The United States Geography Olympiad & The International Geography Bee
2018-2019 National Qualifying Exam – B Set Version

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* = Students in 6th-8th grades are eligible to compete in both JV and Middle School Divisions. Students in 5th grade and younger are eligible to compete in both the JV and Elementary School Divisions. If you are in 8th 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 the US History Bee Exam, you have 40 minutes in which to complete both Exams and you may do them simultaneously or one after the other.

_______ 1) Which country is not completely south of the Tropic of Capricorn?
   A) Uruguay     B) Lesotho     C) New Zealand     D) Australia

_______ 2) As of December 2018, President Trump’s support is on average highest in which of these places?
   A) College Towns     B) Cities of 100,000+ people     C) Rural Areas     D) New England states

_______ 3) What Brazilian city hosted the 2016 Summer Olympics and is famous for its Carnival celebrations?
   A) New Orleans     B) Rio de Janeiro     C) Sydney     D) Port of Spain

_______ 4) Which of these terms refers to a warm wind which is commonly found in the Northwest USA?
   A) El Niño     B) Gulf Stream     C) Chinook     D) Greenhouse Effect

_______ 5) Which two cities are stops along Amtrak’s Wolverine train service?
   A) Newark & Trenton     B) Ann Arbor & Kalamazoo     C) Albany & Buffalo     D) Cleveland & Dayton

_______ 6) Which is the third largest continent by land area?
   A) Asia     B) Europe     C) North America     D) Australia

_______ 7) If you got an invitation to George Clooney’s swanky villa in Italy, what lake would you head to?
   A) Lake Zürich     B) Lake Huron     C) Lake Como     D) Loch Ness

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8) A backpacking trip around Africa would not potentially visit what region?
   A) The Serengeti  B) The Sahel  C) The Maghreb  D) The Baltic States

9) Which of these countries is a member of the NATO military alliance?
   A) Belarus  B) Slovenia  C) Bolivia  D) Pakistan

10) Which body of water does not touch the US state that it shares its name with?
    A) Straits of Florida  B) Mississippi River  C) Gulf of California  D) Lake Michigan

11) Where is the US presidential retreat known as Camp David found?
    A) On a bayou in Louisiana  B) South Texas  C) Rocky Mountains  D) Northern Maryland

12) Which of these countries is not a major exporter of timber?
    A) Russia  B) Canada  C) Indonesia  D) Libya

13) Which country’s flag is also found on the flags of Tuvalu and Fiji?
    A) United Kingdom  B) United States  C) Russia  D) North Korea

14) Thhhiiisss quesstttion wassss writttttten durrrrrring heavvvvvy turbulllence onn a flighhhtt nearrrrr Nova Scotia, one of the....?
    A) Prairie Provinces  B) Maritime Provinces  C) Territories of Canada  D) Thousand Islands

15) Which “stan” country was never once part of the Soviet Union?
    A) Turkmenistan  B) Kazakhstan  C) Uzbekistan  D) Pakistan

16) The Western Wall and the Dome of the Rock Mosque are important religious sites in what city?
    A) Mecca  B) Jerusalem  C) Damascus  D) Istanbul

17) You might die of dysentery in the Oregon Trail computer game as you journey through what state?
    A) Nebraska  B) Arizona  C) Alabama  D) Connecticut

18) Which of these African countries is one of the world’s ten least densely populated?
    A) Namibia  B) Nigeria  C) Ghana  D) Egypt

19) Excluding Alaska and Hawaii, how many time zones are there in the Lower 48 US States?
    A) Two  B) Three  C) Four  D) Eight

20) If as an AFS exchange student you spent time in the country where you were studying swimming in both the Caribbean Sea and Pacific Ocean, then you might be studying where?
    A) Costa Rica  B) Belize  C) El Salvador  D) Venezuela

21) Which city in Scotland is home to a famous golf course, and is where Prince William studied?
    A) Cambridge  B) Cardiff  C) Glasgow  D) St. Andrew’s

22) Which animal did your question writer spot while skiing in Vermont in November 2018?
    A) Grizzly Bear  B) Snowshoe Hare  C) Capybara  D) Greater Roadrunner
23) Which is not an official language of one of the Benelux countries?
   A) Dutch                  B) French                  C) Letzeburgisch          D) Romanian

24) Which part of Manhattan has a namesake film festival and lies at the southern tip of the island?
   A) Harlem                 B) Central Park            C) TriBeCa                D) Garment District

25) Which of these four bodies of water has the highest average salinity?
   A) Lake Okeechobee        B) Dead Sea                C) Amazon River            D) Chesapeake Bay

26) Which of these four biomes has the highest biodiversity?
   A) Rain forests            B) Cold deserts            C) Taiga                   D) Great Plains

27) Lake Vostok is…?
   A) The largest in Siberia  B) Home to 2000+ migratory bird species
   C) Found under the Antarctic ice cap  D) The lake on which Moscow & Kiev both lie

28) Which state of Mexico does not border the United States of America?
   A) Tamaulipas              B) Chihuahua               C) Sonora                  D) Yucatán

29) Which mountains provide the primary divide between waters flowing to the Atlantic Ocean or the Gulf of Mexico?
   A) Appalachians            B) Ozarks                  C) Rockies                 D) Sierra Nevada

30) Which poorest country on the Arabian Peninsula is currently the site of a protracted civil war?
   A) Syria                   B) Yemen                   C) Oman                    D) UAE

31) A “Cheesehead” driving to Lambeau Field with a license plate saying “America’s Dairyland” would be supporting a football team in which state?
   A) Minnesota               B) Indiana                 C) Iowa                    D) Wisconsin

32) Which of these cities is part of the Pearl River Delta megalopolis in Southern China?
   A) Guangzhou               B) Harbin                  C) Beijing                 D) Taipei

33) In the movie, Dumb and Dumber, Jim Carrey’s character stupidly tries to flirt with an Austrian woman by saying “Put another shrimp on the Barbie!” What should he have said instead?
   A) I hear Prague is lovely this time of year!  B) I’d like to visit your homeland in the Pyrenees!
   C) You probably think I’m being a Buda-pest!  D) Are you from Styria, Tyrol, or Carinthia?

34) Caves and karst topography are often found near deposits of what type of rock?
   A) Conglomerate             B) Granite                 C) Basalt                  D) Limestone

35) Feta cheese, souvlaki (meat on skewers), and dolmades (stuffed grape leaves) are all part of the cuisine of which country?
   A) Norway                  B) Japan                   C) Brazil                  D) Greece

36) Which Canadian city has the warmest average low temperature in January?
   A) Calgary                 B) Vancouver               C) Montreal                D) Winnipeg

37) A course on Balkan History would discuss which of these countries the most?
   A) Bulgaria                B) Belgium                 C) Belarus                 D) Burundi
38) Which of these African countries has seen the fewest deaths from Ebola in the last 50 years?
   A) Uganda   B) Guinea   C) Liberia   D) Tunisia

39) Which of these landmarks could you encounter on a tour of Northern India?
   A) Angkor Wat   B) Taj Mahal   C) Piccadilly Circus   D) Brandenburg Gate

40) Which archipelago is connected to the US mainland by a road called the Overseas Highway?
   A) Aleutians   B) Hawaii   C) Bahamas   D) Florida Keys

41) In what mountain range was the Incan Empire centered?
   A) Rockies   B) Himalayas   C) Andes   D) Appalachians

42) Where on earth can one find the spot with coordinates 0 degrees latitude, 0 degrees longitude?
   A) In the Mediterranean Sea   B) In the Atlantic Ocean off West Africa
   C) In the Pacific Ocean, south of Hawaii   D) The North Pole

43) A yellow fever inoculation is most recommended before travel to what country?
   A) Chile   B) Cameroon   C) Moldova   D) St. Kitts and Nevis

44) Which country is not considered to be both in Europe and Asia?
   A) Turkey   B) Russia   C) Kazakhstan   D) Iran

45) Which of these four cities has many 1950’s era Chevrolet cars still running due in part to the lack of an ability to purchase new cars or spare parts from the USA due to an embargo?
   A) Havana   B) Ottawa   C) Pretoria   D) Cairo

46) What is the only river in the world on which four national capital cities are located?
   A) Rhine   B) Danube   C) Mekong   D) Nile

47) In 2018, a missionary was killed trying to contact a primitive tribe on which island?
   A) North Sentinel Island   B) Spitsbergen   C) Bonaire   D) Tinian

48) Which of these states of India is located in the far eastern part of India?
   A) Nagaland   B) Tamil Nadu   C) Gujarat   D) Kerala

49) Which river of Asiatic Russia does not flow into the Arctic Ocean?
   A) Ob   B) Yenisei   C) Amur   D) Lena

50) Which geographic feature appeared most recently in the earth’s history?
   A) Delaware River   B) Adirondack Mountains
   C) Great Lakes   D) The supercontinent of Gondwanaland