



International Geography Bee

The International Geography Bee 2017-2018 Championships Qualifying Exam – Asia Alpha Set Version

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Instructions: Print the Correct Answer in the space provided or leave it blank. Write Neatly!!! Correct answers are worth 2 points. Incorrect answers are -1 point. Questions left blank are worth 0 points.

You have 20 Minutes to complete this Exam.

- _____ 1) A tourist could tour rooms Queen Elizabeth lives in at which royal residence in London?
A) Buckingham Palace B) Blarney Castle C) The Kremlin D) The Bastille
- _____ 2) Which country is the largest by area in South America?
A) Argentina B) Peru C) Brazil D) Ecuador
- _____ 3) The Spanish Steps aren't in Spain, but are a landmark in which city, near the Coliseum?
A) Paris B) London C) Rome D) Madrid
- _____ 4) Which country is most at risk from tsunamis?
A) Austria B) Japan C) Sweden D) Chad
- _____ 5) Which continent lies entirely in the Southern Hemisphere?
A) Africa B) South America C) Asia D) Australia
- _____ 6) Which modern day country's territory was never part of the Persian Empire?
A) Iran B) Bangladesh C) Lebanon D) Turkey
- _____ 7) What is the only one of the 7 Wonders of the Ancient World still standing?
A) Lighthouse of Alexandria B) Hanging Gardens of Babylon
C) Statue of Zeus at Olympia D) Great Pyramid of Giza
- _____ 8) French, Italian, and Spanish are all known as what type of language?
A) Australasian B) Germanic C) Finno-Ugric D) Romance
- _____ 9) Seasonal rains on the west coast of India are caused by changes in what winds?
A) Typhoons B) Monsoons C) Doldrums D) Blizzards
- _____ 10) Which country, with approximately 300,000 people just became the smallest ever by population to qualify for the FIFA World Cup of soccer?
A) Iran B) Iceland C) Poland D) Colombia
- _____ 11) Which river in Africa flows predominantly from South to North?
A) Niger B) Congo C) Nile D) Volta

- _____ 12) Global warming is leading to all of the following except what?
A) The retreat of glaciers in the Andes B) Less shipping going through the Arctic Ocean
C) Hotter summers in the Middle East D) Rising sea levels in Florida
- _____ 13) Which of these states is the most populous state of India?
A) Goa B) Lakshadweep C) Uttar Pradesh D) Himachal Pradesh
- _____ 14) Which country's largest city by population is named for a 20th century communist leader?
A) China B) Vietnam C) Kyrgyzstan D) Jordan
- _____ 15) The Andes Mountains run along the Western edge of which continent?
A) Africa B) Europe C) South America D) Australia
- _____ 16) Which of these is not an actual sea that borders parts of Asia?
A) Black Sea B) Pink Sea C) Yellow Sea D) Red Sea
- _____ 17) Tango dancing originated in and is most commonly practiced in which city?
A) Melbourne B) Riyadh C) Pyongyang D) Buenos Aires
- _____ 18) The Trans-Siberian Railroad runs across most of which country?
A) Russia B) Angola C) Belize D) Burkina Faso
- _____ 19) Which of these small countries has a tropical climate?
A) San Marino B) Andorra C) Liechtenstein D) Singapore
- _____ 20) Which of these is not officially controlled by India?
A) Mumbai B) Tamil Nadu C) Andaman Islands D) Seychelles
- _____ 21) Which country has, as of 2018, never hosted the Winter Olympics?
A) USA B) Canada C) Russia D) China
- _____ 22) In which of these countries do thousands of people live in houses called yurts or gers?
A) Qatar B) Mongolia C) Singapore D) Maldives
- _____ 23) Which country was not said to be part of the "Axis of Evil" by George W. Bush?
A) Iran B) Botswana C) Iraq D) North Korea
- _____ 24) If you wanted to take a river cruise on the Danube River, where might you first get on your ship?
A) Budapest B) Boston C) Beijing D) Brisbane
- _____ 25) Which country belongs to ASEAN, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations?
A) Slovakia B) Pakistan C) Venezuela D) Vietnam
- _____ 26) Which of these countries has a cross on its flag?
A) Japan B) Sweden C) Mexico D) China
- _____ 27) The landmass known as Pangaea was once a what?
A) A supercontinent B) An atoll C) An archipelago D) An extinct volcano
- _____ 28) Hunan, Szechuan, and Cantonese are three varieties of what?
A) French swimsuits B) Chinese cuisine C) Indian warships D) Italian leather goods

- _____ 29) Which country has recently been criticized for its ballistic missile and nuclear weapons tests?
A) Slovakia B) Barbados C) North Korea D) Tunisia
- _____ 30) Which landmark in the middle of the Australian Outback is alternatively called Ayers Rock?
A) Borobudur B) Taj Mahal C) Stonehenge D) Uluru
- _____ 31) Jainism, Buddhism, and Hinduism all began in which country?
A) Israel B) India C) Iraq D) Iceland
- _____ 32) Which region is found in Northeastern China and has very cold winters?
A) Tibet B) Macau C) Manchuria D) Hainan
- _____ 33) Which airline flies directly from Phuket to Chiang Mai?
A) Korean Air B) Air India C) Japan Airlines D) Thai Airways
- _____ 34) Which country is located in Central America?
A) Nicaragua B) Paraguay C) Cape Verde D) Tonga
- _____ 35) Which city is located in the Midwest USA?
A) Philadelphia B) Chicago C) San Diego D) Tampa
- _____ 36) Which body of water is an arm of the Pacific Ocean?
A) Gulf of California B) Arabian Sea C) Mediterranean Sea D) Hudson Bay
- _____ 37) Which region is home to the most fjords?
A) New England B) Yucatan Peninsula C) Scandinavia D) The Outback
- _____ 38) Snowfall is most common in January in which of the following world cities?
A) Madrid B) Melbourne C) Moscow D) Mexico City
- _____ 39) Which of these African countries is landlocked?
A) South Africa B) Mali C) Kenya D) Egypt
- _____ 40) The “One-China” policy refers to the belief that China and which island form one country?
A) Honshu B) Luzon C) Taiwan D) Manhattan
- _____ 41) The region of Catalonia has recently tried to break away from which European country?
A) Russia B) Hungary C) Spain D) Ireland
- _____ 42) Mexico City was built on top of the former capital of what civilisation?
A) Babylonian B) Greek C) Romans D) Aztec
- _____ 43) The largest country by land area that existed over the past 100 years was what former one?
A) Yugoslavia B) Czechoslovakia C) Soviet Union D) Austria-Hungary
- _____ 44) Which country is home to a flightless bird and a native fruit, both of which are called kiwis?
A) Canada B) New Zealand C) United Kingdom D) Germany
- _____ 45) What US state is home to the only major coffee growing region in the USA?
A) Alaska B) Minnesota C) New Mexico D) Hawaii
- _____ 46) Which explorer is believed to have once set foot in what is now part of Afghanistan?
A) Abel Tasman B) Henry Hudson C) Marco Polo D) Christopher Columbus

- _____ 47) Which continent is the second largest in both area and population?
A) Asia B) Europe C) Africa D) Antarctica
- _____ 48) If as an AFS exchange student, you toured a watchmaking factory in Schaffhausen and visited your host father at his bank at UBS in the canton of Valais near the Matterhorn, you'd be studying where?
A) Honduras B) Switzerland C) Mongolia D) Yemen
- _____ 49) Which is not a cultural region of the Pacific Ocean?
A) Melanesia B) Polynesia C) Micronesia D) Amnesia
- _____ 50) The study and practice of mapmaking is known by what term?
A) Cartography B) Glaciation C) Calligraphy D) Mercatorization