



# International Geography Bee

## The International Geography Bee 2017-2018 Championships Qualifying Exam – Canada 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) What is the name of both a city in Ontario and a castle in England?  
A) Windsor                      B) Toronto                      C) Timmins                      D) St. Catherines
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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 Canadian province is officially bilingual?  
A) Manitoba                      B) New Brunswick                      C) Ontario                      D) Alberta
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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 waterway was built to help protect Canada in case of an invasion from the USA?  
A) Erie Canal      B) Soo Locks      C) Rideau Canal      D) St Lawrence Seaway
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14) Which country's largest city by population is named for a 20<sup>th</sup> 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) Which was not a former district in the Northwest Territories?  
A) Trudeau      B) Franklin      C) Mackenzie      D) Keewatin
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19) Which of these small countries has a tropical climate?  
A) San Marino      B) Andorra      C) Monaco      D) Singapore
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20) Swampy Cree is a First Nations language native to where?  
A) Labrador      B) Nova Scotia      C) Vancouver Island      D) Northern Manitoba
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21) Which province has, as of 2018, never hosted either a Summer or Winter Olympics?  
A) Alberta      B) British Columbia      C) Québec      D) Ontario
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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 of these is one of the largest cities of Saskatchewan?  
A) Beaver Tail      B) Chipmunk Cheek      C) Bear Bottom      D) Moose Jaw
- \_\_\_\_\_ 26) Which of these countries has a cross on its flag?  
A) Ireland      B) Sweden      C) France      D) Germany

- \_\_\_\_\_ 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) The confederation bridge to Prince Edward Island crosses which body of water?  
A) St Lawrence River    B) Cabot Strait                      C) Northwest Passage    D) Northumberland Strait
- \_\_\_\_\_ 31) Jainism, Buddhism, and Hinduism all began in which country?  
A) Israel                      B) India                      C) Iraq                      D) Iceland
- \_\_\_\_\_ 32) A movement called *enosis* once sought to unite which island country with Greece?  
A) Kosovo                      B) Lithuania                      C) Cyprus                      D) Malta
- \_\_\_\_\_ 33) There is no way to travel exclusively by train from Toronto to which city?  
A) Prince Rupert                      B) Edmonton                      C) Halifax                      D) Gander
- \_\_\_\_\_ 34) Which Central American country was once part of Colombia?  
A) Panama                      B) Belize                      C) Honduras                      D) El Salvador
- \_\_\_\_\_ 35) Michael Jordan used to play for the Bulls basketball team in which Midwestern US city?  
A) Philadelphia                      B) Chicago                      C) San Diego                      D) Detroit
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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) Helsinki                      D) Mexico City
- \_\_\_\_\_ 39) The only European country that is doubly landlocked (i.e. all countries that surround it are landlocked) is which one?  
A) Czech Republic                      B) Liechtenstein                      C) Andorra                      D) Montenegro
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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 civilization?  
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 border crossings exist between Québec and all of the following US states except ... ?  
A) New York                      B) Maine                      C) Michigan                      D) Vermont
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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