



# International Geography Bee

## 2018 Intl. Geography Bee European Championships Prelims - Round 3

1. The Heydar Aliyev Center in this country was designed by Zaha Hadid, and the world's first oil well was drilled off this country's capital. This country controls the exclave of Nakhchivan, and the city of Stepanakert is located in Nagorno-Karabakh, a region disputed between this country and its neighbor, Armenia. For the point, name this country located at the Eastern end of the Caucasus Mountains that has its capital at Baku

ANSWER: **Azerbaijan**

2. One airport on this island took on planes diverted from New York during the 9/11 attacks; that airport is in its town of Gander. This island's largest city is on its Avalon Peninsula, and the French dependencies of St. Pierre and Miquelon are located off the coast of this island. This island was referred to as "Vinland" in Viking sources, and its largest city is St. John's. For the point, name this island that forms a Canadian province with the region of Labrador.

ANSWER: **Newfoundland**

3. This ethnic group fought a "civil war" in the 1980s between factions led by its Talabani and Barzani families. This ethnic group has declared the state of Rojava in part of its territories, and the cities of Erbil and Kirkuk are controlled by this ethnic group. Military units formed by members of this ethnic group include the YPG and the Peshmerga. This ethnic group voted for independence from Iraq by an overwhelming margin in a 2017 referendum. For the point, name this non-Arab ethnic group present in Turkey, Iraq, Iran, and Syria.

ANSWER: **Kurds**

4. This city is the location of the newly built Elbphilharmonie, and protests over a G-20 summit in this city turned violent in July 2017. It's not Bremen, but this city's charter officially designates it a "Free and Hanseatic City". This city is located where the Elbe River flows into the North Sea, and a food named for this city was originally known as its namesake "steak". This city is Germany's largest coastal city. For the point, name this North German City that has a McDonalds staple named for it.

ANSWER: **Hamburg**

5. The Toyo Carp baseball team play in this city, and this city's Genbaku Dome is an internationally known Peace Park at which Barack Obama gave a speech apologizing for an attack on this city. This city was attacked by a plane named for Paul Tibbets' mother, Enola Gay, and the bomb Little Boy was dropped on this city four days before the bombing of Nagasaki. For the point, name this city that was the first to be destroyed by an atomic bomb.

ANSWER: **Hiroshima**

6. A city named for this landform is currently facing a water crisis that may result in emergency rationing on "Day Zero". This landform was originally named for the storms that surrounded it by Bartolomeu Dias. This landform is the namesake of three South African provinces as well as a city that serves as co-capital with Bloemfontein and Pretoria. For the point, name this cape near the southern tip of Africa.

ANSWER: Cape of **Good Hope**

7. This country's capital is home to the pyramidal Palace of Peace and Reconciliation as well as the Bayterek Tower, whose design is based on this country's mythology. That capital was built on the site of the city of Aqmola. This country is the location of Russian space travel facilities at Baikonur, and its Lake Balkhash is one of Central Asia's largest. For the point, name this country with its capital at Astana.

ANSWER: **Kazakhstan**

8. A Southeastern branch of this mountain range is known as its "Dinaric" branch. This mountain range includes peaks such as the Jungfrau, and is traversed by the St. Gotthard Pass. This mountain range's highest peak translates as "White Mountain", and this mountain range is also the location of the Matterhorn. The highest point in this mountain range is Mont Blanc, which is located on the French-Swiss border. For the point, name this mountain range that takes up most of Austria, Switzerland, and Liechtenstein.

ANSWER: **Alps**

9. One tribe in this island chain has refused contact by such methods as firing arrows at helicopters. This island chain shares its name with a sea that flooded resort centers such as Khao Lak and Phuket during the Boxing Day Tsunami. This island chain's city of Port Blair was the capital of Satyendra Bose's Azad Hind government. This island chain contains North Sentinel Island, and is paired with the Nicobar Islands in the name of an Indian territory. For the point, name this island chain whose namesake sea separates them from Myanmar and Thailand.

ANSWER: **Andaman** Islands

10. President Lazaro Cardenas nationalized an oil industry centered on this body of water. This body of water contained the Ixtoc I drilling rig, which blew out in a 1979 disaster. Oil exploration in this body of water is primarily conducted by Pemex, and an island in this body of water was destroyed by the 1900 Galveston Hurricane. This body of water was the location of the Deepwater Horizon disaster, which wreaked havoc on its ports of Pensacola and Mobile. For the point, name this body of water on which New Orleans and Veracruz lie.

ANSWER: **Gulf of Mexico**

11. This country's city of Cox's Bazar is the site of a complex of refugee camps, and it contains a large mangrove forest called the Sundarbans. This country contains a tribal area in the Chittagong Hill Tracts outside its second largest city. This country is the location of the Brahmaputra River Delta and was known as East Pakistan before a bloody war of independence in the early 1970s. For the point, name this Asian country with its capital at Dhaka.

ANSWER: **Bangladesh**

12. This country faces a deepening water crisis due to cultivation of the water-intensive stimulant qat, and this country's former president, Ali Abdullah Saleh, was gunned down in early 2018. Houthi rebels currently control this country's capital, and a famine in this country has deepened due to an invasion from its northern neighbor that has taken its city of Aden. For the point, name this Middle Eastern country with its capital at Sanaa.

ANSWER: **Yemen**

13. This river forms part of the names of a group of Bulgars and another of Germans, both of whom were removed from its basin in the 1940s. This river flows through the city of Astrakhan, and a city now named for this river was formerly known as Tsaritsyn, then Stalingrad. This river's tributaries include the Moskva River, and this river is the largest in its country that's not located in Siberia. For the point, name this river in Russia, the longest in Europe.

ANSWER: **Volga**

14. Restaurants such as Commander's Palace and Antoine's are part of this city's culinary heritage which also includes beignets and coffee with chicory which can be ordered at its Cafe du Monde. This city's Congo Square was formerly the site of slave auctions, while its Jackson Square was the site of a widely-panned presidential speech in 2005. Revelers in this city can hire bands to follow them around this city in a tradition known as a second line. This city's Lower Ninth Ward bore the brunt of a natural disaster that struck this city, which overwhelmed levees near Lake Pontchartrain. For the point, name this city served by Louis Armstrong airport, the largest city in Louisiana.

ANSWER: **New Orleans**

15. It's not in the Middle East, but this country was home to the Gaza Kingdom. This country was the site of a civil war between Frelimo and Renamo, and the port cities of Sofala and Kilwa are located in this modern-day country, which was a Portuguese colony until 1975. This country surrounds Malawi on two sides, and, besides South Africa, is the only country to border Swaziland. For the point, name this East African country with its capital at Maputo.

ANSWER: **Mozambique**

16. This country's Preah Vihear Temple was the subject of a boundary dispute resolved in its favor, and this country's largest lake grows by a factor of six during its rainy season. That lake and the river that feeds it are both named Tonle Sap. This country's city of Siem Reap is a popular destination for tourists seeking to visit a large temple complex that appears on this country's flag. That complex in this country is Angkor Wat. For 10 points, name this Southeast Asian nation with its capital at Phnom Penh.

ANSWER: **Cambodia**

17. This route was defended during a civil war by the Czech Legion of Alexander Kolchak. The cities of Chita and Ulan-Ude grew after their placement along this route. A section of this route was supplemented by the Baikal-Amur Mainline, and this route was commissioned by Nicholas I after a visit to the city of Vladivostok, one of this route's two terminuses. For the point, name this route that crosses a namesake Russian region from Moscow.

ANSWER: **Trans-Siberian** Railway

18. This country's indigenous people are divided into "plains" and "mountain" groups and speak Austronesian languages. This country's cities of Tainan and Kaohsiung (**pr. COW-shung**) were established by Han Chinese immigrants, many of whom fled here after the Chinese Civil War. The island this country is on was historically known as Formosa. For the point, name this country with its capital at Taipei, which is claimed in its entirety by China.

ANSWER: **Taiwan** (accept **Republic of China**, prompt on **China**)

19. The Kittatinny Mountains in this state lie northwest of its Picatinny Arsenal where the US military develops explosives. The Ramapo Mountain people are a mixed-race tribe in this state, and this state's city of Fort Lee was the target of an intentional traffic stoppage in 2013. This state's Pine Barrens are a less populated region of it, and the Delaware River forms the western border of this state. This state's Atlantic City is notable for its casinos, and its largest city is Newark. For the point, name this Mid-Atlantic state with its capital at Trenton.

ANSWER: **New Jersey**

20. A neighboring country recently invaded and captured this country's city of al-Bab. A rebellion against this country's government started in its city of Hama, and its city of Raqqa was recently recovered from a militant group originally named for this country and its neighbor, Iraq. For the point, name this country where rebel forces are trying to overthrow President Bashar al-Assad.

ANSWER: **Syria**

21. A chain of islands in this country includes Ameland and Trexel and is the home of a dialect closer to English than any other language indigenous to the European Union. This country is the location of the IJsselmeer (**pr. EYE-sel-mare**) and the provinces of Zeeland and Frisia, and much of its land area is composed of landfill called polders. For the point, name this low-lying European country with its capital at Amsterdam and a seat of government in The Hague.

ANSWER: **Netherlands** (accept Holland)

22. This landmark shares a national park with the sacred site sometimes known as the Olgas but more commonly called Kata Tjuta. This landmark's ritual significance has led to a decline in climbing it, and the Pitjantjatjara (Pid-din-jar-a) Aborigines revere this site. This landmark can be reached by road from the nearest town of Alice Springs. For the point, name this large rock formation in Australia's Northern Territory alternatively known as Ayers Rock.

ANSWER: **Uluru** (accept **Ayers Rock** before mention)

23. This country's coast is home to the Rihla Monastery, and it contains the cities of Tarnovo and Vidin. This country controls the Southern half of the fruit-producing Dobrudzha region, and this country lost its Aegean Coast in the Second Balkan War. This country's capital does not border the Danube river, and is surrounded by the Balkan Mountains. This country contains the coastal city of Varna. For the point, name this Southeastern European country with its capital at Sofia.

ANSWER: **Bulgaria**

24. This country is home to a canal project called the Great Man-Made Waterway, and its Gulf of Sidra was the target of US bombing raids in the 1980s. This country is traditionally divided into three regions including Cyrenaica and Fezzan. This country's city of Misrata is the headquarters of many militias, and its city of Tobruk frequently changed hands in World War II. An attack on a US diplomatic facility in this country in 2012 took place in this country's city of Benghazi. For the point, name this North African country with its capital at Tripoli.

ANSWER: **Libya**

25. This country was home to the Muisca Confederacy until the 16th century. This country's Guajira Peninsula is a popular ecotourism destination, and this country controls the islands of San Andres y Providencia. This country's cities of Cali and Medellin were for a time home to rival drug cartels, and this country lies at the Northern end of the Andes Mountains. For the point, name this South American country with its capital at Bogota.

ANSWER: **Colombia**

26. The distance between this city and Syene was used by Eratosthenes to measure the earth's circumference, and a Venetian expedition stole the relics of St. Mark from this city. This city's tallest building for centuries was located on its Pharos Island, and scholars including Hypatia worked at a large classical library in this city. For the point, name this Egyptian city founded by a Macedonian conqueror and located on the Mediterranean Sea, where a lighthouse once stood as a wonder of the world.

ANSWER: **Alexandria**

27. This country is the location of a glacier known as Huapapa in its native language. It's not Great Britain, but the Canterbury Plain contains this country's third largest city, which used to be its second largest until a recent earthquake. This country is also home to the Southern Alps, and its extinct species include a flightless bird called the Moa. This country is split between two islands, South Island and North Island, which contains its capital of Wellington. For the point, name this country located east of Australia in the Pacific Ocean.

ANSWER: **New Zealand**

28. One district of this city gained its name, which translates as “Mount Parnassus”, from a circle of poets who would read their works aloud there. This city is surrounded by immigrant-heavy suburbs called banlieues, and it is centered on the Ile de la Cite. Cathedrals in this city include one dedicated to St. Denis at Montmartre as well as a more famous one dedicated to the Virgin Mary, Notre Dame. This city is the capital of a country that also contains the cities of Toulon and Marseille. For the point, name this capital of France.

ANSWER: Paris

29. The peach-palm and cassava plants were domesticated in this river’s basin, and this river contains the island of Marajo at its delta. This river is known as the Solimoes for most of its length, and its tributaries include the Negro and Xingu. This river flows through the cities of Manaus and Belem, and piranhas are native to this river. For the point, name this longest river in South America, located primarily in Brazil.

ANSWER: Amazon

30. This island is part of the same administrative unit as the smaller islands of Pantelleria and the Aeolian Archipelago. This island’s city of Marsala is famous for its wine, and this island’s three predominant cities were all founded by Greek colonists. Those cities include Syracuse and Messina. This island was paired with Naples in a now-defunct kingdom. For the point, name this island off the coast of southern Italy that contains the city of Palermo.

ANSWER: Sicily

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31. This city can be accessed by crossing the Urubamba River, and this city was a fortress for a rump state led by monarchs including Tupac Wallpa and Manco. This city was rediscovered by Hiram Bingham in 1911. This city is the Westernmost of the two New Seven Wonders in South America. For the point, name this Incan ruin whose name means “The old Peak”.

ANSWER: Machu Picchu