

Geography Bee Round 1 (MS)

Regulation Tossups

(1) The Groot-vloer Pan and Etosha Pan can be found in this region, whose name translates as "Dry Place" in the Khoekhoe language. Stretching nearly one million square kilometers, this semi-arid desert contains the Okavango Delta along the border of Angola and Namibia. For the point, name this African desert that covers most of Botswana.

ANSWER: **Kalahari** Desert

(2) This country's capital names an annual day-long motorsport event that hasn't been held in this country since 2007. Historical sites in this country include the Door of No Return, located in the House of Slaves on this country's Gorée [[goh-REH]] Island. For the point, name this West African country that nearly surrounds The Gambia and is governed from Dakar.

ANSWER: Republic of **Senegal** (or Republique du **Senegal**)

(3) This river begins in a country formerly known as this river's "United Provinces" in the Paraná Delta. Montevideo is separated from Argentina by this so-called river that is formed in part by the course of the Uruguay. For the point, name this "River of Silver" in Southeastern South America.

ANSWER: Río de la **Plata** (accept River **Plate**; do not accept or prompt on "Uruguay River" or "Paraguay River" or "Parana River")

(4) Found in the San Isabel National Forest, this mountain peak near the city of Leadville is the highest peak in the Sawatch Range. This mountain is the second-tallest mountain in the contiguous U.S. after Mount Whitney. For the point, identify this Colorado peak, the highest in the Rocky Mountains.

ANSWER: Mount **Elbert**

(5) The words "There is no conqueror but God" are written in calligraphy in this location, as they represent the Nasrid motto. The Alcabaza is part of this complex, and courtyards with fountains exemplify its Moorish architecture. For the point, name this palace complex in Granada, Spain.

ANSWER: **Alhambra** (accept *Tales of the Alhambra*; accept **Al-Hamrā'**; prompt on "The Red One")

(6) The northern reaches of this lake have been preserved by the Dike Kokaral, while its southern regions in Uzbekistan have been left to degrade. This lake, once fed by the Amu Darya river, suffered after cotton farming diverted much of its water for irrigation. For the point, name this lake in Central Asia that has mostly dried up.

ANSWER: **Aral** Sea

(7) The Empire State Building-inspired Al-Asmakh Tower in this city where the Aspire Zone is home to Khalifa International Stadium. Hamad International Airport serves this city, a major center of pearling and also home to the headquarters of Al Jazeera. For the point, name this capital of Qatar.

ANSWER: **Doha** (accept ad-**Dawha**)

(8) The Ulcinj Salina [[UHL-sinj SAH-lee-nah]] saltpan in this country is an important area for wetland biodiversity. This country's parliament selected "Oh, Bright Dawn of May" as its national anthem in 2004 after separating from Serbia. For the point, name this Balkan country whose English name means "black mountain."

ANSWER: **Montenegro** (or **Crna Gora**)

(9) Berenberg Bank and the magazine *Der Spiegel* [[SHPEE-guhl]] are based in this city, whose former mayors include Olaf Scholz, the current German chancellor. This city on the Elbe River is the third-largest port in Europe. For the point, identify this second-most populous city in Germany.

ANSWER: Free and Hanseatic City of **Hamburg**

(10) The Draa Valley can be found in this mountain range that contains such peaks as Ouarzazate [[wahr-zeh-ZAHT]] and Mount Toubkal. A species of macaque native to this range is sometimes known as the Barbary ape. Large Berber populations inhabit, for the point, what mountain range that spans the Maghreb in North Africa?

ANSWER: **Atlas** Mountains (accept Jibāl al-'**atlas**)

(11) This body of water is connected to Lake Saimaa by canal, and the Hanko Peninsula defines its northwestern end. The eastern border of this body of water includes the Karelian Isthmus, which separates it from Lake Ladoga. For the point, identify this arm of the Baltic Sea whose ports include Tallinn, St. Petersburg, and Helsinki.

ANSWER: **Gulf of Finland** (or **Suomenlahti**; or **Soome laht**; or **Finskiy zaliv**)

(12) This country's city of Tshwane is governed by the Democratic Alliance, though that party does not control Tshwane's Gauteng Province. This country's National Assembly has long been dominated by the African National Congress. For the point, name this country whose modern democracy was founded by Nelson Mandela.

ANSWER: Republic of **South Africa** (accept **RSA**)

(13) Tea production is crucial to this country's Central Province, which includes the city of Nuwara Eliya. This country's Mannar Island forms the eastern end of Adam's Bridge, south of the Bay of Bengal. Formerly known as Ceylon, for the point, name this island country whose executive and judicial seats are found in Colombo.

ANSWER: **Sri Lanka** (or **Ilankai**; accept Democratic Socialist Republic of **Sri Lanka**; or **Śrī Laṅkā** Prajātāntrika Samājavādī Janarajaya; or **Ilankai** Jaṇanāyaka Sōsalisak Kuṭiyarasu)

(14) The city of Roskilde hosts a major music festival on this country's island of Zealand. The Faroe Islands are administered by this country, whose capital is located across the Øresund Bridge from Malmö, Sweden. Jutland [[JUT-lund]] is a peninsula of, for the point, what European country that governs Greenland?

ANSWER: Kingdom of **Denmark** (or Kongeriget **Danmark**)

(15) It's not Oman, but a region known as Jebel Akhdar can be found in the east of this country. Bikku Bitti can be found in the Tibesti Mountains in this country that also contains the Gulf of Sidra. For the point, identify this North African country that contains the cities of Benghazi and Tripoli?

ANSWER: State of **Libya** (accept Dawlat **Libiyā**; accept **Libyan** Desert)

(16) The indigenous Timbisha Shoshone were displaced were displaced from this region and relocated to a village near Furnace Creek. An ultramarathon ending at Mount Whitney starts in this region's Badwater Basin. For the point, name this region of the northern Mojave which contains the lowest point in North America.

ANSWER: **Death Valley** (or **Death Valley** National Park; accept **Death Valley** National Monument)

(17) This region's Rimé movement seeks to unify a set of schools that are nominally led by the Ganden Tripa. This region's Yellow Hat Buddhist sect was historically led from Potala Palace according to a title first awarded to Gendun Gyatso. The Dalai Lama resides in, ftp, what high-altitude region of China?

ANSWER: **Tibet** (or **Xizàng**)

(18) The La Marina Lighthouse is an often-visited location in this city that contains the Miraflores district. This city's namesake Metropolitan Area is formed with the nearby port of Callao [[KAH-yow]], and this city is thought to have derived its name from a Quechua word meaning "talker." For the point, identify this capital of Peru.

ANSWER: **Lima**

(19) This country's town of Oracabessa contains Goldeneye, the estate of James Bond author Ian Fleming. This country was subject to a 1692 earthquake that destroyed its buccaneer town of Port Royal. For the point, name this Caribbean island country that is home to Montego Bay and known for its reggae culture.

ANSWER: **Jamaica**

(20) In 2005, this country experienced eruptions at Ilamatepec [[yah-mah-TEH-pek]], a feature also known as the Santa Ana Volcano. It's not the Canary Islands, but La Palma is a municipality in this country that contains a cathedral where Bishop Oscar Romero was buried. For the point, name this Central American country with a capital named for the Spanish for "Holy Savior."

ANSWER: Republic of **El Salvador** (accept República de **El Salvador**)

(21) This city's wealthy Zamalek district is on its Gezira Island and can be accessed by the 6th October Bridge, which commemorates the outbreak of the Yom Kippur War. This city's Tahrir Square was one of the centers of the 2011 Arab Spring. For the point, name this city on the Nile River.

ANSWER: **Cairo** (or al-**Qāhirah**)

(22) The tallest free-standing structure in North America can be found in this province, which is home to its country's largest zoo in Scarborough. Brampton and Thunder Bay are contained within this province that is served by Pearson Airport. For the point, identify this Canadian province that contains the CN Tower and Toronto.

ANSWER: **Ontario**

(23) This island's North Fork is located in Suffolk County, along with Montauk. Theodore Roosevelt's home of Sagamore Hill is located in Oyster Bay in this island's Nassau County, while this island's Kings County and Queens County are part of New York City. The Hamptons are on, for the point, what island in New York State?

ANSWER: **Long** Island (prompt on "The Island")

(24) Flights from Bundaberg Airport travel to Lady Elliot Island within this region, which was extensively covered by Google's Underwater Street View feature. This region that has been affected by sludge dumping and bleaching is found near Queensland in the Coral Sea. For the point, name this extensive coral system off the coast of Australia.

ANSWER: **Great Barrier Reef** (accept **Great Barrier Reef** Marine Park)

(25) This state's city of Chitrakoot is the location of JRDU, the world's first university solely dedicated to teaching disabled students. In 2000, Uttarakhand broke away from this state, whose major cities include Allahabad, Agra, Varanasi, and its capital, Lucknow. For the point, name this most populous subnational entity in the world, the largest state in India.

ANSWER: **Uttar Pradesh**

Extra Question

(1) Corporations such as the "M.T. Lott Company" acquired land for this region, whose public services are controlled by the Reedy Creek Improvement District. This region contains the incorporated cities of Bay Lake and Lake Buena Vista, and it operates the most-used monorail in the U.S. For the point, identify this Central Florida complex that includes theme parks such as EPCOT and the Magic Kingdom.

ANSWER: Walt **Disney World** Resort (accept **Magic Kingdom** Park, Walt Disney World **Magic Kingdom**, or The **Magic Kingdom** before "EPCOT" is mentioned; do not accept or prompt on "Disneyland")