, you'd be studying where?  
A) Slovenia      B) Croatia      C) Poland      D) Russia