



International Geography Bee

The International Geography Bee – Asian Division 2019-2020 Championships 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.

- _____ 1) Which of the following countries was not part of a larger country during the Cold War?
A) Belarus B) Slovakia C) Lithuania D) Hungary
- _____ 2) The islands of Hawaii include which of the following Pacific islands?
A) Maui B) Saipan C) Bora Bora D) Yap
- _____ 3) Which US hiking trail begins in Georgia and ends over 2000 miles away in Maine?
A) Oregon Trail B) Pacific Crest Trail C) Chisholm Trail D) Appalachian Trail
- _____ 4) Which of these countries is not an archipelago?
A) Maldives B) Comoros C) Seychelles D) Zimbabwe
- _____ 5) The Klondike Gold Rush took place in the northwestern part of which country?
A) Iceland B) Canada C) South Africa D) Ireland
- _____ 6) While his route is uncertain, it's safe to say Marco Polo never saw which of these deserts?
A) Lut B) Gobi C) Taklamakan D) Atacama
- _____ 7) What is the largest country in the world by population not to have a permanent seat on the UN Security Council?
A) India B) China C) Indonesia D) Brazil
- _____ 8) Which of these African countries is not part of the Nile River's watershed?
A) Egypt B) Libya C) Sudan D) Angola

- _____ 9) Which of these countries has the most ethnically homogenous population?
A) Russia B) North Korea C) Malaysia D) Singapore
- _____ 10) Which two religions have the greatest number of adherents in Lebanon?
A) Islam & Judaism B) Islam & Buddhism
C) Christianity & Judaism D) Islam & Christianity
- _____ 11) An outbreak of saltwater crocodile attacks has recently afflicted the population of which country?
A) Paraguay B) Malawi C) Timor-Leste D) Kyrgyzstan
- _____ 12) Which capital city was recently renamed Nursultan in honor of a recent Kazakh politician?
A) Astana B) Tashkent C) Beijing D) Islamabad
- _____ 13) Which country only has land borders with Russia and China?
A) Pakistan B) Mongolia C) Nepal D) North Korea
- _____ 14) Asia has no coastline on which of the following oceans?
A) Atlantic B) Pacific C) Indian D) Arctic
- _____ 15) "Visit Russia while Putin is president? Nyet!" said a traveler who thus clearly had no interest in visiting which of the following peninsulas?
A) Chukchi B) Jutland C) Iberian D) Yucatan
- _____ 16) When it is 7pm in London, what time is it in Berlin?
A) 7am B) 5pm C) 8pm D) 6pm
- _____ 17) Evo Morales was deposed in 2019 from being president of which landlocked South American nation with a capital at La Paz?
A) Uruguay B) Ecuador C) Argentina D) Bolivia
- _____ 18) Which of these countries is found in the Sahel region of Africa?
A) Morocco B) Mali C) Malawi D) Mozambique
- _____ 19) The Lusophone Commonwealth includes Mozambique, Brazil, and other former colonies of what country?
A) Spain B) Portugal C) Italy D) Sweden
- _____ 20) Which of these countries is located in what is known as Indochina?
A) Cambodia B) Pakistan C) Bhutan D) Mongolia
- _____ 21) Which of these Chinese cities is located closest to Hong Kong?
A) Shenzhen B) Harbin C) Shanghai D) Beijing
- _____ 22) Which of these US states is considered to be part of New England?
A) Tennessee B) Alabama C) Arkansas D) Massachusetts
- _____ 23) Which archipelago, which now belongs to Ecuador, did Charles Darwin visit while doing research that became important to his theory of evolution?
A) Tahiti B) Bahamas
C) Azores D) Galapagos
- _____ 24) Land in which of these modern-day countries was never conquered by Alexander the Great?
A) Egypt B) Turkey C) Afghanistan D) Spain

- _____ 25) Which of these island countries is located closest to India?
A) Indonesia B) Philippines
C) Sri Lanka D) Papua New Guinea
- _____ 26) Which African country shares its name with a large lake which it borders?
A) Algeria B) Chad C) Tunisia D) Somalia
- _____ 27) Which of these countries borders both the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea?
A) Belize B) Venezuela C) Peru D) Panama
- _____ 28) A student just asked your question writer which strait is located between Italy and Albania, separating the Adriatic from the Ionian Sea, and he correctly responded the Strait of...?
A) Gibraltar B) Hormuz C) Otranto D) Messina
- _____ 29) North Island and South Island together form most of the landmass of which country?
A) Haiti B) New Zealand C) Trinidad and Tobago D) Australia
- _____ 30) The Channel tunnel connects which two regions in the UK and France?
A) Lancashire & Brittany B) Kent and Pas-de-Calais
C) Wales & Provence D) Yorkshire and Aquitaine
- _____ 31) Which of these countries is completely surrounded by Italy?
A) Andorra B) Monaco C) Vatican City D) Lesotho
- _____ 32) Which of these four US states will have the greatest number of electoral votes in 2020?
A) Vermont B) Alaska C) North Dakota D) Illinois
- _____ 33) What is the coldest national capital, with an average January high temperature of roughly 4 degrees Fahrenheit?
A) Reykjavik B) Ottawa C) Ulaanbaatar D) Kathmandu
- _____ 34) In 2019, an experimental non-stop passenger flight was tested by Qantas to connect Sydney with what city?
A) Tokyo B) Perth C) New York City D) Mumbai
- _____ 35) Which famous mountain is found at the border of Italy and Switzerland?
A) K2 B) Mont Blanc C) Matterhorn D) Zugspitze
- _____ 36) Which of these cities lies partly in Asia and partly in Europe?
A) Jerusalem B) Istanbul C) Athens D) Damascus
- _____ 37) Which of these nations has over 40 million more people than the other three combined?
A) Australia B) Bangladesh C) Saudi Arabia D) South Africa?
- _____ 38) Which of these countries belongs to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, or ASEAN?
A) Belgium B) Bahrain C) Brunei D) Bolivia
- _____ 39) Which of these cannot be found in or bordering Africa?
A) Orange River B) Red Sea C) Blue Nile D) Yellow River
- _____ 40) Ernest Hemingway, in *The Sun Also Rises*, wrote about the festival of San Fermin and the running of the bulls in which Iberian city?
A) Pamplona B) Lisbon C) Cadiz D) Malaga

- _____ 41) Which of these Indian cities is the capital of the state of West Bengal?
A) Chennai B) Kolkata C) Mumbai D) New Delhi
- _____ 42) The Sakha Republic is by area the largest subnational governing region in the world, and is located in?
A) The Russian Far East B) Antarctica
C) Northern Canada D) Sub-Saharan Africa
- _____ 43) There are neighborhoods all known by what name in London, New York City, and Hong Kong?
A) Kowloon B) Chinatown C) Knightsbridge D) Soho
- _____ 44) Which of these countries is partly located in the Caucasus Mountains?
A) Bhutan B) South Korea C) Turkmenistan D) Georgia
- _____ 45) *The Economist* has projected which country to have the highest GDP growth rate in 2020 due to new production from offshore oil fields?
A) Nepal B) Guyana C) Bahamas D) Uzbekistan
- _____ 46) Piranhas can naturally be found in which of the following river basins?
A) Amazon B) Mississippi C) Danube D) Yangtze
- _____ 47) Oktoberfest is an annual celebration that is celebrated in which capital of Bavaria?
A) Leipzig B) Stuttgart C) Munich D) Lübeck
- _____ 48) *Mersey Beat* was the name of a short-lived newspaper about the music scene in which British city from which the Beatles came?
A) Newcastle B) London C) Liverpool D) Edinburgh
- _____ 49) A commercial flight from New York to Hong Kong might pass directly over which region?
A) Tasmania B) Patagonia C) Greenland D) Cuba
- _____ 50) Which of these rivers flows through downtown Bangkok?
A) Mekong B) Salween C) Irrawaddy D) Chao Phraya