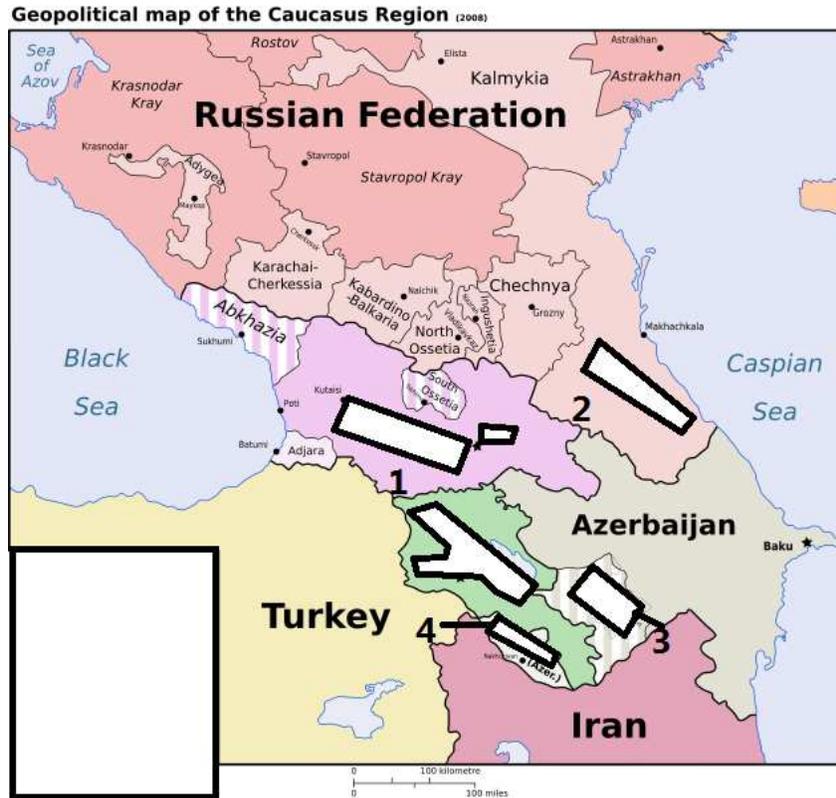


# 2013 UNITED STATES GEOGRAPHY OLYMPIAD – SHORT ANSWER EXAM

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Using the above map of the Caucasus region, name the four numbered countries or territories, or subnational entities. Names of countries or territories have been redacted.

1) (i.e. the country in which the Number "1" on the map is inside the borders of)

\_\_\_\_\_

2) (ie. the subnational entity) \_\_\_\_\_

3) (ie. the shaded region whose name is hidden) \_\_\_\_\_

4) (ie the exclave of Azerbaijan) \_\_\_\_\_

5) What city in this region is hosting the 2014 Winter Olympics? \_\_\_\_\_



6) Shown is the famous 1980 eruption of what American volcano?

\_\_\_\_\_

7) In what mountain range is this volcano located?

\_\_\_\_\_

8) Much of the damage was caused by volcanically-created mudflows known as

\_\_\_\_\_.

9) What type of volcano was it? \_\_\_\_\_

10) What is the name of the region of the world most susceptible to volcanic activity,

that also includes Mt. Pinatubo and Chimborazo? \_\_\_\_\_.



11) Shown is a factory in \_\_\_\_\_, a Chinese city directly bordering on Hong Kong. It has been the site of rapidly-growing foreign investment in the last decade.

12) The Chinese government has designated areas such as the one shown above as \_\_\_\_\_, designed to spur industrial development with more free-market oriented economic policies.

13) Hong Kong, South Korea, Singapore, and Taiwan are collectively known as the \_\_\_\_\_ for their quick economic advancement.

14) The above city is located in \_\_\_\_\_ province near the Pearl River Delta.

15) Also in the Pearl River Delta is Macau, a former colony of \_\_\_\_\_ that is now a special administrative region of China.

- A) Constitutional monarchy with parliamentary democracy
- B) Colloquially known as "Europe's last dictatorship" led by Alexander Lukashenko
- C) Directorial federal republic (with elements of direct democracy)
- D) Absolute elective theocracy

Given the European country, match it with the above style of government. Some answer(s) may be used twice. (Just write the letter that appears next to the answer)

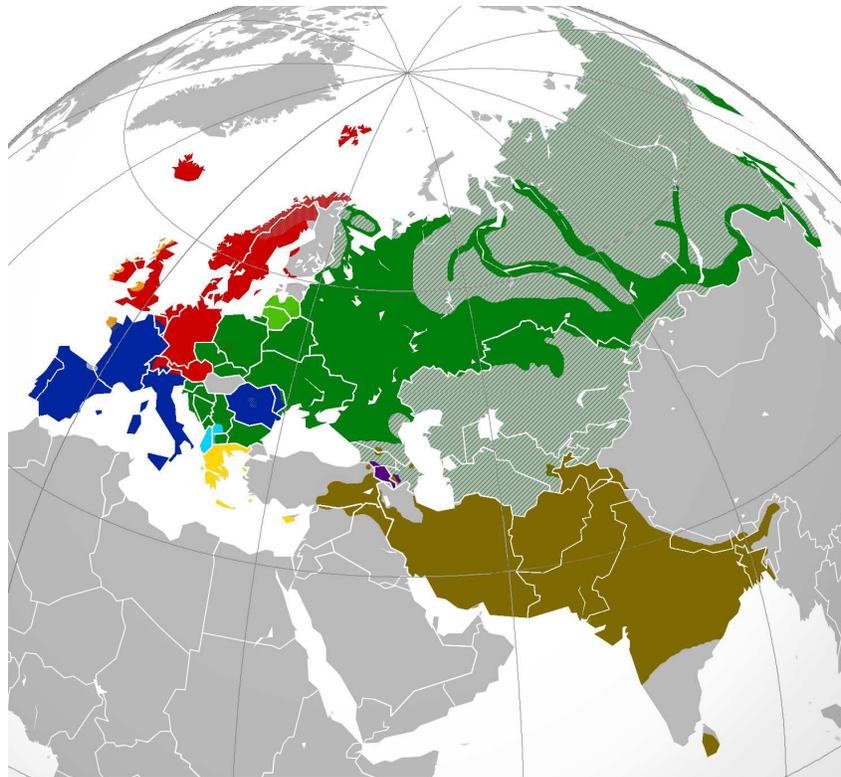
16) Vatican City: \_\_\_\_\_

17) Sweden: \_\_\_\_\_

18) Switzerland: \_\_\_\_\_

19) The United Kingdom: \_\_\_\_\_

20) Belarus: \_\_\_\_\_



21) The map shown details the approximate current distribution in Eurasia of languages from the \_\_\_\_\_ language family.

22) Name the primary language spoken in Southeastern Turkey that is from this family. \_\_\_\_\_

23) Name the language isolate native to Northern Spain and Southwestern France that is NOT from this family. \_\_\_\_\_

24) Which language, spoken in Sri Lanka, is the southernmost language depicted on the map? We need the specific language, not its subfamily (which is actually what is shown).

\_\_\_\_\_

25) Which extinct branch of this language family was spoken in Western China, and is attested by manuscripts from the 6th-8th centuries CE? \_\_\_\_\_

- Congo River
- Limpopo River
- Okavango River
- Orange River
- Zambezi River

Answer the following questions with one or more of the above Southern African rivers. Rivers may be used twice.

26) Which of the above flow into the Atlantic Ocean? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

27) Which of the above do not flow into an ocean? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

28) The \_\_\_\_\_ runs along the border between  
Namibia and South Africa

29) \_\_\_\_\_ has the largest drainage basin in Africa

30) Which of the above flow through or along the border of Mozambique?

\_\_\_\_\_



31) Pictured is Transmilenio, a form of what three-word form of transit that emphasizes dedicated lanes, high-quality stations, and system branding. \_\_\_\_\_

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32) Transmilenio is located in Bogotá, South America's 2<sup>nd</sup> largest city after \_\_\_\_\_.

33) Transmilenio was inspired by the first system of its type, built in Curitiba, the eighth-largest city in \_\_\_\_\_, a country that also includes Bahia and a city planned by Oscar Niemeyer and Lucio Costa.

34) Colombia's border with Panama includes the nearly-impassable landform known as the (two word name) \_\_\_\_\_. Hint: a city that shares its name with one of these words was the namesake of a Scottish colonization scheme.

35) Bogotá is in the drainage basin of the \_\_\_\_\_ River, named for a Biblical woman. It is the principal river of Colombia.



36) Shown are Frances McDormand and Matt Damon in the 2012 film *Promised Land*.

The film centered around the controversy over what geological extraction technique, which uses high pressured water to extract hydrocarbons from rocks?

\_\_\_\_\_

37) That technique is used in conjunction with what sedimentary rock, found throughout much of the northern USA? \_\_\_\_\_

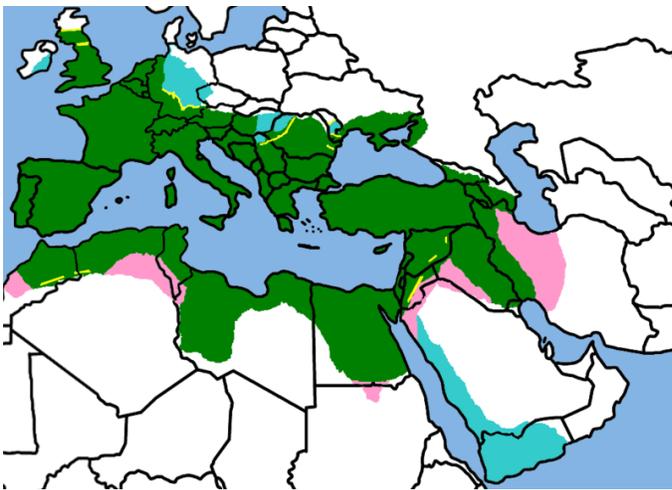
38 and 39) The Williston Basin is the site of the \_\_\_\_\_ Formation, whose exploitation has led to the state of \_\_\_\_\_ having the lowest unemployment rate in the USA as of April 2013?

40) What other area of marine sedimentary rock, centered in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia contains large natural gas deposits, and is named for a small town in upstate New York? \_\_\_\_\_



41) The image shown depicts tanks fighting in what largest tank battle in history, named for a city in southern Russia? \_\_\_\_\_

42) The above battle was fought after the USSR had defeated the Germans in a different massive 1942 battle on the banks of what longest river in Europe? \_\_\_\_\_



43) The green area on this map corresponds to the lands controlled by what empire at its height? \_\_\_\_\_

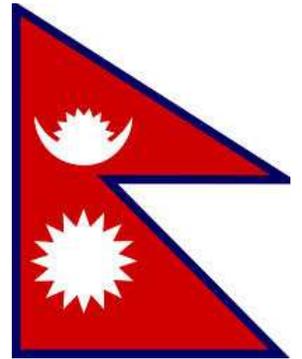
44) What was that empire's name for its province that corresponds to modern-day Portugal, also the name of a famous ship? \_\_\_\_\_

45) Cilicia and Galatia were divisions of that empire that encompassed territory now in what modern-day country? \_\_\_\_\_

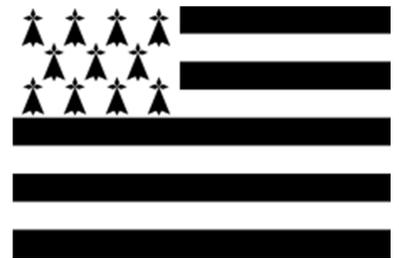
You didn't expect to get through this exam without identifying some flags, did you?

Identify the following five flags:

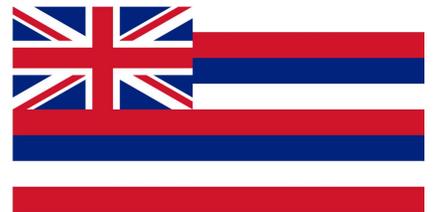
46) Even though this exam is printed in black and white, that shouldn't be a problem for you to identify this nation's flag shown here - the only national flag that is not a quadrilateral.



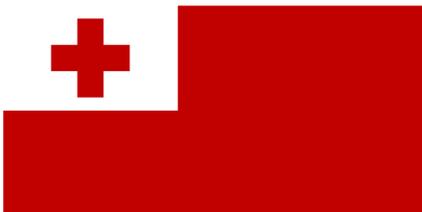
47) This flag IS as shown, since it's the black and white flag of what region in France home to a Celtic language speaking population? \_\_\_\_\_



48) Which US state flag, shown here, (its colors are red, white, and blue) is the only current US state flag to contain the Union Jack? \_\_\_\_\_



49) The flag of what organization is shown here?  
\_\_\_\_\_



50) What national flag is shown here? In actuality, its only two colors are white and red. \_\_\_\_\_

**The following questions are tiebreakers. Please answer all questions.**

- 1) The Workers' Youth League of \_\_\_\_\_ still owns the now-infamous Utøya Island.
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_'s Line along with Lydekker's line, serve as boundaries between the distinct fauna of Asia and Australia.
- 3) Hills shaped like inverted spoons known as \_\_\_\_\_ are left behind after glacial recession.
- 4) The Chari River provides 90% of the water to \_\_\_\_\_, an endorheic African lake.
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_ is a Scottish term used to refer to coastal waters such as Solway and Tay in the British Isles.
- 6) Abyei is a disputed territory on the northern edge of the nation of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7) The Southern Hemisphere city of Fremantle, at the mouth of the Swan River, is the main port for the nearby larger city of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8) In his once influential paper "The Geographical Pivot of History," \_\_\_\_\_ put forth the Heartland Theory, the idea that control of Russia and central Asia was significant in world dominance.

9) The harsh 2009-2010 winter in Europe was in part caused by an El Nino and in part by the \_\_\_\_\_, a phenomenon created by changes in the differences of atmospheric pressure and locations of the Icelandic highs and Azores lows.

10) Summerside is the largest city on the western half of \_\_\_\_\_.  
It is located about 15 miles from the Confederation Bridge.

11) Outside of Virginia, the only true independent cities in the lower 48 United States (cities that are not a part of any county or parish) are Carson City, Nevada, St. Louis, Missouri, and \_\_\_\_\_, built at the mouth of the Patapsco River.

12) The city of Port of Spain lies on the \_\_\_\_\_, the gulf separating its island from the mainland.

13) The extinction of non-avian dinosaurs is often posited to be created in the same event as the \_\_\_\_\_ Crater, located on the Yucatan Peninsula.

14) Controversy still exists over Los Angeles' 1913 diversion of water away from \_\_\_\_\_, turning it into a mostly-dry salt flat.

15) The \_\_\_\_\_ mountains form the southern border of the Tarim Basin and the northern edge of the Tibetan plateau

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