The United States Geography Olympiad & The International Geography Bee
2018-2019 National Qualifying Exam – C 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 feature typically extends from the coast to about 20-100 miles off the US East Coast?
   A) Abyssal Plains  B) Subduction Zones  C) Continental Shelf  D) Mid-Atlantic Ridge

2) By 2025, which two cities will each have hosted the Summer Olympics three times?
   A) Rome and Athens  B) London and Paris  C) Beijing and Tokyo  D) Mecca and Jerusalem

3) Hurricanes are least likely to be found at which line of latitude in the Atlantic Ocean?
   A) 20 degrees north  B) Tropic of Cancer  C) 60 degrees south  D) 40 degrees north

4) Which of these US states has the shortest land border with Canada?
   A) Washington  B) Idaho  C) Montana  D) North Dakota

5) River valleys were least important to the development of ancient civilizations where?
   A) Greece  B) Egypt  C) Mesopotamia  D) China

6) Which Russian city is a terminus of the Trans-Siberian Railroad?
   A) Kaliningrad  B) Murmansk  C) Sochi  D) Vladivostok

7) Which body of water has a bridge-tunnel that allows road traffic to cross it near its mouth?
   A) Gulf of Mexico  B) Chesapeake Bay  C) Yukon River  D) Great Salt Lake
8) What is the only independent country in the Americas where Dutch is an official language?
   A) Guyana  B) Surinam  C) Costa Rica  D) Venezuela

9) “The dingo ate my baby!” exclaimed Azaria Chamberlain after a tragic incident where?
   A) Nunavut  B) The Outback  C) Anatolia  D) The Amazon Rainforest

10) This question was written on a flight to which airport, serving the Seoul metropolitan area?
    A) Narita  B) Changi  C) Incheon  D) Pudong

11) Which city is generally considered to be the center of the US country music industry?
    A) Boston  B) New Orleans  C) Nashville  D) Seattle

12) Tarns, Moraines, and Drumlins are all geographic features associated with what?
    A) Oceans  B) Swamps  C) Glaciers  D) Military Bases

13) US citizens currently need a visa to travel to which country?
    A) China  B) France  C) Canada  D) Jamaica

14) The seafood known as ceviche, a dish of raw ocean fish, is most associated with the cuisine of what country?
    A) Peru  B) Hungary  C) Botswana  D) Paraguay

15) On vacation this past summer, your question writer was told not to drive his rental car into the Turkish-speaking northern part of what island?
    A) Oahu  B) Cyprus  C) Hispaniola  D) Crete

16) Which country is not found in the Sahel region of Africa?
    A) Mali  B) Chad  C) Malawi  D) Burkina Faso

17) Which US state has exactly two representatives serving it in the House of Representatives?
    A) Wyoming  B) Maine  C) Indiana  D) South Carolina

18) Alpine skiing is most significant to the tourism industry of which Canadian province?
    A) Alberta  B) Manitoba  C) Saskatchewan  D) Prince Edward Island

19) Which state has recently been building a high-speed railway through its Central Valley to connect two major metropolitan regions found within it?
    A) New York  B) California  C) Michigan  D) Nebraska

20) If as an AFS Exchange Student, you lived with an Arabic-speaking family near the Aswan High Dam in the city of Luxor, then you would be studying where?
    A) Morocco  B) South Africa  C) Kenya  D) Egypt

21) The Caribbean Sea is separated from the main part of the Atlantic Ocean by what island chain?
    A) Bahamas  B) Cayman Islands  C) Lesser Antilles  D) Florida Keys

22) The Indian city now known as Mumbai was primarily known as what during the British Empire?
    A) Bombay  B) Delhi  C) Calcutta  D) Bangalore

23) The flow of which of these four rivers generates the most hydroelectric power?
    A) Colorado  B) Delaware  C) Hudson  D) Mississippi
24) Which African country does not constitute all or part of an archipelago?
   A) Cape Verde       B) Comoros       C) Zambia       D) Sao Tome and Principe

25) You might be enchanted to learn that there is a city called “Truth or Consequences” in which US state, nicknamed the “Land of Enchantment”?
   A) Nevada            B) New Mexico     C) Vermont      D) Arkansas

26) You can go straight through which strait from the Sea of Marmara to the Aegean Sea?
   A) Gibraltar         B) Dardanelles   C) Bosporus      D) Hormuz

27) The second tallest mountain in North America is...
   A) Named after Zebulon Pike       B) A volcano in Mexico
   C) Found in the Yukon Territory   D) 8,442 feet tall

28) A canal connecting the Rhine and Danube watersheds can be found in which country?
   A) Sweden            B) Italy          C) Germany       D) Ireland

29) Voodoo and Santeria are religious traditions that developed in which region?
   A) Polynesia         B) Patagonia     C) Caribbean     D) The Balkans

30) An annual hot dog eating contest, the Cyclone roller coaster, and a mermaid parade can all be found at which New York City location?
   A) Staten Island     B) Coney Island   C) Riker’s Island D) Liberty Island

31) Which country recently voted in a referendum to withdraw from the European Union?
   A) United Kingdom    B) Norway        C) Romania       D) Turkey

32) Which city in present-day China was never occupied by the Japanese in World War II?
   A) Hong Kong         B) Nanjing       C) Shanghai      D) Lhasa

33) Which mountain range forms the primary continental divide of South America?
   A) Llanos            B) Chaco          C) Pampas        D) Andes

34) Which of these US states has fallen out of the top 10 in population within the past 40 years?
   A) Texas            B) New Jersey     C) Alabama       D) Pennsylvania

35) You could amass capital denominated locally in baht in which national capital?
   A) Bangkok          B) Singapore     C) Beijing       D) Tokyo

36) Swahili is used as a lingua franca most frequently in which part of Africa?
   A) The Maghreb      B) Sahara        C) West Africa    D) East Africa

37) Monte Carlo is an upscale neighborhood in which microstate?
   A) Liechtenstein    B) Andorra       C) Vatican City   D) Monaco

38) The end of space shuttle launches had the most negative economic impact for what region?
   A) Mississippi Delta B) Greater Denver    C) Pacific Northwest D) Atlantic Coast of Florida

39) Which African country adopted a new national flag in 1994?
   A) South Africa     B) Ghana          C) Tunisia        D) Nigeria
40) In which of these European countries is the capital city not the most populous city?
   A) Portugal  B) Switzerland  C) Austria  D) Belgium

41) Which of these mountain ranges is home to the most active volcanoes?
   A) Blue Ridge  B) Ozarks  C) Green Mountains  D) Cascades

42) The Ganges River flows through which of the following states of India?
   A) Goa  B) Rajasthan  C) Jammu and Kashmir  D) Uttar Pradesh

43) Which continent does not contain any of the 5 largest countries by land area?
   A) Africa  B) North America  C) South America  D) Asia

44) Utah’s National Parks include Zion, Bryce Canyon, and which one named for its landforms?
   A) Arches  B) Buttes  C) Mesas  D) Salt Marsh

45) Which state has acquired the pejorative nickname of “America’s Tollbooth” due to its small section of Interstate 95 with a high tolls-collected to mileage ratio?
   A) Illinois  B) California  C) West Virginia  D) Delaware

46) Which Middle Eastern country does not contain a coastline on the Mediterranean Sea?
   A) Syria  B) Israel  C) Lebanon  D) Iran

47) Which countries have had to deal most directly with the shrinkage of the Aral Sea?
   A) Canada & USA  B) France & Spain  C) Kazakhstan & Uzbekistan  D) Chad & Libya

48) Honshu, Hokkaido, Kyushu, and Shikoku are the four largest examples of what in Japan?
   A) Prefectures  B) Islands  C) Lakes  D) Deserts

49) Bessarabia is a historical region that is now primarily part of which country?
   A) Bulgaria  B) Yemen  C) Moldova  D) Latvia

50) Sing Sing, Folsom, San Quentin, Angola, and Attica are all famous examples of what type of location?
   A) Orphanages  B) Prisons  C) Nuclear Power Plants  D) War of 1812 Battles