



International Geography Bee

2018 International Geography Bee Canadian Middle School National Championships

Round 3

1. A thunderstorm triggered a 1999 stampede that resulted in over 50 deaths in this city's Niamiha metro station. The district of Drazdy can be found in this city that will host the 2019 European Games. Though not in Russia, this country's Independence Avenue contains Gorky Park and Victory Square. This city contains the administrative headquarters of the Commonwealth of Independent States. For the point, name this capital city of Belarus.

ANSWER: Minsk, Belarus

2. The Canol Road was a failed infrastructure project around this river which has now been converted into a Heritage Trail. A tributary of this river that is crossed by the Dempster Highway is the Peele River. An oil pipeline in this river's basin connects Zama City to the town of Norman Wells, where the North Slavey language is spoken. This river's Deh Cho Bridge shares its name with the Dene [**pr. DEH-neh**] word for it. Fort Providence is a city along this river that provides one of the endpoints of the Yellowknife Highway. Emptying into the Beaufort Sea, for the point, name this longest river in Canada.

ANSWER: MacKenzie River

3. This region's suburb of Kliptown is home to a square named after Walter Sisulu. In the 1950s, police forcibly removed black families from Sophiatown and resettled them in this area. Hector Pieterse was killed in a 1976 event in this area that is now commemorated on its country's Youth Day. That uprising named for this region occurred after a Bantu Education director made Afrikaans the medium of instruction in this area. For the point, name this densely populated township in Johannesburg, a predominantly black area of the city.

ANSWER: Sowetos (accept South Western Townships; prompt on "Johannesburg" before mentioned)

4. Medieval tower architecture of this region's past is to be incorporated in its massive Akhmat Tower. In early 2017, this territory's city of Argun was reported to have concentration camps for homosexual men. To the west of this territory is the much smaller region Ingushetia. Grozny is the capital of this territory that is bordered to the east by Dagestan. For the point, name this federal subject of Russia in the Northern Caucasus that has been the site of much religious unrest.

ANSWER: Chechnya

5. The Cross of the Seas was built along the northern shore of this body of water in honor of Pope John Paul II. At its southern end, the Smyth Channel opens into this body of water. The Brunswick Peninsula along this body of water contains the city of Punta Arenas. Desolation Island is on the western side of this body of water that, along with the Beagle Channel and the Drake Passage, is the only natural body of water connecting the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. South of mainland South America, for the point, name this body of water named for a sixteenth-century explorer.

ANSWER: Strait of Magellan

6. In 2008, the People's Party was formed specifically to combat a law that universalized this practice in Samoa. In Sweden, the change away from this practice occurred between 4:50 and 5:00 AM on what was known as H Day. In Asia, this practice is observed in Thailand, Japan, and Hong Kong. The Highway Act of 1835 aimed to cut down on traffic by institutionalizing this practice, which is a major reason why car insurance policies often don't apply for U.S. citizens when they travel abroad. In countries where this is practiced, the steering wheel is found in the right hand seat. For the point, name this distinctive driving practice of some Commonwealth countries.

ANSWER: **driving on the left** hand side of the road (accept obvious equivalents that mention "left")

7. A 1992 study focused on the increase in paroxysmal atrial fibrillation as a result of this particular phenomenon on the Dalmatian coast. Especially strong examples of this phenomenon occur around the Gulf of Gades (**GAH-base**). High humidity is caused by this phenomenon, which can induce heat-related headaches among people in the Mediterranean basin. Along with the bora, this phenomenon is responsible for the "high water" or *acqua alta* in the Venetian Lagoon. Khamsin is the Egyptian name for this phenomenon which originates in the Sahara Desert. For the point, name this seasonal wind that affects Northern Africa and Southern Europe.

ANSWER: **Sirocco** winds (prompt on wind or related answers)

8. The El Florero mine is found along this river whose source is in the Parima Mountains. The state of Delta Amacuro is so named because it contains the delta of this river, whose tributaries include the Meta and the Caroni Rivers. In global pop culture, the Irish singer Enya titled one of her greatest new age hits after this South American river's flow. By discharge, this is the second greatest river in South America, as well as the fourth longest. For the point, name this river shared by Colombia and Venezuela.

ANSWER: **Orinoco** River (accept **Orinoquia** River)

9. In Chai Nat province, this country provides the setting for the film *Ong-Bak*, which stars a prominent martial artist from this country named Tony Jaa. This country was the setting of a World War II film starring Alec Guinness which was an adaptation of a Pierre Boulle novel about prisoners of war under Japanese control. The film *Sunset at Chaophraya* [**chow-PRY-uh**] is set in this country, as was *Bridge on the River Kwai*, which depicted the construction of a railway to Burma. For the point, name this country whose film industry is based in Bangkok.

ANSWER: **Thailand**

10. This country's Grandvalira ski resort can be found near its town of Encamp. This country joined the United Nations in 1993, and a 2013 study found this country to have the highest life expectancy on earth with 81 years. Joan-Enric (**zhoe-AHN en-REEK**) Vives i Sicília, the Bishop of Urgell, is a ruler of this country along with Emmanuel Macron. Catalan is the official language of this country that is less than 200 square miles in size. For the point, name this tiny nation in the Pyrenees sandwiched between France and Spain.

ANSWER: **Andorra**

11. The term *Globeleza* refers to the coverage of this event by one of its country's prominent networks. *Blocos* are smaller gatherings that occur during this event, during which a tall, bulky man referred to as King Momo is tasked with leading it. Oscar Niemeyer designed the most famous Sambadrome in which dance performances occur during this event. Celebrating the lead-up to the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, for the point, name this huge national festival that takes over cities like Rio de Janeiro.

ANSWER: Brazilian **Carnaval**

12. 26 counties compose this region, including Deaf (**DEEF**) Smith County, which contains the city of Hereford, the self-styled beef capital of the world. An area known as the “Grand Canyon” of this region’s namesake state is known as Palo Duro and is fed by the Red River. The eastern end of the Staked Plain runs down the middle of this region. Amarillo is the most-populous city in this region that is found between New Mexico and Oklahoma. For the point, name this rectangular region in the northwest of a state containing Houston.

ANSWER: **Texas Panhandle**

13. The city of Kpong contains one of these structures that works with a larger one that was built to assist its country’s aluminum industry. The company Westcor attempts to create the third in a series of these projects whose current structures are located within 150 miles of Kinshasa. Those structures of this type are Inga I and Inga II. A failure of one of these projects led to the deaths of over 2000 people in 1889 in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The Akosombo structure of this type is served by the Volta River Authority. For the point, name these infrastructure projects that restrict the flow of water.

ANSWER: **dams**

14. The singer Mahmoud Ahmed is a celebrity of this country’s Gurage people. With a population of roughly 100 million, this nation is the most populous landlocked country in the world and the Simien fox is a species native to this country’s namesake Highlands. Crop failures and political unrest in the 1980’s under the Mengistu-led regime led to a famine here which the original Live Aid concert was organized to help alleviate. The Blue Nile originates in this country that lies south of Eritrea. For the point, name this East African country with capital at Addis Ababa.

ANSWER: Federal Democratic Republic of **Ethiopia**

15. “The Golden Lion Welcoming His Guests” is one of the most distinctive natural rock formations found in this desert’s Yadan National Geopark. Among the five ecoregions of this desert is the Dzungarian Basin. The Uyghur language is spoken in parts of this desert whose name translates to “place without water.” The so-called “Green Wall of China” is planned to prevent the spread of this desert. Northeast of the Tibetan Plateau is, for the point, what large desert shared by China and Mongolia?

ANSWER: **Gobi** Desert

16. Within a couple miles of this body of water lie the Ohalo archaeological sites, whose human findings date back to roughly 20,000 years ago. The Headwater Diversion Plan was a proposed project to prevent several rivers from flowing into this body of water in order to cut off its country’s water supply. The city of Capernaum on this body of water marks the end of the “Jesus Trail” that tourists hike around it. The nearby Dead Sea is the only lake at a lower elevation than this one. For the point, name this body of fresh water in Israel through which the Jordan River flows.

ANSWER: **Sea of Galilee** (accept Lake **Tiberias**, accept Lake/Sea (of) **Kinneret**)

17. The Marsican brown bear is sometimes named for this mountain range, whose Mount Fumaiolo is the source of one of its primary rivers. This mountain range rises to just under 10,000 feet at its highest point at Corno Grande (**GRAN-day**). The source of the Tiber River is found in this mountain range whose eastern slopes steeply descend towards the Adriatic Sea. For the point, name this mountain range that dominates the Italian peninsula.

ANSWER: **Apennines**

18. Ed Burt has been waiting for over 25 years to receive government permission to recover the artifacts of a shipwreck in this body of water. This lake's name comes from the Wyandot word for "Lake of the Shining Waters" and it is connected to its slightly higher neighbor by the Welland Canal. St. Catharines and Oakville are on this body of water, part of a heavily industrialized region nicknamed the "Golden Horseshoe," which runs from the Niagara River to the metro area of Canada's largest city. For the point, name this smallest by surface area and easternmost of the five Great Lakes that shares its name with a Canadian province.

ANSWER: Lake **Ontario**

19. A site containing the Courtyard of the Altars is known primarily for a particularly large building of this type, which is part of a complex containing one "of the Painted Skulls." A seven-storied structure of this type is characterized by its ornate niches and is known as "El Tajin." According to myth, the god Itzamna used magic to raise an iconic structure of this type in Uxmal. Cholula is home to a particularly large one of these buildings, a pair of which are devoted to the sun and moon respectively in Teotihuacan. For the point, name these Mesoamerican structures that come in step varieties.

ANSWER: (step) **pyramids**

20. Trout soup is a popular dish in this city due to the abundance of the fish in the Taedong River which flows through it. Stations on this city's two-line subway system are generally named for themes and ideas as opposed to locations. With a maximum capacity of about 150,000 people, a stadium in this city is the largest in the world. A building sometimes named for the fact that it has 105 floors is this city's massive pyramid-shaped Ryugyong Hotel. An ideological monument in this city dedicated to its country's belief system is the *Juche* Tower. For the point, name this capital city of North Korea.

ANSWER: **Pyongyang**, North Korea

21. Post-1901 rifles erroneously stamped with the *Victoria Regina* cipher are an example of this region's namesake copies of weapons, which are made from local scrap metal. Rudyard Kipling used the analogy of a "sword cut" to describe this feature. Landi Kotal marks one end of this region, whose entrance is near the city of Peshawar. Cutting through the Safed Koh range, this feature is home to a large population of the Afridi Pashtun tribe. For the point, name this Hindu Kush mountain pass providing a natural route for invaders and travelers between Pakistan and Afghanistan.

ANSWER: **Khyber Pass**

22. Two of the more remote locations of this type were in Bromont and Joliette. Many of these were located near the Viau station, including one of that was converted into an indoor zoo after being built for bicycle races. The world's tallest inclined tower is part of one of these buildings. The most famous of these structures was designed by Roger Taillibert, has a non-functional retractable roof and hosted a Major League Baseball team until the 2004 departure of the Expos. For the point, name these sites in Quebec's largest cities that were used for an international sporting event.

ANSWER: **venues** from the **1976 Montreal Summer Olympics** (accept *either* **venues** from the **Montreal Olympics** or **venues** from the **1976 Summer Olympics** , prompt on just the year because there was a Winter Olympics that year, accept **stadiums** or equivalent for venues, prompt on partial answer)

23. A popular ski resort in this state can be found on its Mount Bachelor. Food produced in this state include cheese from Tillamook, wine from Yamhill County, and apples from the Hood River Valley. A body of water in this state, formed from Mount Mazama, is home to a bobbing tree stump known as the "Old Man of the Lake" and is the deepest lake in the United States. Its largest city is near the north end of the Willamette River and is named for a city in Maine. Crater Lake and Portland can be found in, for the point, what state north of California?

ANSWER: **Oregon**

24. The residential area of Woodlands in this country is along the northern end of its Bukit Timah Expressway. A causeway in this country connects to a neighboring country's city of Johor Bahru whose Raffles hotel has been undergoing recent renovations. A famous Little India is located in this country that outlaws the chewing of gum. Piracy has been a major problem in the Strait of Malacca to the northwest of this country. For the point, name this Southeast Asian city-state bordering Malaysia.

ANSWER: Singapore

25. Three of these locations in Sydney's suburb of Rhodes were removed following residential complaints that escalated to the point of water bomb attacks on their visitors. These locations are based on similar locations found in *Ingress*. Lure Modules can be employed at these locations, which are indicated by a blue icon. The company Niantic developed these locations, where items like Super Portion and Max Revive can be purchased and the XP players receive while playing close to them increases. For the point, name these real-world locations that are integrated into Pokemon Go.

ANSWER: PokeStops (prompt on "locations in Pokemon Go"; don't accept or prompt on "Pokemon Gyms")

Extra Question:

Gerald Haug and Ralf Tiedemann argued that the creation of one landform of this type brought warmer and more saline waters as well as greater moisture to the Northern Hemisphere. Tombolos are a sandy type of this feature, while cities found on this type of landform include Auckland, New Zealand and Madison, Wisconsin. Lake Gatun is on another of these landforms, and one of these in Mexico south of the Bay of Campeche (cam-PAY-chay) is named Tehuantepec. Continental drift partly explains the creation of the landform of this type named for Panama. For the point, name these narrow strips of land between two larger landmasses.

ANSWER: isthmus (accept Isthmus of Panama until "Madre" is mentioned)