



International Geography Bee

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

NAME: _____ GRADE: _____ (e.g. 6th, 7th, 8th, etc.)

SCHOOL / HOMESCHOOL AFFILIATION: _____

Check here: ___ if you're in 7th or 8th grade (if so, you're a MIDDLE SCHOOL division student for USGO & IGB)

Check here: ___ if you're in 6th grade or younger (if so, you're an ELEMENTARY division student for USGO & IGB, even if you attend a middle school)*

* = Students in 7th & 8th grade are eligible to compete in both JV and Middle School Divisions. Students in 6th grade and younger are eligible to compete in both the JV and Elementary Divisions. A qualifying score on this particular exam version, however, does not qualify students for JV Nationals. You must qualify for JV Nationals on the A, B, or C Set versions of the exam. If you are interested in competing in JV Nationals. Homeschooled students who are not officially in any grade are considered Elementary if born after October 1, 2005

Email to report score to: _____ (print neatly!)

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.

- _____ 1) A tourist could tour rooms Queen Elizabeth lives in at which royal residence in London?
A) Blarney Castle B) Buckingham Palace C) The Kremlin D) The Bastille
- _____ 2) Which continent lies entirely in the Southern Hemisphere?
A) Africa B) South America C) Australia D) Asia
- _____ 3) Harvesting which type of seafood is most economically important for the Chesapeake Bay region?
A) Cod B) Salmon C) Crabs D) Great White Sharks
- _____ 4) Which country's population is predominantly Buddhist?
A) Canada B) Russia C) Thailand D) Iran
- _____ 5) Languages from which language family are most widely spoken in Latin America?
A) Romance B) Slavic C) Germanic D) Sino-Tibetan
- _____ 6) This question was written while waiting for a bus near the coast of the North Sea in which country?
A) Finland B) Hungary C) Mexico D) Netherlands

- _____ 7) Which cardinal direction does not come before the name of any US state?
A) North B) South C) East D) West
- _____ 8) Which is a true statement about the population of Canada?
A) More people live in Canada than in its former colonial ruler, the United Kingdom
B) The largest cities by population in Canada are located in the Maritime Provinces
C) The majority of the population lives within 150 miles of the US border
D) Canada's population has been shrinking since it elected a communist Prime Minister in 2015
- _____ 9) If you wanted to step on the steppe, where could you go?
A) The Swiss Alps B) Kazakhstan C) Death Valley D) New Zealand's North Island
- _____ 10) Seasonal rains on the west coast of India are caused by changes in what winds?
A) Typhoons B) Monsoons C) Doldrums D) Blizzards
- _____ 11) Which person could say "I share my name with a country and a lake in Africa?"
A) Jordan B) Chad C) Dominica D) Molly
- _____ 12) Which two Caribbean islands are split between two countries?
A) Hispaniola & St. Martin B) Hispaniola & Trinidad
C) Jamaica & Grand Cayman D) Cuba & St. Vincent
- _____ 13) Global warming is leading to all of the following except what?
A) The retreat of glaciers in the Andes B) Rising sea levels in Florida
C) Hotter summers in the Middle East D) Less shipping going through the Arctic Ocean
- _____ 14) All of the universities in the Ivy League are found in which region of the USA?
A) Northeast B) Midwest C) Pacific Coast D) Southwest
- _____ 15) Which European country did not have extensive colonies in Africa in the late 19th century?
A) Liechtenstein B) Portugal C) France D) Italy
- _____ 16) The line separating the flow of rivers into ultimately the Gulf of Mexico or the Pacific Ocean is known by what term?
A) Terminal Moraine B) Aquifer Split C) Mason-Dixon Line D) Continental Divide
- _____ 17) Which place was never visited by the Vikings or Norsemen during the Middle Ages?
A) England B) Newfoundland C) Russia D) Madagascar
- _____ 18) Tango dancing originated in and is most commonly practiced in which city?
A) Buenos Aires B) Riyadh C) Pyongyang D) Cincinnati
- _____ 19) If you wanted to climb a mountain over 25,000 feet tall, where could you go?
A) Urals B) Himalayas C) Rockies D) Pyrenees
- _____ 20) Tuscany and Lombardy are regions in the North Central part of what country?
A) Moldova B) Serbia C) Italy D) Malta
- _____ 21) The fourth largest city by population in the USA can be found in which state?
A) Texas B) New York C) Ohio D) Idaho

- _____ 22) Which waterway was built across an isthmus?
A) Panama Canal B) Lake Mead C) Erie Canal D) St. Lawrence Seaway
- _____ 23) Which country was not said to be part of the “Axis of Evil” by George W. Bush?
A) Iran B) Botswana C) Iraq D) North Korea
- _____ 24) Which of these countries could best be described as a microstate?
A) San Marino B) Philippines C) Peru D) Algeria
- _____ 25) Arches, Zion, and Bryce Canyon are all scenic national parks in which US state?
A) Rhode Island B) Michigan C) Mississippi D) Utah
- _____ 26) Your question writer once helped with hurricane relief efforts in which state after Hurricane Katrina made landfall there in 2005?
A) Iowa B) Louisiana C) Maine D) Washington
- _____ 27) Which country belongs to ASEAN, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations?
A) Vietnam B) Pakistan C) Venezuela D) Slovakia
- _____ 28) Which animals terrorized the Nile Delta in Ancient Egypt, but are now extinct there?
A) Camels B) Crocodiles C) Tigers D) Panda bears
- _____ 29) An alternate name of the Gulf of California is named for which explorer?
A) Hernan Cortes B) Henry Hudson C) Vasco de Gama D) Marco Polo
- _____ 30) Which of these Asian cities had fewer than 100,000 residents in 1950?
A) Tokyo B) Shanghai C) Hong Kong D) Dubai
- _____ 31) Which of these was considered a border state during the Civil War?
A) Massachusetts B) Montana C) Kentucky D) Alabama
- _____ 32) Portions of the lithosphere that can create earthquakes when they collide are called what?
A) Continental cups B) Tectonic plates C) Alluvial dishes D) Sedimentary glasses
- _____ 33) Which country will host FIFA World Cup games in 2018 in cities like St. Petersburg and Rostov-on-Don?
A) Colombia B) Russia C) Argentina D) Belarus
- _____ 34) The “One-China” policy refers to the belief that China and which island constitute one country?
A) Honshu B) Taiwan C) Macau D) Manhattan
- _____ 35) Which African country is entirely surrounded by South Africa?
A) Lesotho B) Morocco C) Tunisia D) Central African Republic
- _____ 36) Which region is home to the most fjords?
A) Scandinavia B) Yucatan Peninsula C) New England D) The Outback
- _____ 37) Average annual snowfall is highest in which of these US cities?
A) Seattle B) San Diego C) Denver D) Little Rock
- _____ 38) The Prime Meridian also corresponds to what?
A) 0 degrees latitude B) 0 degrees longitude C) 180 degrees latitude D) 180 degrees longitude

- _____ 39) Which country fought the Kargil War with Pakistan over the disputed region of Kashmir?
A) Bahamas B) Belize C) Indonesia D) India
- _____ 40) Mexico City was built on top of which former capital of the Aztecs?
A) Machu Picchu B) Tenochtitlan C) Cuzco D) Minneapolis
- _____ 41) The flags of Laos and China share what color?
A) Red B) White C) Blue D) Yellow
- _____ 42) What city has roughly the same hours of daylight in January and July?
A) Guayaquil B) Tangiers C) Kunming D) Kolkata
- _____ 43) Which is not a cultural region of the Pacific Ocean?
A) Melanesia B) Polynesia C) Micronesia D) Amnesia
- _____ 44) The only place where 4 states come together is where the borders of Colorado, Arizona, Utah, & which fourth state meet?
A) Nevada B) Texas C) New Mexico D) California
- _____ 45) Which country became independent upon the demise of the Soviet Union?
A) Austria B) Azerbaijan C) Angola D) Andorra
- _____ 46) If as an AFS exchange student, you lived with a family in the 7th arrondissement on the left bank of the Seine River near the Musée d'Orsay, you would have the good fortune to be living where?
A) Monaco B) Paris C) Montreal D) Brussels
- _____ 47) South Africa is known for being particularly productive in which two commodities?
A) Oil & natural gas B) Gold & diamonds C) Rice & copper D) Pine logs & plutonium
- _____ 48) Lord Byron once swam between Asia and Europe in what is now what country?
A) Italy B) Greece C) Turkey D) Cyprus
- _____ 49) A commercial flight from New York to Tokyo might go over which body of water?
A) Hudson Bay B) Tasman Sea C) Lake Geneva D) Amazon River
- _____ 50) Which clothing company is named for a location in South America?
A) North Face B) Uniqlo C) Adidas D) Patagonia