

Round 1

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(1) An annual 1,500-step stair challenge takes place in this city's "Tower Eye." This city's Royal Botanic Gardens and Port Jackson are overlooked by a bridge dubbed "The Coathanger." The Manly and Bondi Beaches serve this city, where Jorn Utzon designed a building whose roof invokes a series of sails. For the point, name this capital of New South Wales and site of a famous opera house, the most populous Australian city.

ANSWER: Sydney

(2) The Cimabri were a tribe thought to have been from this peninsula, inspiring an alternate name. This peninsula's most populous city, nicknamed the "City of Smiles," is Aarhus. Funen is found between this peninsula and the island of Zealand. A World War I battle fought off this peninsula saw the German navy defeated by the forces of John Jellicoe. For the point, name this peninsula shared by Germany and Denmark.

ANSWER: Jutland

(3) The second most common route to this peak's summit is the Polish Glacier route. After seven failed attempts, Edward FitzGerald became the first man to reach this mountain's summit. Nicknamed the "Mountain of Death," this peak is found in the province of Mendoza. The subduction of the Nazca plate formed this mountain, which is one of the seven summits. For the point, name this peak in the Andes, the tallest in South America.

ANSWER: Aconcagua

(4) Immigrants from this country to Brazil introduced *sfiha* meat pies to South America. The Baalbeck International Festival is celebrated in this country, where the Phoenicians set up a trading post at its city of Tyre. Maronites make up over 20 percent of this country, where a Green Line in the capital divides Christian and Muslim communities. For the point, name this Middle Eastern country with capital at Beirut.

ANSWER: Lebanon

(5) This state's Pottsville Escarpment is the western boundary of its Pennyroyal Plateau. The southwesternmost region of this state was purchased from the Chickasaw tribe by Andrew Jackson and includes the city of Paducah. The longest cave system on Earth is found in this state's Mammoth Cave National Park. Many of this state's major cities, including Lexington, are in its northern Bluegrass Region. For the point, name this state containing the University of Louisville.

ANSWER: Commonwealth of Kentucky

(6) This city's Georgian Quarter is home to its fashionable Merrion Square. An area of this city filled with tech companies is nicknamed Silicon Docks, near North Wall on the north banks of a river that flows under bridges named for Samuel Beckett and Sean O'Casey. Glendalough is part of the same diocese as this city, which is served by a cathedral named for its country's patron saint, Saint Patrick. The River Liffey flows through, For the point, what capital city of Ireland?

ANSWER: Dublin

(7) This city is home to the Hector Pieterse Museum and the headquarters of the mobile telephone company Vodacom. Don Mattera wrote about his life among gangs in this country's suburb of Sophiatown. This city, found in the province of Gauteng, contains a campus of the University of Witwatersrand. Miners lived in this city's Soweto township. For the point, name this city whose population, roughly double that of Cape Town, makes it the most populous city in South Africa.

ANSWER: Johannesburg

(8) A small number of these locations feature monuments dedicated to Radhabinod Pal, who controversially ruled that people mentioned in a *Book of Souls* at one of these locations were not guilty of war crimes. One of these locations in Mie Prefecture is torn down and rebuilt every twenty years; that structure in Ise [EE-say] includes two large *torii* [torr-ee] gates. Hachiman and Amaterasu are among the kami worshiped at, for the point, what religious structures in Japan?

ANSWER: **Shinto shrines** (accept **jinja**; accept **shinsha**; accept **place of the gods**; prompt on partial answer; prompt on descriptive answers that don't use the terms "Shinto" and some equivalent of shrine)

(9) A British ship ran aground on an atoll in this body of water, causing that atoll to be named Macclesfield Bank. The Dragon Hole, the world's deepest sinkhole, is found in this body's Paracel Islands. A 2016 court case focused on claims to the "nine-dash line" in this sea, including ownership rights of its Spratly Islands near the Philippines. For the point, name this sea that the Taiwan Strait connects to a similarly named sea to its east, both of which are named for an Asian country.

ANSWER: South China Sea

(10) The "high country" of this location contains the Tuolumne [too-ALL-um-nee] Meadows. The controversial O'Shaughnessy Dam was constructed in this location's Hetch Hetchy Valley. John Muir successfully lobbied Congress to establish this national park in 1890. Ansel Adams' photography, including *The Face of Half Dome* and *El Capitan* highlighted the beauty of, For the point, what national park located in Eastern California?

ANSWER: Yosemite National Park

(11) A hypothesis about the origin of these people notes how their word for the number three is "trin." A famous jazz guitarist who played without 2 fingers, Django Reinhardt, was a member of this ethnic group. In France, these people are known as manouches, and they refer to non-members as *gadjo*. A blue/green background with a red spoked wheel was adopted as the flag of these people in 1971. Thought to have originated in India, for the point, name these nomadic people who are often derisively called gypsies.

ANSWER: Romani people (accept gypsies before it is read)

(12) A 2009 controversy developed after a geothermal mining company operating near a popular geyser in this desert accidentally created a 60-meter fumarole. The Very Large Telescope is found in this desert, which is home to the La Silla Observatory. The longest river in this desert is the Loa, which flows through Antofagasta. *Salares* are the term for salt lakes found in this desert, which is bordered to the east by the Andes. For the point, name this dry South American desert that takes up much of northern Chile.

ANSWER: Atacama Desert

(13) The source of this river contains a waterfall with the greatest flow rate in the world; those Boyoma Falls inspired one name for the city of Kisangani. Plans are underway to create a third Inga Dam along this river, one of whose sources is the Lualaba. This river's Malebo Pool separates two capital cities. This deepest river in the world is found north of Kinshasa. For the point, name this African river that was once named the Zaire.

ANSWER: Congo River

(14) In 1984, a ship named the *Jupiter* crashed into this structure, several years after this structure was sold, torn down, and rebuilt in Lake Havasu City, Arizona. A church named after St. Magnus the Martyr marks one end of this structure, while the district of Southwark is on the other end. The refrain "My fair lady" ends every quatrain of a nursery rhyme that claims that this structure is "falling down." The River Thames is crossed by, For the point, what bridge in the English capital city?

ANSWER: London Bridge (do not accept Tower Bridge)

(15) An extensive colonial transportation project built on this island in the nineteenth century was the Great Post Road. The Candi Cetho route is the most technically demanding path to the summit of this island's Mount Lawu. Various folktales attempt to explain the drying of this island's Lake Bandung. Over 500 statues of Buddha are found on this island's Borobudur temple. The colonial Netherlands exported coffee primarily from, for the point, what most populous Indonesian island?

ANSWER: Java

(16) In this city, RESO is an "Underground City" used daily by half a million residents that connects the Bell Centre and the Place Bonaventure. The model community Habitat 67 served the 1967 World's Fair in this city, which also built the Stade Olympique for the 1976 Summer Olympics. This city surrounds a namesake hill on an island at the confluence of the Ottawa and St. Lawrence Rivers. For the point, name this second-most populous city in Canada, the largest city in Quebec.

ANSWER: Montreal

(17) This city, the largest on Absecon Island, suffered the closures of the Revel resort in 2014 and Trump Taj Mahal in 2016. This city, just up the coast from Ventnor City, has also suffered a downswing in its tourism industry since 2012, when Hurricane Sandy did surprisingly minor physical damage to its historic boardwalk. For the point, name this resort city, the gambling capital of New Jersey.

ANSWER: Atlantic City

(18) An example of this effect in the Olympic Peninsula has led a Washington city to be nicknamed *Sunny Sequim*. The Guajira Peninsula experiences this phenomenon due to the nearby Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, resulting in roughly eight months of aridity per year. For the point, name this effect that occurs on the leeward side of a mountain range in which mountains block off areas from receiving precipitation.

ANSWER: rain shadow effect (prompt on descriptive answers that don't use the phrase "rain shadow")

(19) One city in this nation is home to the Shrine of Hazrat Ali, a mosque with twin blue domes. This country lies northwest of the Durand Line, and this country includes the Wakhan Corridor, connecting it to China. This country's Balkh province contains the city of Mazar-e-Sharif, and its Parwan province includes its largest US military base, Bagram Airfield. Pashto is a major language in, For the point, what country bordering Pakistan with capital at Kabul?

ANSWER: Afghanistan

(20) A geology student bombed this annual event in 1980. The roller coaster Olympia Looping made its debut at this event in 1989. This event, which takes place annually at Theresienwiese [tair-AZE-ee-en-VEE-zeh], offered transportation to people from the Sudetenland in 1938. An 85-decibel limit is imposed on music at this event until 6 PM. Sauerkraut is commonly sold at this event, which is thought to be protected by the Bavaria statue. For the point, name this Munich beer festival that ends in the title month.

ANSWER: Oktoberfest

(21) A former capital of this nation located along the Chiquito River is the city of León. The majority of the Mosquito Coast runs along the east of this country. In this country, the Tipitapa River joins the two largest freshwater lakes in Central America, one named after this country and the other named after its capital. For the point, name this Central American nation with capital at Managua.

ANSWER: Nicaragua

(22) Tourists can view this city's skyline from its Reunion Tower. The Bank of America Plaza is the tallest building in this city, whose football team plays in AT&T Stadium. The Sixth Floor Museum commemorates an event that occurred in this city that wounded John Connally; that 1963 event occurred in this city's Dealey Plaza and resulted in the death of John F. Kennedy. For the point, name this neighbor of Fort Worth, the third largest in Texas.

ANSWER: Dallas, Texas

(23) In 1979 in this city, the Ikhwan seized a religious site and proclaimed that the Mahdi was among them. The hills of al-Safa and al-Marwa are now located in that religious building in this city, where visitors perform *tawaf* by walking seven times around the Kaaba, a sacred black building in the Masjid al-Haram. For the point, name this Saudi Arabian city where Muhammad was born, the holiest city in Islam.

ANSWER: Mecca

(24) In this city, a dish of shrimp baked in garlicky bread crumbs was invented by the DeJonghe [de-zhon] brothers, who came to this city for an 1893 festival. Stands in this city sell Maxwell Street Polishes [po-lishes] as well as an item topped with sport peppers, celery salt, a pickle spear, tomato, neon green pickle relish, onion, and mustard - but not ketchup, unlike other hot dogs. For the point, name this Midwestern city where deep dish pizza is sold at Lou Malnati's, as you should discover at dinner tonight.

ANSWER: Chicago

(25) Tourists to this country can visit the Masikryong Ski Resort on Taehwa Peak. The river that forms this country's northern border is crossed by a "friendship bridge" from Dandong and rises in Heaven Lake on Mt. Paektu. The shared Kaesong Industrial Complex is just north of this country's Joint Security Area, which includes Panmunjom. The Yalu River and a DMZ along the 38th Parallel form the borders of, For the point, what country with capital Pyongyang?

ANSWER: North Korea (or Democratic People's Republic of Korea or DPRK; prompt on Korea; do not accept or prompt on Republic of Korea or South Korea)

(26) The headstream of this body of water is nicknamed the "Tearful River." A poem titled "Swimming" commemorates the 1954 floods of this river, which begins in the Tanggula Mountains and flows past its country's largest freshwater lake, Lake Poyang. The world's largest producer of hydroelectric power is this river's Three Gorges Dam, built in the province of Hubei. For the point, name this longest river in China.

ANSWER: Yangtze River

(27) One representative of this organization had earlier founded the Civic Platform. This organization acknowledges environmental efforts with its annual Green Capital Award and examines human rights and governmental policies as part of its Copenhagen criteria, determining whether it will invite new members. This organization, which was awarded the Nobel Prize in 2012, was created in 1993 by a treaty signed in the city of Maastricht. Over 500 million people live in, For the point, what international organization that one nation plans to leave after the Brexit referendum?

ANSWER: European Union

(28) A city of this name in southwest Missouri claims to be the birthplace of Route 66, as the road was named there in 1926. The first American town of this name lies on the Connecticut River and was home to an armory almost captured during Shays' Rebellion. Five towns of this name exist in Wisconsin, and half of the United States have a town of this name. For the point, name this incredibly common place name, also shared by a city home to the tomb and Presidential library of Abraham Lincoln, the capital of Illinois.

ANSWER: Springfield

(29) It costs 50 kroner to be admitted onto one of these structures that was built in 1914 in Tivoli. One of these in Jackson, New Jersey that reaches 456 feet in height is known as Kingda Ka. Intamin is a designer of these structures, including Millennium Force at Cedar Point in Ohio. The first of these entities was opened in 1884 in Coney Island. The *Centrifugal Railway* names several early examples of these objects to feature a loop. For the point, name these thrill rides that involve a train of cars on a wooden or steel track.

ANSWER: roller coasters (prompt on thrill rides or similar, more generic terms; accept wooden roller coaster until “456 feet” is read)

(30) In this nation, the Gilf Kebir Plateau lies in the Western Desert. This nation contains the Qattara Depression and the Karnak Temple complex near its city of Luxor. The Aswan High Dam spans one river in this country, on whose banks lies Alexandria. The Sinai Peninsula and Nile River delta lie in, For the point, what country, home to the Great Pyramid of Giza near its capital, Cairo?

ANSWER: Egypt

Extra Question

Only read if moderator botches a question.

(31) A park in this city includes a memorial for six cadets known as the Niños Héroes, who died in defense of a castle at that parksite. The Quixote fountain and a National Museum of History are also found at that park, whose name means “grasshopper hill” in Nahuatl. This city’s Chapultepec Castle, a former residence of Emperor Maximilian, was seized by American forces in 1847. For the point, name this North American capital city.

ANSWER: Mexico City