



# International Geography Bee

## The International Geography Bee 2017-2018 Championships Qualifying Exam – European 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) If you are afraid of the big, bad wolf, you should avoid which US National Park, home to wolves?  
A) Hawaii Volcanoes                      B) Everglades                      C) Yellowstone                      D) Acadia
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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 has the smallest percentage of its territory covered by the Alps?  
A) Austria                      B) Germany                      C) Switzerland                      D) France
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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) The Balearic Islands, such as Ibiza and Majorca, belong to what country?  
A) Spain                      B) Portugal                      C) Norway                      D) Italy
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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) What is the only country in the EU that predominantly uses the Cyrillic script?  
A) Portugal                      B) Bulgaria                      C) Belgium                      D) Russia
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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) Ethiopian Airlines is trying to make which city's airport a hub for intercontinental travel?  
A) Freetown                      B) Kigali                      C) Addis Ababa                      D) Mogadishu
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19) Which is not a major wine producing region in Europe?  
A) Bordeaux                      B) Tuscany                      C) Burgundy                      D) Northern Ireland
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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 official Guarani language alongside Spanish, and were shocked to learn that ten of your host family’s ancestors had been killed during your host country’s defeat in the War of the Triple Alliance, then you’d be studying where?  
A) Jamaica      B) Paraguay      C) Brazil      D) Suriname
- \_\_\_\_\_ 31) Which city is home to the greatest number of people who seek independence for Catalonia?  
A) Barcelona      B) Madrid      C) Bilbao      D) Helsinki
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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) Greek                      B) Albanian                      C) Spanish                      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 biome is least prevalent in the contiguous 48 states in the USA (not including Alaska or Hawaii)?  
A) Deserts                      B) Prairies      C) Deciduous Forests                      D) Tropical Rain Forests
- \_\_\_\_\_ 46) Of the following groups of people, the greatest percentage of which of them practices cattle herding in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?  
A) Finns                      B) Maasai      C) Icelanders                      D) Parisians
- \_\_\_\_\_ 47) Which of these islands has the highest rates of endemism among its native fauna?  
A) Crete                      B) Ireland      C) Madagascar                      D) Manhattan
- \_\_\_\_\_ 48) Which city was renamed after a Vietnamese communist in the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 British city is not a city in England?  
A) London                      B) Leeds      C) Edinburgh                      D) Liverpool