



International Geography Bee

2018 International Geography Bee Canadian Middle School National Championships

Round 2

1. This island's cities of Napier and Hastings make up the Bay Cities area for their location around Hawke's Bay. The Heretaunga Plains can be found on this most-populous island of its country, that is home to a namesake species of bird that lays the largest eggs in relation to its body size. This island is to the north of the Cook Strait and is bounded to the west by the Tasman Sea. A species of kiwi bird is native to, for the point, what island which contains Wellington, New Zealand, which is closer to the Equator than its country's other main island?

ANSWER: **North** Island

2. This mountain range is home to an annual 75-kilometer race known as the Giants Challenge. The tallest peak in this mountain range has a name translating to "beautiful little mountain" and is natively called Thabana Ntlenyana. This range is the source of the Tugela and Orange Rivers. This range passes through the province of Eastern Cape and is to the north of the Cape of Good Hope. For the point, name this main mountain range of southern Africa.

ANSWER: **Drakensberg** Mountains (accept Drakensbergs; accept **Drakensberg** escarpment; prompt on Dragon Mountain)

3. This nation began sending ambassadors in the 1940's to Canada with the first being Thor Thors. The largest contingent of settlers from this nation to settle in North America went to an area near the town of Gimli on Lake Winnipeg in the 1870's after various volcanic eruptions devastated what is now this country. This country's oral history contains descriptions of the exploration of the coast of Newfoundland in its sagas. For the point, name this country where Canada maintains an embassy in Reykjavik.

ANSWER: **Iceland**

4. The Benetton Group has come under fire for purchasing land in this region that has historically belonged to one of its major indigenous peoples. Ruptures in one feature of this region routinely cause the damming of the Brazo Rico; that feature is the Perito Moreno Glacier. A phenomenon known as Araucanization occurred as the Mapuche migrated to this region. The Tierra del Fuego is considered part of, for the point, what region containing parts of Chile and Argentina?

ANSWER: **Patagonia** (prompt on Argentina or South America during first two lines only)

5. This non-major city is bordered by Venice on the south and the neighborhood of Pacific Palisades on the north along State Highway 1. This city was connected to its metro area's rail system when the Expo Line was extended here in 2016. This city's most famous structure is at the foot of Colorado Avenue and includes an amusement park, Pacific Park. For the point, name this Southern California beach city located west of Los Angeles with a world famous pier, the endpoint to Interstate 10 and historic Route 66.

ANSWER: **Santa Monica**, California

6. This event was the only naturally occurring event that was the subject of one of George Melies' "reconstructed newsreels." This event resulted in the filling of the Étang Sec crater. American vessels from Puerto Rico and Santo Domingo were dispatched to deal with this 1902 event whose central feature was described as "a giant oil refinery" during it. The city of Saint-Pierre was devastated by the pyroclastic flows of this event. For the point, name this eruption that affected Martinique.

ANSWER: eruption of **Mount** (or Mont) **Pelee**

7. Point Partridge is located in the largest island in this body of water, where Chum salmon populations have been dwindling around its Hood Canal. Whidbey Island is the main island in this body of water that is fed by the Nisqually River. The Admiralty Inlet connects the Strait of Juan de Fuca to this body of water that is bordered by the Olympic Peninsula. For the point, name this inlet of the Pacific Ocean found along the coast of northwestern Washington.

ANSWER: **Puget Sound**

8. The Hanlan's Point Baseball Stadium was destroyed to build this facility, which was used by the Royal Norwegian Air Force-in-exile for training during World War II. A group named Community Air opposes the continued existence of this facility. A pedestrian tunnel connecting this facility to the mainland opened in 2015, and commercial companies like FlyGTA use turbo-props and light aircraft instead of jets. This airport is a hub for Porter Airlines and is named for World War I flying ace Billy Bishop. For the point, name this airport, smaller than its city's Lester B. Pearson International Airport, the secondary airport of Toronto.

ANSWER: Billy Bishop **Toronto City** Airport (accept **YTZ**, accept **Toronto Island** Airport, accept **Toronto City Centre** Airport, prompt on "Toronto Airport," do not accept "Toronto International")

9. A measure of the resistance of this phenomenon's central bodies to its occurrence is known as the Revelle factor. During the Paleocene–Eocene Thermal Maximum, this phenomenon was considered a leading cause of foraminifera dissolution in the benthic zone. The head of NOAA (**pronounce as "Noah"**) has referred to this problem as the "equally evil twin" of global warming. Resulting from the increase in hydrogen ions brought about by carbon dioxide absorption, for the point, name this phenomenon by which the pH of bodies like the Pacific and Atlantic decreases.

ANSWER: **ocean acidification** (accept answers that indicate increases in **carbon dioxide** levels in **oceans**; prompt on more broad answers that do not specifically include "oceans"; prompt on climate change)

10. Alexander Ringhoffer proposed the conservation of the area that became this national park and proposed the name "Devil's Garden" for a region in its portion of Salt Valley. Herbert Hoover invoked the Antiquities Act to protect the namesake features of this national park located in the city of Moab. Petroglyphs of the Ute tribe can be found at, for the point, what Utah national park known for its namesake sandstone rock formations?

Answer: **Arches** National Park

11. A legend claims that a princess named Wanda drowned herself in this river to prevent one man's army from invading her country. This river is the namesake of a so-called "Miracle" that saw the defeat of Mikhail Tukhachevsky's forces in 1920. Barania Góra is the source of this river that rises in the Beskid subrange named after Silesia. A sandspit separates this river's namesake lagoon from Gdansk Bay. For the point, name this main river of Poland.

ANSWER: **Vistula** River

12. In 1958, a megatsunami with the highest-ever recorded tidal wave hit this body of water's Lituya Bay. The Alexander Archipelago can be found on the eastern end of this body of water. The Cook Inlet is separated from this body of water by the Kenai Peninsula while Shelikof Strait separates the mainland of this body of water's namesake state from Kodiak Island. For the point, name this gulf south of a namesake state containing Anchorage and Juneau.

ANSWER: **Gulf of Alaska**

13. The Sea Gate marks the entrance into this city's famous medina quarter and the primary port of this city, La Goulette, contains its Kasbah. The remains of the shipwreck off Mahdia can be found in this city's Bardo National Museum. A street in this capital city that is sometimes referred to as its nation's "Champs-Élysées" is the Avenue Habib Bourguiba. Major suburbs of this city include Sidi Bou Said, and a city where Punic archeological sites can be found, Carthage. For the point, name this capital city of Tunisia.

ANSWER: **Tunis**, Tunisia

14. Declines in the whaling industry of this archipelago led many of its inhabitants to emigrate from its Cape Lookout. Parts of Dare County are located on this archipelago that borders Albemarle Sound. Ocracoke Island is part of this archipelago whose settlement of Kill Devil Hills, rather than its town of Kitty Hawk, was the actual site of the Wright brothers' first flight. For the point, name this island chain off the coast of North Carolina.

ANSWER: **Outer Banks**

15. In 2015, a Philadelphia-based company named Indego began a service relying on the sharing of these objects. Over 500 million of the Flying Pigeon types of these objects have been sold in China. SF2G is a program that involves Google employees using these vehicles. The Great Divide Trail in the Canadian Rockies contains a popular route designed for one subtype of these vehicles. In the Netherlands, there are three times more of these vehicles than cars. Often used in velodromes, for the point, name these two-wheeled vehicles.

ANSWER: **Bicycles**

16. This city's Shawmut Peninsula is home to a particularly wealthy neighborhood called Beacon Hill where many of this city's cultural and business elite, known as its Brahmins, have lived. This city's Public Garden is one of many parks in its portion of the Emerald Necklace and Victorian architecture can be seen along this city's Back Bay. The Charles River flows through, for the point, what most-populous city in Massachusetts?

ANSWER: **Boston**, Massachusetts

17. This country's Paramillo (pa-ra-MEE-oh) Massif is one end of what are perhaps the most distant intervisible points in the world. Over 500 kilometers away, this country's Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta forms the other such point. This is the only South American country that is part of the six emerging markets labeled CIVETS and this country is home to more bird species than any other. Vaupes and Boyaca are among the departments of this country which also contains the Magdalena River Valley. Ecuador and Peru are both to the southwest of, for the point, what country containing cities like Medellin and Bogotá?

ANSWER: **Colombia**

18. One station on this transit system is only open on August 4 and August 5 for an annual festival. Cars in this transit system are labeled A1 through A12 and are monitored by blue-uniformed members of its so-called "task force". During peak hours "pushers" ensure maximum occupancy in this system's cars. Above 3.5 million of the 8 million daily users of this transit system pass through its Shinjuku station. For the point, name this rail transit system that is being upgraded in advance of the 2020 Summer Olympics in Japan's capital.

ANSWER: **Tokyo Subway** (accept **Tokyo Metro**; accept **Tokyo no chikatetsu**)

19. A northern region of this desert known for its red sand is the Nefud and a lengthy canyon system in this desert is known as the Tuwaiq escarpment. British adventurer Wilfred Thesiger crossed a remote portion of this desert in the 20th century, and also explored its Umm al Samim quicksand area. A particularly dry 650,000 square kilometer portion of this desert is known as the Empty Quarter or Rub-al-Khali. For the point, name this desert sharing its name with a Middle Eastern peninsula.

ANSWER: **Arabian** Desert (antiprompt on "Rub-al-Khali" before its mention by saying "Be less specific")

20. In 1896, Franz Steindachner provided the taxonomic name to the only known specimen of this river's namesake shark ever found. The Taping is the first tributary of this river, which passes through Bhamo near a locale nicknamed "Dolphin Point." This river begins at the confluence of the Mali and N'mai Rivers and flows into the Andaman Sea. A British poem inspired the nicknaming of this river as "the Road to Mandalay." For the point, name this river that flows through Myanmar.

ANSWER: **Irrawaddy** River

21. Tall rhododendrons provide a scenic quality to this state's Roan Highlands. Uriah Stone was the namesake for a river in this state where a Civil War battle was fought that is sometimes named the Battle of Murfreesboro. This state's Sevier County is home to a theme park known as Dollywood, which is located near its town of Gatlinburg. Jack Daniel's is a whiskey produced in this state that holds a weekly concert known as the *Grand Ole Opry*. For the point, name this state where country music thrives in Nashville.

ANSWER: **Tennessee**

22. In this country, the Alertness Movement refers to a particularly violent form of one of its musical genres. The *Sinfonia India* was composed by a man from this country, which uses instruments of its native Yaqui people. A five stringed instrument called the vihuela is used in a popular ensemble in this country supposedly named for its common appearance at weddings. "La Cucaracha" was a famous example of a folk ballad performed in this country known as the *corrido*. For the point, name this Spanish-speaking country home to mariachi bands.

ANSWER: **Mexico**

23. A term for severe winter storms in this country that results in mass deaths of livestock is *zud*. The capital of this country has the lowest average temperature of any national capital; that capital city of this country has a name that translates to “Red Hero.” With a population of 1.9 people per square kilometer, this is the least dense country in the world. An autonomous region of China partly shares its name with this country. For the point, name this country whose main ethnic group was once ruled by Genghis Khan.

ANSWER: **Mongolia**

24. The creation of this province’s Kenney Dam led to the displacement of hundreds of Cheslatta T'En people. A sudden narrowing of a river that flows through this province is known as Hells Gate. A city in this province contains the Burrard Street Bridge and is served by the transportation system SkyTrain. The Coast Mountains are on the western end of this province containing the Fraser Plateau. The Strait of Georgia separates the mainland of this province from an island that shares its name with its most-populous city. For the point, name this Canadian province containing Vancouver.

ANSWER: **British Columbia**

25. The district of Jalainur is home to a scale model of this building, whose ninth church allegedly sprang miraculously on the day of its consecration. Saint Gregory of Armenia is the dedicatee of one the chapels in this building. Biblical descriptions of heaven in the Book of Revelation inspired the rich color scheme of this building that was once known as Pokrovsky Sobor. Built from 1555 to 1561, this building contains several onion-shaped domes. Found in Red Square, for the point, name this Moscow cathedral.

ANSWER: **St. Basil’s** Cathedral

Extra Question:

Until 2017, Mellow Yellow was a particularly old locale selling this good that was closed due to its proximity to a school. In 2008, a *wiettop* found that over 80% of mayors supported legal establishments that sold this good known as coffee shops. Only those who live within 150 kilometers of establishments where this good is sold can legally purchase it in Maastricht. An annual competition focusing on this good gives out an award for best Nederhash. For the point, name this good that has contributed to Amsterdam’s drug tourism.

ANSWER: **cannabis** (accept **marijuana**; accept **weed**; accept **pot**)