



**United States Geography Championships and International Geography Bee
2021-2022 National Qualifying Exam - C Set Version**

Name _____ Grade (8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, etc.) _____

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Instructions – Print the letter of the correct answer in the space provided or leave it blank. Write neatly and in capital letters. Correct answers are worth 2 points. Incorrect answers are worth –1 point. Questions left blank are worth 0 points.

_____ 1. In what direction would you primarily travel to get from Washington, DC to St. Louis?
A. north
B. south
C. east
D. west

_____ 2. Which of these is the most populous city in New Zealand?
A. Wellington
B. Auckland
C. Christchurch
D. Lower Hutt

_____ 3. Red Square and St. Basil's Cathedral are landmarks in what European city?
A. Athens
B. Munich
C. Moscow
D. Warsaw

_____ 4. Which of these is a primate city, or one that serves as a center of its country's culture, government and economy?
A. Calgary, Canada
B. Manchester, England
C. Mexico City, Mexico
D. San Francisco, USA

_____ 5. Which of these countries has the smallest overall economy and economic output?
A. South Korea
B. North Korea
C. China
D. Japan

_____ 6. The USMCA is a free trade agreement among which of the following nations?
A. the US, Japan and Taiwan
B. the US, Argentina and Colombia
C. the US, Saudi Arabia and the UAE
D. the US, Canada and Mexico

_____ 7. Which of these is NOT caused by the action of glaciers?
A. drumlins
B. fjords
C. u-shaped valleys
D. atolls

_____ 8. Biscayne and Everglades are National Parks located in what southern US state?
A. Alabama
B. Florida
C. Mississippi
D. Georgia

_____ 9. Which of these is the most populous city in Louisiana?
A. New Orleans
B. Shreveport
C. Baton Rouge
D. Lafayette

_____ 10. Which of these is the largest religion in Japan?

- A. Roman Catholicism
- B. Islam
- C. Shinto
- D. Sikhism

_____ 11. Mont Blanc is the highest mountain in what European range?

- A. the Pyrenees
- B. the Alps
- C. the Olympus Range
- D. the Caucasus

_____ 12. The Iolani Palace, the USS Arizona Memorial and Waikiki Beach are among the tourist attractions in what American city?

- A. Seattle, WA
- B. Los Angeles, CA
- C. Honolulu, HI
- D. Saint Augustine, FL

_____ 13. Besides Spanish, which of these is a major language of Mexico, spoken by over 1.5 million Mexicans?

- A. Portuguese
- B. French
- C. Nahuatl
- D. Italian

_____ 14. What is the longest river in Australia?

- A. Murray River
- B. Mackenzie River
- C. St. Lawrence River
- D. Nelson River

_____ 15. Which of these is NOT a major historical site in Egypt?

- A. Petra
- B. the Valley of the Kings
- C. the Great Pyramid
- D. the Sphinx

_____ 16. What is the term for visiting natural areas in a responsible and sustainable way?

- A. mass transit
- B. ecotourism
- C. over tourism
- D. wellness tourism

_____ 17. Mount Kilimanjaro and Serengeti National Park are among the tourist attractions in what African nation?

- A. South Africa
- B. Malawi
- C. Tanzania
- D. Zimbabwe

_____ 18. Humboldt, Kuroshio, East Korea Warm and the Beaufort Gyre are examples of which of the following?

- A. ocean currents
- B. jet streams
- C. tides
- D. prevailing winds

_____ 19. Vatican City is completely surrounded by what national capital?

- A. London
- B. Madrid
- C. Rome
- D. Berlin

_____ 20. What two Caribbean nations are located on the island of Hispaniola?

- A. the Dominican Republic and Haiti
- B. Cuba and Grenada
- C. St. Thomas and St. Croix
- D. St. Martin and St. Lucia

_____ 21. Which of these countries does NOT have a significant portion of the Amazon rainforest within its borders?

- A. Brazil
- B. Colombia
- C. Peru
- D. Uruguay

_____ 22. India, Bangladesh and Myanmar all border which of the following?

- A. the Bay of Bengal
- B. the Arabian Sea
- C. the Red Sea
- D. the South China Sea

_____ 23. Accra is the capital of what West African nation?

- A. Nigeria
- B. Burkina Faso
- C. Ghana
- D. Ivory Coast

_____ 24. All of these share land borders with Vietnam EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. China
- B. Laos
- C. Cambodia
- D. India

_____ 25. What tallest waterfall in the world is located in Venezuela?

- A. Niagara Falls
- B. Angel Falls
- C. Victoria Falls
- D. Great Falls

_____ 26. The Grand Canyon was carved out by the action of what river?

- A. the Mississippi
- B. the Missouri
- C. the Colorado
- D. the Columbia

_____ 27. Which of these is NOT a member of NATO?

- A. the United States
- B. Russia
- C. the United Kingdom
- D. France

_____ 28. Which former citadel of the Inca Empire is one of the major tourist attractions of modern Peru?

- A. Tenochtitlan
- B. Machu Picchu
- C. Tulum
- D. Palenque

_____ 29. With regard to emigration, push factors might include which of the following?

- A. war
- B. poverty
- C. educational opportunity
- D. famine

_____ 30. The Suez Canal connects which of the following bodies of water?

- A. the Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific Ocean
- B. the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea
- C. the Aegean Sea and the Ionian Sea
- D. the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea

_____ 31. The 10 highest mountains in the United States are all in what state?

- A. California
- B. Colorado
- C. Washington
- D. Alaska

_____ 32. The Taklamakan Desert is located almost entirely in what Asian nation?

- A. Vietnam
- B. China
- C. Mongolia
- D. Cambodia

_____ 33. Aeolian dunes are formed by the action of which of these?

- A. water currents
- B. wind
- C. plants and vegetation
- D. animal activity

_____ 34. Lake Victoria, Lake Tanganyika and Lake Malawi are among the African lakes collectively known by what term?

- A. the 'Seven Sisters'
- B. the Lake District
- C. the African Great Lakes
- D. the 'Emerald Necklace'

_____ 35. Which of these is NOT a Romance language?

- A. English
- B. Italian
- C. French
- D. Romanian

_____ 36. What South American nation is the largest Spanish-speaking country in the world?

- A. Argentina
- B. Brazil
- C. Paraguay
- D. Uruguay

_____ 37. Pago Pago is the capital of what US territory?

- A. American Samoa
- B. Puerto Rico
- C. the Virgin Islands
- D. Guam

_____ 38. Belize was formerly a colony of what European nation?

- A. Portugal
- B. France
- C. Great Britain
- D. the Netherlands

_____ 39. Which densely populated Asian city is a leader in 'smart city' development through its government-led Smart Nation initiative?

- A. Singapore
- B. Mumbai
- C. Beijing
- D. Ho Chi Minh City

_____ 40. Which of these pairs of cities are important religious pilgrimage sites in Saudi Arabia?

- A. Khobar and Tabuk
- B. Mecca and Medina
- C. Dammam and Buraidah
- D. Abha and Najran

_____ 41. Which of these is NOT true of Fiji?

- A. it has a population of over 20 million people
- B. it is composed of over 100 inhabited islands
- C. it is located over 1000 miles northeast of New Zealand
- D. Both the Fijian language and English are commonly spoken

_____ 42. Which of these cities is NOT located in the Eastern Great Lakes region?

- A. Pittsburgh
- B. Buffalo
- C. Minneapolis
- D. Erie

_____ 43. Which of these European capitals does NOT lie on the Danube River?

- A. Vienna
- B. Budapest
- C. Belgrade
- D. Paris

_____ 44. What is the largest branch of Islam, practiced by roughly 1.5 billion people in the world?

- A. Orthodox
- B. Reformed
- C. Shia
- D. Sunni

_____ 45. Which of these countries is located in East Africa?

- A. Somalia
- B. Ghana
- C. Niger
- D. Nigeria

_____ 46. Which of the following is the provincial capital of Quebec?

- A. Quebec City
- B. Montreal
- C. Vancouver
- D. Toronto

_____ 47. If as an AFS exchange student you walked along the banks of the Chao Phraya River and attended Songkran festival, in what Southeast Asian capital would you be?

- A. Jakarta
- B. Bangkok
- C. Manila
- D. Kuala Lumpur

_____ 48. Which of these is the most valuable crop grown annually in California?

- A. garlic
- B. carrots
- C. grapes
- D. rice

_____ 49. All of these are true of Lake Vostok EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. it is located over a mile underneath a glacier
- B. it is the largest lake in Antarctica
- C. it is the largest lake by area in the world
- D. it is an ancient lake

_____ 50. Moldova, Georgia, Azerbaijan, and Armenia have which of these in common?

- A. they are all European dictatorships
- B. they are all former Soviet republics
- C. they are all members of the EU
- D. they are all among the largest economies in Europe