



International Geography Bee

The United States Geography Olympiad & The International Geography Bee 2018-2019 National Qualifying Exam – B Set Version

NAME: _____ GRADE: _____ (e.g. 8th, 9th, 10th, etc.)

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* = Students in 6th- 8th grades are eligible to compete in both JV and Middle School Divisions. Students in 5th grade and younger are eligible to compete in both the JV and Elementary School Divisions. If you are in 8th grade or younger and you qualify for JV Nationals off this Exam, then you are also eligible to compete at Middle School or Elementary School 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 country is not completely south of the Tropic of Capricorn?
A) Uruguay B) Lesotho C) New Zealand D) Australia
- _____ 2) As of December 2018, President Trump's support is on average highest in which of these places?
A) College Towns B) Cities of 100,000+ people C) Rural Areas D) New England states
- _____ 3) What Brazilian city hosted the 2016 Summer Olympics and is famous for its Carnival celebrations?
A) New Orleans B) Rio de Janeiro C) Sydney D) Port of Spain
- _____ 4) Which of these terms refers to a warm wind which is commonly found in the Northwest USA?
A) El Niño B) Gulf Stream C) Chinook D) Greenhouse Effect
- _____ 5) Which two cities are stops along Amtrak's *Wolverine* train service?
A) Newark & Trenton B) Ann Arbor & Kalamazoo C) Albany & Buffalo D) Cleveland & Dayton
- _____ 6) Which is the third largest continent by land area?
A) Asia B) Europe C) North America D) Australia
- _____ 7) If you got an invitation to George Clooney's swanky villa in Italy, what lake would you head to?
A) Lake Zürich B) Lake Huron C) Lake Como D) Loch Ness

- _____ 8) A backpacking trip around Africa would not potentially visit what region?
 A) The Serengeti B) The Sahel C) The Maghreb D) The Baltic States
- _____ 9) Which of these countries is a member of the NATO military alliance?
 A) Belarus B) Slovenia C) Bolivia D) Pakistan
- _____ 10) Which body of water does not touch the US state that it shares its name with?
 A) Straits of Florida B) Mississippi River C) Gulf of California D) Lake Michigan
- _____ 11) Where is the US presidential retreat known as Camp David found?
 A) On a bayou in Louisiana B) South Texas C) Rocky Mountains D) Northern Maryland
- _____ 12) Which of these countries is not a major exporter of timber?
 A) Russia B) Canada C) Indonesia D) Libya
- _____ 13) Which country's flag is also found on the flags of Tuvalu and Fiji?
 A) United Kingdom B) United States C) Russia D) North Korea
- _____ 14) Thhhiss quessttion wasss writttten durrrring heavvvvy turbullence onn a flighhhtt nearrrr Nova Scotia, one of the....?
 A) Prairie Provinces B) Maritime Provinces
 C) Territories of Canada D) Thousand Islands
- _____ 15) Which "stan" country was never once part of the Soviet Union?
 A) Turkmenistan B) Kazakhstan C) Uzbekistan D) Pakistan
- _____ 16) The Western Wall and the Dome of the Rock Mosque are important religious sites in what city?
 A) Mecca B) Jerusalem C) Damascus D) Istanbul
- _____ 17) You might die of dysentery in the *Oregon Trail* computer game as you journey through what state?
 A) Nebraska B) Arizona C) Alabama D) Connecticut
- _____ 18) Which of these African countries is one of the world's ten least densely populated?
 A) Namibia B) Nigeria C) Ghana D) Egypt
- _____ 19) Excluding Alaska and Hawaii, how many time zones are there in the Lower 48 US States?
 A) Two B) Three C) Four D) Eight
- _____ 20) If as an AFS exchange student you spent time in the country where you were studying swimming in both the Caribbean Sea and Pacific Ocean, then you might be studying where?
 A) Costa Rica B) Belize C) El Salvador D) Venezuela
- _____ 21) Which city in Scotland is home to a famous golf course, and is where Prince William studied?
 A) Cambridge B) Cardiff C) Glasgow D) St. Andrew's
- _____ 22) Which animal did your question writer spot while skiing in Vermont in November 2018?
 A) Grizzly Bear B) Snowshoe Hare C) Capybara D) Greater Roadrunner

- _____ 23) Which is not an official language of one of the Benelux countries?
A) Dutch B) French C) Letzeburgisch D) Romanian
- _____ 24) Which part of Manhattan has a namesake film festival and lies at the southern tip of the island?
A) Harlem B) Central Park C) TriBeCa D) Garment District
- _____ 25) Which of these four bodies of water has the highest average salinity?
A) Lake Okeechobee B) Dead Sea C) Amazon River D) Chesapeake Bay
- _____ 26) Which of these four biomes has the highest biodiversity?
A) Rain forests B) Cold deserts C) Taiga D) Great Plains
- _____ 27) Lake Vostok is...?
A) The largest in Siberia B) Home to 2000+ migratory bird species
C) Found under the Antarctic ice cap D) The lake on which Moscow & Kiev both lie
- _____ 28) Which state of Mexico does not border the United States of America?
A) Tamaulipas B) Chihuahua C) Sonora D) Yucatán
- _____ 29) Which mountains provide the primary divide between waters flowing to the Atlantic Ocean or the Gulf of Mexico?
A) Appalachians B) Ozarks C) Rockies D) Sierra Nevada
- _____ 30) Which poorest country on the Arabian Peninsula is currently the site of a protracted civil war?
A) Syria B) Yemen C) Oman D) UAE
- _____ 31) A “Cheesehead” driving to Lambeau Field with a license plate saying “America’s Dairyland” would be supporting a football team in which state?
A) Minnesota B) Indiana C) Iowa D) Wisconsin
- _____ 32) Which of these cities is part of the Pearl River Delta megalopolis in Southern China?
A) Guangzhou B) Harbin C) Beijing D) Taipei
- _____ 33) In the movie, *Dumb and Dumber*, Jim Carrey’s character stupidly tries to flirt with an Austrian woman by saying “Put another shrimp on the Barbie!” What should he have said instead?
A) I hear Prague is lovely this time of year! B) I’d like to visit your homeland in the Pyrenees!
C) You probably think I’m being a Buda-pest! D) Are you from Styria, Tyrol, or Carinthia?
- _____ 34) Caves and karst topography are often found near deposits of what type of rock?
A) Conglomerate B) Granite C) Basalt D) Limestone
- _____ 35) Feta cheese, souvlaki (meat on skewers), and dolmades (stuffed grape leaves) are all part of the cuisine of which country?
A) Norway B) Japan C) Brazil D) Greece
- _____ 36) Which Canadian city has the warmest average low temperature in January?
A) Calgary B) Vancouver C) Montreal D) Winnipeg
- _____ 37) A course on Balkan History would discuss which of these countries the most?
A) Bulgaria B) Belgium C) Belarus D) Burundi

- _____ 38) Which of these African countries has seen the fewest deaths from Ebola in the last 50 years?
A) Uganda B) Guinea C) Liberia D) Tunisia
- _____ 39) Which of these landmarks could you encounter on a tour of Northern India?
A) Angkor Wat B) Taj Mahal C) Piccadilly Circus D) Brandenburg Gate
- _____ 40) Which archipelago is connected to the US mainland by a road called the Overseas Highway?
A) Aleutians B) Hawaii C) Bahamas D) Florida Keys
- _____ 41) In what mountain range was the Incan Empire centered?
A) Rockies B) Himalayas C) Andes D) Appalachians
- _____ 42) Where on earth can one find the spot with coordinates 0 degrees latitude, 0 degrees longitude?
A) In the Mediterranean Sea B) In the Atlantic Ocean off West Africa
C) In the Pacific Ocean, south of Hawaii D) The North Pole
- _____ 43) A yellow fever inoculation is most recommended before travel to what country?
A) Chile B) Cameroon C) Moldova D) St. Kitts and Nevis
- _____ 44) Which country is not considered to be both in Europe and Asia?
A) Turkey B) Russia C) Kazakhstan D) Iran
- _____ 45) Which of these four cities has many 1950's era Chevrolet cars still running due in part to the lack of an ability to purchase new cars or spare parts from the USA due to an embargo?
A) Havana B) Ottawa C) Pretoria D) Cairo
- _____ 46) What is the only river in the world on which four national capital cities are located?
A) Rhine B) Danube C) Mekong D) Nile
- _____ 47) In 2018, a missionary was killed trying to contact a primitive tribe on which island?
A) North Sentinel Island B) Spitsbergen C) Bonaire D) Tinian
- _____ 48) Which of these states of India is located in the far eastern part of India?
A) Nagaland B) Tamil Nadu C) Gujarat D) Kerala
- _____ 49) Which river of Asiatic Russia does not flow into the Arctic Ocean?
A) Ob B) Yenisei C) Amur D) Lena
- _____ 50) Which geographic feature appeared most recently in the earth's history?
A) Delaware River B) Adirondack Mountains
C) Great Lakes D) The supercontinent of Gondwanaland