



International Geography Bee

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FINALS

1. This lake's primary inflows include the Alamo River and the heavily polluted Rio Nuevo or New River. This body of water's tourism potential led it to be nicknamed the "New Mediterranean" in the 1950s and Desert Shores is on the western side of this body of water. The southernmost sighting of Ross' gull, an Arctic bird species, was found on this endorheic lake known for its diverse birdlife. The Whitewater River flows into this body of water as it passes through Riverside County. Formed accidentally after the flooding of the Colorado River, this body of water marks boundaries of the Coachella Valley and the Imperial Valley. For the point, name this lake that is the largest entirely in California.

ANSWER: Salton Sea

2. This company's Astro 430 was built specifically to track dogs. Garry Burrell and Min Kao co-founded this company headquartered in Lenexa, Kansas. Though not Fitbit, this company sells a wristwatch that monitors sleep and physical movement known as the Vivofit. Along with Asus, this company designed a hands-free version of its main technology known as Nuvifone. Originally named ProNav, this company's StreetPilot was one of its first products used in automobiles. For the point, name this company known for its GPS technology.

ANSWER: Garmin

3. This city's Zarechnaya metro station is allegedly haunted by the ghosts of laborers who died while working on it. The Fedorovsky Embankment is home to many walking tours in this city that is served by Strigino International Airport. Over 30,000 students attend this city's Lobachevsky State University. The Alexander Nevsky Cathedral is an important landmark in this city that was formerly named after the playwright Maxim Gorky. For the point, name this major Russian city not to be confused with a similarly named city that was sacked by Ivan the Terrible.

ANSWER: Nizhny Novgorod

4. The Wood Islands Ferry is a popular alternative to this bridge whose 1997 completion was celebrated with a flyover by the *Snowbirds*. This bridge was built over a narrow area called the Abegweit Passage. A visiting head of state once referred to this bridge as the "Span of Green Gables." An effect of the completion of this bridge has been increased tourism to Moncton on its mainland side, as in named for the union created at the Charlottetown Conference near its other end. Crossing the Northumberland Strait, for the point, name this bridge connecting Prince Edward Island to New Brunswick.

ANSWER: Confederation Bridge (accept Fixed Link; prompt on generic answers about a bridge connecting Prince Edward Island to New Brunswick)

5. A town in this state holds the record for making the largest pecan pie ever created. The fact that this state is landlocked may contribute to the fact that it has the most manmade lakes of any U.S. state. The oldest known range to exist between the Appalachians and the Rockies is this state's Arbuckle Mountains. "Labor conquers all things" is the motto of this state where the Mountain Time Zone is observed in one community in its westernmost county, Cimarron. This state's name comes from the Choctaw phrase for "red people" and its governor Mary Fallin has recently come under attack due to excess cuts to education funding. For the point, name this South Central state on the Great Plains home to the cities of Edmond and Tulsa.

ANSWER: **Oklahoma**

6. An annual World Festival dedicated to this food is held in the city of St. George, where this food is eaten in the largest quantities per capita on Earth. This food is produced by breaking up another food that has been subject to the process of nixtamalization. A region stretching from Texas to Virginia is sometimes called this food's namesake belt. This food is often paired with shrimp in a characteristic dish of the Lowcountry. A variety of this food that relies on milk rather than water for boiling is designated "Charleston-style." Hominy is used to make, for the point, what ground corn-based dish popular in the South?

ANSWER: **grits** (prompt on corn before mentioned; prompt on maize; prompt on hominy before mentioned)

7. Though not Peru, this country is the site of an art project in which a hidden chest called the Treasure of Lima was buried off its coast. As a show of goodwill, the Taiwanese government helped fund the creation of this country's Tempisque River Bridge that connects one of its provinces to the Nicoya Peninsula. In 2017, tourists were evacuated after an eruption of the crater on this country's Poas Volcano. In this country whose Irazu Volcano is particularly active, citizens refer to themselves as *Ticos*. This country abolished its military and has an active tourism industry, with foreigners seeking out its *pura vida* mindset. South of Nicaragua, for the point, name this Central American country with capital at San Jose.

ANSWER: Republic of **Costa Rica**

8. This was the first geographic feature of its type discovered on a trip down the Firehole River during an 1870 expedition. The Kepler Cascades are within a few miles of this feature that General Sheridan found could be used to launder cotton clothing. The tradition of celebrating Christmas in August began after a party was stranded in an inn named after this feature. On average there is an average time of 65 to 91 minutes between eruptions of this feature, which exceeds 200 degrees Fahrenheit in water temperature. For the point, name this best-known geyser in Yellowstone National Park, named for its reliable frequency.

ANSWER: **Old Faithful**

9. This idea claims that countries like Germany, the U.S. and Turkey are part of a "greater inner crescent." The article outlining this theory claims that the expansion of Europe's "[continuation of] the opposition between Roman and Greek" is "one of the most striking coincidences in history." Dmitri Kitsikis was influenced by this theory when developing his idea of an "Intermediate Region" existing in Eurasia. According to this theory, Asia, Africa, and Europe combine to form a World-Island that forms the center of human society. Proposed in an 1894 paper, for the point, name this geopolitical theory proposed by Halford Mackinder.

ANSWER: **heartland** theory (accept the geographical **pivot of history**, prompt on Mackinder's Theory before mentioned)

10. The Bakka church is located next to a feature of this type that is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. A municipality named after one of these locations is the northernmost point where lobsters live. The source from which these features are formed distinguishes them from rias. The city of Drammen is named for one of these features that becomes a strait near the town of Svelvik. The Seven Sisters is a prominent waterfall at one of these locations that terminates at Geiranger. With a name deriving from the Norse language, for the point, name these bodies of water created by glaciers that are known for their steep walls.

ANSWER: **Fjords**

11. The largest island to be contained within its own reef lies in this body of water. The *Jewel of Muscat* was a replica of a shipwreck that archaeologists found off one island in this body of water. Ujung Kolon National Park is on the western end of this body of water that contains the island of Belitung. This body of water is fed by the Eastern Sunda River system. The Karimata Strait connects the South China Sea to this sea that is bound by Sulawesi to the east and Sumatra to the west. For the point, name this sea within Indonesia whose namesake island contains the nation's capital.

ANSWER: **Java Sea** (accept **Laut Jawa**)

12. This polity which no longer exists contained the settlement of Igloodik off the Melville Peninsula as well as the Murchison Promontory on the Boothia Peninsula, which contains the northernmost point in mainland Canada. Together with other types of this polity named Keewatin and Mackenzie, this polity was dissolved in 1999, upon which most of this polity became Nunavut. This polity was one of the 3 former districts that used to comprise the Northwest Territories. For the point, name this district named after a British explorer, who died in 1847 while exploring the high Arctic.

ANSWER: District of **Franklin**

13. George Kling and Bill Evans built a solar-powered detector in this country following an incident that was described by the term *mazuku*, which translates to "evil wind." In 2003, work began on a venting pipe to prevent further civilians from being harmed around this country's Lake Monoun. A landslide on this country's Oku volcanic field is among the proposed causes of a limnic eruption that saw several hundred thousand tons of carbon dioxide expelled from its Lake Nyos. For the point, name this African country east of Nigeria with capital at Yaounde.

ANSWER: Republic of **Cameroon** (accept République du **Cameroun**)

14. Ted Turner once claimed that he would financially back plans to convert this region into a peace park. An 11-inch long parasitic worm was found in the stomach of a twenty-four year old man who ran across this region in November of 2017. The American government increased alertness to DEFCON 3 after a 1976 incident in this region that led to Operation Paul Bunyan. The Conference Row in this region's Joint Security Area is the only location along it where soldiers on either side face each other. For the point, name this 160-mile long region passing through the 38th parallel that separates North and South Korea.

ANSWER: Korean **DeMilitarized Zone** (accept just **DMZ**)

15. LAFAZA is a company founded by former Peace Corps volunteers that focuses on the sustainable production of this good. In 2000, roughly 15% of the world supply of this good was destroyed in Cyclone Hudah, causing prices to reach up to \$500 per kilogram. The *planifolia* species is the most common plant from which this good is derived. A variety of this good which gets its name from the former name of the island of Reunion is the Bourbon variety. With over 3,700 tons created annually, the largest producers of this good are Madagascar and Indonesia. For the point, name this flavoring used in a popular type of ice cream.

ANSWER: **vanilla** planifolia (accept **vanilla** extract; accept **vanilla** bean; accept Madagascar **vanilla**; accept Bourbon **vanilla**; prompt on planifolia before mentioned)

16. In this country, women wear yellow dresses during a celebration of the first day of spring known as Pahela Falgun. Production of various industries in this country like oil and tea is highest in its Sylhet region. The major telecommunications provider of this county is Grameenphone, which is a joint venture with its similarly named microfinance bank. Tourists in this country flock to beaches in its oddly named city of Cox's Bazaar, while residents of its Sundarbans region must avoid some of the most aggressive man-eating tigers in the world. A region in this majority Muslim country where roughly two-thirds of the inhabitants practice Buddhism is its Chittagong Hills. Bengali is the most widely spoken language in, for the point, what South Asian country with capital at Dhaka?

ANSWER: People's Republic of **Bangladesh** (accept Ganaprajatantri **Bamladesa**)

17. A form of wrestling native to this island is known as *S'Istrumpa*. Saremar is a shipping company based on this island offering ferries to its country's mainland. A body of water that was the largest reservoir in Europe at the time of its construction is this island's Lake Omodeo. The Gallurese dialect is native to the northeast of this island whose most-populous province is Sassari. The Strait of Bonifacio separates this island from one to the north. Cagliari is the largest city and capital of this island to the south of Corsica. For the point, name this second-largest island of Italy.

ANSWER: **Sardinia** (accept **Sardegna**)

18. The creation of Lake Walcott is part of a public works program along this river known as the Minidoka Project. Near this river's confluence with one of its tributaries, an excavation site that found human remains dating back over 11,000 years is known as the Marmes Rockshelter. A 65-meter high waterfall along this river is sometimes called the "Niagara of the West," and this river ends near Pasco, one of its state's Tri-Cities. The Shoshone Falls are found along this river that flows through Hells Canyon before entering the Columbia River in Washington. For the point, name this river that forms much of the border between Idaho and Oregon.

ANSWER: **Snake River**

19. With over 2 million bottles in a single complex, a city in this country is famous for containing the largest wine collection on Earth. A large cave monastery can be found in this nation's village of Tipova. In Europe, this country has the lowest ratio of tourists to locals. Aside from its main language, Gagauz is extensively spoken in this country's south. Tiraspol is the capital of an unrecognized state in this country alternatively known as the "Left Bank of the Dneister." Transnistria is found in, for the point, what Eastern European country to the east of Romania?

ANSWER: Republic of **Moldova** (accept Republica **Moldova**)

20. During the Zanclean Deluge, the filling of a larger body of water was made possible by the inundation of this then dried up one. The Vendaval is a wind that blows westward from this body of water, northwest of which the Cape Trafalgar Lighthouse was built. El Estrecho National Park is located on one end of this body of water that separates one country's mainland from its autonomous city of Ceuta. Tariq's Mountain is the alternative name for a major limestone feature of, for the point, what narrow body of water separating Spain and Morocco that is named for a rock?

ANSWER: Strait of **Gibraltar**

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21. This nation's city of Ipora is known for its particularly clear water. This nation's hilly Cuchilla Grande range is fed by the Yi River. A bridge in this country running between its cities of Colon and Paysandu is named after Jose Artigas. "Freedom or death" is the national motto of this country that, in 2013, was the first to legalize marijuana. The name of this nation translates as "river of the painted birds" in the Guarani language. Consisting mostly of grassland, this country's namesake river helps form the Rio de la Plata. For the point, name this country to the east of Argentina.

ANSWER: **Uruguay**

22. The designer of this country's flag was an artist originally from its Wenchi Principality. The exact features and symbolisms of this country's flag were adopted in a rearranged permutation 16 years later for the flag of Guinea-Bissau. Theodosia Okoh designed this country's flag, whose middle line is a reference to this country's wealth of minerals. This non-Ethiopian country's flag includes horizontal red, yellow and green stripes to represent the colors of Pan-Africanism. A shipping line established by Marcus Garvey inspired the central black star of, for the point, what West African country's flag that is often seen in cities such as Cape Coast, Kumasi, and Accra?

ANSWER: Republic of **Ghana**

23. The resemblance of a central compound causing this phenomenon to nitrous oxide led Rowland and Molina to formulate a hypothesis about it. A major 1985 article by Farman, Gardiner, and Shanklin found the extent of this phenomenon to be greater than previously thought, leading to theories claiming it was caused by PSCs. Declines below 200 Dobson units in the Arctic have led scientists to speculate that this phenomenon has been a product of global warming. Chlorofluorocarbons are a leading cause of, for the point, what decreasing of a stratospheric compound?

ANSWER: **ozone depletion** (accept **ozone hole** or obvious equivalents; accept Arctic or Antarctic in answer)

24. Circular features named Maraldi and Theophrastus are found within this feature's Bay of Love. The Marsh of Sleep is along the northeastern edge of this feature, which Plinius separates from a similar feature named for Serenity. Surveyor 5 touched down within this feature that is known for its bluish color. The LRO has discovered irregular mare [MA-ray] patches in this particularly flat area, a famous visit to which saw a flag placed in it by Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong. In 1969, the Apollo 11 crew landed on, for the point, what lunar "sea."

ANSWER: **Sea of Tranquility** (accept **Mare Tranquillitatis**; accept **Bay of Love** before mentioned; prompt on Earth's Moon or similar answers)

25. A type of this dish that often includes capelin and spicy mayonnaise is the Dynamite type. A brand of cream cheese inspired the name of a type of this dish known for using said cheese. The 1970 World Expo popularized the use of the serving of this dish via a conveyor belt. A particularly well-known example of this dish that supposedly got its name from its popularity in Los Angeles often makes use of imitation of crab. *Sumeshi* is a form of rice used to make, for the point, what Japanese dish, examples of which include the California roll.

ANSWER: **sushi** roll (accept clear-knowledge equivalents; prompt on rolls or any specific types of sushi rolls)