

The International Geography Bee – European Division

2016-2017 European Championships Qualifying Exam – Beta Set Version

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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 Asian country suffers more earthquakes than the others?
a) Jordan b) Sri Lanka c) Japan d) Singapore
- 2) Which Mediterranean island is home to a separatist movement seeking independence from France?
a) Cyprus b) Crete c) Sardinia d) Corsica
- 3) If you wanted to walk on the Wakhan Corridor, where would you go to put your feet down?
a) The industrial heartland of Brazil
b) The small bit of India that connects its eastern states with the rest of the country
c) Building D at EU headquarters in Brussels
d) The portion of Afghanistan that extends farthest east, and borders China on its end
- 4) Montenegro, Slovenia, and Serbia were all once part of which former country?
a) Yugoslavia b) USSR c) East Germany d) Czechoslovakia
- 5) Which name is shared by two separate mountain ranges, one in Southern Spain and one in the Western USA?
a) Pyrenees b) Sierra Nevada c) Rockies d) Altiplano
- 6) Which island has by far the greatest linguistic diversity of the four listed?
a) Cyprus b) Iceland c) Molokai d) New Guinea
- 7) Which is not one of the 50 United States of America?
a) Kentucky b) Omaha c) Utah d) West Virginia
- 8) Which Asian country has NOT hosted the Summer Olympics?
a) China b) Japan c) South Korea d) Qatar
- 9) To the nearest billion, what's the human population of the earth in 2016?
a) 1 billion b) 4 billion c) 7 billion d) 862 billion
- 10) All of the permanent member nations of the UN Security Council have what in common?
a) They all belong to OPEC b) They have all hosted the FIFA World Cup
c) They all possess nuclear weapons d) They have all invaded Uruguay

- 11) Rodrigo Duterte has been orienting his country's foreign policy to be more pro-China as the president of which country?
a) Canada b) Spain c) Philippines d) Sweden
- 12) At least one of the Seven Ancient Wonders of the World could be found on all of the following continents except?
a) Asia b) Europe c) North America d) Africa
- 13) Syrian refugees have attempted to cross into Europe by doing which of the following?
a) Walking across the dried up lake bed of the Aral Sea
b) Crossing the Aegean Sea in poorly-constructed boats that sometimes sink
c) Paying smugglers known as "coyotes" to evade the border patrol on the Rio Grande
d) Heading south from Java, though many get captured and sent to detention camps on Nauru
- 14) Which volcano's intermittent lava flows once again reached the Pacific in summer 2016 after a period of several years when this hadn't happened?
a) Mt. St. Helens b) Stromboli c) Kilauea d) Mt. Vesuvius
- 15) You're planning a Eurail trip and have to visit 3 countries that border each other. You're going to visit France and Germany; what 3rd country could you visit on your trip?
a) Switzerland b) Portugal
c) Croatia d) Sweden
- 16) Which Middle Eastern city's airport is NOT a major transit hub for intercontinental flights?
a) Abu Dhabi b) Dubai c) Doha d) Damascus
- 17) Which country is not located in Southeast Asia?
a) Tajikistan b) Laos c) Vietnam d) Cambodia
- 18) Where would you find the Horn of Africa?
a) On the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro
b) Along the planned route of the Cape to Cairo Railroad
c) Somalia and portions of Ethiopia
d) In the musical section of the Egyptian Museum in Cairo
- 19) Just what makes Canada's Manitoulin Island in Lake Huron so special?
a) It's home to the world's most southerly population of polar bears
b) It's the only part of North America that once belonged to the Ottoman Empire
c) It's the largest island in a lake anywhere in the world
d) Justin Bieber was born there, and his home has recently become a pilgrimage site
- 20) Which country's coastline is home to the Great Barrier Reef off its state of Queensland?
a) Monaco b) Peru c) Finland d) Australia

- 21) Which strait(s) presents potential geopolitical problems as a chokepoint if Iran wanted to cut off the export of Middle Eastern oil near its coastline?
a) Strait of Gibraltar b) Straits of Malacca
c) Strait of Hormuz d) Dire Straits
- 22) Rogan josh, naan, and biryanis are part of the culinary heritage of which country?
a) Kyrgyzstan b) India c) Thailand d) Lebanon
- 23) Which phenomenon refers to a periodic warming of the waters of the Pacific Ocean?
a) Blizzards b) El Nino c) Alberta Clippers d) Jet streams
- 24) Which landform or waterway does not form part of the border between Europe and Asia?
a) Ural Mountains b) Atlas Mountains
c) Bosphorus Strait d) Dardanelles Strait
- 25) Whether or not to join NATO is currently a topic for political debate in which country?
a) Germany b) Finland c) Canada d) USA
- 26) The process of decolonization led to more countries becoming independent in which decade than the others listed here?
a) 1900's b) 1930's c) 1960's d) 1980's
- 27) In which part of the United Kingdom would you find the University of St. Andrews and the University of Glasgow?
a) Wales b) England c) Scotland d) Northern Ireland
- 28) Demographers looking to study the effect of the recent loosening of the one-child policy should focus their attention on?
a) Mexico b) Russia c) India d) China
- 29) Which of the following rivers gave its name to two separate African countries?
a) Limpopo b) Orange c) Nile d) Congo
- 30) The Brandenburg Gate and the Reichstag building are landmarks in which city?
a) Vienna b) Berlin c) Moscow d) Warsaw
- 31) The world's most populous city north of the Arctic Circle is?
a) Fairbanks b) Oslo c) Reykjavik d) Murmansk
- 32) Detroit and Indianapolis are cities in which part of the USA?
a) West Coast b) Midwest c) Southeast d) New England
- 33) During the 1990's the flag of Libya was entirely which color?
a) Orange b) White c) Pink d) Green

- 34) The Roman army suffered a heavy defeat to forces led by Arminius in which region during the reign of Augustus?
a) Teutoburg Forest b) Black Forest c) Sherwood Forest d) Forest Gump
- 35) Which of these continents has the fewest inhabitants?
a) Asia b) Africa
c) Australia d) Europe
- 36) Which of the following cities has the poorest air quality?
a) Halifax b) Amsterdam c) Canberra d) New Delhi
- 37) Which French city was founded at the strategic confluence of the Rhône and Saône Rivers?
a) Paris b) Lyon c) Nice d) Chamonix
- 38) Temperate rain forests are most commonly found where?
a) In coastal areas between 30 and 50 degrees latitude
b) In inland areas between 10 and 30 degrees latitude
c) In coastal areas between 10 and 30 degrees latitude
d) In inland areas between 30 and 50 degrees latitude
- 39) If, as an AFS exchange student, you went to school in the Balkan Mountains and your host family had a vacation house on their country's Black Sea coast you'd be studying where?
a) Albania b) Bulgaria c) Croatia d) Ukraine
- 40) Which cheese variety did not originate north of the Alps?
a) Feta b) Edam c) Gouda d) Havarti
- 41) McMurdo Station and Mt. Vinson Massif can be found where?
a) Idaho b) Antarctica c) Brooklyn d) Lesotho
- 42) Saddam Hussein indulged in the odd pastime of fishing with dynamite in which Iraqi river?
a) Tiber b) Tigris c) Po d) Parana
- 43) This question was written in a plane almost directly above the beach town of Cox's Bazaar in which country?
a) Bhutan b) Nepal c) Kyrgyzstan d) Bangladesh
- 44) Which province of Canada is predominantly French speaking?
a) Alberta b) Quebec c) Ontario d) Manitoba
- 45) The term "ghetto" originally derives from the Jewish quarter in which city?
a) Copenhagen b) Venice c) Des Moines d) Oslo
- 46) Which Swedish island in the Baltic Sea has recently seen a military build up due to fears of Russian aggression?
a) Zealand b) Spitsbergen c) Gotland d) Heligoland

- 47) Which British city saw the Beatles get their start at the Cavern Club, and is now home to a Beatles Museum?
a) Liverpool b) Cambridge c) York d) Canterbury
- 48) You could find land on the surface of the earth that is below sea level in which 2 countries?
a) Israel and the Netherlands b) Bolivia and Paraguay
c) Nepal and Bhutan d) Austria and Switzerland
- 49) What city is located farthest north?
a) Mumbai b) Singapore c) Hong Kong d) Tokyo
- 50) Apples are a common agricultural export of which two places?
a) Washington state and Tasmania b) Svalbard and the Falkland Islands
c) Niger and Mauretania d) Attu and Addis Ababa