

Geography Finals

Regulation Tossups

(1) Under the governorship of John Poyer, this place recorded no deaths from the Spanish Flu pandemic. This entity's administration of the uninhabited Swains Island has been the subject of dispute with Tokelau, a territory of New Zealand. This entity's village of (+) Atu'u features a statue of Charlie the Tuna at its Starkist cannery, a major industry in the territory. This territory is across the International Date Line from the islands of (*) Sava'i and Upolu. For the points, name this southernmost U.S. territory with capital at Pago-Pago [[PAHNG-oh PAHNG-oh]].

ANSWER: American Samoa (or Amerika Sāmoa; Do not accept or prompt on "Samoa.")

(2) This city's Horse Memorial is a life-sized bronze statue of a soldier giving a horse a bucket of water and honors horses that have died in combat. This city's Fort Frederick was built to protect against French attacks and overlooks Algoa Bay. This city's rapid growth as a railroad and (+) safari tourism hub have led to it being called the "Liverpool" of its country, and this city contains the Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium. (*) For the points, name this largest city of South Africa's Eastern Cape Province whose official name was changed in 2021 to its local Xhosa [[KOH-suh]] name.

ANSWER: Gqeberha [[GLIK-ee-BEHR-hah]] (or Port Elizabeth; or P.E.)

(3) This region's Northern Hills are populated with a namesake variety of white spruce which does not grow in this region's Bear Lodge Mountains. A dam built in 1891 across this region's Sunday Gulch Creek formed the (+) Sylvan Lake, a popular starting point for hikes to The Needles and Black Elk Peak. The third-longest cave in the world, (*) Jewel Cave, is found in this region thirteen miles west of the town of Custer. A gold rush led to the removal of the Lakota from this region, now home to Mount Rushmore. For the points, name this mountain range of South Dakota.

ANSWER: Black Hills (or He Sápa; accept Black Hills National Forest)

(4) This island is home to the predominately Christian Torajan [[toh-RAH-jahn]] people, and this island's city of Parepare [[PAH-reh-PAH-reh]] was the birthplace of its nation's third president, Jusuf Habibie [[YOO-suf hah-BEE-bee]]. The ornate lorikeet and the babirusa, or (+) "deer-pig," are fauna native to this island whose major cities include Palu, Manado, and the historic trading port of (*) Makassar. For the points, name this third-most populated island of Indonesia, which is separated from Borneo and also called Celebes [[SEH-leh-bees]].

ANSWER: Sulawesi (accept Celebes before mentioned)

(5) In this city in 2017, 56 prisoners were killed after a riot at the Anísio Jobim [[ZHOH-beem]] Penitentiary. A February 2021 Washington Post story by Júlia Ledur mapped the difficult logistics of supplying this city with oxygen during the Covid-19 pandemic. This city's São Sebastião Square is overlooked by a pink (+) opera house that was featured at the beginning of *Fitzcarraldo* and was built during this city's (*) rubber boom. For the points, name this capital of the Brazilian state of Amazonas, the largest city in the Amazon Rainforest.

ANSWER: Manaus

(6) Boot Canyon is this park's primary habitat for the Colima warbler and is located near its highest point, Emory Peak. This park contains portions of Boquillas Canyon and Santa Elena Canyon, which are on the northern end of the Sierra del (+) Carmen. In this park, that range then becomes the Chisos [[CHEE-sohss]] Mountains, the only mountain range entirely contained in a (*) U.S. national park. For the points, name this park in the Chihuahuan Desert of Texas, named for a curve in the Rio Grande.

ANSWER: Big Bend National Park

(7) The Allied landings to liberate this region were known as Operation Cherryblossom and included fighting at Cape Torokina. This region's ten-year civil war shut down its Panguna mine, which sits on one of the world's largest copper deposits, and this region's cities include Arawa and its capital, (+) Buka. In 2019, this region voted overwhelmingly to separate from one country in a non-binding (*) independence referendum. For the points, name this autonomous region of Papua New Guinea, which is scheduled to become an independent nation in 2027.

ANSWER: Autonomous Region of Bougainville (or Otonomas Region bilong Bogenvil; accept Bougainville campaign)

(8) This city's July 15 Kızılay Square had its name modified to commemorate the failure of a 2016 coup attempt. This city's Column of Julian monument honors a visit by Roman emperor Julian the Apostate, while its Ottoman architecture includes the Mahmutpaşa Covered (+) Bazaar and the Kurşunlu Bazaar, both of which have been converted into the Anatolian Civilizations Museum. Anıtkabir, the mausoleum of (*) Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, can be found in, for the points, what capital of Turkey?

ANSWER: Ankara (or Ancyra; or Angora)

(9) In 1970, Hunter S. Thompson ran for sheriff of this town's Pitkin County on the "Freak Power" platform, which would have included renaming it "Fat City." Snowmass and Glenwood Springs are suburbs of this city in the Roaring Fork Valley near White River National Forest. Walter Paepcke, (+) the founder of this town's Institute for Humanistic studies, hired Bauhaus architect Herbert Bayer to renovate this town's Wheeler Opera House and promote its (*) skiing industry. The Winter X Games are held at Buttermilk Mountain in, for the points, what resort town in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado?

ANSWER: Aspen (accept Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies)

(10) This city's Erdaoqiao [[ehr-DAO-chee-AO]] Market, or Grand Bazaar, offers Laghman, Poly, and Chuan, foods of the ethnic minorities native to this city's region. The Zhen Long Pagoda and Yu Huang Ge Buddhist temple are atop the Hong Shan, or Red Mountain, at the center of this city, whose other sites include (+) People's Square, the center of the 2009 Shaoguan riots. This city, located at the northern end of the Eastern (*) Tian Shan, has a name that translates to "fine pastures" in Uyghur. For the points, name this capital of the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region in northwestern China.

ANSWER: Ürümqi [[o-ROOM-chee]] (or Urumchi)

(11) Old Speckle Mountain is the highest peak in this range's Mahoosuc subrange, which is shared between the two states encompassed by this range. This mountain range once contained a famous feature on (+) Cannon Mountain, and once recorded a then-record 231-mile-per-hour surface wind gust. Mt. (*) Adams and Mt. Jefferson can be found in a subrange of this mountain range whose highest peak is Mt. Washington. The Old Man of the Mountain once existed in, what subrange of the Appalachians that contains the highest peaks in New Hampshire?

ANSWER: White Mountains (accept Mahoosuc Range before mentioned; prompt on "Appalachian" Mountains or "Appalachians" before mentioned)

(12) A mountain named after Paul Sharples in this national park is sometimes called "The Thumb," and views of the Fiddle Valley can be enjoyed from this national park's Miette Hot Springs. This park's Maligne Lake is home to the much-photographed Spirit Island, and (+) Marmot Basin is a popular skiing destination within this national park containing Tonquin Pass. Mount Athabasca can be found in this national park, which is connected via the (*) Icefields Parkway to Banff at its south. For the points, identify this Canadian national park located in Alberta's portion of the Rockies.

ANSWER: Jasper National Park

(13) Hikers at this national park can enjoy the King Snake and Weston Lake Loop Trails. An educational documentary on this national park was titled Roots of the River, and that namesake river of this national park merges with a tributary of the Santee north of its state's Lake (+) Marion. This national park was originally a "Swamp National Monument" that was created through preservation efforts backed by Strom (*) Thurmond. A boardwalk takes visitors through the marshy bottomland hardwood forest of, for the points, what national park near the city of Columbia, South Carolina?

ANSWER: Congaree National Park (accept Congaree River; accept Congaree Swamp National Monument)

(14) Examples of neoclassical architecture in this city include the Ripon Building, whose foundation was laid by Lord Minto. The Dr. M.G.R Railway Station serves this city where the Adyar Cancer Institute is among its many advanced healthcare facilities. (+) Mahabalipuram is found near this city, which is served by the ITC Grand Chola Hotel, and this city on the (*) Coromandel Coast of the Bay of Bengal is considered the "Gateway of South India." For the points, name this Indian city in Tamil Nadu that was once officially known as Madras.

ANSWER: Chennai (accept Madras until mentioned)

(15) The Provencal language of Faetar and Griko, a Greek dialect, are languages spoken in villages of this region, while a port city in the south of this region is the world's largest producer of farmed mussels. This region's Tremiti Islands, part of Gargano National Park, are administered by the province of (+) Foggia [[FOHJ-jia]]. Lecce [[LAY-cheh]] is the center of this region's agricultural industry, which has the highest vineyard acreage and olive oil production in Italy. (*) Bari is the capital of, for the points, what region of Italy, north of the Gulf of Taranto and west of the Strait of Otranto, forming the "heel" of Italy's boot?

ANSWER: Apulia (or Puglia)

(16) The "5+2" [[five plus two]] talks concern the status of this region, where a 1992 cease-fire is enforced by the Joint Control Commission. This state's Sheriff Corporation was accused of plotting to overthrow its first president, Igor Smirnov, for Yevgeny Shevchuk. This state is now led by Vadim (+) Krasnoselsky, who has supported unifying it with Russia following the invasion of Crimea. This westernmost member of the Commonwealth of (*) Unrecognized States is governed from Tiraspol and lies between the Dniester and the Ukrainian border. For the points, name this breakaway region of Moldova.

ANSWER: Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic (or PMR; accept Transnistria)

(17) This city's Albion House served as the headquarters of the White Star Line at the time of the Titanic disaster, while its St. George's Hall and Walker Art Gallery, located on William Brown Street, are prominent examples of Victorian-era neoclassical architecture. The term (+) "scouser" for residents of this city refers to a Lancashire beef or lamb stew popularized by its sailors. This city's Stanley Park separates (*) Goodison Park from the larger Anfield Stadium. The Merseyside derby is named for a river that enters the Irish Sea southwest of, for the points, what city where the Beatles were formed?

ANSWER: Liverpool

(18) A capital city with this name contains the V.C. Bird International Airport and the Sandy Island lighthouse. A river with this name discharges around Mayport and has its source at Vero Beach in Indian (+) River County. Another city with this name is the easternmost point of mainland North America and the capital of the easternmost province of (*) Canada. For the points, identify this name shared by the longest river in Florida, as well as the capitals of Antigua and Barbuda and Newfoundland and Labrador.

ANSWER: St. John's (accept St. John's River)

(19) This city's Striezelmarkt, the oldest Christmas market in the world, is held in its Altmarkt Square during Advent. The landscape outside this city includes the Ore Mountains and a national park and climbing area named for its resemblance to (+) Switzerland. In 2019, over \$1 billion of jewels, but not a 41-carat green diamond, were stolen from a museum established by Augustus the Strong in this city on the (*) Elbe River. The Green Vault and the Zwinger palace complex, an orangery for the Saxon royal family, were reconstructed after the World War Two firebombing of, for the points, what German city?

ANSWER: Dresden

(20) The original route of the MV Mwongozo travelled from this country's largest city to the city of Mpulungu. In January 2019, this country's parliament officially instituted a change of its political capital that was earlier promised by its leader Pierre (+) Nkurunziza. Coffee is the main export of this country whose largest city is Bujumbura, and, like a country directly to its north, this country is predominantly made up of members of the (*) Tutsi and Hutu. Containing Gitega, this is, for the points, what African country neighboring Rwanda whose official language is Kirundi?

ANSWER: Republic of Burundi (or Republique du Burundi; or Republika y'u Burundi)

(21) According to this island's folklore, blood-drinking witches regularly held meetings in its mountainous region of Anaga. La Laguna is home to a major university on this island, which is also home to an astronomical observatory on its (+) Teide Peak. This island's capital of Santa Cruz is referred to as the "Sydney of the Atlantic." Heavy fog at this island's Los Rodeos Airport led to an incident in which two Boeing aircraft (*) collided, and this island is the most populous of an archipelago located off the west coast of Morocco. For the points, name this largest of the Canary Islands.

ANSWER: **Tenerife**

(22) This city's Santiago Calatrava-designed Turning Torso apartment building is the oldest twisted skyscraper in the world. This city's maritime history included a bustling market for herring, now a popular street item, as well as the (+) Kockums shipyard, which is currently owned by the Saab group. This city in Scania County is at the eastern end of the (*) Öresund Bridge. For the points, name this third-most populous city in Sweden, which is connected by that bridge to Copenhagen.

ANSWER: **Malmö**

(23) This city's commercial centers include the Souk Semmarine and the Jemaa el-Fnaa, the main square of its medina. A museum dedicated to the French designer Yves Saint Laurent commemorates his restoration of this city's Majorelle Garden. This city's 12th-century (+) red walls were built by the Almoravid Dynasty, while its El Badi Palace was built by the Saadi Sultan Ahmad al-Mansur. (*) For the points, name this city, west of the Atlas Mountains, the fourth-most populous in Morocco.

ANSWER: **Marrakesh** (or **Marrakech**)

(24) The agribusiness company Elders Limited is based in this city and lends its name to one of its main public parks. A prominent wine region is found within the Mount Lofty Ranges, which are known as this city's namesake Hills. Holdfast Bay is adjacent to this city, which the (+) Kaurna people originally referred to by a term meaning "place of the red kangaroo." The suburb of Glenelg is a popular beach destination in this city which lies on the Gulf of St. (*) Vincent and serves as the capital of a state directly west of Victoria and New South Wales. For the points, name this capital of South Australia.

ANSWER: **Adelaide** (accept Greater **Adelaide**; accept **Tarndanya**; accept **Adelaide** Hills)

(25) A lawyer named Darren Olivier calculated that this action would cost its country \$6 Million. This action, that was completed partly to commemorate its country's 50th anniversary of independence, was officially announced at a sports stadium in the city of Manzini by King (+) Mswati. It has been alleged that this action was taken to prevent postal confusion when distinguishing this action's central country from a similar-sounding country in Europe containing cities like (*) Lucerne and Zurich. For the points, name this 2018 action in which a South African kingdom, centered at Mbabane, made an official change.

ANSWER: Changing of the Name of the Kingdom of eSwatini from Swaziland (accept clear knowledge equivalents like Changing the Name of Swaziland; accept equivalents like "Renaming" in answers; prompt on partial answer)

(26) A Roundabout in this city is named for the fact that there is a sign telling onlookers to smile, because they are in this city. Members of Imperial Airways were protected by the Mahatta Fort that was built in this city, which is currently undergoing a cultural restoration project named for this city's (+) "Heart." Like Ras Al Khaimah, the Al Qasimi family rules this city that forms a metropolitan area with a larger city and (*) Ajman. Following only Abu Dhabi and Dubai, this is, for the points, what third-largest city and namesake of an emirate in the UAE?

ANSWER: Sharjah (accept Heart of Sharjah; accept Emirate of Sharjah)

(27) The lepetzi beetle is part of a genus of trilobites named after this desert where one can find the oasis of Dandan Oilik. Petroleum-related shipments are often transported across this desert along the Golmud-Korla. (+) Qira County can be found within Hotan Prefecture in this desert that takes up much of the (*) Tarim Basin. The Pamir and Tian Shan mountains form part of the boundary of, for the points, what desert encompassing part of Xinjiang, bordering the Gobi, and contained entirely in Northwest China?

ANSWER: Taklamakan Desert (accept Tākèlāmāgān Shāmò; accept similar pronunciations such as Taklimakan Desert or Teklimakan Desert)

(28) François Dunan lends his name to a hospital in this territory where the Villa Cutty Sark was built with wooden crates that were used by Al Capone and others to transport whiskey during Prohibition. In 1889, Auguste Neel was executed in this territory with a guillotine shipped from (+) Martinique. An isthmus called La Dune connects one island in this territory west of the Burin peninsula to the island of Langlade. (*) For the points, name this French overseas collectivity off the coast of Newfoundland in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

ANSWER: Saint-Pierre and Miquelon

(29) This island and Dominica are the only habitats of the giant ditch frog, which is also known as the mountain chicken. The documentary *The Other Final* features this country's football team, which is largely composed of residents who evacuated it for England. A new (+) capital of this island is being built at Little Bay since its current capital at Plymouth is now a ghost town buried under (*) pyroclastic flows. For the points, name this British territory, an "Emerald Island" in the Caribbean that, in 1995, was heavily damaged by an eruption from the Soufrière Hills volcano.

ANSWER: **Montserrat**

(30) At 1,250,000 square feet, one of these commercial locations in Moreno Valley is thought to be the largest in California. Developments by Kiva Systems are often used to automate tasks in these commercial locations. A Staten Island example of these commercial locations, known as JFK8, recently held a (+) vote that favored the creation of the first union representing one of these places. Also known as (*) fulfillment centers, these commercial places are company-owned and not outsourced as is often the case with smaller e-Commerce companies. For the points, name these storage locations used by a company founded by Jeff Bezos.

ANSWER: **Amazon Warehouses** (accept **Amazon Fulfillment Centers** before mentioned; prompt on partial answers; prompt on answers indicating "Storage" but not giving terms like "Warehouse" or "Fulfillment Center")

(31) The only direct fatality of a war named for this county may be Private Hiram T. Smith, who, according to legend, drowned in a pond or froze to death. Two lumberjacks injured by black bears were the only casualties of the Battle of Caribou in this county, which covers much of the Saint John (+) Valley. Houlton is the seat of this county, whose other communities include Presque Isle and Fort Kent, the northern terminus of U.S. Route (*) 1. The largest county by area east of the Mississippi River is, for the points, what Maine county that names a 19th-century border crisis ended by the Webster-Ashburton Treaty?

ANSWER: **Aroostook** County (accept **Aroostook** War)

(32) Aitchison and Ali analyzed this event in a two-stage model by studying ophiolite and magmatic records. In the run-up to this event, numerous islands were formed at the Kerguelen hotspot on the southeast of one of the involved bodies, which was moving at an unusually fast rate of 15 (+) centimeters per year. This event marked the closure of the Tethys Sea that had previously divided its two central entities, and orogeny brought about by this event led to the formation of the (*) Himalayas. For the points, name this event in which the world's largest modern continent joined with a subcontinent.

ANSWER: **Asia-India Collision** (accept clear knowledge equivalents in place of "Collision;" prompt on partial answers; anti-prompt on "Formation of the Himalayas" or similar answers)

(33) In 1956, Ernst Reiss and Fritz Luchsinger recorded the first known ascent of this mountain, making their final push for the summit from the Geneva Spur. The "Swiss Route" is a common path up this mountain that is separated from a taller one by the South (+) Col. Translating to "South Peak" in Tibetan, this mountain forms a ridge with the nearby Nuptse. (*) For the points, name this fourth-tallest mountain in the world whose namesake "Face" is often traversed by those climbing Everest.

ANSWER: Lhotse (accept Dingjie Xie Sangma; accept Lhotse face)

(34) The tunnels of this city's Castillo San Felipe de Barajas were designed to alert inhabitants of enemy combatant's footsteps. Bocagrande and Getsemani are among the neighborhoods of this city, whose main gate is the Puerta del Reloj. Roughly 10,000 British troops were thought to have lost their lives during a (+) 1741 battle in this city during the War of Jenkins' Ear, and this city serves as the capital of its country's Bolívar Department. Listed just behind (*) Barranquilla, Cali, and Medellin in population in its country, this is, for the points, what fifth-most populous city in Colombia whose name means "New Carthage?"

ANSWER: Cartagena de Indias

(35) This city hosted the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence, which led to the creation of a manual named for this city that attempts to apply international law to cyber warfare. This city also contains a namesake Song Festival Grounds that hosts a music festival locally known as Laulupidu. Since 1998, the government-owned Elron has operates trains within this city, which include northeast routes to (+) Tartu. Close to half of all employees of Skype live (*) in, for the points, what Baltic city on the Gulf of Finland, the capital of Estonia?

ANSWER: Tallinn

Extra Questions

(1) Following "Sunrise," this desert lends its name to a movement in a work by Ferde Grofé. This desert received its name during an attempt to find the Seven Cities of Cibola, and this desert extends through such cities as Holbrook. Portions of the (+) Chinle Formation make up this desert that also contains part of Petrified (*) Forest National Park. Variations in mineral content among the sandstone and mudstone result in the name and distinctive look of, for the points, what colorful desert in Arizona?

ANSWER: **Painted** Desert

(2) Loch Logan Waterfront is the central shopping area in this city, which is roughly 15 miles away from Maselspoort. Governed by the Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality, this city contains the University of the Free State and is home to its country's Supreme (+) Court of Appeal. A yearly rose festival is held in this city that serves as the judicial counterpart to capitals (*) Pretoria and Cape Town. For the points, identify this city in South Africa with a name that means "Fountain of Flowers."

ANSWER: **Bloemfontein** (accept **Mangaung** before mentioned; accept **l'Auxa !Xās**)

(3) This location was developed by an army officer named Georg Cartensen. One of the world's tallest carousels, the Star Flyer, is at this location. The Rutschebanen, a wooden roller coaster that has been operating since 1914, is the oldest (+) ride at this location. King Christian VIII gave Cartensen the license to establish this location outside the Vesterport district. The main inspiration for (*) Disneyland, for the points, what amusement park is in Copenhagen, Denmark?

ANSWER: **Tivoli** Gardens