



**The United States Geography Championships & The International Geography Bee  
2020-2021 National Qualifying Exam – C Set Version**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, etc.)

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\* = Students in 6<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> grades are eligible to compete in both JV and Middle School Divisions. Students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger are eligible to compete in both the JV and Elementary School Divisions. If you are in 8<sup>th</sup> 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 any other exam(s), you have 40 minutes in which to complete them, and you may do them simultaneously or one after the other.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1) Which country is by far the world's largest exporter of maple syrup?  
A) Mexico                      B) Canada                      C) Norway                      D) Spain
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2) On which continent could you find an indigenous rhea, vicuna, and anaconda in the wild?  
A) South America              B) Australia                      C) North America              D) Europe
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3) In which cardinal direction would you primarily travel to go the shortest route from Little Rock to Des Moines?  
A) North                              B) South                              C) East                              D) West
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4) Which of the following countries has the Union Jack on its national flag?  
A) Philippines                      B) Indonesia                      C) Tonga                              D) New Zealand
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5) The current outbreak of Covid-19 is thought to have originated in which Asian city?  
A) Pyongyang                      B) Beirut                              C) Ulan Bator                      D) Wuhan
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6) La Niña is a phenomenon where waters cool in the eastern region of which ocean?  
A) Arctic                              B) Atlantic                              C) Indian                              D) Pacific
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7) People in which of these regions have sought independence from Spain in recent years?  
A) Aquitaine                              B) Catalonia                              C) Algarve                              D) Tierra del Fuego

- \_\_\_\_\_ 8) Which of these countries is not home to a canal used by ocean-going ships?  
A) Panama                      B) Egypt                      C) Niger                      D) Germany
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9) Which continent is home to a namesake “horn” on its eastern tip?  
A) South America              B) Africa                      C) North America              D) Asia
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10) In one of the world’s largest environmental disasters, which sea has shrunk dramatically in size over the past century?  
A) Black Sea                      B) Red Sea                      C) Sea of Japan                      D) Aral Sea
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11) Which of these urban locations is located in Los Angeles County?  
A) Georgetown                      B) Little Havana                      C) Watts                      D) Bedford-Stuyvesant
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12) During the last ice age, which of these two landmasses were not connected by a land bridge?  
A) Alaska and Asia                      B) Sumatra and Bali  
C) Great Britain and Continental Europe                      D) Borneo and New Guinea
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13) Which of these US states was the first to legalize same-sex marriage through legislation?  
A) Pennsylvania                      B) Vermont                      C) Texas                      D) Wyoming
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14) A cruise that only went to ports in the Greek islands might visit which of these locations?  
A) Ibiza                      B) Mykonos                      C) Corsica                      D) Sardinia
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15) Which of these locations is at the center of a Micropolitan Statistical Area as defined by the US Census Bureau?  
A) Salt Lake City, UT                      B) Helena, MT  
C) Midway Atoll                      D) Gates of the Arctic National Park
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16) Argentina has long pursued a territorial claim on which archipelago?  
A) Lesser Antilles                      B) Falkland Islands                      C) Madeira                      D) Chagos Archipelago
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17) Which of these countries voluntarily ended its nuclear weapons program?  
A) China                      B) Costa Rica                      C) South Africa                      D) Pakistan
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18) On average, which of the world’s oceans has the shallowest depth?  
A) Arctic                      B) Atlantic                      C) Indian                      D) Pacific
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19) The study of human populations and the trends and patterns they form is called what?  
A) Climatology                      B) Thalassology                      C) Demography                      D) Orography
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20) Which of these Chinese regions has the largest percentage of its residents with predominantly Uighur ethnicity?  
A) Xinjiang                      B) Manchuria                      C) Chongqing                      D) Macau
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21) According to the Köppen climate classification system, which of these cities has a humid continental climate?  
A) Chicago                      B) San Diego                      C) Anchorage                      D) Tucson

- \_\_\_\_\_ 22) Which country has received criticism for its annual slaughter of birds migrating across the Mediterranean Sea?  
A) Vanuatu                      B) St. Lucia                      C) Comoros                      D) Malta
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23) Which two Great Lakes are hydrologically considered to be one lake?  
A) Superior & Erie              B) Michigan & Huron              C) Erie & Ontario              D) Erie & Huron
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24) Which of these countries' economies is most dependent on its status as an international air transit hub for travelers?  
A) Yemen                      B) Azerbaijan                      C) UAE                      D) Jordan
- \_\_\_\_\_ 25) A dam in which country is leading to concerns in Egypt about sufficient water supply?  
A) Mozambique              B) Ethiopia                      C) Chad                      D) Tunisia
- \_\_\_\_\_ 26) The place where the borders of Germany, Switzerland, and Austria all come together is located where?  
A) 50 miles north of Munich                      B) At the summit of the Matterhorn  
C) In the middle of Lake Constance                      D) These three countries do not all meet at one spot
- \_\_\_\_\_ 27) The summit of the historically significant Khyber Pass is located in which Asian country?  
A) Turkmenistan              B) Pakistan                      C) Maldives                      D) Bhutan
- \_\_\_\_\_ 28) Waterspouts are most commonly found in which of these places?  
A) Waters within 20 miles of the Florida Keys                      B) Lake Champlain  
C) The Ohio River and its tributaries                      D) Baltic Sea
- \_\_\_\_\_ 29) Which of these states has exactly 4 electoral votes in the 2020 US presidential election?  
A) Iowa                      B) Missouri                      C) Alaska                      D) Rhode Island
- \_\_\_\_\_ 30) The border between North and South Korea lies closest to which line of latitude?  
A) 15 degrees south              B) 38 degrees north              C) 15 degrees north              D) 61 degrees north
- \_\_\_\_\_ 31) Which of these nations has Albanian as an official language?  
A) Slovenia                      B) Kosovo                      C) Hungary                      D) Austria
- \_\_\_\_\_ 32) According to data from 2018, of these four countries, which one's Human Development Index rating is lower than the other three's?  
A) Uruguay                      B) Chile                      C) Bolivia                      D) Argentina
- \_\_\_\_\_ 33) Which of these rivers is a distributary of the Mississippi River?  
A) Ohio                      B) Missouri                      C) Potomac                      D) Atchafalaya
- \_\_\_\_\_ 34) Which of these is home to the North Atlantic Garbage Patch?  
A) Baffin Bay                      B) Sargasso Sea                      C) Gulf of Maine                      D) Long Island Sound
- \_\_\_\_\_ 35) A ride on the Trans-Siberian Railroad would pass through which of these cities?  
A) Kaliningrad                      B) Murmansk                      C) St. Petersburg                      D) Irkutsk

- \_\_\_\_\_ 36) Which of these states is likely to lose a US House of Representatives seat following reapportionment after the 2020 census?  
A) Texas                      B) South Dakota              C) West Virginia              D) Georgia
- \_\_\_\_\_ 37) The Nine-Dash Line Map concerns Chinese territorial claims in which body of water?  
A) South China Sea      B) Yellow River              C) Indian Ocean              D) Arctic Ocean
- \_\_\_\_\_ 38) Which of these Arab countries is home to a population that is approximately 45% Christian?  
A) Lebanon                  B) Syria                          C) Oman                          D) Saudi Arabia
- \_\_\_\_\_ 39) The westernmost port city on the Great Lakes is located in which state?  
A) Wisconsin              B) Michigan                      C) Illinois                      D) Minnesota
- \_\_\_\_\_ 40) Which of these African rivers flows into an endorheic basin?  
A) Nile                          B) Niger                          C) Okavango                      D) Zambezi
- \_\_\_\_\_ 41) Which of these islands is not home to more than one country?  
A) Hispaniola              B) Timor                          C) Borneo                          D) Sakhalin
- \_\_\_\_\_ 42) Teddy Roosevelt is the namesake of a river that he explored in which country?  
A) Kyrgyzstan              B) Brazil                          C) Belgium                      D) Oman
- \_\_\_\_\_ 43) The most populous state that is home to no National Parks (not including National Historical Parks) is which one?  
A) New York                  B) Texas                          C) Florida                          D) Pennsylvania
- \_\_\_\_\_ 44) China's nuclear tests have been carried out at which of these locations?  
A) Hainan                      B) Shenzhen                      C) Lop Nur                      D) Lhasa
- \_\_\_\_\_ 45) Which of these river's basins is located entirely within the USA?  
A) Colorado                  B) Columbia                      C) Rio Grande                      D) Hudson
- \_\_\_\_\_ 46) Prior to the Covid outbreak, one of the world's 10 longest regularly scheduled commercial flights was from Doha to where?  
A) Perth                          B) Johannesburg                  C) Auckland                      D) New York City
- \_\_\_\_\_ 47) If as an AFS exchange student, your host family took you to the world's largest Oktoberfest celebration, then you'd be in which German state?  
A) Rheinland-Pfalz      B) Saxony                          C) Bavaria                          D) Brandenburg
- \_\_\_\_\_ 48) Which mountain range has a club for those who have climbed 46 of its peaks that are at least 4000 feet tall?  
A) Green Mountains      B) Adirondacks                  C) Poconos                          D) Catskills
- \_\_\_\_\_ 49) Which country in Africa is home to the continental region of Rio Muni, which is also known as Mbini in the Fang language?  
A) Cape Verde              B) Angola                          C) Equatorial Guinea      D) Sao Tome and Principe
- \_\_\_\_\_ 50) Part of the Mosquito Coast is found in which Latin American nation?  
A) El Salvador              B) Chile                          C) Paraguay                      D) Nicaragua