

Geography Bee Round 2

Regulation Tossups

(1) Operation Restore Order was an attempt to clear slums in this country where the region of Matabeleland contains the city of Bulawayo. The majority of the Shona people live in this country that contains an airport named after President Robert Mugabe. For the point, name this African country with capital at Harare.

ANSWER: Republic of **Zimbabwe** (or Nyika ye**Zimbabwe**)

(2) Jean Rhys [[JEEN REESS]] borrowed the name of this feature for the title of a novel that takes place in the Caribbean, to the southwest of this region. This "sea" is notable for its eel population and for not having any land boundaries. For the point, identify this ocean gyre that is bounded to the north by the North Atlantic Current and to the west by the Gulf Stream.

ANSWER: **Sargasso** Sea (accept *Wide Sargasso Sea*)

(3) The "throat" of a nearby sea separates this region from the Winter Coast of the Arkhangelesk Oblast. The deepest point ever reached in the Earth's crust is this peninsula's Superdeep Borehole, while its city of Murmansk is the most populous city north of the Arctic Circle. The White Sea is south of, for the point, what peninsula of Northwestern Russia?

ANSWER: **Kola** Peninsula (accept **Murmansk** Oblast before "peninsula" is mentioned)

(4) Thaana is the language spoken by residents of this country, which features the lowest average elevation of any country on Earth. The Velana International Airport brings tourists to this country via an atoll that contains the capital, Malé. For the point, identify this Asian country in the Indian Ocean, an archipelago located southwest of Sri Lanka.

ANSWER: Republic of **Maldives** (or **Dhivehi Raajjeyge** Jumhooriyyaa; or **Dhivehi Raajje**)

(5) This city is divided by Odori Park, the site of its annual Snow Festival. This city's Mount Teine [[teh-EE-neh]] was the main venue for the skiing and bobsledding competitions during the 1972 Winter Olympic Games. First settled by the Ainu people, this is, for the point, what capital city of Hokkaido?

ANSWER: **Sapporo**-shi (accept **Sapporo** Teine)

(6) This country's Great Astrolabe Reef, the world's fourth-largest barrier reef, surrounds its island of Kadavu. The Koro Sea surrounds many of the islands of this country, whose highest peak, Mount Tomanivi, is located in the northern highlands of Viti Levu. Located between Vanuatu and Tonga, this is, for the point, what archipelago that has its capital at Suva?

ANSWER: Republic of **Fiji** (or Matanitu ko **Viti**)

(7) This city's Santa Maria delle Grazie [[del-lay GRAHTZ-ee-ay]] convent houses Leonardo Da Vinci's *The Last Supper*, which was commissioned by a duke of this city, Ludovico Sforza [[SFORT-zah]]. This city's La Scala is the largest opera house in Europe, and this city is one of the Big Four fashion capitals. For the point, name this capital of Lombardy, the second-most populous city in Italy.

ANSWER: **Milano**

(8) Dams along this river include Oahe [[oh-AH-hee]], Garrison, and Fort Peck. Highways 1804 and 1806, named for the years of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, parallel this river as it winds through cities such as Pierre [[PEER]]. The Platte is a tributary of, for the point, what river that meets the Mississippi in St. Louis?

ANSWER: **Missouri** River

(9) Natural landmarks in this state include the Samalayuca Sand Dunes and the Copper Canyon. This state's largest city contains Paso del Norte, which crosses over the Rio Grande to El Paso, Texas, and is named after its country's first indigenous president. For the point, name this largest Mexican state that contains Ciudad Juarez [[see-YOO-dahd HWAH-ress]] and names a small breed of dog.

ANSWER: **Chihuahua**

(10) Sousse [[SOO-sah]] is the second-most populous city in this country that administers the island of Djerba. The Cape Bon peninsula is within this country that contains the Tataouine governorate, and this country's Cape Angela extends to the point of Ras ben Sakka, a continental extreme that juts into the Mediterranean Sea. For the point, identify this northernmost African country.

ANSWER: Republic of **Tunisia** (or Al Jumhuriyah at **Tunisiyah**)

(11) This island's two official languages are Dutch and Papiamentu [[pah-pyah-MEN-toh]], a Spanish and Portuguese creole. This Caribbean island is accessible via an international airport named in honor of Queen Beatrix. For the point, name this island in the Leeward Antilles that, along with Bonaire and Curaçao [[KYOO-rah-sao]], is part of the ABC islands of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

ANSWER: Country of **Aruba**

(12) Shivratn Mohatta built this city's Mohatta Palace in a Mughal Revival style in 1927 but left it when he returned to India after the 1947 partition. This city's Bahria Town Icon Tower, a 62-story modern high-rise offering views of the Arabian Sea, will be its nation's tallest building when completed. For the point, name this architecturally diverse megacity, the largest seaport in Pakistan.

ANSWER: **Karachi**

(13) Until 2015, Lubumbashi was the capital of this country's southeastern Katanga Province, whose borders included Lake Mweru with Zambia. This country's military has fought rebel groups backed by neighboring Rwanda in the Kivu conflict, an extension of a war against Laurent-Désiré Kabila. For the point, name this large Central African country with capital at Kinshasa.

ANSWER: **Democratic Republic of the Congo** (or **DRC**; or **Republique Democratique du Congo**; or **RDC**; prompt on "Congo"; do not accept or prompt on "Republic of the Congo")

(14) Both ends of the Gornergrat Railway are overlooked by this mountain, which is north of Breuil [[broy-EEL]]-Cervina, a town in the Aosta [[ah-OH-stah]] Edward Whymper first ascended this mountain, which is most commonly accessed from the Hörnli Hut in Zermatt, or the Haute [[OHT]] Route from Chamonix [[shah-moh-NEE]] and Mont Blanc. For the point, name this Alpine peak on the border of Italy and Switzerland.

ANSWER: **Matterhorn** (or **Cervino**)

(15) One center of this country's film industry that produces Hausa-language films is nicknamed "Kannywood," which is centered around its city of Kano. *Kongi's Harvest* was the first indigenously-produced film from this country, and that film starred Wole [[WO-leh]] Soyinka. For the point, name this African country that contains one of the largest national film industries in the world, "Nollywood."

ANSWER: Federal Republic of **Nigeria**

(16) Tuzla is the third-largest city in this country where the mountain Trebević [[TREH-beh-veech]] hosted events during the 1984 Winter Olympics. This country that contains part of the Dinaric Alps is also home to the city of Neum, its only access port to the Adriatic Sea. Croatia forms the Northern and Southwestern borders of, for the point, what Balkan country with capital at Sarajevo?

ANSWER: **Bosnia and Herzegovina** (or **Bosna i Hercegovina**; or **BiH**; prompt on "Bosnia")

(17) During Operation Kraai, this country's city of Bukittinggi [[BOO-kee-TING-ee]] served as the headquarters of the PDRI. In 2019, this country's government projected that moving its capital to East Kalimantan province would cost 466 trillion rupiahs. For the point, name this country where President Joko Widodo announced plans to move the capital to the planned city of Nusantara from Jakarta.

ANSWER: Republic of **Indonesia** (or Republik **Indonesia**)

(18) This country's Salar de Uyuni salt pans served as the planet Crait in *The Last Jedi*. This country contains the Gate of the Sun Monolith at Tiwanaku, and its town of San Vicente was likely where Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid made their final stand. For the point, name this South American country that shares Lake Titicaca with Peru and has dual capitals.

ANSWER: Plurinational State of **Bolivia** (or Estado Plurinacional de **Bolivia**)

(19) One structure on this city's St. Helen's Island is a transparent geodesic sphere designed by Buckminster Fuller known as the Biosphere. This city's artificial Notre Dame Island was built from rock excavated during the construction of this city's metro system. For the point, name this Canadian city that hosted Expo 67 and the 1976 Summer Olympics.

ANSWER: **Montreal**

(20) Mount Tahan is the tallest peak in the Tenasserim Hills, which pass along this landmass that also contains the Kawthaung District. The state of Selangor lies on this peninsula, whose narrowest portion is known as the Isthmus of Kra. Separated by the Strait of Malacca from Sumatra, this is, for the point, what Southeast Asian peninsula, west of the Gulf of Siam, that contains Kuala Lumpur?

ANSWER: **Malay** Peninsula (accept Semenanjung Tanah **Melayu**; accept **Malayan** Tapir)

(21) The Route of Emperors and Kings, situated along this river, is partially named after King Richard I of England, who was jailed in nearby Dürnstein Castle in the region of Wachau [[VAH-cow]]. The Perpetual Diet of Regensburg governed the Holy Roman Empire from the banks of this river starting in 1663, and the Siege of Belgrade was fought along this river. For the point, identify this second-longest river in Europe that flows through Vienna.

ANSWER: **Danube** River (or **Donau**; or **Dunaj**; or **Duna**; or **Dunav**; or **Dunay**)

(22) In 1988, a civilian aircraft was shot down by the USS *Vincennes* south of this body of water's Qeshm Island during the "Tanker War." The Musandam Governorate is located on a peninsula between this body of water and the Gulf of Oman. The U.S. Fifth Fleet is based at Manama in, for the point, what gulf from which one-third of the world's supply of oil is shipped through the Strait of Hormuz?

ANSWER: **Persian** Gulf (or Xalij-e **fârs**; accept Gulf of **Fars**; accept **Arabian** Gulf; accept Al-Khalij al-**Arabi**)

(23) Calvados brandy is produced in this region that also contains the Cotentin [[koh-ten-TAHN]] Peninsula, often named for the port of Cherbourg. Rouen [[roo-AHN]] was the historical capital of this former duchy, whose other cities include Le Havre [[luh-HAHV]], which is at the mouth of the Seine River. For the point, name this region of Northwestern France that was invaded by the Allies on D-Day in 1944.

ANSWER: **Normandy**

(24) The Dixon Entrance helps form the eastern boundary of this body of water, and Lituya Bay can be found in this body of water which stretches west of the Alexander Archipelago. The Cook Inlet stretches into this body of water known as Yéil T'ooch in the Tlingit language. Reaching east from Kodiak Island, this is, for the point, what body of water home to the cities of Sitka and Anchorage?

ANSWER: **Gulf of Alaska** (accept **Yéil T'ooch** before mentioned)

(25) The 100 Series of these things were the first to feature bilevel cars, and the Zero series of these things were withdrawn in 2008. The N700S Series of these things is operated by JR Kyushu between Fukoka and Kagoshima, and the SC Maglev type of these things set a land speed record for rail vehicles. For the point, identify these high speed Japanese trains.

ANSWER: **Shinkansen** (accept **Japanese Bullet Trains** before "Japanese;" prompt on "Bullet Train" or "Train")

(26) The Selk'nam population of this archipelago declined sharply during a gold rush that led to the growth of its city of Punta Arenas. The Beagle Channel flows through the middle of this archipelago, which attracted settlers during a sheep farming boom in Patagonia. Found between the mainland and the Strait of Magellan, this is, for the point, what South American archipelago with a name meaning "Land of Fire?"

ANSWER: **Tierra del Fuego** (prompt on "Land of Fire" or "Fireland")

(27) Muthaiga is among the most affluent portions of this city, which is nicknamed "The Green City in the Sun." This city is home to a mall that was the subject of a 2013 attack carried out by al-Shabaab in Westgate. The Kibera slum can be found in this city which replaced Mombasa as its nation's capital in 1907. For the point, name this "Safari Capital of the World," the capital of Kenya.

ANSWER: **Nairobi**

(28) The Goose Island Brewery is named for an island between this river and the North Branch Canal, though the brewery itself is based in Lincoln Park. To prevent sewage from contaminating its city's drinking water, a namesake Sanitary and Ship Canal connects this river to the Des Plaines [[DESS-PLAINS]] River. Lake Michigan is the current source of, for the point, what river that flows around the "Loop" of an Illinois city?

ANSWER: **Chicago** River (accept **Chicago** Sanitary and Ship Canal)

(29) This country's rivers include the Dâmbovița [[dem-baw-VEET-sah]] River, which flows through its capital, and the Prut River, which forms its northeastern border. This country's cultural center of Iași [[YAH-shee]] is in its region of Moldavia, and its region of Wallachia [[wah-LAY-kee-ah]] borders Bulgaria. For the point, name this country with capital Bucharest.

ANSWER: **Romania**

(30) This island is separated from another island to the east by the Mona Passage. La Isabela was established on this island, which has been historically inhabited by the Taíno people, and this most populous island in the West Indies contains such cities as Santo Domingo and Port-au-Prince. For the point, name this large island that contains the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

ANSWER: **Hispaniola** (accept **Ayiti or Quisqueya**; accept **Ispayola**; accept La **Espanola**; accept **Quisqueya or Ayiti**; do not accept or prompt on "Dominican Republic" or "Haiti")

Extra Questions

(1) Sanam Luang is a public park in this city, and this city's Temple of the Emerald Buddha is housed within its Grand Palace, which is currently occupied by Rama X [[the TENTH]]. This city's full name of 168 letters is often shortened to "Krung Thep," and this city on the Chao Phraya River is the largest on the Indochina Peninsula. For the point, name this capital of Thailand.

ANSWER: **Bangkok** (accept **Krung Thep** Maha Nakhon before mentioned)