



# International Geography Bee

## The US Geography Olympiad and International Geography Bee 2018-2019 G Set Version Qualifying Exam

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Score two points for a correct answer, zero for a blank answer, and -1 for an incorrect answer.

Students have 20 minutes to take the exam.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1) Which state in New England is roughly as large as the other five New England states combined?  
A) Maine                      B) Vermont                      C) Massachusetts                      D) Connecticut
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2) In November 2018, devastating wild fires swept through Malibu, near what California city?  
A) New York City                      B) Anchorage                      C) Miami                      D) Los Angeles
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3) Reggae and Calypso music originated in which part of the tropics?  
A) The Arctic                      B) The Middle East                      C) The Caribbean                      D) Tibet
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4) When Germans go on vacation in Italy, they must cross which mountain range to get there?  
A) The Rockies                      B) The Urals                      C) The Himalayas                      D) The Alps
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5) In which location would you have the best chance of viewing the *Aurora Australis* in the night sky?  
A) Washington DC                      B) Antarctica                      C) Crete                      D) North Korea
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6) Ellis Island and Angel Island are known for their roles in which capacity?  
A) Hosting the Olympics                      B) Processing immigrants to the USA  
C) Nuclear weapons testing                      D) Serving as prisons for members of the mafia
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7) Part of which of these countries is located in the Sahara Desert?  
A) China                      B) Australia                      C) Libya                      D) Turkmenistan
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8) The 2019 International Geography Olympiad will be held in which city on the South China Sea?  
A) Tokyo                      B) Pyongyang                      C) Beijing                      D) Hong Kong
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9) Which continent is not located at all in the Northern Hemisphere?  
A) Asia                      B) South America                      C) Europe                      D) Australia
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10) Which mountain range separates the Iberian Peninsula from the rest of Europe?  
A) Caucasus                      B) Pyrenees                      C) Adirondacks                      D) Andes
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11) Which country's flag consists of yellow stars on a red background?  
A) Russia                      B) Japan                      C) China                      D) India

- \_\_\_\_\_ 12) Which Romance language has the greatest number of native speakers around the world?  
A) Romanian            B) Sardinian            C) Spanish            D) Italian
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13) Which of these industries is most important to the economies of Kentucky and West Virginia?  
A) Filmmaking            B) Sheep ranching            C) Coal mining            D) Deep sea fishing
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14) Which city's landmarks include a tall building called the Willis Tower, Wrigley Field, and beaches along Lake Michigan?  
A) Cleveland            B) Buffalo            C) Chicago            D) Milwaukee
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15) Which of the following is a landlocked country in South America?  
A) Brazil            B) Chad            C) Peru            D) Paraguay
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16) Kenya, Sri Lanka, and Australia all have a coastline on which ocean?  
A) Arctic            B) Atlantic            C) Pacific            D) Indian
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17) Which of these countries has the greatest biodiversity among its flora and fauna?  
A) Finland            B) Colombia            C) Denmark            D) Uruguay
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18) Which American city has by far the largest population?  
A) Salt Lake City            B) New York City            C) Dallas            D) Orlando
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19) Which of these American states has the most electoral votes among the four listed here and is currently considered a swing state in presidential elections?  
A) Florida            B) Massachusetts            C) Arkansas            D) Washington
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20) Dishes such as garlic naan bread, rogan josh, samosas, and chicken tandoori are from what country's culinary heritage?  
A) Italy            B) Nigeria            C) Argentina            D) India
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21) Which of these rivers does not flow into the Mediterranean Sea?  
A) Nile            B) Rhone            C) Amazon            D) Ebro
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22) Earthquakes are commonly caused by which of the following methods?  
A) Abnormalities in ocean tides            B) Movement of tectonic plates against each other  
C) Lake effect snow squalls            D) Fluctuations in the solar wind
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23) Which of these American mountains tops out at over 20,000 feet?  
A) Denali            B) Mount Whitney            C) Mount Washington            D) Mount Mitchell
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24) Which of these countries is not currently home to any US military installations?  
A) Germany            B) Russia            C) Qatar            D) Japan
- \_\_\_\_\_ 25) Which Canadian province is located in the easternmost time zone of any Canadian province?  
A) Ontario            B) Manitoba            C) Newfoundland & Labrador            D) Alberta
- \_\_\_\_\_ 26) On which island did the Roman Empire build Hadrian's Wall and the city of Londinium?  
A) Jamaica            B) Iceland            C) Great Britain            D) Honshu

- \_\_\_\_\_ 27) Which of these places has the greatest variation between its average January and July high temperatures?  
A) Singapore      B) Honolulu      C) San Diego      D) Toronto
- \_\_\_\_\_ 28) Which word follows “Erie”, “Suez”, & “Panama” to name a geographic feature made by people?  
A) Dam      B) Fort      C) Canal      D) Seaport
- \_\_\_\_\_ 29) Which European country lacks land borders with any other country?  
A) Malta      B) Austria      C) Portugal      D) Slovakia
- \_\_\_\_\_ 30) Significantly colder average global temperatures, such as those found during ice ages, lead to which of the following outcomes?  
A) Rising global sea levels      B) Greater biodiversity in mid-latitude regions  
C) Falling global sea levels      D) A decline in the extent of land covered by glaciers
- \_\_\_\_\_ 31) A non-stop flight from Miami to which of these state capitals would take the longest?  
A) Baton Rouge      B) Atlanta      C) Boise      D) Richmond
- \_\_\_\_\_ 32) This question was written in the middle of which mountain range in Vermont?  
A) Green Mountains      B) Rocky Mountains      C) Cascade Mountains      D) Ozark Mountains
- \_\_\_\_\_ 33) Which of these countries has seen the greatest percentage rise in its Gross Domestic Product since 1955?  
A) South Korea      B) Haiti      C) Somalia      D) Yemen
- \_\_\_\_\_ 34) Lions, zebras, and giraffes inhabit which biome in East Africa?  
A) Savannah      B) Tundra      C) Taiga      D) Mangrove swamps
- \_\_\_\_\_ 35) Which word is used for the result when rain sweeps away topsoil and plants off a hillside?  
A) Desalinization      B) Erosion      C) Subduction      D) Desertification
- \_\_\_\_\_ 36) On December 21, which city has the smallest amount of daylight hours?  
A) Fairbanks, AK      B) Houston, TX      C) Baltimore, MD      D) Cedar Rapids, IA
- \_\_\_\_\_ 37) Which of these countries ranks in the top 10 in both land area and population?  
A) Brazil      B) Argentina      C) Chile      D) Ecuador
- \_\_\_\_\_ 38) Volcanoes do not pose a serious hazard to any part of which country?  
A) Japan      B) USA      C) Bahamas      D) Indonesia
- \_\_\_\_\_ 39) Which of these parts of the world produces the most oil and natural gas?  
A) Central America      B) Middle East      C) Australia & New Zealand      D) Polynesia
- \_\_\_\_\_ 40) Which of these American states shares a land border with a foreign country?  
A) South Dakota      B) Arizona      C) New Jersey      D) Tennessee
- \_\_\_\_\_ 41) Which country celebrated its victory in the 2018 FIFA World Cup soccer tournament with a parade on the Avenue des Champs Elysées?  
A) Russia      B) Botswana      C) Germany      D) France

- \_\_\_\_\_ 42) “The Ukraine girls make me sing and shout” is a line from which song by The Beatles?  
A) “London Calling” B) “Back in the USSR” C) “Norwegian Wood” D) “Spanish Harlem”
- \_\_\_\_\_ 43) Hikers can travel over 2000 miles on which walking path in the eastern USA?  
A) Oregon Trail B) Pacific Crest Trail C) Appalachian Trail D) Chisholm Trail
- \_\_\_\_\_ 44) Which of the following rivers is a tributary of the Mississippi River?  
A) Delaware River B) Colorado River C) Connecticut River D) Ohio River
- \_\_\_\_\_ 45) Hinduism has the most adherents in which South Asian country?  
A) Nepal B) India C) Pakistan D) Bangladesh
- \_\_\_\_\_ 46) If as an AFS exchange student you lived with a reindeer-herding Sami family in Lapland, you might be studying where?  
A) Switzerland B) Sweden C) Swaziland D) Honduras
- \_\_\_\_\_ 47) Which of these islands is one of the Greater Antilles?  
A) St. Lucia B) Hispaniola C) Trinidad D) Key West
- \_\_\_\_\_ 48) Which US county can be described as suburban?  
A) Kings County, NY B) Lake County, IL C) Aroostook County, ME D) Maui County, HI
- \_\_\_\_\_ 49) Which two rivers of southern Africa were used to name two of the Boer Republics?  
A) Orange & Vaal B) Niger & Congo C) Zambezi & Limpopo D) Volta & Blue Nile
- \_\_\_\_\_ 50) Which European country contains the world’s highest number of speakers of an Ugric language as well as the Hortobágy National Park and Lake Balaton?  
A) Bulgaria B) Moldova C) Slovenia D) Hungary