

(E) Geography Bee Octofinals

Regulation Tossups

(1) **Georgian Bay and Thunder Bay are suspected locations of the origin of this language family, whose members include Blackfoot, Cheyenne, and Ojibwe. Most speakers of this language family sided with the French (+) against the Iroquois in the Seven Years' War. Extinct languages, such as Mohican and (*) Powhatan belong to, for the points, what language family that stretches over eastern Canada?**

ANSWER: **Algonquian** Languages (or **Algonkian** Languages; accept Plans **Algonquian**; accept Central **Algonquian**; accept Eastern **Algonquian**; accept Proto-**Algonquian**; prompt on "Algic Languages")

(2) **This city's LaVell Edwards Stadium is annually transformed into the "stadium of fire" for the America's Freedom Festival. This city, home to Cosmo the Cougar, (+) lies on a namesake river that rises in the Uintah [[oo-IN-ta]] Mountains and flows through the Jordanelle Reservoir. (*) Orem is a suburb of, for the points, what city in Utah that is home to Brigham Young University?**

ANSWER: **Provo**

(3) **This mountain, bound by Saleh Bay and Mojo Island, forms the Sangaar Peninsula. This volcano on Sumbawa (+) Island was formerly the world's second-highest island peak, but its height was reduced to 9,350 feet after the Holocene's largest eruption. Causing the "year without a summer" in (*) 1816, this is, for the points, what stratovolcano in Indonesia?**

ANSWER: Mount **Tambora** (or Mount **Tomboro**)

(4) **One of these features, named Skjaldbreiður [[SKYALD-breh-thoor]], produced the Plains of Thingvellir, a site where Iceland's parliament once assembled. The world's most voluminous mountain, (+) Mauna Loa, is another example of these features. Typically large and producing low viscosity (*) lava, these are, for the points, what volcanoes named for the defensive weapons they resemble?**

ANSWER: **Shield** Volcanoes (prompt on "Volcanoes")

(5) **A namesake aviation plant was founded in this city in 1932, and its corporate descendant, also named for this city, produces the Sukhoi Su-30. This city, which received many expellees from the 1825 Decembrist (+) Revolt, was founded to collect fur taxes from the Buryats. Lying on the Angara (*) River, this is, for the points, what city in Russia that serves as the administrative center of its namesake oblast?**

ANSWER: **Irkutsk** (accept **Irkutsk** Aviation Plant; accept **Irkutsk** Oblast; prompt on "Irkut Corporation")

(6) **West Quoddy Head extends into this bay, home to the island of Grand Manan. The Hopewell Rocks are submerged every day by this bay, and the (+) Reversing Falls empties into this bay after originating from the Saint John River. Located between Nova Scotia and (*) New Brunswick, this is, for the points, what Bay, which has the world's most extreme tides?**

ANSWER: Bay of **Fundy**

(7) **This island, home to the Karluk River, contains Fort Abercrombie, noted for its World War Two fortifications that never saw combat. This island, known for its large species of brown bear (+) and its native king crab population, is separated by the Sheilkof Strait from Katmai National (*) Park. For the points, name this largest island in Alaska.**

ANSWER: **Kodiak** Island (or **Qikertaq**)

(8) **This region's ports include Saint-Malo and Lorient. The Ploumanac'h [[PLOO-mah-nahk]] Lighthouse is located on this peninsula's Pink Granite Coast, and the Loire (+) River empties into the Atlantic Ocean from this peninsula. Brest, Nantes, and (*) Rennes are cities located in, for the points, what peninsula, the westernmost region of mainland France?**

ANSWER: **Brittany** (accept **Bretagne**; accept **Breizh**; accept **Bertaèyn**)

(9) **This city is overlooked by Kgale Hill, and this city's namesake dam creates a reservoir along the Notwane River. This city replaced Mafikeng (+) as the capital of Bechuanaland Protectorate in 1965 and is the headquarters of the Southern African Development Community. Lying north of the South (*) African border is, for the points, what capital of Botswana?**

ANSWER: **Gaborone** (accept **Gaborone** Dam)

(10) **This town's ski resort has its apex at Kachina Peak. A language spoken in this town is part of the Tiwa family, and speakers of that language regard the return of Blue Lake (+) in the Carson National Forest as an important event in their history. This town shares its name with an ancient pueblo located just one mile (*) to its north. For the points, name this town in New Mexico that is bounded by the Sangre de Cristo Mountains.**

ANSWER: **Taos** (accept **Taos** Pueblo)

(11) **This city is home to the largest Cambodian community on the U.S. East Coast, and this city's RRRecords ["Triple-R-Records"] helped popularize "noise music" in the 1980s. This city at the end of the Concord River (+) is home to Pawtucket Falls along the Merrimack. Located near the New Hampshire (*) border, this is, for the points, what city in Massachusetts, whose textile mills made it known as the "cradle of the American Industrial Revolution"?**

ANSWER: **Lowell**

(12) **This region is home to the Hira Cave where the Angel Gabriel supposedly appeared. This region's Abraj Al Bait [[bah-EET]] is the world's tallest clock tower. (+) and an Ottoman-constructed railroad named for this region travelled from Damascus to Medina. Home to the holiest Islamic (*) city, this is, for the points, what Saudi Arabian region along the Red Sea that includes Mecca?**

ANSWER: **Hejaz** (accept Al-**Hijāz**; accept **Hejaz** Railway; prompt on "Saudi Arabia" or "Arabia" until mentioned)

(13) **This island's highest peak is Mount Ishizuchi, and its name refers to its regions, Awa, Tosa, Sanuki, and Iyo. This island is separated from the Chūgoku (+) region by the Seto Inland Sea, and this island is connected via three bridges to Honshu. Northeast of Kyushu with a name translating to "four (*) provinces," this is, for the points, what second-smallest main island of Japan?**

ANSWER: **Shikoku**

(14) **One of the three major tributaries of this river has its source near Mount Tenakourou and flows through Bui National Park, which protects the rare black-and-white colobus monkey. The Akosombo (+) Dam on this river creates a namesake reservoir that is the largest in the world. The source of Red, White, and Black (*) tributaries is, for the points, what river that formerly gave its name to Burkina Faso?**

ANSWER: **Volta** River (accept Lake **Volta** Reservoir; accept Red **Volta**; accept White **Volta**; accept Black **Volta**; accept Republic of Upper **Volta**)

(15) **This route runs along a series of volcanic plugs known as the "Nine Sisters," which includes Bishop Peak, Morro Rock, and Chumash Peak. This route connects to the 17-Mile Drive at Pebble (+) Beach, and its "Big Sur Section" includes the Bixby Bridge. Ending in Mendocino County and serving as the main gateway to (*) Malibu this is, for the points, what highway that runs along California's western shore?**

ANSWER: **California** State **Route 1** (accept **Route 1** alone only after "California" is mentioned; accept **Pacific Coast** Highway or **PCH**; accept **Cabrillo** Highway; prompt on "Coast Highway" or "Shoreline Highway")

(16) **This symbol is used by the micronation Westarctica, which claims Marie Byrd Land. This symbol, popular in vexillology, is seen on the flags of Calais [[KA-lay]] (+) and the Shetland Islands. Historically used to represent the Kalmar (*) Union, this is, for the points, what symbol that appears on the flags of Iceland, Norway, and Sweden?**

ANSWER: **Nordic Cross** (prompt on partial answers; accept **Scandinavian Cross**)

(17) **The delta region of this river, also known as the Hồng Hà, is the proposed origin site of the Austroasiatic Languages. This river, which passes by the border city of Lào Cai, (+) has its source near Dali in the Yunnan Province. This river empties south of the port of Haiphong into the Gulf of Tonkin. Flowing through (*) Hanoi, this is, for the points, what river, named for the color of its silty water?**

ANSWER: **Red** River (accept **Hồng Hà** or **Hong** River before mentioned; accept **Sông Cái**; accept **Yuan** River)

(18) **This city's Ala Too Square is the central part of the city and contains a statue of Manas. This city's White House presidential office building was the site of 2005's Tulip Revolution (+) that deposed President Askar Akayev. Located in the Chuy River Valley in the Tien Shan Mountain (*) Range, this is, for the points, what most-populous city and capital of Kyrgyzstan?**

ANSWER: **Bishkek** (or **Pishpek**; or **Frunze**)

(19) **This city, which controls exclaves in the municipalities of Triesenberg and Schaan, is home to the Cathedral of St. Florin. Grauspitz is visible from this city, (+) whose royals did not step foot in it for over a century after it was granted to them in 1719, this city is overlooked by the residence of Prince Hans-Adam (*) II. For the points, name this sole national capital on the Rhine River, the capital of Liechtenstein.**

ANSWER: **Vaduz**

(20) **The north shore of Long Island was given this name in the 1900s due to the affluence of towns like Oyster Bay, which inspired *The Great Gatsby*. A resort of this name north of the New South Wales (+) border contains a beach called Surfers Paradise and is home to the Q1, Australia's tallest building. Formerly used to describe (*) Ghana, this is, for the points, what name that includes a precious metal?**

ANSWER: **Gold Coast** (prompt on partial answers)

(21) **This lake, drained by the Ruzizi River, has potential to experience limnic eruptions due to its high carbon dioxide content. This lake's largest island is Idjwi [[EE-wee]]. (+) while its ports include Goma and Bukavu. Draining into Lake (*) Tanganyika, this is, for the points, what African Great Lake located between the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Rwanda?**

ANSWER: Lake **Kivu**

(22) **After unloading cotton in this valley's Playa Bagdad, camels would return over 100 miles to Camp Verde. SpaceX's Boca Chica Launch Site (+) is located in this valley and is where the last Civil War battle at Palmito Ranch took place. McAllen, Matamoros, and (*) Brownsville are major cities in, for the points, what valley that is split between Texas and Mexico?**

ANSWER: Lower **Rio Grande** Valley (prompt on "The Valley")

(23) **This city at the center of Africa's largest magnetic anomaly is home to the Boganda National Museum. This city's largest suburb is Bimbo, and this city was captured by Séléka (+) forces in 2013. Jean-Bedel Bokassa crowned himself emperor in this city on the north bank of the Ubangi (*) River. For the points, name this capital of the Central African Republic.**

ANSWER: **Bangui** (or **Bangî**)

(24) **These mountains include Khüiten [[KOO-eh-teng]] Peak and are the only known place where all three known species of hominids once lived together, in and around its Denisova Cave. (+) Belukha is the highest peak in this range's "Golden Mountains" and contain the sources of the Ob and (*) Irtysh rivers. For the points, name these mountains at the junction of Russia, Mongolia, China, and Kazakhstan.**

ANSWER: **Altai** Mountains (or **Altay** Mountains)

(25) **This archipelago's easternmost island is Amorgos, and it contains Europe's oldest synagogue on the island of Delos. Tourists to this archipelago flock to the town Oia [[EE-ah]] (+) to capture pictures of the sunset around the volcano that caused the Minoan eruption. Naxos and (*) Syros are islands that are a part of, for the points, what Greek archipelago that also contains Santorini and Mykonos?**

ANSWER: **Cyclades**

Extra Questions

(1) **This city is overlooked by Mount Illimani and is connected by cable car to El Alto, with which it forms the world's highest major urban area. (+)** This city is in a valley of the Andean Altiplano and is known as Chuqi Yapu in Aymara. A dual capital with (*) Sucre, this is, for the points, what legislative capital of Bolivia?

ANSWER: **La Paz** (or Nuestra Señora de **La Paz**; accept **Chuqi Yapu** until mentioned)

(2) **One park in this city contains a famous staircase with a large, mosaic salamander nicknamed "El Drac" in the center. This city is home to a many-spired, (+) incomplete basilica, expected to be finished in 2026. Park Güell and La Sagrada (*)** Família are located in, for the points, what capital of Catalonia?

ANSWER: **Barcelona**

(3) **Named after a Spanish word for "pelican," notable residents of this island included Mickey Cohen and Robert Stroud. (+) the "Birdman of [this island]."** Occupied by the American Indian Movement in 1969, this island is accessible from Fisherman's (*) Wharf. For the points, name this former prison island in San Francisco Bay.

ANSWER: **Alcatraz** Island (accept **Alcatraz** Federal Penitentiary; accept Birdman of **Alcatraz**)