



# International Geography Bee

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

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

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Check here: \_\_\_\_\_ if you were born on or after July 1, 2002 (if so, you are a JV student for USGO & IGB)\*

\* = 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) Which part of the USA is at risk from tsunamis and earthquakes in the Cascadia Subduction Zone?  
A) Pacific Northwest      B) New England      C) Texas      D) Southeast
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Monocle Magazine ranked which capital city as having the world's highest quality of life in 2017?  
A) Damascus      B) Ulaanbataar      C) Dhaka      D) Tokyo
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3) This question was written on a flight to Ayers Rock which is also known as...  
A) Great Zimbabwe      B) Uluru      C) Matterhorn      D) Denali
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4) The equator and the International Date Line intersect in which ocean?  
A) Arctic      B) Atlantic      C) Indian      D) Pacific
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5) If you are afraid of the big, bad wolf, you should avoid which National Park, home to wolves?  
A) Hawaii Volcanoes      B) Everglades      C) Yellowstone      D) Acadia
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6) What are two separate historical names for Scotland?  
A) Erin & Hibernia      B) Alba & Caledonia      C) Gaul & Belgica      D) Galilee & Judaea
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7) Silicon Valley is a famous technology region located in and around Palo Alto in which state?  
A) Rhode Island      B) Georgia      C) Wyoming      D) California

- \_\_\_\_\_ 8) Theodore Roosevelt explored a river that was later renamed for him in which country?  
 A) Cambodia                      B) St. Kitts and Nevis    C) Brazil                              D) Sweden
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9) Which country has the smallest percentage of its territory covered by the Alps?  
 A) Austria                          B) Germany                      C) Switzerland                      D) France
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10) The Mistral and the Sirocco are types of \_\_\_\_\_ affecting \_\_\_\_\_?  
 A) Avalanches, the Himalayas                      B) Tornadoes, Great Plains  
 C) Winds, Europe                                      D) Meteor Strikes, Delaware
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11) US forces suffered a rare defeat to the Germans led by Rommel during the Battle of the Kasserine Pass, located in what is now which African country?  
 A) Tunisia                          B) Rwanda                          C) Republic of Congo                      D) Lesotho
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12) The *vaquita*, which may become the next marine mammal to go extinct after the demise of the *baiji*, lives in which arm of the Pacific Ocean?  
 A) Dead Sea                          B) Gulf of California    C) Red Sea                              D) Bay of Biscay
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13) Skiers at the 2018 Winter Olympics will ski / have skied down the slopes of which mountains?  
 A) Pocono                              B) Rwenzori                          C) Caucasus                              D) Taebaek
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14) Calypso music and the voodoo religion developed in which part of the world?  
 A) Middle East                          B) Polynesia                          C) Caribbean                              D) Siberia
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15) Most African Americans primarily trace their ancestry back to which region of Africa?  
 A) Atlas Mountains    B) Atlantic Coast                      C) Comoros                              D) Nile Delta
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16) The Yenisseian, Tungusic, and Chukotko-Kamchatkan languages are spoken in which region?  
 A) Asiatic Russia                          B) Rub al-Khali                          C) Newfoundland                          D) Florida Keys
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17) Which country's far-right political party known as the National Front and led by Marine Le Pen, failed to win its presidency in 2017?  
 A) Netherlands                          B) Italy                                      C) France                                      D) Germany
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18) Ethiopian Airlines is trying to make which city's airport a hub for intercontinental travel?  
 A) Freetown                              B) Kigali                                      C) Addis Ababa                              D) Mogadishu
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19) Shea Stadium and La Guardia Airport were built near what part of Queens, New York City?  
 A) Toilet Grove                          B) Plumbing Park                          C) Flushing Meadows                          D) Latrine Lake
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20) Ernest Hemingway's novel *For Whom the Bell Tolls* opens in the mountains near Segovia during a civil war in which country?  
 A) Russia                                      B) Switzerland                          C) Canada                                      D) Spain
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21) Which Canadian city has the fewest fans of the Toronto Maple Leafs hockey team?  
 A) Toronto                                      B) Mississauga                          C) Hamilton                                      D) Iqaluit
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22) Which state is not also the name of a river that flows through or past it?  
 A) Mississippi                          B) Tennessee                          C) Missouri                                      D) New Hampshire

- \_\_\_\_\_ 23) Which city's climate is most similar to that of Phoenix?  
A) Belgrade                      B) Baghdad                      C) Beirut                      D) Bujumbura
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24) Which country became the newest member of the NATO military alliance in 2017?  
A) Italy                      B) Ukraine                      C) Montenegro                      D) Poland
- \_\_\_\_\_ 25) If you were traveling from Wagga Wagga to Walla Walla you'd be traveling from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_?  
A) Tajikistan to Texas                      B) New South Wales to Washington State  
C) The Bahamas to Britain                      D) Austria to British Columbia
- \_\_\_\_\_ 26) The demise of the monarchy in which predominantly Hindu country was perhaps hastened when Crown Prince Dipendra gunned down his relatives in 2001?  
A) Maldives                      B) India                      C) Pakistan                      D) Nepal
- \_\_\_\_\_ 27) Which lake has a natural outlet to the Caribbean Sea through the Tablazo Strait?  
A) Okeechobee                      B) Maracaibo                      C) Huron                      D) Titicaca
- \_\_\_\_\_ 28) Christianity is the religion of the majority of the population in which country?  
A) Iraq                      B) Philippines                      C) Bangladesh                      D) Israel
- \_\_\_\_\_ 29) Woodrow Wilson, Thomas Edison, and Molly Pitcher are some of the namesakes for rest stops along which state's turnpike?  
A) Pennsylvania                      B) New Jersey                      C) Massachusetts                      D) Indiana
- \_\_\_\_\_ 30) If as an AFS exchange student, you studied the official Guarani language alongside Spanish, and were shocked to learn that ten of your host family's ancestors had been killed during your host country's defeat in the War of the Triple Alliance, then you'd be studying where?  
A) Mexico                      B) Paraguay                      C) Bolivia                      D) Suriname
- \_\_\_\_\_ 31) Which city is home to the greatest number of people who seek independence for Catalonia?  
A) Barcelona                      B) Madrid                      C) Bilbao                      D) Helsinki
- \_\_\_\_\_ 32) David Sedaris wrote the essay "Consider the Lobster" about a food festival in which state?  
A) Nebraska                      B) Utah                      C) Idaho                      D) Maine
- \_\_\_\_\_ 33) Continental crust is largely composed of \_\_\_\_\_ and oceanic crust is largely made of \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) granite, basalt                      B) gneiss, pumice                      C) iron, obsidian                      D) mud, old seashells
- \_\_\_\_\_ 34) The Susquehanna River basin forms part of the Chesapeake Bay \_\_\_\_\_?  
A) Aquifer                      B) Reservoir                      C) Watershed                      D) Bridge-Tunnel
- \_\_\_\_\_ 35) In which capital city would you most likely find temperatures of 15 below Celsius in January?  
A) Astana                      B) Manila                      C) Bangkok                      D) Riyadh
- \_\_\_\_\_ 36) If you were flying from New York to Denver and wished to spend the least amount of time in the air, you would opt for a stopover at which airport?  
A) Love Field                      B) O'Hare                      C) LAX                      D) Hartsfield

- \_\_\_\_\_ 37) According to a recent article on fivethirtyeight.com, the demographic profile of which city in 2017 will most resemble the demographic profile of the entire USA in 2060?  
A) Jackson, MS      B) Las Vegas, NV      C) Portland, ME      D) Milwaukee, WI
- \_\_\_\_\_ 38) Morocco and the Polisario Front continue to dispute the status of which polity?  
A) Western Sahara      B) Northern Gobi      C) Eastern Mojave      D) Southern Atacama
- \_\_\_\_\_ 39) Lakeshore Drive, the Field Museum, and the Willis Tower can all be visited in which city?  
A) Chicago      B) Boston      C) San Francisco      D) Houston
- \_\_\_\_\_ 40) Which state song has been played to celebrate gold medalists from the Volunteer State at the International History Olympiad?  
A) Old Folks at Home      B) Rocky Top      C) Maryland, My Maryland      D) I Love You, California
- \_\_\_\_\_ 41) In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, which country's political economy was described as a banana republic?  
A) Sweden      B) Japan      C) Guatemala      D) Argentina
- \_\_\_\_\_ 42) After Otto Warmbier's death, Americans have been discouraged from visiting what country?  
A) North Korea      B) Vietnam      C) Bhutan      D) San Marino
- \_\_\_\_\_ 43) What is the world's most populous subnational entity (i.e. state, province, etc.)?  
A) Texas      B) Bavaria      C) Uttar Pradesh      D) Tibet
- \_\_\_\_\_ 44) Which country has not experienced a famine in the past 60 years?  
A) Sudan      B) China      C) Somalia      D) Denmark
- \_\_\_\_\_ 45) Which biome is least prevalent in Canada?  
A) Tundra      B) Taiga      C) Deciduous Forests      D) Mangroves
- \_\_\_\_\_ 46) Of the following groups of people, the greatest percentage of which of them practices pastoralism in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?  
A) Finns      B) Maasai      C) Chechens      D) New Yorkers
- \_\_\_\_\_ 47) Which of these islands has the highest rates of endemism among its native fauna?  
A) Long Island      B) Ireland      C) Madagascar      D) Sicily
- \_\_\_\_\_ 48) Which city was renamed after a Vietnamese communist in the 20<sup>th</sup> century?  
A) Beijing      B) Hanoi      C) Saigon      D) Luang Prabang
- \_\_\_\_\_ 49) Henry Ford once supported an industrial town to make rubber in the middle of what?  
A) Patagonia      B) Galapagos Islands      C) Falkland Islands      D) Amazon Rainforest
- \_\_\_\_\_ 50) Which Canadian province exports hydroelectric power to New England states?  
A) Alberta      B) Saskatchewan      C) Quebec      D) Manitoba