International Geography Bee

The International Geography Bee
2017-2018 Championships Qualifying Exam – Australia / New Zealand Alpha Set Version

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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) A tourist could tour rooms Queen Elizabeth lives in at which royal residence in London?
A) Buckingham Palace   B) Blarney Castle   C) The Kremlin   D) The Bastille

_____ 2) Which country is the largest by area in South America?
A) Argentina   B) Peru   C) Brazil   D) Ecuador

_____ 3) The Spanish Steps aren't in Spain, but are a landmark in which city, near the Coliseum?
A) Paris   B) London   C) Rome   D) Madrid

_____ 4) Which country is most at risk from tsunamis?
A) Austria   B) Japan   C) Sweden   D) Chad

_____ 5) Which continent lies entirely in the Southern Hemisphere?
A) Africa   B) South America   C) Asia   D) Australia

_____ 6) King Island and Flinders Island can be found in which body of water?
A) Strait of Gibraltar   B) Bass Strait   C) Cook Strait   D) Strait of Magellan

_____ 7) What is the only one of the 7 Wonders of the Ancient World still standing?
A) Lighthouse of Alexandria   B) Hanging Gardens of Babylon
C) Statue of Zeus at Olympia   D) Great Pyramid of Giza

_____ 8) French, Italian, and Spanish are all known as what type of language?
A) Australasian   B) Germanic   C) Finno-Ugric   D) Romance

_____ 9) Seasonal rains on the west coast of India are caused by changes in what winds?
A) Typhoons   B) Monsoons   C) Doldrums   D) Blizzards

_____ 10) Which country, with approximately 300,000 people just became the smallest ever by population to qualify for the FIFA World Cup of soccer?
A) Iran   B) Iceland   C) Poland   D) Colombia

_____ 11) Which river in Africa flows predominantly from South to North?
A) Niger   B) Congo   C) Nile   D) Volta

_____ 12) Global warming is leading to all of the following except what?
        A) The retreat of glaciers in the Andes   B) Less shipping going through the Arctic Ocean
        C) Hotter summers in the Middle East   D) Rising sea levels in Florida

_____ 13) Which of these states contains the Cape York Peninsula?
        A) Tasmania   B) Victoria   C) Queensland   D) New South Wales

_____ 14) Which two countries collectively are home to about 1/3 of the world's population?
        A) Japan and China   B) China and India   C) India and Vietnam D) China and South Korea

_____ 15) The Andes Mountains run along the Western edge of which continent?
        A) Africa   B) Europe   C) South America   D) Australia

_____ 16) Which of these is not an actual sea that borders parts of Asia?
        A) Black Sea   B) Pink Sea   C) Yellow Sea   D) Red Sea

_____ 17) Tango dancing originated in and is most commonly practiced in which city?
        A) Melbourne B) Riyadh   C) Pyongyang   D) Buenos Aires

_____ 18) Which present-day country's territory was once part of the Roman Empire?
        A) Portugal   B) Angola   C) Belize   D) Burkina Faso

_____ 19) Which of these small countries has a tropical climate?
        A) San Marino B) Andorra   C) Liechtenstein   D) Singapore

_____ 20) Which of these is not officially controlled by New Zealand?
        A) Niue   B) Stewart Island   C) Cook Islands   D) Norfolk Island

_____ 21) Which country has never hosted the Winter Olympics?
        A) USA   B) Canada   C) Russia   D) India

_____ 22) Which is a major industry in Western Australia?
        A) Yak herding B) Mining   C) Rice Farming   D) Aircraft manufacturing

_____ 23) Which country was not said to be part of the "Axis of Evil" by George W. Bush?
        A) Iran   B) Botswana   C) Iraq   D) North Korea

_____ 24) If you wanted to take a river cruise on the Danube River, where might you first get
      on your ship?
        A) Budapest   B) Boston   C) Beijing   D) Brisbane

_____ 25) Which country belongs to ASEAN, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations?
        A) Slovakia   B) Pakistan   C) Venezuela   D) Vietnam

_____ 26) Which of these countries has a cross on its flag?
        A) Japan   B) Sweden   C) Mexico   D) China

_____ 27) The landmass known as Pangaea was once a what?
        A) A supercontinent B) An atoll   C) An archipelago   D) An extinct volcano

_____ 28) Hunan, Szechuan, and Cantonese are three varieties of what?
        A) French swimsuits B) Chinese cuisine   C) Indian warships   D) Italian leather goods

_____ 29) Which country has recently been criticized for its ballistic missile and nuclear weapons tests?
     A) Slovakia   B) Barbados   C) North Korea   D) Tunisia

_____ 30) Which city is closest to Uluru?
     A) Darwin   B) Canberra   C) Sydney   D) Alice Springs

_____ 31) Jainism, Buddhism, and Hinduism all began in which country?
     A) Israel   B) India   C) Iraq   D) Iceland

_____ 32) Which state capital is on an island?
     A) Perth   B) Brisbane   C) Hobart   D) Adelaide

_____ 33) Which of these places lies closest to Australia?
     A) North Carolina   B) Western Sahara   C) South Korea   D) East Timor

_____ 34) Which country is located in Central America?
     A) Nicaragua   B) Paraguay   C) Cape Verde   D) Tonga

_____ 35) Which city is located in the Midwest USA?
     A) Philadelphia   B) Chicago   C) San Diego   D) Tampa

_____ 36) Which body of water is an arm of the Pacific Ocean?
     A) Gulf of California   B) Arabian Sea   C) Mediterranean Sea D) Hudson Bay

_____ 37) Which region is home to the most fjords?
     A) New England   B) Yucatan Peninsula C) Scandinavia   D) The Outback

_____ 38) Snowfall is most common in January in which of the following world cities?
     A) Madrid   B) Melbourne   C) Moscow   D) Mexico City

_____ 39) Which of these African countries is landlocked?
     A) South Africa   B) Mali   C) Kenya   D) Egypt

_____ 40 The "One-China" policy refers to the belief that China and which island form one country?
     A) Honshu   B) Macau   C) Taiwan   D) Manhattan

_____ 41) The region of Catalonia has recently tried to break away from which European country?
     A) Russia   B) Hungary   C) Spain   D) Ireland

_____ 42) Mexico City was built on top of the former capital of what civilisation?
     A) Babylonian   B) Greek   C) Romans   D) Aztec

_____ 43) The largest country by land area that existed over the past 100 years was what former one?
     A) Yugoslavia   B) Czechoslovakia   C) Soviet Union   D) Austria-Hungary

_____ 44) Which country is home to a flightless bird and a native fruit, both of which are called kiwis?
     A) Canada   B) New Zealand   C) United Kingdom   D) Germany

_____ 45) What US state is home to the only major coffee growing region in the USA?
     A) Alaska   B) Minnesota   C) New Mexico   D) Hawaii

_____ 46) A body of water off the east coast of Australia is named for which explorer?
     A) Marco Polo   B) Henry Hudson   C) Abel Tasman   D) Christopher Columbus

_____ 47) Which continent is the second largest in both area and population?
  A) Asia   B) Europe   C) Africa   D) Antarctica

_____ 48) If as an AFS exchange student, you toured a watchmaking factory in Schaffhausen and visited
       your host father at his bank at UBS in the canton of Valais near the Matterhorn, you'd be
       studying where?
  A) Honduras   B) Switzerland   C) Mongolia   D) Yemen

_____ 49) Which is not a cultural region of the Pacific Ocean?
  A) Melanesia   B) Polynesia   C) Micronesia   D) Amnesia

_____ 50) The study and practice of mapmaking is known by what term?
  A) Cartography   B) Glaciation   C) Calligraphy   D) Mercatorization