



International Geography Bee

The International Geography Bee 2017 Championships Qualifying Exam – Asian Division - Version Beta

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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) The places that the Romans called Gaul best corresponds to what modern country?
A) France B) Brazil C) Ireland D) Turkey
- _____ 2) Monocle Magazine ranked which world capital as having the highest quality of life in 2017?
A) Damascus B) Ulaanbataar C) Dhaka D) Tokyo
- _____ 3) This question was written on a flight to Ayers Rock which is also known as...
A) Great Zimbabwe B) Uluru C) Matterhorn D) Denali
- _____ 4) The Equator and the International Date Line intersect in which ocean?
A) Arctic B) Atlantic C) Indian D) Pacific
- _____ 5) Which country is not considered part of Indochina?
A) Thailand B) Laos C) India D) Cambodia
- _____ 6) What are two separate historical names for Scotland?
A) Hispania & Hibernia B) Alba & Caledonia C) Nippon & Belgica D) Galilee & Judaea
- _____ 7) Silicon Valley is a famous technology region located in and around Palo Alto in which US state?
A) Rhode Island B) Georgia C) Wyoming D) California
- _____ 8) Afrikaans, a language of South Africa, is derived from which other language?
A) Icelandic B) Arabic C) Dutch D) Swahili

- _____ 9) Which country is located on a peninsula attached to another peninsula?
 A) Iraq B) Qatar C) Bahrain D) Iran
- _____ 10) The Mistral and the Sirocco are types of _____ affecting _____?
 A) Hurricanes, Mongolia B) Tornadoes, New Zealand
 C) Winds, Europe D) Meteor Strikes, San Marino
- _____ 11) Which city in India was once known as Bombay?
 A) Mumbai B) Kolkata C) Delhi D) Hyderabad
- _____ 12) Glastonbury in England & Roskilde in Denmark are both famous for being the site of what?
 A) Elite Universities B) World War II Battles C) Music Festivals D) Maoist Uprisings
- _____ 13) Skiers at the 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea ski down the slopes of which mountains?
 A) Alps B) Andes C) Caucasus D) Taebaek
- _____ 14) Calypso music and the voodoo religion developed in which part of the world?
 A) Middle East B) Polynesia C) Caribbean D) Siberia
- _____ 15) Which of these is considered a Special Administrative Region in China?
 A) Shanghai B) Macau C) Okinawa D) Manchuria
- _____ 16) Which landmark is no longer standing in Paris?
 A) Eiffel Tower B) Louvre Museum C) Arc de Triomphe D) Bastille
- _____ 17) Keeping latitude constant, the farther west you go in a time zone, what happens?
 A) The sun rises later. B) The sun sets earlier.
 C) Solar eclipses occur more often. D) There are more daylight hours in December.
- _____ 18) Sri Lanka is located closest to which state of India?
 A) Himachal Pradesh B) Gujarat C) Tamil Nadu D) Assam
- _____ 19) Which of these countries would be the best destination for a snowboarding vacation?
 A) Philippines B) Thailand C) Brunei D) Japan
- _____ 20) Ernest Hemingway's novel *For Whom the Bell Tolls* opens in the mountains near Segovia during a civil war in which country?
 A) Denmark B) Switzerland C) Canada D) Spain
- _____ 21) A professional Canadian hockey team is known by what name?
 A) Cacti B) Palm Fronds C) Douglas Firs D) Maple Leafs
- _____ 22) Nuclear weapons have been detonated on or above all of the following islands except?
 A) Honshu B) Bikini C) Novaya Zemlya D) Hispaniola
- _____ 23) Which present-day African country's territory was once part of the Roman Empire?
 A) Angola B) Libya C) Madagascar D) Zambia
- _____ 24) Which country became the newest member of the NATO military alliance in 2017?
 A) Italy B) USA C) Montenegro D) Kuwait
- _____ 25) Where would you be most likely to find the tundra biome?
 A) Coastal Italy B) Arctic regions of Russia
 C) Western Poland D) In semi-desert regions of Greece

- _____ 26) The demise of the monarchy in which predominantly Hindu country was perhaps hastened when Crown Prince Dipendra gunned down his relatives in 2001?
 A) Turkmenistan B) Maldives C) Pakistan D) Nepal
- _____ 27) What country is home to both a type of bird and a type of fruit called a kiwi?
 A) Honduras B) Chad C) Australia D) New Zealand
- _____ 28) Christianity is the religion of the majority of the population in which country?
 A) Iraq B) Philippines C) Bangladesh D) Israel
- _____ 29) The expression from the TV show *Survivor* of “voting someone off the island” wouldn’t make sense if the show were set where?
 A) Madeira B) Serengeti C) Cyprus D) Sicily
- _____ 30) If as an AFS exchange student, you studied the Cantonese language to better communicate with your host family in Shenzhen, then you’d be studying where?
 A) Hokkaido B) Guangdong C) Uttar Pradesh D) Borneo
- _____ 31) Which country is considered a Sultanate?
 A) Oman B) China C) Japan D) Israel
- _____ 32) In which country could you open up a book of maps in the Atlas Mountains?
 A) Algeria B) Albania C) Andorra D) Antigua and Barbuda
- _____ 33) Stockholm and Oslo are capital cities in which region?
 A) Former Yugoslavia B) Iberia C) Scandinavia D) Balkans
- _____ 34) What is a strategic liability of the South Korean capital city, Seoul?
 A) There are no underground shelters in the city in case of attack
 B) Its distance hundreds of kilometers from a seaport would make resupply difficult
 C) It lies within artillery distance of the North Korean border
 D) South Korea’s nuclear weapons are kept there, making them vulnerable to theft
- _____ 35) In which capital city would you most likely find temperatures of 15 below Celsius in January?
 A) Astana B) Rome C) Bangkok D) Riyadh
- _____ 36) Which of these countries has seen the most deaths from hippopotamus attacks since 1990?
 A) Tunisia B) Djibouti C) Uganda D) Vatican City
- _____ 37) Which place appears most disproportionate to its actual size on a Mercator projection map?
 A) Africa B) Panama C) Greenland D) Indonesia
- _____ 38) Which Asian river does not begin in China?
 A) Mekong B) Yangtze C) Yellow D) Ganges
- _____ 39) African refugees seeking to cross into Europe have run into problems crossing which sea?
 A) Mediterranean B) Yellow C) Caribbean D) Barents

- _____ 40) Which South American country's government arrested its opposition leaders in August 2017?
A) Chile B) Uruguay C) Venezuela D) Argentina
- _____ 41) In the early 20th century, which country's economy was described as a banana republic?
A) Sweden B) Japan C) Guatemala D) Argentina
- _____ 42) Which of these works of art can not presently be seen in Italy?
A) Milan Cathedral B) Guernica C) Leaning Tower of Pisa D) Birth of Venus
- _____ 43) Which of these languages has the most native speakers?
A) Sinhalese B) Mongolian C) Korean D) Latvian
- _____ 44) Which country has not experienced a famine in the past 60 years?
A) Sudan B) China C) Somalia D) Switzerland
- _____ 45) Which city was most recently connected by rail to the rest of the Chinese rail network)?
A) Guangzhou B) Wuhan C) Beijing D) Lhasa
- _____ 46) Of the following groups of people, the greatest percentage of which of them practices cattle herding in the 21st century?
A) Finns B) Maasai C) Icelanders D) Parisians
- _____ 47) Dim Sum is a style of serving food most often associated with what city?
A) Kathmandu B) Tokyo C) Hong Kong D) Frankfurt
- _____ 48) Which city was renamed after a Vietnamese communist in the 20th century?
A) Beijing B) Hanoi C) Saigon D) Luang Prabang
- _____ 49) Henry Ford once supported an industrial town to make rubber in the middle of what?
A) Queensland B) Patagonia C) Falkland Islands D) Amazon Rainforest
- _____ 50) Which country has not tried to establish a territorial claim in the South China Sea?
A) Malaysia B) China C) Bhutan D) Vietnam