

**The United States Geography Olympiad & The International Geography Bee**  
**2016-2017 National Qualifying Exam – C Set Version**

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**Instructions: Circle the correct answer or leave it blank. Correct answers are worth 2 points. Incorrect answers are -1 point. Questions left blank are worth 0 points.**

- 1) Earthquakes are a concern in which Midwestern state near the town of New Madrid, which also has dealt with Mississippi River flooding near St. Louis?  
a) Missouri                      b) Ohio                      c) Michigan                      d) Wisconsin
- 2) Which is an example of a marginal sea?  
a) Baltic Sea                      b) Salton Sea                      c) Caspian Sea                      d) East China Sea
- 3) The United States has no coastline on which ocean?  
a) Atlantic                      b) Pacific                      c) Indian                      d) Arctic
- 4) If you wanted to walk on the Wakhan Corridor, where would you go to put your feet down?  
a) The industrial heartland of Brazil  
b) The small bit of India that connects its eastern states with the rest of the country  
c) Building D at EU headquarters in Brussels  
d) The portion of Afghanistan that extends farthest east, and borders China on its end
- 5) Montenegro, Slovenia, and Serbia were all once part of which former country?  
a) Yugoslavia                      b) USSR                      c) East Germany                      d) Czechoslovakia
- 6) On an alphabetical list of the world's major currencies, which country's would appear last?  
a) Russia                      b) Poland                      c) United Kingdom                      d) Mexico
- 7) Which island has by far the greatest linguistic diversity of the four listed?  
a) Cyprus                      b) Iceland                      c) Molokai                      d) New Guinea
- 8) Claire Chennault's Flying Tigers assisted the Allied effort in World War II in which country?  
a) Kenya                      b) China                      c) Australia                      d) Jamaica
- 9) The US never purchased territory from which of the following nations?  
a) France                      b) Denmark                      c) Mexico                      d) Ireland
- 10) To the nearest billion, what's the human population of the earth in 2016?  
a) 1 billion                      b) 4 billion                      c) 7 billion                      d) 862 billion

- 11) All of the permanent member nations of the UN Security Council have what in common?
  - a) They all belong to OPEC
  - b) They have all hosted the Winter Olympics
  - c) They all possess nuclear weapons
  - d) They have all invaded Uruguay
- 12) Rodrigo Duterte has been pursuing a controversial war on drugs that has killed hundreds of people as the recently-elected president of which country?
  - a) Canada
  - b) Spain
  - c) Philippines
  - d) Sweden
- 13) At least one of the Seven Ancient Wonders of the World could be found on all of the following continents except?
  - a) Asia
  - b) Europe
  - c) North America
  - d) Africa
- 14) Syrian refugees have attempted to cross into Europe by doing which of the following?
  - a) Walking across the dried up lake bed of the Aral Sea
  - b) Crossing the Aegean Sea in rickety boats that sometimes sink
  - c) Paying smugglers known as “coyotes” to evade the border patrol on the Rio Grande
  - d) Heading south from Java, though many get captured and sent to detention camps on Nauru
- 15) Which volcano’s intermittent lava flows once again reached the Pacific in summer 2016 after a period of several years when this hadn’t happened?
  - a) Mt. St. Helens
  - b) Stromboli
  - c) Kilauea
  - d) Mt. Vesuvius
- 16) Which areas were most notably settled by the Dutch?
  - a) Western Michigan and Northern New Jersey
  - b) Louisiana and Quebec
  - c) Newfoundland and North Carolina
  - d) Maine and Southern Oregon
- 17) Which Middle Eastern city’s airport is not a major transit hub for intercontinental flights?
  - a) Abu Dhabi
  - b) Dubai
  - c) Doha
  - d) Damascus
- 18) Which country’s current capital is an anagram of a city that used to be its capital?
  - a) USA
  - b) Italy
  - c) Japan
  - d) South Sudan
- 19) Where would you find the Horn of Africa?
  - a) On the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro
  - b) Along the planned route of the Cape to Cairo Railroad
  - c) Somalia and portions of Ethiopia
  - d) In the musical section of the Egyptian Museum in Cairo
- 20) Orographic precipitation is associated with what landform?
  - a) Deserts
  - b) Atolls
  - c) Mountains
  - d) Swamps
- 21) Which state has the greatest number of arroyos of those listed here?
  - a) Arizona
  - b) Minnesota
  - c) Kentucky
  - d) Alabama

- 22) Which strait(s) presents potential geopolitical problems as a chokepoint if Iran wanted to cut off the export of Middle Eastern oil near its coastline?  
a) Strait of Gibraltar                      b) Straits of Malacca  
c) Strait of Hormuz                         d) Dire Straits
- 23) Rogan josh, naan, and biryanis are part of the culinary heritage of which country?  
a) Kyrgyzstan                      b) India                      c) Thailand                      d) Lebanon
- 24) Which phenomenon refers to a periodic warming of the waters of the Pacific Ocean?  
a) Chinooks                      b) El Nino                      c) Alberta Clippers                      d) Jet streams
- 25) Which landform or waterway does not form part of the border between Europe and Asia?  
a) Ural Mountains                      b) Atlas Mountains  
c) Bosphorus Strait                      d) Dardanelles Strait
- 26) Whether or not to join NATO is currently a topic for political debate in which country?  
a) Germany                      b) Finland                      c) Canada                      d) USA
- 27) The process of decolonization led to more countries becoming independent in which decade than the others listed here?  
a) 1900's                      b) 1930's                      c) 1960's                      d) 1980's
- 28) The Great Basin is defined by which characteristic?  
a) No water inside it flows into a river leading ultimately to the Atlantic or Pacific  
b) It includes all portions of North America east of the Continental Divide  
c) It has the largest aquifer in North America  
d) It's the name of the watershed for the Great Lakes region
- 29) Demographers looking to study the effect of the recent loosening of the one-child policy should focus their attention on?  
a) Mexico                      b) Russia                      c) India                      d) China
- 30) Which of the following rivers gave its name to two separate African countries?  
a) Limpopo                      b) Orange                      c) Nile                      d) Congo
- 31) The Brandenburg Gate and the Reichstag building are landmarks in which city?  
a) Vienna                      b) Berlin                      c) Moscow                      d) Warsaw
- 32) Which of the following is the largest city by population, but is not one of the three cities considered to be a capital of South Africa?  
a) Pretoria                      b) Cape Town                      c) Johannesburg                      d) Bloemfontein

- 33) Which archipelago is connected by the Overseas Highway?  
a) Florida Keys      b) Hawaii      c) Virgin Islands      d) Thousand Islands
- 34) During the 1990's the flag of Libya was entirely which color?  
a) Black      b) White      c) Pink      d) Green
- 35) Which river valley gave its name to a 19<sup>th</sup> century school of American painting?  
a) Hudson      b) Nile      c) Yellow      d) Amazon
- 36) Which two states allocate some of their electoral votes on the basis of which candidate wins the most votes in a given congressional district?  
a) New York and California      b) Ohio and Florida  
c) Alaska and Hawaii      d) Nebraska and Maine
- 37) Which Indian state on the Arabian Sea is renowned for its diaspora that has a strong entrepreneurial tradition?  
a) Bihar      b) Gujarat      c) West Bengal      d) Jammu and Kashmir
- 38) Temperate rain forests are most commonly found where?  
a) In coastal areas between 30 and 50 degrees latitude  
b) In inland areas between 10 and 30 degrees latitude  
c) In coastal areas between 10 and 30 degrees latitude  
d) In inland areas between 30 and 50 degrees latitude
- 39) If, as an AFS exchange student, you went to school in the Balkan Mountains and your host family had a vacation house on their country's Black Sea coast you'd be studying where?  
a) Albania      b) Bulgaria      c) Croatia      d) Ukraine
- 40) The US embassy in which city maintains instruments to measure its often terrible air quality?  
a) Ottawa      b) Amsterdam      c) Canberra      d) Beijing
- 41) McMurdo Station and Mt. Vinson Massif can be found where?  
a) Idaho      b) Antarctica      c) Brooklyn      d) Lesotho
- 42) Saddam Hussein indulged in the odd pastime of fishing with dynamite in which Iraqi river?  
a) Tiber      b) Tigris      c) Po      d) Parana
- 43) This question was written in a plane almost directly above the beach town of Cox's Bazaar in which country?  
a) Bhutan      b) Nepal      c) Myanmar      d) Bangladesh
- 44) The term "ghetto" originally derives from the Jewish quarter in which city?  
a) Jerusalem      b) Venice      c) Des Moines      d) Oslo

- 45) Which city's growth plan has included limiting space allotted to parking lots and building streetcar lines as it currently adds about 30,000 residents a year?  
a) Albany, NY      b) Albany, GA   c) Portland, ME      d) Portland, OR
- 46) Which metropolitan area's economy is benefitting from the return of its first National Football League franchise in over a decade in 2016?  
a) Miami      b) Boston      c) Chicago      d) Los Angeles
- 47) You could find land on the surface of the earth that is below sea level in which two states?  
a) Louisiana and California      b) Delaware and Colorado  
c) North Dakota and South Dakota      d) Michigan and Florida
- 48) You would find subduction zones most commonly where?  
a) In the suburbs of major American cities      b) At the edges of tectonic plates  
c) On the surface of the moon      d) Luxembourg
- 49) Apples are a common agricultural export of which two places?  
a) Washington state and Tasmania      b) Svalbard and the Falkland Islands  
c) Niger and Mauretania      d) Attu and Addis Ababa
- 50) Which two cities are in the same time zone?  
a) Singapore and Hong Kong      b) New York City and Chicago  
c) St. Paul, MN and Sao Paulo      d) Sydney and Lagos