

(E) Geography Round 1

Regulation Tossups

(1) The northernmost point of this mountain range is known as the Rif. The rain shadow of this mountain range helped form the Sahara Desert. Mount Toubkal is the highest peak of, for the point, what mountain range in Africa that stretches from Tunisia to Morocco and is named for a mythical Titan who held the sky on his back?

ANSWER: Atlas Mountains

(2) This state that is home to the archaeological site of Tres Zapotes has its capital at Xalapa [[hah-LAH-pah]]. This state controls the east side of Pico de Orizaba, and it was founded when Hernán Cortés first landed in Mexico. For the point, identify this Mexican state whose name means "True Cross."

ANSWER: Veracruz (or Free and Sovereign State of Veracruz de la Llave; accept Heroica Veracruz)

(3) An annual festival southwest of this city has contestants throw a dead mullet between state lines. This city contains an obelisk dedicated to William Dudley Chipley, a man who constructed a railroad that stretched west to the Apalachicola River at the town of Chattahoochee. For the point, identify this westernmost city in the panhandle of Florida.

ANSWER: Pensacola

(4) This sea's islet of Sveti Stefan was converted into a luxury hotel by connecting it to Budva Municipality via a tombolo. This sea's inlets include the Gulf of Trieste, and this sea is used as a vertical datum to measure peaks of the Dinaric Alps. Dubrovnik is the "Pearl of," for the point, what sea between Italy and the Balkans?

ANSWER: Adriatic Sea (accept Pearl of the Adriatic)

(5) The volcano Mount Apo overlooks this island's largest city, Davao. This island, which is grouped with the Sulu Archipelago, is located north of the Celebes [[SEH-leh-bess]] Sea. The Moro conflict is an ongoing insurgency on and around, for the point, what southernmost island of the Philippines, the site of Muslim separatism?

ANSWER: Mindanao

(6) This region's northernmost portion contains the Torngat Mountains. This region's town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay is located on the Churchill River, which contains the world's second-largest manmade lake, the Smallwood Reservoir. For the point, identify this region of Canada that forms a province with Newfoundland.

ANSWER: Labrador (accept Newfoundland and Labrador)

(7) This island, which is inhabited by the indigenous Batak and Minangkabau [[MEE-nahng-KAH-bao]] peoples, contains the Toba supervolcano in its Barisan Mountains. The Sunda Strait separates Java from the southern coast of this island. For the point, identify this Indonesian island, which is located across the Strait of Malacca from the Malay Peninsula.

ANSWER: **Sumatra**

(8) Rehoboth Beach and Ocean City are resorts on this peninsula, whose city of Lewes is connected to Cape May via ferry. The Chincoteague ponies live on this peninsula's offshore island of Assateague. Located on the east of Chesapeake Bay, the city of Dover lies on, for the point, what peninsula whose name is a portmanteau of three states?

ANSWER: **Delmarva** Peninsula

(9) This island, where Thomas the Apostle was shipwrecked en route to India, lies east of the Guardafui Channel from Puntland. This island's xeric [[ZEE-rik]] landscape is known for endemic species like the Dragon Blood Tree. For the point, name this island of Yemen located off the Horn of Africa.

ANSWER: **Socotra** (or **Suqutrā**)

(10) This commodity is produced on plantations by the Cargill corporation. A haze in a region of Asia has been caused by the clearing of tropical rainforests for production of this oil. Malaysia and Indonesia are the two largest producers of, for the point, what controversial vegetable oil derived from a type of tree?

ANSWER: **Palm** Oil (accept **Palm** Oil Mill Effluent; prompt on "Oil;" prompt on "Cooking Oil;" prompt on "Vegetable Oil")

(11) Bukit Bintang is the main shopping district of this city, which is known for its Batu Caves that contain a massive gold statue of Lord Murugan. This city is the home of the world's tallest twin towers, the Petronas Towers. For the point, identify this city in Southeast Asia, the capital of Malaysia.

ANSWER: **Kuala Lumpur** (accept **KL**)

(12) Todt Hill is the highest point of this island and the entire Atlantic Coastal Plain. Synonymous with Richmond County, this island receives the busiest ferry route in the U.S. at St. George Terminal. This island is connected to Brooklyn via the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge. For the point, name this island and southernmost borough of New York City.

ANSWER: **Staten Island** (accept **Richmond County** before mentioned)

(13) This region's indigenous language is Euskara [[yoo-SKAH-rah]]. This region's capital is Vitoria-Gasteiz, and this region's city of Guernica was subjected to a bombing campaign by the Condor Legion. For the point, name this autonomous region of northwestern Spain, which is home to a notable isolated language.

ANSWER: Basque Country (or Basque Autonomous Community; or Euskadi; or País Vasco; or Euskal Autonomia Erkidegoa; or EAE; or Comunidad Autónoma del País Vasco; or CAPV)

(14) This city is served by the Muhammad Ali International Airport. This city is home to the "World's Largest Baseball Bat" outside a factory that makes this city's namesake "Slugger." For the point, name this city with many sporting connections, including the Kentucky Derby.

ANSWER: Louisville (accept Louisville Slugger)

(15) This mountain's peak is contained within the Gran Cono, which was formed from the collapse of Mount Sommo. An observatory on this mountain monitors the Phlegraean Fields as part of the Campanian volcanic arc. Herculaneum was destroyed by, for the point, what volcano that buried Pompeii in 79 AD?

ANSWER: Mount Vesuvius (or Vesuvio)

(16) This museum displays part of the Cape York meteorite, the largest on display in the Northern Hemisphere. A statue of this museum's founder was moved to North Dakota due to its depiction of a Native American man and an African man in subordinate positions. Adjoining Central Park, this is, for the point, what New York museum founded by Theodore Roosevelt?

ANSWER: American Museum of Natural History (accept AMNH; prompt on "American" or "Natural History")

(17) This city that is home to the largest Jewish cemetery in Europe is famed for its astronomical clock, which is six centuries old. 30 statues line this city's Charles Bridge, which crosses the Vltava River. For the point, identify this largest city in Bohemia, the capital of the Czech Republic.

ANSWER: Prague (or Praha)

(18) Lloydminster and Moose Jaw are cities in this province that has completely rectangular borders. Reindeer and Athabasca are both lakes in this province that borders North Dakota and the Northwest Territories. Regina is the capital of, for the point, what Canadian province with capital at Saskatoon?

ANSWER: Saskatchewan

(19) The "Sword of [this city]" was presented to its former namesake by Winston Churchill during the Tehran Conference. This city contains the world's largest statue of a woman, which is titled *The Motherland Calls*. For the point, name this Russian city that is named for the longest river in Europe.

ANSWER: **Volgograd** (accept **Stalingrad**; accept **Tsaritsyn**; accept Sword of **Stalingrad**; accept Battle (or Siege) of **Stalingrad**)

(20) This island's eastern coast is followed by the Canal des Pangalanes [[pahn-gah-LAH-nehs]]. The elephant bird was formerly endemic to this island that is the world's top producer of vanilla and sapphires and is home to the Avenue of the Baobabs. For the point, name this island east of Mozambique, the only native habitat of lemurs.

ANSWER: **Madagascar** (or **Madagasikara**; accept Republic of **Madagascar**; accept Republique de **Madagascar**; accept Repoblikan'i **Madagasikara**)

(21) It's not Turkey, but Mount Ararat is a national symbol of this country. The Nagorno-Karabakh autonomous region area decreased in area following a conflict between this country and Azerbaijan. For the point, name this smallest Transcaucasian country, which has its capital at Yerevan.

ANSWER: Republic of **Armenia** (or **Hayastani** Hanrapetut'yun)

(22) A marker to this feature is found in the town of Ruisui, and the highest point on this feature is Yu Shan. This feature reaches its westernmost terrestrial point at Baja California, and the sun lies directly overhead to viewers on this line during the June Solstice. For the point, identify this geographical line that is named for a constellation resembling a crab.

ANSWER: **Tropic of Cancer** (accept **Northern Tropic** before "Northern" is mentioned; do not accept or prompt on "Tropic of Capricorn")

(23) This language is the most widely spoken of the Austroasiatic languages. This language, which originally used the Chữ Nôm script, is now the most-spoken Asian language to chiefly use the Latin script, due to French rule. Nguyen [[WEE-IN]] is a common surname in, for the point, what language spoken in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City?

ANSWER: **Vietnamese** (accept Tiếng **Việt**)

(24) This country's Khawr al Udayd is the proposed site of the Salwa Canal, which would make this country an island. This country is ruled by the al-Thani family, and it was blockaded by the Gulf Cooperation Council after it was accused of supporting terrorism. For the point, name this peninsular country on the Persian Gulf that has its capital at Doha.

ANSWER: State of **Qatar** (or Dawlat **Qatar**)

(25) This U.S. state's southeastern border is formed by the Snake River. This state, which is home to some of the snowiest places in the continental U.S. at Mount Baker and Mount Rainier, also contains Tacoma. For the point, name this state which is home to Olympia and the Space Needle in Seattle.

ANSWER: **Washington**

Extra Questions

(1) This border between a country and a division of another country runs past the Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument and has Nogales as its largest city. This border, created by the Gadsden Purchase, contains a section near Yuma on the Colorado River. For the point, name this border that separates a state governed from Phoenix from a country to the south.

ANSWER: **Mexico-Arizona** Border (accept **US-Sonora** border until "Phoenix")

(2) This region's town of Palo Alto is home to the garage where Hewlett-Packard was founded. This region, which is named after the fourteenth element of the periodic table, has its largest city at San Jose. For the point, name this "Valley" in the Bay Area of California that is known for its technology sector.

ANSWER: **Silicon** Valley