

(E) Geography Bee Finals

Regulation Tossups

(1) The 2003 G8 Summit was held in this city, where protesters hung themselves from a bridge in the nearby town of Lausanne [[loo-SAHN]]. Accords signed in this city recognized Algeria's (+) independence, and a conference on dealing with German-Jewish refugees was held on this Lake Geneva resort in (*) 1938. For the points, name this resort which lends its name to a French mineral water company.

ANSWER: Évian-les-Bains (accept L'Èvian; accept Evian Accords)

(2) This desert contains the Uly Balkan, a mountain range whose highest peak is Mount Arlan, while Sarygamysh Lake is located to its north. This desert features the Darvaza Gas (+) Crater, a collapsed natural gas field that is referred to locally as "The Door to Hell" due to its (*) fiery appearance. For the points, name this desert that covers approximately seventy percent of Turkmenistan.

ANSWER: Karakum Desert (or Gara-Gum Desert)

(3) This city on the Landwaser River hosted the only European Championships in a sport called "bandy," at the largest natural ice-skating rink in Europe. This city, nestled in the Rhaetian Alps, (+) is part of the Canton of the Grisons [[gree-SOHN]] and is sometimes known by its Romansh name, (*) Tavau. For the points, name this Swiss city that hosts the World Economic Forum.

ANSWER: Davos (accept Tavau before mentioned)

(4) This park's namesake Bank of America Tower was the first LEED-certified commercial skyscraper in the U.S. This park's western border is the Avenue of the Americas, (+) while a building on its eastern border is guarded by two lions on (*) 5th Avenue. For the points, name this park in Manhattan, home to the main branch of the New York Public Library.

ANSWER: Bryant Park (accept 1 Bryant Park)

(5) This phenomenon is known for its upwelling that produces plentiful reserves of jack mackerels from Alberto de Agostini National Park to the Sechura Desert. This current, strongly associated with la Niña (+) and El Niño, produces the Garua and Camanchaca [[kah-mahn-CHAH-kah]] fogs. Named for a German (*) naturalist, this is, for the points, what cold current, which runs along South America's Pacific Coast?

ANSWER: Humboldt Current (or Peru Current; accept Alexander von Humboldt)

(6) **This gulf receives the Boyne and McArthur rivers, the latter of which flows through Borroloola. This gulf was formerly a lake of a landmass known as Sahul. (+) and Groote Eylandt is this gulf's largest island. Stretching from the Cape York Peninsula to (*) Cape Arnhem, this is, for the points, what gulf located between Australia's Northern Territory and Queensland?**

ANSWER: Gulf of **Carpentaria**

(7) **This city is the largest on any continental mainland not connected to a major highway system, and this city has become a tourist destination for those looking to try the psychoactive Ayahuasca [[eye"-ah-HWAH-skah]] brew. (+) This capital of Loreto is 50 miles north of the confluence of the Maranon and Ucayali rivers which form the (*) Amazon. For the points, name largest metropolis on the Peruvian Amazon.**

ANSWER: **Iquitos** (accept San Pablo y San Pedro de **Iquitos**)

(8) **This movement attacked a pipeline from the Grasberg Mine in 1977. A leader of this movement, named Kelly Kwalik, perpetrated the Mapenduma (+) hostage crisis and was buried in Timika in 2009. This movement uses the Morning Star flag, and the territory it claims was formerly called (*) Irian Jaya. For the points, name this movement that aims to liberate the western half of New Guinea from Indonesian control.**

ANSWER: **Free Papua** Movement (or Organisasi **Papua Merdeka**; or **OPM**; or **Fri Wes Papua** Grup)

(9) **This structure is situated on the Bonnet à l'Evêque [[boh-NEH lah-VEHK]], or "Bishop's Hat" mountain, and offers views of a city nicknamed "Le Cap." Protected with the Sans-Souci [[sahn-soo-SEE]] Palace, this structure was first (+) African-derived piece of colonial architecture in the Americas and withstood a 2010 earthquake that devastated Port-au- (*) Prince. For the points, name this Haitian fortress built to ward off French invasion.**

ANSWER: **Citadelle** Laferrière (accept **Citadelle** Henri Christophe)

(10) **This mountain range's northernmost extremity is the Bear River Range, and its highest peak is Mount Nebo. This mountain range's Little Cottonwood Canyon is responsible for the immense snowfall at Alta-Snowbird Ski Resort. The Sundance (+) Film Festival is hosted within this mountain range, which is also home to the (*) Provo River. For the points, name this mountain range in Utah that overlooks the Salt Lake City metro area.**

ANSWER: **Wasatch** Range (or **Wasatch** Mountains)

(11) **This island's Hotel-Dieu [[DYUH]] is the world's oldest operating hospital, and this island is one of two natural islands in its city along with Saint Louis. (+)** This island's Equestrian Statue of Henry IV is separated from Place Dauphine [[PLAHSS-doh-FAHN]] by Pont Neuf [[pohnt-NUHF]], which passes over this island while crossing the (*) Seine [[SEHN]]. For the points, name this island which is home to the Notre Dame Cathedral.

ANSWER: Île de la **Cité** (accept **City** Island)

(12) **This mountain, which overlooks the town of Twin Lakes, was submitted by Anna Elizabeth Dickinson on a mule. Mountaineers pile stones on top of nearby Mount Massive (+) in an attempt to make it higher than this peak in the Sawatch [[suh-WAHC]] Range. The highest of the "Fourteeners" in its state, (*) this is, for the points, what highest peak of the Colorado Rockies?**

ANSWER: Mount **Elbert**

(13) **This region, partly administered from Rundu as part of Kavango East, was formerly completely occupied by Bantustans. This salient was acquired by German Southwest Africa (+) in exchange for Zanzibar, and it ends at the confluence of the Chobe and Zambezi Rivers. Katima Mulilo is the (*) largest city in, for the points, what panhandle that gives Namibia its distinctive shape?**

ANSWER: **Caprivi** Strip (prompt on "The Strip"; prompt on general answers about a Namibian panhandle until mentioned)

(14) **Boldt and Singer Castles are residences on this archipelago, as well as the world's smallest inhabited island, Just Room Enough Island. This archipelago, located between Kingston (+) and Watertown, is shared by New York and Canada. Located where the Saint Lawrence River meets (*) Ontario, this is, for the points, what archipelago that names a mayonnaise-based salad dressing?**

ANSWER: **Thousand Islands** (accept **Mille-îles**; accept **Thousand Island** Dressing)

(15) **This archipelago hosts the Windsurf World Cup at Sylt, and its only non-barrier island is Heligoland. This archipelago begins north of the IJsselmeer [["EYE"-sel-mehr]], where it includes Texel [[TESH-ull]] (+) and encloses the Wadden Sea before running past the mouth of the Elbe (*) River. For the points, name this North Sea archipelago split between the Netherlands, Germany, and Denmark.**

ANSWER: **Frisian** Islands (accept **Wadden** Sea Islands before mentioned; accept sub-archipelagoes like West **Frisian** Islands)

(16) **This sea's inlets include Manukau Harbour and Jervis Bay as well as the Ports of Wollongong and New Plymouth. This sea, home to Lord Howe (+) Island, merges with the Coral Sea to the north and can be accessed via the Bass and (*) Cook Straits. For the points, name this sea between Australia and New Zealand.**

ANSWER: **Tasman** Sea (prompt on "The Ditch")

(17) **It's not in Britain, but this river that passes by Westminster Abbey merges with the Nechako River at the town of Prince George. This river's confluence with the Thompson River (+) was the site of a major gold rush at Lytton in 1858, and this is the longest river which is completely in Canada and drains into the (*) Pacific. For the points, name this river that empties into the Salish Sea south of Vancouver,**

ANSWER: **Fraser** River (or **Staulo** River)

(18) **This lake contains Sibiloi National Park on its shores, and the construction of the Gilgel Gibe III [[GEE-beh THREE]] Dam on the Omo River threatens its water levels. Formerly known as Lake Rudolf, (+) this lake has also been called the "Jade Sea" due to its turquoise color. The world's largest alkaline, or (*) "basic," lake is, for the points, what lake that is shared between Northwest Kenya and Southern Ethiopia?**

ANSWER: Lake **Turkana** (accept Lake **Rudolf** or **Jade Sea** before mentioned)

(19) **One port on this sea contains a "Mask of Sorrow" dedicated to victims of the Sevvostlag labor system. Japanese POWs were held in the Port of Magadan (+) on this sea, whose southern Strait of Tartary receives the Amur River near the island of Sakhalin. The Shelikhov Gulf is the (*) north-easternmost arm of, for the points, what sea in Eastern Russia that bound by the Kamchatka Peninsula and the Kuril Islands?**

ANSWER: Sea of **Okhotsk** (or **Okhotskoye** móre)

(20) **This facility was built on the grounds of the former Anniston Air Force. In 2021, a sportscaster misconstrued the chants of fans of Brandon (+) Brown in this facility, which is located 40 miles east of Birmingham. Named for a county that is home to the International Motorsports (*) Hall of Fame, this is, for the points, what Alabama NASCAR raceway?**

ANSWER: **Talladega** Superspeedway (accept **Alabama International** Motor Speedway before "2021"; prompt on "Dega")

(21) **This river contains the Arvand Free Zone and the world's largest date palm forest near its mouth at the al-Faw peninsula. One country was once forced to export its oil via Aqaba after an attack (+) on this river's Port of Basra. Along with the Zagros Mountains, part of the Iran- (*) Iraq boundary is formed by, for the points, what river which formed from the confluence of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers in Iraq?**

ANSWER: Shatt **al-Arab** (or Dijla **Al-Awara**; or **Arvand** Rud)

(22) **The northernmost tip of this region is occupied by Livonians, south of Saaremaa [[sah-REH-mah]] Island. A pocket of Nazi forces in the Reichskommissariat [[RIKE-koh-me-SEH-ree-aht]] (+) Ostland was named for this region, and it fended off the USSR's Baltic offensive (*) for almost a year.** For the points, name this region in western Latvia which forms a peninsula enclosing the Gulf of Riga.

ANSWER: **Courland** (or **Kurzeme**)

(23) **This river's mouth at Coorong National Park has been the site of constant dredging since the 2000s. The Mitta Mitta, Lachlan, (+) and Murrumbidgee Rivers are tributaries of this river which flows into the Southern Ocean just south of Kangaroo Island. The Darling (*) is a tributary of,** for the points, what longest river of Australia?

ANSWER: **Murray** River (accept in either order; or **Millewa**; or **Tongala**)

(24) **Siem Reap is located on this lake, which is fed by the Sekong, Sesan, and Srepok Rivers and becomes a river itself at Kampong Chhnang. A tooth lost by a naga (+) is honored during the Water and Moon Festival, which marks this river's reversal. An important agricultural asset to the Khmer (*) Empire,** this is, for the points, what largest lake in Southeast Asia, located in Cambodia?

ANSWER: **Tonlé Sap**

(25) **This sea extends east towards Cape Norvegia, which separates it from the King Haakon VII [[the SEVENTH]] Sea on the Princess Märtha Coast. Ernest Shackleton's Endurance sunk (+) after getting trapped in the ice of this sea, whose largest island is Berkner Island. West of Queen Maud (*) Land is,** for the points, what sea that is disputed between Argentina and the U.K., located east of the Antarctic Peninsula?

ANSWER: **Weddell** Sea

Extra Questions

(1) Autonomous counties of these people include Yitong, Weichang, and Xinbin [[SHEEN-BEEN]]. These Tungusic people who descend from the Jurchen (+) write their native language in a top to bottom fashion, and that language has fewer than 100 native speakers. Concentrated in provinces like Hebei (*) and Liaoning, these are, for the points, what group of people that led the Qing [[CHING]] Dynasty?

ANSWER: Manchu People (or Manju; or Mǎnzhōuzú)

(2) This city's Victoria and Alfred Waterfront neighborhood contains landmarks such as Nobel Square and Chavonnes [[shah-VOHN]] Battery. This city's suburb of Simon's Town (+) is home to Boulders Beach, an important habitat for African Penguins. Nelson Mandela was imprisoned at (*) Robben Island in, for the points, what second-largest city in South Africa, which serves as the seat of parliament?

ANSWER: Cape Town (or Kaapstad; or iKapa)

(3) This country contains the Coppename River, which arises out of the Wilhelmina Mountains. The Brokopondo Reservoir is the largest lake (+) of this former Dutch colony, which has been engaged in a border dispute with its neighbors, Guyana and (*) French Guiana. For the points, name this least-populous country in South America, whose capital is Paramaribo.

ANSWER: Republic of Suriname (or Republiek Suriname)