



# International Geography Bee

## The International Geography Bee 2017-2018 Championships Qualifying Exam – Europe 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 Roman Empire?  
A) Portugal    B) Bangladesh    C) Lebanon    D) France
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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) Munich and Nuremburg are two of the largest cities in which state of Germany?  
A) Saxony      B) Thuringia      C) Bavaria      D) Brandenburg
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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) 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) Monaco      D) Singapore
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20) Ethnic Hungarians form over 10% of the population in which region?  
A) Alsace      B) Sardinia      C) Lapland      D) Transylvania
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21) Which country has, as of 2018, never hosted the Winter Olympics?  
A) Italy      B) Austria      C) Russia      D) Estonia
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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) The far southwestern region of England, famous for its seaside villages, is known as?  
A) East Anglia      B) Wales      C) Yorkshire      D) Cornwall
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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) Which part of Switzerland is predominantly Italian speaking?  
A) Glarus                      B) Vaud                      C) Zürich                      D) Ticino
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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 Paris to what other city in France?  
A) Strasbourg                      B) Nice                      C) Bordeaux                      D) Ajaccio
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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 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