



# International Geography Bee

## The International Geography Bee 2018-2019 European Qualifying Exam – 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. If you are also taking the US History Bee Exam, you have 40 minutes in which to complete both Exams and you may do them simultaneously or one after the other.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1) Which country is found completely south of the Tropic of Capricorn?  
A) Russia                      B) Saudi Arabia                      C) Indonesia                      D) New Zealand
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2) What Italian island was invaded by the USA and the UK in 1943 after success in the North African campaign?  
A) Hispaniola                      B) Sicily                      C) Cyprus                      D) Hokkaido
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3) What Brazilian city hosted the 2016 Summer Olympics and is famous for its Carnival celebrations?  
A) New Orleans                      B) Rio de Janeiro                      C) Sydney                      D) Port of Spain
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4) Which peninsula lies to the east of the Sea of Okhotsk and is bounded on the east by the Pacific Ocean?  
A) Jutland                      B) Crimea                      C) Kamchatka                      D) Iberian
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5) Which of these countries has a majority Shiite Muslim population?  
A) Sweden                      B) Iran                      C) India                      D) China
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6) Which is the third largest continent by land area?  
A) Asia                      B) Europe                      C) North America                      D) Australia
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7) If you got an invitation to George Clooney's swanky villa in Italy, what lake would you head to?  
A) Lake Zürich                      B) Lake Michigan                      C) Lake Como                      D) Loch Ness

- \_\_\_\_\_ 8) A backpacking trip around Africa would not potentially visit what region?  
 A) The Serengeti                      B) The Sahara                      C) The Kalahari                      D) The Baltic States
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9) Which of these countries is a member of the NATO military alliance?  
 A) Belarus                      B) Spain                      C) Bolivia                      D) North Korea
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10) Muhammad Ali fought a boxing match called the Thrilla in Manila in which country?  
 A) Japan                      B) South Korea                      C) China                      D) Philippines
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11) What is the largest island in the Mediterranean Sea by land area that is part of France?  
 A) Elba                      B) Crete                      C) Sardinia                      D) Corsica
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12) Which of these countries is not a major exporter of timber?  
 A) Russia                      B) Canada                      C) Indonesia                      D) Libya
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13) Which country's flag is also found on the flags of Australia and New Zealand?  
 A) United Kingdom                      B) United States                      C) Russia                      D) North Korea
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14) Thhhiss quesstttion wasss writttten durrrring heavvvy turbulllence onn a flihhht nearrr Nova Scotia, one of the....?  
 A) Constituent countries of the United Kingdom                      B) Maritime provinces of Canada  
 C) Federated States of Micronesia                      D) United States of America
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15) Which "stan" country was never once part of the Soviet Union?  
 A) Turkmenistan                      B) Kazakhstan                      C) Uzbekistan                      D) Pakistan
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16) The Western Wall & the Dome of the Rock Mosque are important religious sites in what city?  
 A) Mecca                      B) Jerusalem                      C) Damascus                      D) Istanbul
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17) You might die of dysentery in which computer game as you journey as a pioneer settler to a state on the West Coast of the USA?  
 A) Oregon Trail                      B) Texas Trail                      C) Ohio Trail                      D) Florida Trail
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18) Which of these four European countries is the least densely populated?  
 A) Finland                      B) Netherlands                      C) Belgium                      D) Germany
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19) Your question writer's friend from Switzerland was recently invited to a wedding in Burkina Faso, a country on which continent?  
 A) Antarctica                      B) Africa                      C) Asia                      D) North America
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20) If as an AFS exchange student you spent time in the country where you were studying swimming in both the Caribbean Sea and Pacific Ocean, then you might be studying where?  
 A) Costa Rica                      B) Belize                      C) El Salvador                      D) Venezuela
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21) Which city in Scotland is home to a famous golf course, and is where Prince William studied?  
 A) Cambridge                      B) Cardiff                      C) Liverpool                      D) St. Andrew's
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22) Among these four US cities, which faces the greatest threat from rising sea levels due to global warming?  
 A) St. Louis                      B) Denver                      C) Miami                      D) Dallas
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23) Which is the least commonly spoken of the four official languages of Switzerland?  
 A) Italian                      B) Romansch                      C) French                      D) German

- \_\_\_\_\_ 24) In which borough of New York City would you find Central Park and the UN Headquarters?  
A) Queens                      B) Brooklyn                      C) Manhattan                      D) Bronx
- \_\_\_\_\_ 25) Which of these four bodies of water has the highest average salinity?  
A) Lake Baikal                      B) Dead Sea                      C) Amazon River                      D) Chesapeake Bay
- \_\_\_\_\_ 26) Which of these four biomes has the highest biodiversity?  
A) Rain forests                      B) Cold deserts                      C) Tundra                      D) Great Plains
- \_\_\_\_\_ 27) Lake Vostok is...?  
A) The largest in Siberia                      B) Home to 2000+ migratory bird species  
C) Found under the Antarctic ice cap                      D) The lake on which Moscow & Kiev both lie
- \_\_\_\_\_ 28) Which state of Mexico does not border the United States of America?  
A) Tamaulipas                      B) Chihuahua                      C) Sonora                      D) Yucatán
- \_\_\_\_\_ 29) Which country will become the smallest by land area to ever host the FIFA World Cup of soccer (or Football, in British English) in 2022?  
A) Russia                      B) Qatar                      C) France                      D) Germany
- \_\_\_\_\_ 30) Which poorest country on the Arabian Peninsula is currently the site of a protracted civil war?  
A) Turkey                      B) Yemen                      C) Oman                      D) UAE
- \_\_\_\_\_ 31) Which European country has been the site of recent protests against Viktor Orban in Budapest?  
A) France                      B) Poland                      C) Slovenia                      D) Hungary
- \_\_\_\_\_ 32) Which of these countries controlled the city of Macau prior to China taking it back in 1999?  
A) Portugal                      B) Denmark                      C) France                      D) United Kingdom
- \_\_\_\_\_ 33) In the movie, *Dumb and Dumber*, Jim Carrey's character stupidly tries to flirt with an Austrian woman by saying "Put another shrimp on the Barbie!" What should he have said instead?  
A) I hear Prague is lovely this time of year!                      B) I'd like to visit your home in the Pyrenees!  
C) You probably think I'm being a Buda-pest!                      D) Are you from Styria, Tyrol, or Carinthia?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 34) Cinder cone, composite, and shield are the three main types of what geographic feature?  
A) Peninsulas                      B) Ocean currents                      C) Glaciers                      D) Volcanoes
- \_\_\_\_\_ 35) Feta cheese, souvlaki (meat on skewers), and dolmades (stuffed grape leaves) are all part of the cuisine of which country?  
A) Norway                      B) Japan                      C) Brazil                      D) Greece
- \_\_\_\_\_ 36) Which British Columbia city and 2010 Winter Olympic host city has the warmest climate in winter of any large city in Canada?  
A) Calgary                      B) Vancouver                      C) Montreal                      D) Winnipeg
- \_\_\_\_\_ 37) A course on Balkan History would discuss which of these countries the most?  
A) Bulgaria                      B) Belgium                      C) Belarus                      D) Burundi
- \_\_\_\_\_ 38) Which of these African countries has seen the fewest deaths from Ebola in the last 50 years?  
A) Uganda                      B) Guinea                      C) Liberia                      D) Tunisia

- \_\_\_\_\_ 39) Which of these landmarks could you encounter on a tour of Northern India?  
A) Brandenburg Gate      B) Taj Mahal      C) Piccadilly Circus      D) Angkor Wat
- \_\_\_\_\_ 40) The One Belt, One Road initiative is a foreign aid and development program that was started by which country?  
A) China      B) USA      C) India      D) Uzbekistan
- \_\_\_\_\_ 41) In what mountain range was the Incan Empire centered?  
A) Rockies      B) Himalayas      C) Andes      D) Appalachians
- \_\_\_\_\_ 42) Where on earth can one find the spot with coordinates 0 degrees latitude, 0 degrees longitude?  
A) In the Mediterranean Sea      B) In the Atlantic Ocean off West Africa  
C) In the Pacific Ocean, south of Hawaii      D) The North Pole
- \_\_\_\_\_ 43) A yellow fever inoculation is most recommended before travel to what country?  
A) Chile      B) Cameroon      C) Ireland      D) Malta
- \_\_\_\_\_ 44) Which country is not considered to be both in Europe and Asia?  
A) Turkey      B) Russia      C) Kazakhstan      D) Bangladesh
- \_\_\_\_\_ 45) Which of these four cities has many 1950's era Chevrolet cars still running due in part to the lack of an ability to purchase new cars or spare parts from the USA due to an embargo?  
A) Havana      B) Ottawa      C) Pretoria      D) Cairo
- \_\_\_\_\_ 46) What is the only river in the world on which four national capital cities are located?  
A) Thames      B) Danube      C) Mekong      D) Euphrates
- \_\_\_\_\_ 47) In 2018, a missionary was killed trying to contact a primitive tribe on which island?  
A) North Sentinel      B) Spitsbergen      C) Santorini      D) Isle of Man
- \_\_\_\_\_ 48) Which of these states of India is located in the far southern part of the country and across the Palk Strait from Sri Lanka?  
A) Tamil Nadu      B) West Bengal      C) Gujarat      D) Jammu and Kashmir
- \_\_\_\_\_ 49) Which river of Asiatic Russia does not flow into the Arctic Ocean?  
A) Ob      B) Yenisei      C) Amur      D) Lena
- \_\_\_\_\_ 50) Which of these Chinese cities is located in Manchuria?  
A) Lhasa      B) Harbin      C) Shenzhen      D) Shanghai