

Geography Bee Semifinals (MS)

Regulation Tossups

(1) **This national park's Lava Point is the head of the scenic "top-down" West Rim Trail that is popular among hikers. The Virgin River flows through this national park that is located near Springsdale, and Navajo Sandstone (+) comprises a prominent feature in this national park that is also home to sites such as Angels Landing. A namesake canyon (*) is contained within, for the points, what national park in Utah with a name derived from Hebrew?**

ANSWER: **Zion** National Park (accept **Zion** Canyon; accept Little **Zion**)

(2) **This city contains the Alem Cultural and Entertainment Center, which is home to the world's largest enclosed Ferris Wheel, and its Independence Park contains a statue depicting the opening of a (+) book called the Ruhmana. This city also contains a golden statue of its country's first president on top of a tripod tower called the Neutrality (*) Monument. For the points, name this city that was rebuilt as part of Saparmurat Niyazov's "White City" plan, the capital of Turkmenistan.**

ANSWER: **Ashgabat**

(3) **This state's Argyle Diamond Mine is the largest diamond producer in the world. Gold rushes in this state included discoveries in Halls Creek in 1885 and near (+) Kalgoorlie in 1893. The Pilbara is a remote region in this state, which is also home to the Great Sandy Desert and (*) Shark Bay. The port of Fremantle is at the mouth of the Swan River in, for the points, what Australian state with its capital at Perth?**

ANSWER: **Western Australia**

(4) **Kitfo is a traditional dish from this country that consists of marinated raw beef and niter kibbeh, a type of seasoned, clarified butter. Doro (+) wat is a chicken stew from this country that is usually eaten with the aid of a grey sourdough bread called (*) injera. For the points, identify this African country, the birthplace of coffee, the largest landlocked nation in the world.**

ANSWER: Federal Democratic Republic of **Ethiopia** (or **Ityop'iya** Federalawi Demokrasiyawi Ripeblik)

(5) **This region's Winston Churchill Avenue crosses the runway of its North Front Airport, forcing its closure for takeoffs and landings. The east shore of this region includes Sandy Bay and Catalan Bay, though most of its population lives in its capital of (+) Westside. Over 200 Barbary macaques, the only wild monkey population in Europe, live on the namesake limestone (*) "rock" of, for the point, what British overseas territory at the southern tip of the Iberian Peninsula?**

ANSWER: **Gibraltar** (accept Rock of **Gibraltar**)

ANSWER: **Sirocco** (accept **Scirocco**; accept **Ghibli**; accept **Siroc**; accept **Leste**; accept **Jugo**)

(6) **This territory contains bodies of water such as Turnabout Lake and Lake Hazen, This territory was populated some (+) 2,800 years ago by the Dorset culture and is today associated with the Norse region known as Helluland. First written about by Martin Frobisher (*) while attempting to find the Northwest Passage, this is, for the points, what northernmost territory of Canada?**

ANSWER: **Nunavut**

(7) **This country's Philip Goldson Highway is named for an activist who helped found both of this country's major political parties, the PUP and the UDP. The New River, (+) the longest river entirely within this country, runs through Orange Walk Town and empties into Chetumal Bay. This country shares its border with Quintana Roo, Petén, and Izabal, which are divisions of Guatemala and Mexico. For the points, name this only country in Central America with English as an official language.**

ANSWER: **Belize**

(8) **This structure began in the Shan State at Lashio, and it crosses its only international boundary at Wanting [[WAHN-TING]]. A northwestern expansion of this structure called the Ledo Road began in Assam (+) and crossed the Chindwin River. Completed in 1938, this structure traverse both the Salween and Irrawaddy Rivers, and the U.S. Flying Tigers defended this structure that was (*) used by the Allies. For the points, name this road which linked China with the country now known as Myanmar.**

ANSWER: **Burma** Road

(9) **An irrigation effort in the Western Desert used water from this lake and the nearby Toshka Lakes. The former city of Buhen is submerged under this lake, whose water levels are threatened by the (+) Renaissance Dam. The Great Temple of Ramses II at Abu (*) Simbel was relocated prior to the formation of this lake that is named for the leader of the Egyptian Revolution of 1952. For the points, name this lake formed by the Aswan High Dam on the Nile River.**

ANSWER: Lake **Nasser**

(10) **This region's El Tatio is the world's third-largest geyser field and the largest in the southern hemisphere. In 2010, this region was the site of the Copiapó (+) mining accident, which trapped 33 copper miners for over 90 days. The city of (*) Antofagasta** was built in this desert, which was targeted during the War of the Pacific. For the points, name this desert in Northern Chile that is considered the driest in the world.

ANSWER: **Atacama** Desert (or Desierto de **Atacama**)

(11) **This island contains the Viking fortress of Trelleborg, the remains of a 10th-century castle constructed by King Harald (+) Bluetooth. Nyhavn and the Tivoli Gardens are tourist sites on this island located between the (*) Kattegat and the Baltic Sea and separated from Sweden by the Øresund. For the points, what Danish island includes Copenhagen?**

ANSWER: **Zealand** (or **Sjælland** [[SHEH-lahnd]]; accept phonetic pronunciations)

(12) **This city is located on the Songnen Plain on the Songhua [[SOHNG-WAH]] River, the longest tributary of the (+) Amur. This city's Saint Sofia Cathedral was established during the Russian construction of the Chinese Eastern Railroad, and this city later served as the capital of Japanese (*) Manchukuo. The largest snow and ice festival in the world is held in, for the points, what capital city of China's Heilongjiang [[HAY-LOHNG-JAHNG]] province?**

ANSWER: **Harbin** (or **Halbin**)

(13) **This island's Ashizuri-Uwakai National Park is named for its southernmost point, Cape Ashizuri, while its Mount (+) Katsuyama is home to Matsuyama Castle, which shares its name with this island's most populous city. The Great Seto Bridge connects this island across the (*) Inland Sea to Honshu, and this island is linked by ferry to Kyushu. For the points, name this smallest of the four main islands of Japan.**

ANSWER: **Shikoku**

(14) **Numerous peaks in this mountain range are referred to as Gasherbrum, and this range contains a mountain that is home to a notorious section called the Bottleneck. (+) With a name roughly translating to "Black Gravel," this mountain range is home to the city of Gilgit, as well as the second-largest glacier on Earth, the (*) Siachen [[see-AH-chen]]. Mount Godwin-Austen is an alternative name of a 28,250 foot peak in, for the points, what Asian mountain range that contains K2?**

ANSWER: **Karakoram**

(15) **Texel [[TESH-ull]] is the most populous island of this archipelago, which forms an arc south and east of (+) Heligoland. The languages spoken on this island group are the closest-living relatives to modern English and are also similar to Low Saxon and (*) Dutch. The Wadden [[VAH-den]] Sea is separated from the North Sea by, for the points, what island group of Denmark, Germany, and the Netherlands?**

ANSWER: **Frisian** Islands (accept **Wadden** Sea Islands before mentioned)

(16) **A set of reports and research made publicly available by this organization is called the Open Knowledge Repository. The Clean Air Initiative is overseen by the 25 executive directors of this organization, (+) which was created in 1944 at the Bretton Woods conference, alongside the (*) IMF. In 1947, France was the first beneficiary of a loan from, for the points, what organization that provides grants and economic assistance to various countries?**

ANSWER: The **World Bank**

(17) **This city's medieval sites include the unfinished San Petronio Basilica and the leaning Asinelli and Garisenda Towers. The headquarters of Ducati and (+) Lamborghini are located in this city where ragù sauce is typically served with tagliatelle [[TAU-lee-uh-TELL-ee]] and not the similar (*) spaghetti noodle. For the points, what capital of the Italian region of Emilia-Romagna is home to the oldest university in Europe and names a meat-based tomato sauce?**

ANSWER: **Bologna**

(18) **Cairo Road is the main thoroughfare in this city that is the namesake of a province in which the Kafue tributary of the Zambezi (+) originates. Found 225 miles away from its country's city of Kitwe, this city offers numerous bus routes to the Copperbelt Province. Once the capital of Northern (*) Rhodesia, this is, for the points, what capital city of Zambia?**

ANSWER: **Lusaka** (accept Mwa**lusaka**)

(19) **The Narew and the Bug are two tributaries of this river, which was connected by the Augstow Canal to the (+) Dnieper River in modern-day Belarus. This river's source is near the Czech and Slovakian borders in the (*) Silesian Beskids, and this river empties into the Gulf of Gdansk, which is part of the Baltic Sea. Krakow and Warsaw are on the banks of, for the points, what longest river of Poland?**

ANSWER: **Vistula** River (or **Wisła** [[VEES-wah]])

(20) **The Mbera refugee camp is in this country's populous southeastern Hodh Ech Chargui [[hohd-ek-shahr-GEE]] region. Berbers still enslave many of this country's (+) Haratin ethnic group based on a historic caste system that was officially abolished prior to a coup by Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz. The (*) Senegal River forms the southern border of, for the points, what Saharan country with capital Nouakchott [[NWAHK-shot]]?**

ANSWER: Islamic Republic of **Mauritania** (or Al Jumhuriyah al Islamiyah al **Muritaniyah**)

(21) **A traditional dress known as the Saemi San is often worn in this state, which is also home to the Chapel of the Virgen del Rosario and the Great Pyramid of (+) Cholula. A popular type of mole [[MOH-lay]] originated in this state, which is home to, and shares its name with, Mexico's fourth-largest city. For the points, name this Mexican state, the namesake battle of which served as the origin of Cinco de Mayo.**

ANSWER: Free and Sovereign State of **Puebla** (accept Estado Libre y Soberano de **Puebla**; accept Tlahtohcayotl **Puebla**; accept Battle of **Puebla** or Batalla de **Puebla**)

(22) **Rennell and Bellona are among the nine provinces of this country, whose flag consists of a green triangle on the right that is separated from a blue region containing five white stars. (+) Savo is an island that is part of this country whose main island contains Henderson Field, and this country saw action during World War Two as the site of the Battle of (*) Guadalcanal. For the points, name this island country with capital at Honiara that is named for a biblical king.**

ANSWER: **Solomon Islands**

(23) **One form of hot dog originating in this state is deep fried until the casing tears, and that type of hot dog is called a "ripper." One processed meat product from this state is called (+) "pork roll" by southern residents and "Taylor ham" by northern residents, and this state is similarly divided over the terms (*) "sub" and "hoagie." Food companies such as Goya and Campbell's are headquartered in Secaucus and Camden in, for the point, what U.S. state where saltwater taffy was invented in Atlantic City?**

ANSWER: **New Jersey**

(24) **A leadership crisis in a separatist region of this official country began after Samuel Ikome Sako dismissed Julius Ayuk Tabe. Two of this country's regions are partly governed by the unrecognized state of (+) Ambazonia, whose capital of Buea [[BWEH-ah]] is near the Gulf of Guinea. The (*) Anglophone Crisis threatened the security of the 2022 African Cup of Nations in, for the points, what country east of Nigeria with its capital at Yaoundé?**

ANSWER: Republic of **Cameroon** (or Republique du **Cameroun**)

(25) **The first of these commercial locations in the U.S. opened in Carlsbad, California, and another American example of these locations sits on the former site of Cypress Gardens in Winter Haven, Florida. These locations have subsections such as (+) Miniland and Duploland, and the first of these locations opened in Billund [[BEE-lohnd]].** For the points, name this chain of theme parks centered around a Danish building block toy brand.

ANSWER: **Legolands** (accept **Legoland** California Resort; accept **Legoland** Florida Resort; accept **Legoland** Billilund Resort; prompt on "Lego")

Extra Question

(1) **A 1996 fashion shoot conducted by Vogue at one of these locations so offended the local populace that severe restrictions were placed on who could enter in the future. A laser tops one of these locations in Casablanca, while one of these locations made of a (+) mudbrick material called *banco* can be found in Djenné in Mali. Niches called (*) *mihrab* can be found at these locations where a *qibla* indicates the direction of a certain holy city.** For the points, name these religious buildings of Islam.

ANSWER: **Mosques** (accept **Masjid**; accept Great **Mosque** of Djenné; accept Hassan II [[SECOND]] **Mosque**)