



UNITED STATES
GEOGRAPHY CHAMPIONSHIPS



International
Geography Bee

The United States Geography Championships & International Geography Bee – USA Division

Qualifying Exam Question Distribution Table – Current as of September 2020

Note: The numbers listed below correspond to the number of questions on the Qualifying Exam that pertain to the aspect of geography they are listed next to. Each question is classified by geographic area and geographic discipline (the disciplines themselves are broken down further). Thus there are 50 questions total, not 100 or 150. Questions that reference multiple geographic regions or disciplines may be classified in either.

Geographic Distribution

12 – USA

1 each of New England & New York; Mid-Atlantic (PA, NJ, DE, MD, DC, VA, WV); Southeast (NC, SC, GA, FL, AL, MS, TN, KY); South Central (TX, OR, LA, AR), and Inner Mountain West (MT, WY, CO, NM, UT, ID, AZ). 2 each of Midwest (OH, IN, IL, MI, WI, MN, ND, SD, NE, KS, MO, IA) and West (CA, NV, OR, WA, AK, HI).

1 - Canada

5 – Latin America and the Greater Caribbean

1 each of Mexico and Central America/Caribbean. 2 for South America. 1 for any within region.

6 – Europe

1 each for Southern Europe, Northern Europe, Central Europe, Eastern Europe, European Russia. 1 for any within region.

6 – Africa

1 each for North Africa, West Africa, Southern Africa, Central Africa, and East Africa. 1 for any within region.

5 – East and Southeast Asia

3 for China, 1 for SE Asia, 1 for Japan or Korea

4 – South Asia

3 for India, 1 for other South Asia (Sri Lanka, Maldives, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan)

2 – North and Central Asia

1 for Asiatic Russia, Mongolia, or Caucasus Region, 1 for the 5 post-Soviet “stans” and Afghanistan

2 – Middle East

Includes Asiatic Turkey and Iran, but not North Africa

1 – Australia

2 – Oceans, Oceanic Islands, Arctic, Antarctic, and Greenland

1 for Pacific Ocean area and 1 for all other areas combined within this heading

4 – Undefined, Multiple, or Any

Disciplinary

14 – Physical

18 – Political

10 – Human Geography (Cultural, Economic, Historical, etc.)

3 – Cartography

5 - Any

Sub-Disciplinary

6 – Bodies of Water and Hydrology

6 – Mountains, Geology, Landforms

2 – Weather, Climate, Biomes, and related topics

9 – Countries

5 – Cities

5 – Regional (e.g. provinces, states, regions)

3 – Historic Geography

4 – Current Events

1 – Languages

1 – Religions

3 – Industry, and Commerce

5 – Multiple or Any