

The United States Geography Olympiad & The International Geography Bee
2016-2017 National Qualifying Exam – D 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) Which two countries are each home to more than one billion people?
a) India and Pakistan b) USA and Brazil
c) India and China d) China and Japan

- 2) Which country is not a permanent member of the UN Security Council?
a) Russia b) Portugal c) France d) United Kingdom

- 3) Extensions of a state's territory which are surrounded by other states or water on three sides, such as in Texas, Florida, and Oklahoma, are called:
a) Panhandles b) Potholders c) Exclaves d) Enclaves

- 4) Which name did the Ancient Romans use to refer to the area which now forms France and Northern Italy, dividing it into Transalpine & Cisalpine sections?
a) Hispania b) Dacia c) Asia Minor d) Gaul

- 5) The Nile and the Rhine both flow predominantly in which direction?
a) From South to North b) From North to South
c) From East to West d) From West to East

- 6) Which of these Canadian provinces is considered one of the Maritime Provinces?
a) Alberta b) Manitoba c) Ontario d) Nova Scotia

- 7) The classic movie *Casablanca* is set primarily in a city in which present-day country?
a) France b) Spain c) Morocco d) Algeria

- 8) Which mountain range forms part of the border between Europe and Asia?
a) Atlas b) Urals c) Andes d) Himalayas

- 9) Which of these countries stands to lose the greatest percentage of its territory due to the effects of climate change?
a) Maldives b) Armenia c) India d) Cuba

- 10) The controversial mining process known as fracking seeks to extract oil and gas deposits from what type of rock, found commonly in Pennsylvania and Texas?
a) Marble b) Basalt c) Shale d) Pumice
- 11) Which continent hosted its first Olympic Games in 2016?
a) Australia b) Africa c) Asia d) South America
- 12) Which of these landmasses only became inhabited within the past 500 years?
a) Iceland b) Bermuda c) Hawaii d) New Zealand
- 13) Which of the following states is most conservative in its politics in 2017?
a) Vermont b) Illinois c) Texas d) Washington
- 14) Which country's population mostly speaks a Slavic language?
a) Sweden b) Italy c) Finland d) Poland
- 15) Water that is found in an estuary and is in the transition zone from fresh water to salt water is referred to by which term?
a) Brackish b) Saline c) Aquifer d) Sedimentary
- 16) Which state is located in the region of the USA known as Tornado Alley?
a) Maine b) Utah c) Hawaii d) Kansas
- 17) Which symbol is on the flag of each country in Scandinavia?
a) A star b) A cross c) An eagle d) A Viking helmet
- 18) If you were traveling this summer and wished to visit Uluru and the Great Dividing Range, which country should you book a flight to?
a) Argentina b) Nepal c) Australia d) Switzerland
- 19) Because much of its water is taken for irrigation and residential use, which river's mouth is usually dry?
a) Columbia b) Colorado c) Delaware d) Yukon
- 20) Mexico City is built on top of the ruins of which other city?
a) Cuzco b) Lima c) Cahokia d) Tenochtitlan
- 21) Which landmass's size is most distorted on a world map using the Mercator projection?
a) Africa b) New Guinea c) Greenland d) Cyprus
- 22) The terrorist group Boko Haram has destabilized much of the north of which country?
a) Slovakia b) Uruguay c) Nigeria d) Philippines

- 23) This question was written in the backseat of a taxi in Mumbai in the Indian state of...
- a) Maharashtra b) Jammu and Kashmir c) Nagaland d) West Bengal
- 24) Which island would you see while using the Drake Passage to avoid going around the tip of Cape Horn?
- a) Tierra del Sol b) Tierra del Rio c) Tierra del Fuego d) Tierra del Oso
- 25) Which National Park's landmarks include the rock formations Half Dome and El Capitan, as well as Tuolumne Meadows in the Sierra Nevada?
- a) Yellowstone b) Yosemite c) Acadia d) Grand Canyon
- 26) Which country was NOT once part of the Soviet Union?
- a) Turkmenistan b) Pakistan c) Kyrgyzstan d) Uzbekistan
- 27) The Everglades are located between the Gulf of Mexico and which lake in Florida?
- a) Erie b) Okeechobee c) Tahoe d) Winnepesaukee
- 28) Khoi-San people live in which desert in Southern Africa?
- a) Sahara b) Victoria c) Mojave d) Kalahari
- 29) Which city is home to St. Basil's Cathedral near Red Square?
- a) London b) Berlin c) Warsaw d) Moscow
- 30) Which nation recently ended its decades-long civil war with rebels from the FARC organization?
- a) Nicaragua b) Colombia c) Peru d) Belize
- 31) Which river does not flow into the Arctic Ocean?
- a) Amur b) Ob c) Lena d) Yenisei
- 32) Which city is closest to 0 degrees longitude as the Prime Meridian passes through its neighborhood of Greenwich?
- a) Dublin b) Glasgow c) Manchester d) London
- 33) What extends roughly 80-100 miles off the coast of New Jersey?
- a) Seamounts b) Continental Shelf c) Abyssal Plains d) Outer Banks
- 34) Nazca, Juan De Fuca, Indian, and Arabian are all...
- a) Oceans b) Trenches c) Tectonic Plates d) Subduction Zones

- 35) Among others, what contribution did the Ancient Greek thinker Eratosthenes make to geography?
- a) Deduced the existence of the Americas
 - b) First to suspect the earth was round
 - c) Calculated the circumference of earth
 - d) Was the first Greek traveler to visit India
- 36) Which agricultural activity is most widespread in Wisconsin?
- a) Dairy farming
 - b) Salmon farming
 - c) Date palm plantations
 - d) Truffle cultivation
- 37) Which religion first developed in the area known as the Punjab?
- a) Islam
 - b) Shinto
 - c) Zoroastrianism
 - d) Sikhism
- 38) The main continental divide in the USA most closely runs along which mountain range?
- a) Ozarks
 - b) Rockies
 - c) Sierra Nevada
 - d) Green Mountains
- 39) Which small country has a tropical climate?
- a) Andorra
 - b) San Marino
 - c) Singapore
 - d) Liechtenstein
- 40) The Rub al-Khali desert can be found where?
- a) Near the ancient city of Petra
 - b) In the western half of Pakistan
 - c) At the Oman and Saudi Arabia border
 - d) Surrounding Mesopotamia
- 41) Which population trend is currently occurring throughout most of Africa?
- a) Parents are selecting for girls leading to an underpopulation of boys
 - b) Life expectancies are on the decline in most countries due to HIV
 - c) Urban populations are increasing in most countries
 - d) Women with more education are having more children on average than less educated women
- 42) If as an AFS exchange student you went with your family on a walk on La Rambla in your new hometown in Catalonia, you would be studying where?
- a) Barcelona
 - b) Madrid
 - c) Seville
 - d) Naples
- 43) Which region has not been agitating for independence over the past 50 years?
- a) Hokkaido
 - b) Scotland
 - c) Chechnya
 - d) Basque Country
- 44) Which state is home to the New England Patriots football team?
- a) Maine
 - b) Oregon
 - c) New York
 - d) Massachusetts

- 45) Which country's indigenous population, known as the Maori, hunted the moa birds to extinction on North and South Island?
a) Australia b) Vanuatu c) Kiribati d) New Zealand
- 46) How many US states have a land border with exactly one other US state?
a) Zero b) One c) Two d) Five
- 47) Which city name is shared by cities in both Virginia and Egypt?
a) Luxor b) Alexandria c) Arlington d) Sharm-el-Sheik
- 48) Mediterranean climates can be found in which two countries?
a) Chile and Australia b) Tuvalu and Iceland
c) Panama and Chad d) Italy and Mongolia
- 49) The only Great Lake that Canada does not border is...
a) Michigan b) Erie c) Huron d) Superior
- 50) Which South American country lost all of its oceanic coastline in the War of the Pacific?
a) Chile b) Peru c) Ecuador d) Bolivia