

The International Geography Bee – European Division
2016-2017 European Championships Qualifying Exam – Alpha Version

NAME: _____ SCHOOL: _____

Birthdate & Year: _____

Instructions: Circle the correct answer or leave it blank. Correct answers are worth 2 points. Incorrect answers are -1 point. Questions left blank are worth 0 points.

- 1) Which quadrant of the world is home to the majority of the world's population?
a) Northern Hemisphere & Eastern Hemisphere quadrant
b) Northern Hemisphere & Western Hemisphere quadrant
c) Southern Hemisphere & Eastern Hemisphere quadrant
d) Southern Hemisphere & Western Hemisphere quadrant

- 2) It is currently possible for tourists to run laps around the track at the site of the ancient Circus Maximus in which city?
a) Paris b) London c) Berlin d) Rome

- 3) Which tallest African mountain's snowcap may soon disappear due to global warming?
a) Mt. Kilimanjaro b) Mt. Kenya
c) Mt. Sinai d) Mt. Marrakech

- 4) In which country could you potentially view the Aurora Australis?
a) Mexico b) Panama c) Guyana d) Chile

- 5) Which is not one of the Great Lakes of North America?
a) Michigan b) Superior c) Victoria d) Ontario

- 6) Which country has been at the center of a recent doping scandal due to its abuses when it hosted the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi?
a) China b) Japan c) Russia d) Italy

- 7) Which word(s) is used to describe the type of biome found at the tops of mountains?
a) Xeric b) Salt marsh c) Littoral d) Alpine

- 8) Which country would be your safest travel destination if you had an all-consuming fear of tsunamis?
a) Japan b) Indonesia c) Italy d) Central African Republic

- 9) What do San Marino and Lesotho have in common?
a) Both consider aardvark a delicacy in their national cuisine
b) Both are considered international powerhouses in Olympic archery
c) Both were led by Green Party dictatorships in the 1960's
d) Both are entirely surrounded by one other country
- 10) Airplane turbulence is most commonly found over which terrain?
a) Deserts b) Mountain ranges c) Swamps d) Salt marshes
- 11) The name of Australia's most populous state references which part of the United Kingdom?
a) England b) Scotland c) Wales d) Northern Ireland
- 12) Which capital city does not lie on the Danube River?
a) Belgrade b) Vienna c) Prague d) Budapest
- 13) During the medieval warm period, grapes were grown on which island to make wine?
a) Maui b) Britain c) Bermuda d) Ellesmere Island
- 14) Which country is NOT considered part of the Middle East?
a) Jordan b) Sri Lanka c) Qatar d) Bahrain
- 15) Which disease has as of 2017 been eradicated from Africa?
a) AIDS b) Smallpox c) Athlete's Foot d) Sickle Cell Anemia
- 16) Which continent has more Portuguese speakers than any other?
a) Australia b) Europe c) Asia d) South America
- 17) The Silk Road skirted the southern edge of which desert?
a) Sahara b) Gobi c) Mojave d) Arabian
- 18) Which country's capital is also the name of a city in California with over 1 million people?
a) Mexico b) Haiti c) Peru d) Costa Rica
- 19) This question was written near 25 degrees North latitude, 150 degrees West longitude on a flight from Los Angeles to _____?
a) London b) Honolulu c) New York d) Buenos Aires
- 20) Which island group was used by the Soviet Union as a testing ground for its nuclear weapons?
a) Balearics b) Antilles c) Marquesas d) Novaya Zemlya

- 21) A bottle tossed into the Gulf Stream off the US East Coast would most likely end up where?
a) Mexico b) Ireland c) Barbados d) Chile
- 22) Which biome is most widespread throughout Lapland?
a) Steppe b) Taiga c) Tundra d) Mangroves
- 23) Which country is most considered a military ally of the USA?
a) Sudan b) Syria c) Iran d) Canada
- 24) The Bellagio hotel in Las Vegas is named for a picturesque town on the shores of which Italian lake?
a) Como b) Ladoga c) Geneva d) Maracaibo
- 25) Which animal is native to the Arabian Peninsula and is the mascot of Qatar Airways?
a) Oryx b) Pandas c) Tigers d) Giraffes
- 26) In which of the following countries is cocoa a major agricultural product?
a) Canada b) Sweden c) Uruguay d) Côte d'Ivoire
- 27) Islam, Christianity, and Buddhism all began on which continent?
a) Europe b) Asia c) Africa d) Antarctica
- 28) Which US National Park is found east of the Mississippi River?
a) Grand Canyon b) Acadia c) Yosemite d) Yellowstone
- 29) In which mountain range is it easiest to ski in August?
a) Pyrenees b) Andes c) Atlas d) Appalachians
- 30) Desertification is currently of greatest concern in which region?
a) Eastern France b) Northern Russia
c) Northern China d) Western Norway
- 31) Planning on partying hard this summer? Head to Ibiza, which lies in which island group?
a) Balearics b) Channel Islands c) Azores d) Canary Islands
- 32) Which country is home to more native bird species than the other three choices combined?
a) Peru b) Iceland c) Mongolia d) Antigua and Barbuda
- 33) Europe has never been hit by which natural disaster?
a) Tornadoes b) Mudslides c) Typhoons d) Tsunamis

- 34) Which house of worship could you find along Boston's historic Freedom Trail?
a) St. Peter's Basilica b) Blue Mosque
c) Golden Temple d) Old North Church
- 35) If as an AFS exchange student, you flew into Keflavik Airport and then participated with your classmates on the quiz show *Gettu Bettur*, you'd be studying in which country of some 350,000 people?
a) Austria b) Thailand c) Iceland d) New Zealand
- 36) What is the name of a subway line in Vienna, a rock band from Ireland, and the name of a spy plane that took pictures during the Cuban Missile Crisis?
a) A1 b) Z100 c) U2 d) A380
- 37) Which ocean contains the deepest point on the earth's surface at Challenger Deep, miles below the ocean surface?
a) Arctic b) Atlantic c) Pacific d) Indian
- 38) Which river is home to a set of waterfalls known as cataracts, which have historically impeded navigation upriver from Aswan?
a) Delaware b) Nile c) Amazon d) Ob
- 39) It's AD 116, and you're the Roman Emperor Trajan. You decide to send a pesky senator into exile in the newly conquered province of Dacia, which shares territory with what modern-day country?
a) France b) Bhutan c) Pakistan d) Romania
- 40) Which of the following is a Canadian province, and is not one of the territories of Canada?
a) Nunavut b) Montana
c) Quebec d) Yukon
- 41) Which country is home to the Kamchatka Peninsula on the Eastern shore of the Sea of Okhotsk?
a) Japan b) China c) Russia d) Mongolia
- 42) Which place is considered to have one of the four Asian Tiger economies?
a) Myanmar b) Hong Kong c) Nepal d) Iraq
- 43) Which most heavily bombed country in world history has now oddly turned into a popular destination for river tubing on the Mekong River?
a) Laos b) Bangladesh c) Malaysia d) South Korea
- 44) Which country features a crescent moon on its flag even though its population is not predominantly Muslim?
a) Libya b) Sweden c) Paraguay d) Singapore

- 45) Empty Shelves in Supermarkets! Oil Wealth Squandered! Riots against Nicolas Maduro's Regime! Talk of the End of *Chavismo*! Fracas in Caracas! These are some of your 2017 headlines as a journalist writing on the political situation where?
a) Kansas b) Norway c) Venezuela d) French Guiana
- 46) Instead of going to college, after turning 18, you decide to join the fight with Kurdish guerrillas against ISIS. Which Northern Iraqi city would you book a flight to, to meet with your Pesh Merga brothers-in-arms?
a) Dublin b) Erbil c) Aleppo d) Ankara
- 47) Which country is traditionally divided into counties, such as Mayo and Limerick?
a) New Zealand b) Canada c) Norway d) Ireland
- 48) Which city is home to the Taj Mahal?
a) Kathmandu b) Mumbai c) Kolkata d) Agra
- 49) Which country is considered part of Scandinavia?
a) Denmark b) Portugal c) Slovenia d) Moldova
- 50) A flight from Toulouse to Toledo would cross over which mountain range?
a) Carpathians b) Alps c) Pyrenees d) Urals