

ROUND 4

2015 U.S. Geography Olympiad Varsity / JV Nationals – Quiz Bowl Tournament Round 4

1. Mayor Norris Poulson's endorsement of building this place led to the eviction of the Arechiga family. In 2011, Bryan Stow was severely beaten in the parking lot of this place. Attempts to build this place to placate businessman Walter O'Malley, who was relocating from New York City, resulted in the contentious Battle of Chavez Ravine. It was sold by Frank McCourt in 2012. For the point, name this stadium where the National League baseball team in Los Angeles plays.

ANSWER: **Dodger** Stadium [accept **Chavez Ravine** until mentioned] <MC> {II}

2. Wilhelm Filchner's failed attempt to reach this place proved that "Morrell's Land" did not exist. The "Dash Patrol" failed to reach this place under Nobu Shirase before returning to the *Kainan Maru* in the Bay of Whales. After criticizing the "false start" of another explorer, Hjalmar Johansen was sent to explore King Edward VII Land rather than join the expedition that became the first to reach this place on December 14, 1911. For the point, what geographic extremity was reached by Robert Scott thirty-four days after Roald Amundsen?

ANSWER: **South Pole** [prompt on **Antarctica** until the word "place" in the second line] <DW> {II}

3. In 2009, one of these animals named "Macho B" was killed in Arizona, where it was thought to be extirpated. This predator's diet includes turtles, which it can kill using the strongest bite force of any living mammal. Unlike its relatives, this animal usually kills by piercing the brain of its prey with its teeth instead of crushing the neck. Like some of its close relatives, this New World animal is covered in rosettes. It was sacred to Tezcatlipoca and its skin, like the eagle's, was worn by accomplished Aztec warriors. For the point, name this spotted big cat native to the Americas.

ANSWER: **jaguar** [or **Panthera onca**] <BA> {II}

4. This city's Ben Ezra synagogue was home to an important repository of ancient documents. A common tourist trap in this city is the Khan-el-Kahlili bazaar. Expensive restaurants and the Opera House can be found on this city's affluent Zamalek Island. Heavy police and military presence have mostly replaced protestors in this city under Abdel Fattah al-Sisi of the Muslim Brotherhood. For the point, name this second most populous city in Africa, the capital of Egypt.

ANSWER: **Cairo**, Egypt <BA> {II}

5. The McClelland Royal Commission examined the aftereffects of these events at Maralinga. After the Algerian War of Independence, the French held onto Mers el-Kebir due to its being used for this purpose, though the one codenamed Canopus occurred in Polynesia. One of them conducted by the Chinese government codenamed 569 occurred in Lop Nur. One of these events occurred near the McDonald Ranch House, which was used to assemble the “gadget”. For the point, name these events that occurred at sites like the White Sands Missile Range, where a device called Trinity was detonated.

ANSWER: thermonnuclear weapons tests {II}

6. Transport on this river is essential for communication with regions inaccessible by road near its cuvette depression. A series of cataracts renders this river unnavigable between the seaport of Matadi and a pool divided into navigable channels by Bamu Island. This river’s chief tributary is the Lualaba River, and it becomes navigable after it flows over Boyoma Falls, formerly called Stanley Falls. For the point, name this African river that flows through a namesake Democratic Republic.

ANSWER: Congo River [or Zaire River] <SH> {II}

7. This area forms the westernmost point of the "Lithium Triangle." In this area, plant communities known as lomas are nourished by a seasonal fog known as camanchaca. This desert contains a 390-foot-tall geoglyph known as its namesake "Giant." The burgeoning astrotourism industry in this desert was boosted by the 2013 opening of the ALMA observatory. Its similarity to the landscape of extraterrestrial bodies led to one place in this desert being named the Valley of the Moon. For the point, name this driest inhabited desert in the world, located on the coast of Chile.

ANSWER: Atacama Desert [prompt on Chile until "desert" is read; prompt on Antofagasta Province until "desert" is read; prompt on El Loa Province until "desert" is read; prompt on Tocopilla Province until "desert" is read] <DW> {II}

8. Eight years before Neanderthal skulls were discovered in Germany, they were discovered at this landmark's Forbes's Quarry. This landform's Gorham's Cave complex may have been the last holdout of Neanderthal habitation. Its Barbary macaques are the only wild monkeys in Europe and this landmark is the only conclusively identified Pillar of Hercules. For the point, what limestone monolith towers over, and gives its name to, a British territory on the southern part of the Iberian Peninsula?

ANSWER: Rock of Gibraltar <DW> {II}

9. Lewis Noble identified the Virgin Spring, Calico, and Jubilee phases as three parts of a complex fault system in this area known as the Amargosa Chaos. Cotton ball ore was transported by "twenty-mule teams" out of this area's Harmony Borax Works. "Sailing stones" are propelled by thin ice sheets along its Racetrack Playa. For the point, in 2013, the Furnace Creek Visitor Center at which U.S. National Park measured a temperature of 130 degrees Fahrenheit?

ANSWER: **Death Valley** [or **Death Valley** National Park] <DW> {II}

10. A pair of lakes on each side of this city's medieval walls were formed by ponding the Alster River. A copper sculpture in front of its largest Lutheran church depicts an archangel defeating the Devil. This city is where the Beatles sang the translated song "Sie liebt dich" (**pr. zee leebt dich – ch roughly as in "loch"**). Together with Bremen and Berlin, this is one of three cities that are also Federal states of Germany. For the point, what Free and Hanseatic City on the Elbe River is the second-largest by population in Germany?

ANSWER: **Hamburg**, Germany [or Free and Hanseatic City of **Hamburg**] <CW> {II}

11. This country is home to a landfill known as "Smokey Mountain," and in 2000 it was the site of a garbage landslide at the Payatas Landfill, which a shanty town was built on top of. The tinikling is danced in this country, where a delicacy consisting of a half-developed duck embryo called balut is eaten. The ruler Lapu-Lapu killed Ferdinand Magellan in this modern-day country whose ethnicities include the Visayan and Tagalog. For the point, name this Asian archipelago nation named for a former Spanish monarch.

ANSWER: Republic of the **Philippines** [or Republika ng **Pilipinas**] <CKM> {II}

12. This range is home to the smaller of two Forest Preserves in its state, centered on its highest peak, Slide Mountain. A peak in this mountain range's northern Blackhead region is named for an artist who painted its North-South Lake, as well as the post-thunderstorm landscape *The Oxbow*. Resorts in this area, such as the Friar Tuck Inn and Grossinger's, were once popular summer destinations for Jewish comedians and vacationers. For the point, what mountain range was home to the Borscht Belt and Thomas Cole's Hudson River School in upstate New York?

ANSWER: **Catskill** Mountains <CW> {II}

13. *This non-Italian city venerates the obscure Italian Saint John Bosco, who allegedly had a vision of its founding.* Ten foot tall statues of the Evangelists are outside this city's cathedral, which features spires shaped like boomerangs. The Kubitschek Bridge leads to this city's Monumental Axis. A dome, a tower, and an upsidedown dome make up this city's National Congress Building, designed by Oscar Niemeyer, which opened in 1960. For the point, name this planned capital city of Brazil.

ANSWER: **Brasilia**, Brazil <BA> {II}

14. The shape of this mountain's summit led the Romans to name it after the pine cone, *Strobilus*. The Kiukurtliu Route is the harder of its two approaches, as it lacks a cable car system, and its name is, like a range in northern Iran, derived from a legendary peak in the *Avesta*. This dormant volcano is occasionally replaced by Mont Blanc in lists of the Seven Summits, depending on the continental classification of the Caucasus. For the point, name this tallest peak in Europe.

ANSWER: Mount **Elbrus** [or **Minitaw** or **Ialbuzi**] <BA> {II}

15. An alley in downtown San Luis Obispo, California is completely covered in this substance. Modern production of this substance began when Thomas Adams received a gift from Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna. A baseball stadium named for a brand of this substance has an outfield wall covered in ivy. An early form of this substance was produced by the Aztecs from natural latex called *chicle* (**pr. Chee-clay**) Since this substance tampered with subway door sensors, it was notably banned in Singapore. For the point, name this substance that is sold by companies such as Wrigley.

ANSWER: chewing **gum** <KG> {II}

16. A series of burial mounds from the Dilmun culture are located near the town of A'ali in this country. This country contains the nearby Muharraq and Hawar Islands. This country's capital was the site of a 2011 uprising at its Pearl Roundabout known as Bloody Thursday. This country is linked to Saudi Arabia via the massive King Fahd Causeway. For the point, name this Middle Eastern country situated on an island in the Persian Gulf, which has its capital at Manama.

ANSWER: Kingdom of **Bahrain** <CKM> {II}

17. A breed of this animal called the Karakul was brought to Namibia by German immigrants because of its hardiness. Dickens' character Abel Magwitch raises these animals, a plot point indicative of their primacy in the economy of Australia. A tributary of the Yellowstone River is named for an endangered breed of this animal that is known for jumping ability and named for its big horns. For the point, name this kind of animal that famously outnumbers people in New Zealand.

ANSWER: **sheep** <EA> {II}

18. The national cemetery in this city includes the Victims of Acts of Terror Memorial and the Garden of the Missing Soldiers. A university in this city has campuses in its Ein Kerem neighborhood and on its Mount Scopus. An ancient tunnel beneath this city connects its Pool of Siloam and Gihon Spring, and its Via Dolorosa ends at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. This city's eastern section, which includes its Old City, was captured during the Six Day War. For the point, name this site of the Dome of the Rock and the Western Wall.

ANSWER: **Jerusalem** [or **Yerushalayim** or al-**Quds**] <SH> {II}

19. This state's most popular basketball team now plays at the two year old Pinnacle Bank Arena. Since 1969, the AAA affiliate of the Kansas City Royals has played in this state, which also hosts the College World Series, an annual baseball tournament. One of the newest members of the Big East are the Bluejays of this state's oldest Jesuit college, Creighton University. This state's most popular football team won college championships in 1994, 1995, and 1997 under Tom Osborne and recently moved to the Big Ten. For the point, which state's city of Lincoln is home to the Cornhuskers?

ANSWER: **Nebraska** <BA> {II}

20. An aquatic salamander known as the *olm* lives primarily in this country. The Lipizzan, a horse used by Vienna's Spanish Riding School, takes its name from a village in this country. A 400-year-old grapevine can be found in its second-most populous city, Maribor. A plateau in this country lends its name to Karst topography. This country's highest point, Mount Triglav, is named for its three distinct summits. A narrow strip of Italian territory that juts into this country contains the port of Trieste. For the point, name this country ruled from Ljubljana, the northernmost of the former Yugoslav countries.

ANSWER: Republic of **Slovenia** [or Republika **Slovenija**] <KG> {II}

21. This region was formerly inhabited by the Tauri people before being settled by the Greeks. The native people of this region were forcibly relocated to Central Asia by Stalin due to alleged Nazi collaboration. The Black Death spread to Europe from this region's port of Caffa, which was then owned by Genoa. A 19th century war in this region featured the siege of Sevastopol and the Charge of the Light Brigade. For the point, which peninsula in the Black Sea was recently taken over by Russia?

ANSWER: **Crimean** Peninsula <TR> {II}

22. In this country, thousands of people were killed in a landslide known as the Vargas tragedy. In 2010, this country's government instituted blackouts in response to droughts that decreased the production from the Guri Dam. Catatumbo lightning occurs near the largest lake in this country; that lake directly empties into an arm of the Caribbean Sea. This country's economy is heavily reliant on oil found in the Orinoco Belt. For the point, what country contains Lake Maracaibo and Angel Falls?

ANSWER: Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela <JL> {II}

23. The guerilla art group “Beware of Color” has thrown pink paint on many buildings in this city, including its Art Deco Shakespeare House. Its Ponte City Tower, the tallest apartment building on its continent, contains an unusual hollow core and is located in the Hillbrow neighborhood. This city now includes the mural-covered twin cooling stacks of the Orlando Towers as well as Alexandra, the site of many xenophobic attacks in 2008 against Zimbabweans. Located atop the Witwatersrand, for the point identify this largest city by population of South Africa.

ANSWER: Johannesburg, South Africa <CC> {II}

24. Ian Hodder is most famous for work done in this country on an archaeological dig since 1993 of a Neolithic site. A gap in this country's archaeological record was filled with the discovery of Çatalhöyük (**pr. JAT-uhl HOO-yook**). This country's center is home to rock formations called “fairy chimneys” and cave cities such as Göreme in its Cappadocia region. This modern-day country was once home to a Temple of Artemis in Ephesus, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. For the point, name this present-day country whose non-European section was once called Asia Minor.

ANSWER: Republic of Turkey [or Türkiye Cumhuriyeti] <SH> {II}

25. This country was home to the thylacine, an animal which went extinct in 1936, and was compared to both a wolf and a tiger. The quokka, a small animal known for its friendly appearance, is found on Rottnest Island off the coast of this country. Lindy Chamberlain claimed that an animal from this country ate her baby. It's not in Asia, but the Wallace Line separates this country's fauna from Asiatic species and this country is the home of monotremes such as the duck-billed platypus. For the point, which country is home to many marsupials, including the koala and the kangaroo?

ANSWER: Commonwealth of Australia <TR> {II}

26. Robert A.M. Stern designed the second largest one of these buildings, which is located on the campus of Southern Methodist University. Most of these buildings are operated by the National Archives and Records Administration, including one that cantilevers out over the Arkansas River. One of them in Yorba Linda, California includes the original copy of the SALT I treaty and a statue of its dedicatee meeting Zhou Enlai. For the point, name these buildings that store the records of American leaders.

ANSWER: **presidential library** [or **presidential museum**, prompt on “library,” prompt on “museum”] <EA> {II}

27. This island contains the last remaining members of its namesake species of rhinoceros in its Ujung Kulon National Park. This island is built largely from volcanoes, and its highest point is the volcanic Mt. Semeru. The ancient volcano Mount Sunda is the location of this island’s city of Bandung, which is nicknamed the “Paris of [this island].” This island’s namesake sea lies south of Borneo and it is the most populated island in the world. For the point, name this Indonesian island on which Jakarta is located.

ANSWER: **Java** <JZ> {II}

28. In 2006, this country's first national park, Zakouma National Park, was where more than a hundred elephants were slaughtered by poachers. The Toubou people inhabit the Tibesti Mountains that form this country's border with a country it fought in the Toyota War. Most of the water in this country's namesake lake is supplied by the Chari River, while this country’s forces have taken the lead in fighting Boko Haram in Nigeria. For the point, name this country, the namesake of a rapidly drying African lake.

ANSWER: Republic of **Chad** [or Republique du **Tchad**] <KG> {II}

29. In April 2013, *Der Spiegel* reported on thousands of barrels of radioactive waste deep in this body of water that have begun to leak. Beachy Head is a popular suicide site on this body of water, which was the site of a namesake “dash” in World War II by German ships. This body was the site of the Phoenix breakwaters and Mulberry harbors. Sark and Jersey are among the namesake "islands" located in this body of water with notable chalk cliffs near Dover. For the point, identify this waterway separating France from England.

ANSWER: The **English Channel** [or La **Manche**] <CC> {II}

30. This city is home to the Eastern US’s first coastal wind farm. Its Claridge Hotel was known as the “Skyscraper By the Sea,” and it is home to the recently-shuttered Revel hotel. This city’s suburb of Margate features a six-story elephant and a housing tract famously misspelled by Charles Darrow, Marven Gardens. It built one of the first promenades of its kind in 1870, and a 1976 referendum made this the first city outside of Nevada to legalize casino gambling. For the point, what New Jersey resort town is best known for its Boardwalk?

ANSWER: **Atlantic City**, New Jersey <CW> {II}

31. This country is home to the Pukumina religious sect and Blue Mountain Coffee is produced in this country. One of its main airports is named after Ian Fleming, who wrote in this country near Oracabessa. Its name means “island of springs” in Arawak, which contributes vocabulary to this country’s creole, or patwa. This country’s capital city is home to old buildings from the pirate haven of Port Royal. It originated a style of spicing meat called “jerk.” For the point, name this country of origin of Rastafarianism.

ANSWER: **Jamaica** <SH> {II}

32. This city’s former mayor Sam Sullivan coined the term “ecodensity” to describe its planning ethos. This city’s SeaBus ferry crosses Burrard Inlet, and a Seawall protects the coast of a landmark adjacent to its high-rise West End and Coal Harbor. The Expo Line is the oldest segment of this city’s fully-automated SkyTrain system. This city is home to the heavily-forested Stanley Park and is at the western end of the Fraser Valley. For the point, what Canadian city is the largest in British Columbia?

ANSWER: **Vancouver**, British Columbia <CW> {II}

33. In the late 2000s, a downturn in the production of this substance prompted locals to accuse NATO of using the *Pleospora papaveracea* fungus against it. A 1978 joint U.S.-Mexican operation targeted this substance in the Sierra Madre with Agent Orange; the “Mexican Mud” type of this substance had replaced the “China White” type after the fall of Saigon. Afghanistan is the world’s largest producer of this substance, which is also produced in Southeast Asia’s Golden Triangle. For the point, name this narcotic drug.

ANSWER: **opium** [accept **opium poppy** or **opium poppies**; accept **heroin**, **morphine**, or **codeine**; prompt on **poppy** or **Papaver** before “poppy”] <SH> {II}

34. The end of this event is marked by the Burred Arch, which is located on Front Street. Joe Redington is called the father of this event, whose most successful participant was Rick Swenson. The town this event is named after is only visited in odd-numbered years, when the southern route is taken. This “Last Great Race on Earth” commemorates the delivery of a serum to treat diphtheria in 1925, which was carried out by men such as Leonhard Seppala and Gunnar Kaasen and dogs such as Balto. For the point, name this mushing race that ends at Nome, Alaska.

ANSWER: **Iditarod** Trail Sled Dog Race <JL> {II}

35. *This city’s largest island is home to the Trappist Haven Monastery.* Lantau Island is found in this city, whose MTR Railway system uses the Octopus Card. An ungoverned enclave in this city was demolished in 1993. Most of this city’s mainland is part of the New Territories, and this home of Kowloon Walled City is now a Special Administrative Region under the doctrine of “one country, two systems.” For the point, what former British colony was returned to Chinese control in 1999?

ANSWER: **Hong Kong** [<CW> {II}]

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Extra Tossup

Backup Only: These animals live in groups called coterie or clans, and members of the same group will touch snouts in a behavior called kissing. This animal, native to Eastern Wyoming and the Dakotas, is the chief food source of the black-footed ferret. Though five species of this animal are known, the most common is the black tailed. Scientists recently discovered that this animal has different barks that describe the species and color of an approaching predator, warning other residents of the colonies it builds underground. For the point, name these burrowing rodents of the western United States.

ANSWER: prairie dogs

