

# Geography Bee Round 4 (MS)

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## Regulation Tossups

(1) This country's Reka River and Škocjan [[SKOTS-yahn]] Caves form an underground wetland system on the Karst Plateau. This country's Mount Triglav is the highest point in the Julian Alps, near the source of the Sava River, which flows into Croatia from this country. For the point, name this former Yugoslav Republic with capital Ljubljana [[lyoob-LYAH-nah]].

ANSWER: Republic of **Slovenia** (or Republika **Slovenija**)

(2) This state contains the last remaining natural habitats of the golden lion tamarin, and this state's cities include Belford Roxo and the resort town of Cabo Frio. The cities of Niterói and Petrópolis are located in this state that merged with Guanabara in 1975. For the point, name this Brazilian state that shares its name with a city that includes landmarks such as Sugarloaf Mountain and Copacabana beach.

ANSWER: **Rio de Janeiro**

(3) This state's town of Ketchum, built in the Boulder Mountains and the Sawtooth Range of the Rockies, was once home to Ernest Hemingway. Suburbs of this state's capital include Nampa in the Treasure Valley, and remote workers are moving to this state's communities of Coeur d'Alene and Sun Valley. One-third of American potatoes are grown in, for the point, what state with its capital at Boise?

ANSWER: **Idaho**

(4) This region saw a boom in development in 1934 to support gold mining operations and grew again after the 1991 discovery of diamonds at Lac de Gras [[LAWK deh grow]]. This area was the site of Operation Morning Light, a 1978 mission to neutralize the nuclear threat of the fallen Soviet reconnaissance satellite Kosmos 954. For the point, name this Canadian territory whose capital Yellowknife is also its only city.

ANSWER: **Northwest Territories**

(5) Explorer Sir Edmund Hillary trained for his Everest and Antarctic expeditions at this location, which is now home to the Hermitage Alpine Museum and Theater named for him. In 1998, this park's name was changed to honor a traditional Maori legend about three brothers whose canoe voyage led to the creation of the South Island. For the point, name this national park that features the Tasman Glacier and the highest mountain in New Zealand.

ANSWER: **Aoraki** / **Mount Cook** National Park (accept either underlined portion; Editor's Note: the answerline is the official designation)

(6) Divisions known as khoroo divide this city, which is found within Töv Province. The tallest equestrian statue on Earth can be found in this city's National Sports Stadium that hosts celebrations of the Naadam festival that include competitions in archery and wrestling. The world's largest landlocked city is governed from, for the point, what city, the capital of Mongolia?

ANSWER: **Ulaanbaatar** (accept **Ulan Bator**; accept **Örgöö**; accept **Urga**)

(7) The largest fiberglass dome on Earth can be found at this country's Al-Fateh Grand Mosque. The Isa ibn Ali Al Khalifa can be found in this country, whose capital is home to the King Faisal Road. Connected to Saudi Arabia by the King Fahd Causeway, this is, for the point, what island country with its capital at Manama?

ANSWER: Kingdom of **Bahrain** (accept Mamlakat al-**Bahrayn**)

(8) This is the least populous country through which the Annamite Range passes, as well as the least populous member of the Golden Triangle. The majority of the world's Khmu people live in this majority Buddhist country that also contains a large Hmong population. Notably landlocked, this is, for the point, what Southeast Asian country with its capital at Vientiane?

ANSWER: **Laos** (accept **Lao People's Democratic Republic**; accept **Sathalanalat Paxathipatai Paxaxôn Lao**)

(9) A tributary of this river that rises near Lake Van is the Great Zab, which itself passes through the Zagros Mountains. One portion of this river flows through the Nineveh Governate and contains the Mosul Dam, and, along with an alphabetically earlier river, this river provides water to the Fertile Crescent. For the point, name this river that helped irrigate Mesopotamia alongside the Euphrates.

ANSWER: **Tigris** River

(10) This river's delta forms a region where cowboys known as gardians ride white Camargue horses. The Aletsch Glacier feeds this river via the Massa River in the Canton of Valais, while its primary tributary is the Saône, which it meets in Lyon. Arles, Avignon, and Geneva are on, For the point, what river of Switzerland and southern France?

ANSWER: **Rhône** River

(11) Divers in this island group can explore the World War II wreck of the HMS *Royal Oak* as well as scuttled German ships near its Scapa Flow naval base. The Standing Stones of Stenness and Skara Brae are neolithic sites in this island group, whose South Isles include Graemsay and Hoy. Kirkwall, on the island of Mainland, is the most populous town in, for the point, what island group off the north coast of Scotland?

ANSWER: **Orkney** Islands

(12) This country's Karavasta Lagoon is a common habitat of the Dalmatian Pelican, while its Lake Ohrid has 200 endemic species. A 1997 civil war caused by the collapse of several pyramid schemes in this country led to the first practical use of over 170,000 concrete bunkers constructed by Enver Hoxha, a communist who succeeded King Zog. For the point, name this Balkan country with capital Tirana.

ANSWER: Republic of **Albania**

(13) Remnants of this city's Communist past include the abandoned buildings of its Jewish Quarter, now revitalized into "ruin bars." A set of 60 pairs of scattered iron shoes along this city's riverfront memorializes Jews murdered by the Arrow Cross Party during the Holocaust. A funicular railway connects Castle Hill to the Széchenyi Chain Bridge elsewhere along the Danube waterfront of, for the point, what capital of Hungary?

ANSWER: **Budapest**

(14) A popular beach in this country is named for its resemblance to a whale's tail and is called Bahía Ballena. This country contains the district of Nicoya and the Irazu volcano, and this country's residents refer to themselves as "Ticos." Containing 5% of the Earth's biodiversity, this is, for the point, what Central American country with capital at San Jose?

ANSWER: Republic of **Costa Rica** (accept República de **Costa Rica**)

(15) A storm near this body of water's Monkey Bay led to the drowning of Chauncey Maples, who served as Bishop of Likoma. This lake that contains the greatest number of fish species on Earth has its sole outlet at the Shire River, which flows into the Zambezi. Lake Tanganyika is about 200 miles northwest of, for the point, what lake named for a country containing Lilongwe?

ANSWER: Lake **Malawi** (accept Lake **Nyasa**; accept Lago **Niassa**; prompt on partial answers)

(16) The Beaulieu is a National Historic Site in this city that hosts Honens International Piano Competition. This non-U.S. city's Festival District is found within its Eau Claire neighborhood, and the Bow River flows through this city that counts chuckwagon racing and rodeos as some of the activities in a 10-day event it holds each year. Forming a geographical corridor with Edmonton, this is, for the point, what Alberta city that is home to a namesake Stampede?

ANSWER: **Calgary**

(17) The Torres Garcia Museum is located in this country that also contains the city of Paysandu. This country's Estadio Centenario was built to host the inaugural 1930 FIFA World Cup, which this country won. With a name translating to "River of Painted Birds," this country's population is overwhelmingly of European descent like its larger neighbor, Argentina. For the point, name this country with capital at Montevideo.

ANSWER: **Uruguay** (accept Oriental Republic of **Uruguay**; accept República Oriental del **Uruguay**)

(18) This country is home to Digya National Park within its Bono East region, which also contains Techiman. This country that contains the headwaters of the Tano River also features the world's largest artificial reservoir behind the Akosombo Dam. For the point, identify this African country where Lake Volta forms part of this country's eastern border with Togo, a former British colony once known as the Gold Coast.

ANSWER: Republic of **Ghana** (prompt on "Gold Coast" before mentioned")

(19) Havre de Grace can be found on one side of this body of water into which the James River flows. This body of water is home to a practice by which one common organism moves out of a low-oxygen area in what's known as a "Crab Jubilee." Virginia Beach and Baltimore are located on, for the point, what Mid-Atlantic bay?

ANSWER: **Chesapeake** Bay

(20) *A Political Essay on the Kingdom of New Spain* was authored by this man who lends his name to a type of science exemplified by a combination of precision and Romantic idealism. A Peruvian species of penguin is named for this person lends their name to a north-moving, low-salinity movement along the the west coast of South America. For the point, name this German geographer who names a cold water current.

ANSWER: Alexander von **Humboldt** (accept Friedrich Wilhelm Heinrich Alexander von **Humboldt**)

(21) Since 2011, this island has been home to the tallest tower in the world, the Skytree. This island that is bisected by its country's namesake Alps is separated by the Inland Sea from Shikoku. Regions such as Kansai divide this island where the Kanto Plain is home to the world's largest city. For the point, name this Japanese Island that contains Tokyo.

ANSWER: **Honshu**

(22) Extensive marine biodiversity can be found in the Tubbataha Reef system of this sea where, in 2005, the *Rainbow Warrior* ran aground. Separated from the Celebes Sea by its namesake archipelago, this body of water is bordered to its northwest by the province of Palawan. The Panay Gulf can be found in, for the point, what sea southwest of the Philippines?

ANSWER: **Sulu** Sea (accept Dagat **Sulu**; accept Dagat sin **Sūg**; accept Mar de **Sulu**; accept Dagat sa **Sulu**; accept Dagat sang **Sulu**; accept Dagat kang **Sulu**; accept Dagat i'ang **Sulu**; accept Laut **Sulu**)

(23) A king who actively engaged in forest preservation efforts lends his name to this province's mountain of Doi Inthanon. Lying north of Lampang, this province's Wat Phra That Doi Suthep is among its country's best-known stupas, and a tributary of the Chao Phraya River runs through the capital of this province with which it shares its name. For the point, name this province of northern Thailand that contains the country's second largest city.

ANSWER: **Chiang Mai** (accept **Chiengmai**; accept **Chiangmai**)

(24) In 1902, 96 miners died in a disaster at this country's Mount Kembla coal mine, while its Olympic Dam is currently the world's largest single source of uranium. Eva Orner directed *Burning*, a documentary about the 2019-2020 "Black Summer" Bushfires in this country. The world's largest coal exporter is, for the point, what country led by Scott Morrison from Canberra?

ANSWER: Commonwealth of **Australia**

(25) This site contains an artificial dripstone grotto between a salon and study and can be viewed from the Marienbrücke bridge. This building's main courtyard is overlooked by a red gatehouse and a painting of Saint George slaying a dragon. This building overlooks the village of Hohenschwangau and was built to honor Richard Wagner. For the point, name this Alpine "fairy tale" castle commissioned by King Ludwig II of Bavaria.

ANSWER: **Neuschwanstein** Castle (or Schloss **Neuschwanstein**)

**Extra Question**

(1) Avenida Nine de Julio runs through this city that is named after a Madonna found on the island of Sardinia. Containing the Plaza de Mayo, this national capital that notably lies south of the Tropic of Capricorn contains the *barrio* of Flores, the birthplace of Pope Francis. For the point, name this capital city of Argentina.

ANSWER: Autonomous City of **Buenos Aires** (Ciudad Autónoma de **Buenos Aires**)