

Geography Semifinals

Regulation Tossups

(1) The least populated county with this name in the U.S. has its seat at Paoli [[pay-OH-lee]], and that county with this name is found in Indiana. One county with this name in New York contains the village of Kiryas Joel, which is home to a large Hasidic Jewish community. A Virginia county with this name contains (+) Montpelier, the estate of James Madison. Another county with this name was named after the last (*) Stadholder of the Dutch Republic and contains the college town of Chapel Hill. For the points, the cities of San Clemente, California and Orlando, Florida are both located in counties with what colorful name?

ANSWER: Orange County

(2) This city contains the Alem Cultural and Entertainment Center, which is home to the world's largest enclosed Ferris Wheel. This city was largely leveled in a 1948 earthquake, 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) One side dish created in this U.S. state is similar to poutine and is known as "disco fries." 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 either called (+) "pork roll" by southern residents or "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 this state. For the points, name this U.S. state where saltwater taffy was invented in Atlantic City.

ANSWER: New Jersey

(4) **Kitfo is a traditional dish from this country's Gurage [[goo-RAH-gay]] people 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 seasoned with a berbere [[behr-BEH-reh]] spice blend. Those *Wat* stews served in this country are usually eaten with the aid of a grey sourdough bread called (*) *injera*. For the points, identify this African country, the birthplace of coffee and the largest landlocked nation in the world.

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

(5) **This city's May Fourth Square contains a large red sculpture of the May Wind as well as the Romanesque revival St. Michael's Cathedral. This city is the headquarters of its country's Northern Fleet, and this city also hosted the sailing events for the (+) 2008 Summer Olympics.** One brewery named for this city that overlooks Jiaozhou [[JAO-ZHOH]] Bay was founded by German settlers who controlled this city from 1898 to 1914. (*) For the points, name this city on the Shandong Peninsula and the Yellow Sea, a Chinese city formerly known as Tsingtao [[SING-TAO]].

ANSWER: Qingdao [[CHING-DAO]] (accept Tsingtao before mentioned)

(6) **One of these things, legendarily created for Prince Metternich, is notable for its use of apricot jam, and another of these things from Austria is traditionally topped with a lattice pattern and named after the city of Linz. One of these things named after a Hungarian prince contains (+) almond meringue, while a notable German variety of these items traditionally contains kirschwasser [[KEERSH-vah-suh]] and maraschino** (*) cherries and is named after the Black Forest. For the points, name these types of cakes that are traditionally associated with Central Europe and come in Sacher [[SAH-kehr]] and Esterházy types.

ANSWER: Tortes (accept Sachertorte; accept Esterházy Torte; accept Linzertorte; accept Cake before mentioned; prompt on less specific answers)

(7) **Museums in this city include Monte Cristo Cottage, the childhood home of Eugene O'Neill. Fishers Island, which belongs to New York, is only accessible by an interstate ferry from this city. In 2005, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of this city's plan to redevelop Fort Trumbull (+) using eminent domain, following a lawsuit led by Susette Kelo. Suburbs of this city and former whaling hub include Norwich, (*) Mystic, and Groton [[GROT-un]], the last of which is home to a large naval submarine base.** For the points, name this Connecticut city on the Thames River, the home of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

ANSWER: New London (do not accept or prompt on "London")

(8) In this territory's Coronation Gulf region, Diamond Jenness studied a native culture commonly named for the copper mined in the Rankin Inlet. Turnabout Lake and Lake Hazen, both located on the tenth-largest island in the world, are part of this territory. 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

(9) A major north-south highway in this country runs parallel to Haulover Creek in this country's most populous city. That highway is named for Philip Goldson, 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

(10) This structure began in the Shan State at Lashio, and the Battle of Kohima was initiated to halt the expansion of this structure. Crossing 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 as it was (*) used by the Allies to support China. For the points, name this road which linked China with the country now known as Myanmar.

ANSWER: Burma Road

(11) This island contains "The Egg," an avant-garde sculpture that holds a miniature version of the Santa Maria, and the original Café del Mar, both of which are found in this island's town of Sant Antoni de Portmany. This island's inhabitants speak Eivissenc [[EE-vee-senk]], (+) a dialect of Catalan, along with residents of the other Pine Island, Formentera. (*) For the points, name this Spanish island in the Mediterranean known for its tourism and nightlife, the third-largest of the Balearic Islands after Majorca and Minorca.

ANSWER: Ibiza

(12) The New Valley Project was a failed effort to use water from this lake and the nearby Toshka Lakes to irrigate parts of the Western Desert. 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

(13) This plateau has the largest natural supply of sodium nitrate in the world. This strip of land'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)

(14) This island's Stevns [[STEV-ens]] Klint, a white chalk cliff, has been a site of extensive fossil discovery and has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. 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)

(15) This city's Churin group, which runs its largest department store, manufactures rye-like dalieba [[dah-lee-EH-bah] bread. 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)

(16) The Ivano Dobona is a historic alpine route through this range that also includes the peak of Monte Cristallo. This mountain range's Sexten section contains a UNESCO World Heritage Site called the Three Peaks of Lavaredo. Marmolado is the (+) highest peak in this range that also contains Monte Civetta [[chee-VEH-tah]]. Like the attached Southern (*) Limestone Alps, this range is named for a type of carbonate rock. For the points, identify this mountain range of Northeastern Italy

ANSWER: Dolomites (or Dolomite Mountains; or Dolomite Alps; or Dolomitic Mountains; or Dolomitic Alps; or Dolomiti)

(17) A pilgrimage on this island traces the locations of 88 temples established by the founder of Shingon Buddhism, the monk Kūkai, and usually ends at Mount Kōya. 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

(18) 400 types of roses can be found in this city's Reinisch Rose Garden, and this city's Combat Air Museum can be found at its primary airport, which was once known as Forbes Field. The Cedar Crest mansion can be found in this seat of Shawnee (+) County that is home to the neighborhood of Westboro, as well as a certain government institution that was the subject of a landmark 1954 Supreme (*) Court Case. This state capital, located between Lawrence and Manhattan, contains Jayhawk Tower. For the points, name this capital of Kansas.

ANSWER: Topeka (accept Topeka Regional Airport; accept *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*)

(19) The Naltar Valley lies within this mountain range that contains a particularly remote mountain known as Hidden Peak. 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

(20) Residents of this archipelago's island of Nordstrandischmoor [[nord-STRAHND-ish-moor]] use private rail cars to access the mainland town of Lütmoorsiel [[LOOT-mohr-zeel]]. 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)

(21) A county of this name is home to an army outpost called Fort Carson, which is the county's largest employer. The Franklin Mountains extend north from a city of this name that contains a historic landmark claiming to be the oldest continuously cultivated plot in the U.S. A county of this name is home to the Air (+) Force Academy and is the most-populous county in Colorado, largely because it contains Colorado Springs. The Ysleta Mission can be found in a city of this name which, after San Antonio, is the most populous majority (*) Hispanic city in the U.S. For the points, give this name of a major Texas city on the Rio Grande.

ANSWER: El Paso (accept El Paso County)

(22) This city's "red" nickname originates from its tiled rooftops and porticoes, now protected as a World Heritage Site, while its other 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

(23) This city's Heroes National Stadium was named in honor of its country's 1993 national football team, whose members were killed in a plane crash. 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 Mwalusaka)

(24) A lagoon that shares its name with this river is the destination of a canal supporting the port of Elblag. 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]])

(25) The Mbera refugee camp is in this country's populous southeastern Hodh Ech Chargui [[hohd-ek-shahr-GEE]] region. Girls in this country are force-fed milk, oil, and fat as part of its pre-marital practice of *leblouh*. Berbers still enslave many of this country's (+) Haratin ethnic group based on a historic caste system, though it 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)

(26) This state's Autódromo [[ao-TOH-droh-moh]] Miguel E. Abed hosts the 24 Hours of Mexico race each year. 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. An 1862 defeat for the (*) French in this state gave rise to a popular annual celebration. 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 Tlahochayotl Puebla; accept Battle of Puebla or Batalla de Puebla)

(27) Along with his wife, Panapasa Balekana won a competition to write the national anthem of this country. 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

(28) The privateer Louis-Michel Aury [[oh-REE]] was inspired by the design of this national flag when designing one for a set of "United Provinces" of Central America. This flag was designated the national flag of its country by the Congress of Tucumán, and it was designed by the Libertadore (+) Manuel Belgrano. The country this flag represents is the larger of the two countries whose central design depicts the Sun of May, and a triband design makes up this flag with two horizontal light blue (*) stripes separated by a white stripe. For the points, identify this country that contains Cordoba and Buenos Aires.

ANSWER: Argentina (or Argentine Republic; or Republica Argentina)

(29) A leadership crisis in a separatist region of this official country began after Samuel Ikome Sako dismissed Julius Ayuk Tabe, who had been kidnapped in Nigeria. This country's Northwest Region and Southwest Region 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)

(30) 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 are operated by Merlin Entertainments and have subsections such as (+) Miniland and Duploland. The first of these locations opened in Billund [[BEE-lohnd]], the home of the (*) product for which these locations are named. For the points, name this chain of theme parks centered around a Danish building block toy brand.

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

(31) 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)

(32) The first leader of this organization was Washington Post chairman Eugene Meyer. 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

(33) The beginning of particularly intense periods of this phenomenon occur when its central feature traverses the Gulf of Gabes [[GAH-behss]]. This phenomenon is responsible for a colorful form of precipitation locally referred to as "Blood Rain." Along with the bora, this phenomenon contributes to the (+) Acqua alta, an occurrence in which tides rise in Veneto. This phenomenon that affects Southern Europe and (*) North Africa is caused by the mixing of hot and cold air that subsequently moves across the Mediterranean. For the points, name this seasonal wind originating in the Sahara.

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

(34) Located in the Futian [[FOO-TYAHN]] Central Business District, this city's Lianhuashan [[LYAHN-HWAH-SHAHN]] Park contains a statue of a politician who conducted a 1992 secret "Southern tour." This city's Ping An Finance Center contains the world's highest (+) observation deck on a building, and major companies headquartered in this city include BYD, Tencent, and Huawei. Under Deng Xiaopeng, this city became China's first (*) SEZ or "special economic zone." For the points, name this fourth-most populous city in China, a major technological and manufacturing center on the Pearl River Delta.

ANSWER: Shenzhen (or Sham Chun)

(35) This state is home to the Woodie Woodie manganese mine, one of its country's iron ore mines, and the Argyle Diamond Mine, 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

Extra Questions

(1) The explorer Samuel Baker was the first known European to visit this lake that receives the Semliki River. This lake is separated from Lake Kyoga by the Murchison Falls, and the Rwenzori Mountains run through a rift named for this lake. A portion of the White Nile (+) that passes toward the South Sudan border is named for this lake that was formerly named after Mobutu (*) Sese Seko. For the points, name this African lake found on the border of the DRC and Uganda, named for the consort of Queen Victoria.

ANSWER: Lake **Albert** (accept Lake **Mobutu Sese Seko** before mentioned; accept Lake **Mwitanzige**)

(2) This national park's Lava Point is the head of the scenic "top-down" West Rim Trail that is popular among hikers in this national park. The Virgin River flows through this national park that is located near Springdale. 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**)

(3) The back of this structure asks viewers to "DRIVE CAREFULLY" and "Come Back Soon." This attraction that lies across from the Bali Hai Golf Club is located in the unincorporated area of Paradise, (+) rather than the city it mentions. The Clark County Commission administers this attraction which features letters within silver (*) dollars. Found south of the Strip, this is, for the points, what iconic sign that advertises a Nevada city known for its casinos?

ANSWER: Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas Sign (prompt on "Las Vegas Sign"; accept **Welcome to Las Vegas** Sign)