



International Geography Bee

The United States Geography Olympiad & The International Geography Bee 2017-2018 National Qualifying Exam – E 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

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) Which state's nickname is the Lone Star State?
A) Texas B) New Jersey C) Utah D) Michigan
- _____ 2) Which country is the largest by area in South America?
A) Argentina B) Peru C) Brazil D) Ecuador
- _____ 3) The Spanish Steps aren't in Spain, but are a landmark in which city, near the Coliseum?
A) Paris B) London C) Rome D) Madrid
- _____ 4) Which country is most at risk from tsunamis?
A) Austria B) Japan C) Sweden D) Chad
- _____ 5) This question was written on a flight from Vienna to Doha, the capital of which Middle Eastern country?
A) Israel B) Iraq C) Nepal D) Qatar
- _____ 6) Starbucks, Microsoft, and Amazon are all headquartered in which US state?
A) Nevada B) Washington C) Louisiana D) Rhode Island

- _____ 7) What is the only one of the 7 Wonders of the Ancient World still standing?
A) Lighthouse of Alexandria B) Hanging Gardens of Babylon
C) Statue of Zeus at Olympia D) Great Pyramid of Giza
- _____ 8) French, Italian, and Spanish are all known as what type of language?
A) Slavic B) Germanic C) Finno-Ugric D) Romance
- _____ 9) Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island are collectively known as what?
A) Arctic Provinces B) Maritime Provinces C) Pacific Provinces D) Prairie Provinces
- _____ 10) Which country, with approximately 300,000 people just became the smallest ever by population to qualify for the FIFA World Cup of soccer?
A) Iran B) Iceland C) Poland D) Colombia
- _____ 11) Which river in Africa flows predominantly from South to North?
A) Niger B) Congo C) Nile D) Volta
- _____ 12) Which volcano lies on the Big Island of Hawaii?
A) Vesuvius B) Mauna Kea C) Mt. Rainier D) Popocatepetl
- _____ 13) Which of these countries is a permanent member of the UN Security Council?
A) Albania B) Greece C) France D) Denmark
- _____ 14) Which two countries collectively are home to about 1/3 of the world's population?
A) Japan and China B) China and India C) India and Vietnam D) China and South Korea
- _____ 15) The Andes Mountains run along the Western edge of which continent?
A) Africa B) Europe C) South America D) Australia
- _____ 16) Which of these is not an actual sea that borders parts of Asia?
A) Black Sea B) Pink Sea C) Yellow Sea D) Red Sea
- _____ 17) Which baseball team would have the longest trip home after finishing a series in Miami?
A) Atlanta Braves B) Chicago Cubs C) Houston Astros D) San Francisco Giants
- _____ 18) Which present-day country's territory was once part of the Roman Empire?
A) Portugal B) Angola C) Belize D) Burkina Faso
- _____ 19) Which of these small countries has a tropical climate?
A) San Marino B) Andorra C) Liechtenstein D) Singapore
- _____ 20) Which highway runs east to west across the USA from just west of New York City to California?
A) Interstate 95 B) Oregon Trail C) US Route 1 D) Interstate 80
- _____ 21) Which country has never hosted the Winter Olympics?
A) USA B) Canada C) Russia D) India
- _____ 22) The United Kingdom and Argentina once fought a war over control of what?
A) Bermuda B) Falkland Islands C) Suriname D) Missouri

- _____ 23) Which city is in the Mountain Time Zone?
A) Los Angeles B) Salt Lake City C) Baltimore D) Dallas
- _____ 24) If you wanted to take a river cruise on the Danube River, where might you first get on your ship?
A) Budapest B) Boston C) Beijing D) Brisbane
- _____ 25) Which is the only Great Lake that doesn't border Canada?
A) Huron B) Ontario C) Superior D) Michigan
- _____ 26) Which of these countries has a cross on its flag?
A) Japan B) Sweden C) Mexico D) China
- _____ 27) The landmass known as Pangaea was once a what?
A) A supercontinent B) An atoll C) An archipelago D) An extinct volcano
- _____ 28) Hunan, Szechuan, and Cantonese are three varieties of what?
A) French swimsuits B) Chinese cuisine C) Indian warships D) Italian leather goods
- _____ 29) Which country has recently been criticized for its ballistic missile and nuclear weapons tests?
A) Slovakia B) Barbados C) North Korea D) Tunisia
- _____ 30) South Africa borders all of the following countries except which one?
A) Namibia B) Lesotho C) Botswana D) Libya
- _____ 31) Jainism, Buddhism, and Hinduism all began in which country?
A) Israel B) India C) Iraq D) Iceland
- _____ 32) Which is the only island state of Australia?
A) Bali B) Sumatra C) Tasmania D) New Caledonia
- _____ 33) Which river does not begin in the Himalayas or the Himalayan Foothills?
A) Ganges B) Indus C) Brahmaputra D) Euphrates
- _____ 34) Which country is located in Central America?
A) Nicaragua B) Paraguay C) Cape Verde D) Tonga
- _____ 35) Which city is located in the Midwest USA?
A) Philadelphia B) Chicago C) San Diego D) Tampa
- _____ 36) Which body of water is an arm of the Pacific Ocean?
A) Gulf of California B) Gulf of Mexico C) Caribbean Sea D) Hudson Bay
- _____ 37) Which two states contain portions known as Panhandles?
A) Vermont & Iowa B) Illinois & Kansas C) Texas & Florida D) Oregon & Montana
- _____ 38) Snowfall is most common in January in which of the following world cities?
A) Madrid B) Melbourne C) Moscow D) Mexico City
- _____ 39) Which of these African countries is landlocked?
A) Algeria B) Mali C) Kenya D) Egypt

- _____ 40) Which of these states voted for the Democratic candidate in the last two US presidential elections?
A) Texas B) Ohio C) California D) Nebraska
- _____ 41) The region of Catalonia has recently tried to break away from which European country?
A) Russia B) Hungary C) Spain D) Ireland
- _____ 42) Some boundaries along mountain ridges that determine river drainage basins are called?
A) Isthmuses B) Tectonic Plates C) Coral Reefs D) Continental Divides
- _____ 43) The largest country by land area that has existed over the past 100 years was what former one?
A) Yugoslavia B) Czechoslovakia C) Soviet Union D) Austria-Hungary
- _____ 44) Which country is home to a flightless bird and a native fruit, both of which are called kiwis?
A) Canada B) New Zealand C) United Kingdom D) Germany
- _____ 45) What US state is home to the only major coffee growing region in the USA?
A) Alaska B) Minnesota C) New Mexico D) Hawaii
- _____ 46) Which defensive alliance does the USA belong to, along with other countries like Canada & France?
A) ASEAN B) OPEC C) NATO D) Warsaw Pact
- _____ 47) Which continent is the second largest in both area and population?
A) Asia B) Europe C) Africa D) Antarctica
- _____ 48) If as an AFS exchange student, you toured a watchmaking factory in Schaffhausen and visited your host father at his bank at UBS in the canton of Valais near the Matterhorn, you'd be studying where?
A) Honduras B) Switzerland C) Mongolia D) Yemen
- _____ 49) Which state is currently home to no cities that are served by Amtrak?
A) New York B) Illinois C) Maryland D) Wyoming
- _____ 50) The study and practice of mapmaking is known by what term?
A) Cartography B) Glaciation C) Calligraphy D) Mercatorization