



International Geography Bee

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

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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.

- _____ 1) Which country is not a member of the European Union?
A) France B) Italy C) Finland D) Chile
- _____ 2) Which US state grows Kona style coffee beans in its rich volcanic soils?
A) Florida B) Hawaii C) Texas D) Rhode Island
- _____ 3) This question was written on a flight from Houston to Miami while over what body of water?
A) Chesapeake Bay B) Pacific Ocean C) Gulf of Mexico D) Lake Champlain
- _____ 4) The highest mountain east of the Mississippi River in the USA is found in which state?
A) Maryland B) North Carolina C) Wisconsin D) Alabama
- _____ 5) You could visit the Three Gorges Dam while taking a boat ride on which major river in Asia?
A) Danube B) Brahmaputra C) Yangtze D) Niger
- _____ 6) Rising sea levels pose a greatest threat to which of the following countries?
A) Bangladesh B) Bhutan C) Burundi D) Burkina Faso
- _____ 7) Which nickname is given to much of the Great Plains, including Kansas and Oklahoma, due to its susceptibility to a certain form of severe weather?
A) Hurricane Central B) Typhoon Lagoon C) Tornado Alley D) Icebox of the Nation
- _____ 8) What distinction do Death Valley, parts of New Orleans, and much of the Netherlands share?
A) Temperatures exceed 50 degrees Celsius each year B) They all contain land below sea level
C) They were all controlled by France in the year 1807 D) They all lie south of the Tropic of Cancer

- _____ 9) Which nation's cuisine is known for dishes such as Veal Milanese and Trippa alla Fiorentina?
A) Italy B) Mexico C) Russia D) Japan
- _____ 10) Which state's land area consists almost entirely of land located on peninsulas?
A) Maine B) Colorado C) Hawaii D) Michigan
- _____ 11) Which is the second largest city in the United States by population?
A) New York City B) Milwaukee C) Los Angeles D) Tulsa
- _____ 12) A biologist studying shorebirds breeding on the tundra might need to spend her summer where?
A) Northern Canada B) Everglades National Park C) Istanbul D) Southern France
- _____ 13) Which of these bodies of water is found closest to the Great Barrier Reef?
A) Adriatic Sea B) Coral Sea C) Arctic Ocean D) Bay of Bengal
- _____ 14) Which African country is home to the greatest number of Arabic speakers of any country?
A) South Africa B) Tunisia C) Egypt D) Ethiopia
- _____ 15) With how many countries does Canada have land borders?
A) Zero B) One C) Two D) Thirty Seven
- _____ 16) Which US state is home to a portion of the Continental Divide?
A) Oregon B) New Hampshire C) Colorado D) Connecticut
- _____ 17) Since 2011, which Middle Eastern country has been the source of millions of refugees fleeing its ongoing civil war?
A) Qatar B) Syria C) Oman D) UAE
- _____ 18) Which invasive weed introduced from Japan has spread throughout the American southeast?
A) Poison ivy B) Kudzu C) Peat moss D) Venus flytrap
- _____ 19) Which world famous landmark was originally built for the 1889 World's Fair?
A) Coliseum B) Eiffel Tower C) Burj Khalifa D) Great Pyramid
- _____ 20) In which of these countries do a majority of the people speak a Romance language?
A) Denmark B) Mexico C) China D) Turkmenistan
- _____ 21) As of 2018, which of the following states has the greatest percentage of its voters as registered Republicans, and is thus known as a "red state" where voters are more conservative?
A) Massachusetts B) New York C) California D) Utah
- _____ 22) Which country has the world's highest population, though India is quickly catching up to it?
A) China B) Japan C) Germany D) Luxembourg
- _____ 23) Which river flows predominantly from North to South?
A) Nile B) Mississippi C) Ob D) Rhine
- _____ 24) Which of these US cities has a desert climate?
A) Chicago B) Phoenix C) Philadelphia D) Seattle

- _____ 25) Which airline flies a direct route between the cities of Beijing and Shanghai?
A) Air China B) Ethiopian Airlines C) Iberia D) Aeroméxico
- _____ 26) Which time zone are the cities of Houston, St. Louis, and Minneapolis located in?
A) Eastern B) Central C) Mountain D) Pacific
- _____ 27) Which of these countries does not have an extensive automobile manufacturing industry?
A) Germany B) Japan C) USA D) Uruguay
- _____ 28) To which religion does nearly the entire population of Saudi Arabia adhere?
A) Islam B) Buddhism C) Christianity D) Taoism
- _____ 29) Indianapolis and Daytona are known for hosting important facilities for which sport?
A) Baseball B) Ice Hockey C) Ski jumping D) Auto Racing
- _____ 30) Which mountain range is home to the world's tallest mountains?
A) Japanese Alps B) Himalayas C) Rockies D) Pyrenees
- _____ 31) Which of these states is also the name of a major American river?
A) Missouri B) New Jersey C) Hawaii D) Arizona
- _____ 32) If, as an AFS exchange student, your host family made you kielbasa and pierogis at their home in Warsaw, you would be studying where?
A) South Korea B) Poland C) Costa Rica D) Ghana
- _____ 33) What is the only Great Lake that does not border Canada?
A) Michigan B) Erie C) Superior D) Ontario
- _____ 34) The Sahara Desert covers much of the northern part of what continent?
A) Antarctica B) Africa C) Europe D) Asia
- _____ 35) The East River, Harlem River, and Hudson River all surround which island?
A) Cuba B) Sicily C) Manhattan D) Long Island
- _____ 36) What is the only one of these oceans that the United States does not have a coastline on?
A) Pacific B) Atlantic C) Indian D) Arctic
- _____ 37) What is the second largest US state by land area?
A) Alaska B) Texas C) Montana D) Ohio
- _____ 38) Where are estuaries commonly found?
A) In Colorado and Wyoming B) Near the tops of mountains
C) Where rivers meet oceans D) In the middle of deserts
- _____ 39) The Appalachian Trail passes through which of these states?
A) Oklahoma B) North Dakota C) Idaho D) Virginia
- _____ 40) Which of these countries is found on two continents?
A) Turkey B) Portugal C) China D) Argentina

- _____ 41) Which is the only national flag not to have any red, white, or blue?
A) Italy B) Mexico C) United Kingdom D) Jamaica
- _____ 42) Crete and Cyprus are the two largest islands in the eastern portion of which sea?
A) Red Sea B) Mediterranean Sea C) Sea of Japan D) North Sea
- _____ 43) Which European capital city was divided by a wall for nearly 30 years during the Cold War?
A) Paris B) London C) Berlin D) Moscow
- _____ 44) The cities formerly known as Bombay, Bangalore, and Calcutta are found in which country?
A) Iran B) Ireland C) Iraq D) India
- _____ 45) Which landlocked state contains much of the Ozark Mountains and is nicknamed the Land of Opportunity?
A) Florida B) Iowa C) Arkansas D) Delaware
- _____ 46) A singer named Enya wrote a song called "Orinoco Flow" about a river located where?
A) Venezuela B) Zambia C) Norway D) Saskatchewan
- _____ 47) Deposits of rocks and sediments left by retreating glaciers are known as what?
A) Orogeny B) Col C) Moraine D) Cirque
- _____ 48) Which country is found in between the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea?
A) Uzbekistan B) Azerbaijan C) Moldova D) Estonia
- _____ 49) Which archipelago is not considered part of Polynesia?
A) Tonga B) Marquesas C) Philippines D) Samoa
- _____ 50) Which body of water can form when a slow flowing river changes its course?
A) Marginal sea B) Oxbow lake C) Bight D) Tarn