

(E) Geography Round 8

Regulation Tossups

(1) This polity's Lake Rista contained a summer home of Joseph Stalin. This polity's Veryovkina [[vehr-YOHV-kee-nah]] Cave is the world's deepest at over seven thousand feet. Sukhumi is the capital of this breakaway state that is recognized with South Ossetia [[oh-SET-yah]] as sovereign by Russia. For the point, name this Georgian breakaway state on the Black Sea.

ANSWER: Republic of **Abkhazia** [[ab-KAH-zee-ah]] (prompt on "Georgia")

(2) This state is home to Anamudi and also contains India's oldest Jewish population. This state at the end of the Western Ghats is largely synonymous with the Malabar Coast on the Laccadive [[LAK-ah-"dive"]] Sea. With its capital at Trivandrum, for the point, what is this Indian state which is home to the port city Kochi?

ANSWER: **Kerala** [[KEH-ruh-luh]]

(3) This city contains the Illich Steel and Iron Works factory. This city is claimed as the largest port of a "people's republic" declared by Denis Pushilin, and this city, where a theatre and maternity hospital were targeted in 2022 airstrikes, is officially part of the Donetsk Oblast. For the point, name this Ukrainian port on the Sea of Azov, which has been besieged by Russia.

ANSWER: **Mariupol**

(4) This territory is nicknamed the "Top End," and its Kakadu National Park near Arnhem Land is situated on the Arafura Sea south of New Guinea. This territory, half of which is under Aboriginal administration, contains Ayers Rock, also known as Uluru. For the point, name this Australian territory with its capital at Darwin.

ANSWER: **Northern Territory** (or **NT**; prompt on "The T")

(5) This river's northern reaches once defined the Republic of Indian Stream. This river's valley contains towns such as Amherst, Massachusetts with Yale University adjacent to it. In this river's lower reaches, it passes through Springfield, Massachusetts before entering Hartford. For the point, name this river that exits its namesake state in New Haven.

ANSWER: **Connecticut** River

(6) This park is nestled in the Tularosa Basin east of the Sacramento Mountains, and Steve Pearce opposed this park's nomination as a World Heritage Site due to concerns that it could interrupt military testing. The *Trinity* bomb was detonated in, for the point, what New Mexico park known for its gypsum crystal sand dunes?

ANSWER: **White Sands** National Park

(7) This state, home to the seaside Las Labradas petroglyphs, has a narrow southern border with Nayarit, and its largest cities include Los Mochis, Mazatlán, and Culiacán. For the point, name this Mexican state, south of Sonora on the Gulf of California, the namesake of El Chapo's drug cartel.

ANSWER: **Sinaloa** (accept **Sinaloa** Cartel or Cártel de **Sinaloa**)

(8) Centum City, which contains the flagship store of the Shinsegae franchise, the world's largest department store is in this city. The island of Tsushima [[soo-SHE-mah]] is visible from this city, which forms an industrial zone with Gimhae and Ulsan at the mouth of the Nakdong River. For the point, name this largest port in South Korea, its second largest city, only 100 miles from Japan.

ANSWER: **Busan** Metropolitan City (accept **Pusan**)

(9) This city's namesake bay receives the Great Usutu River and is bound by Inhaca Island, and this city is known for its train station whose dome is often mistakenly credited to Gustave Eiffel. This city was known as Lourenço Marques [[loh-REN-soh MAR-kess]] until 1976, when it was renamed under a newly formed socialist state. For the point, name this capital of Mozambique.

ANSWER: **Maputo** (accept **Lourenço Marques** before mentioned; accept **Maputo** Bay)

(10) One of these territories called Campione [[cahm-PYOH-nee]] d'Italia formerly contained Europe's largest casino. The breakaway Republic of Artsakh is an example of one of these territories within Azerbaijan, one of which formerly included West Berlin. San Marino and Lesotho [[leh-SOO-too]] are national examples of, for the point, what type of territory completely surrounded by foreign country?

ANSWER: **Enclaves** (accept **Exclave** until "Artsakh" is mentioned)

(11) This mountain overlooks a replica plantation inspired by *Gone with the Wind*, and its park officially opened on the 100th anniversary of Lincoln's assassination. In his "I Have a Dream" speech, Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "Let freedom ring from [this mountain]" where the second Ku Klux Klan was founded in 1915. For the point, name this Georgia mountain that controversially displays carvings of three Confederate leaders.

ANSWER: **Stone** Mountain (accept **Stone** Mountain Park)

(12) This city's airport is known for an ominous series of murals and an imposing *Blue Mustang* statue. This city on the South Platte River includes suburbs such as Aurora, Lakewood, and Boulder and is the largest city that is permanently in Mountain Time. For the point, name this "Mile High City," the capital of Colorado.

ANSWER: **Denver** (accept **Denver** International Airport)

(13) The discovery of this city's oil field occurred at Alamos oil well, which is located in Signal Hill. This city shares its name with a barrier island in New York that is located just east of the Rockaway Peninsula. The Walter Pyramid and Villa Riviera are attractions in this city, whose port contains the RMS *Queen Mary* and forms the busiest shipping complex in the U.S. with Los Angeles. For the point, name this California port and epicenter of the 2021 supply chain crisis.

ANSWER: **Long Beach**

(14) This city's Central Park of Culture and Leisure is more commonly known as Gorky Park. Multi-colored onion domes sit atop this city's Saint Basil's Cathedral. The seat of government in this city is the Kremlin. Home to the historic Red Square, for the point, what is this capital and largest city of Russia?

ANSWER: **Moscow** (or **Moskva**)

(15) This lake's three basins are demarcated by the Academician Ridge, which peaks above the water at the Svyatoi [[SWEE-ah-toy]] Nos Peninsula and the Ushkan Islands. The Shaman Rock juts out into this lake on Olkhon Island, Eurasia's largest lake island, and this lake, west of Buryatia, feeds the Angara River, a tributary of the Yenisei River. For the point, name this lake in Siberia, the world's deepest.

ANSWER: Lake **Baikal** (or Ozero **Baykal**)

(16) This island group has a flag that displays a yellow shield with a conch shell, a lobster, and a melon cactus, known for its red cap that resembles a fez. Many have proposed that Canada could annex these islands, the smaller polity of the Lucayan Archipelago. These islands have their capital at Cockburn Town, although Providenciales is their largest city. Made up of two groups of tropical islands, for the point, what is this British Overseas Territory southeast of the Bahamas?

ANSWER: **Turks and Caicos** Islands (accept **TCI**; prompt on partial answers)

(17) The Indian state of Sikkim has distributed water bottles made from this plant to prevent plastic pollution. This plant was often used to make reed pens. This plant can grow at speeds of up to 1.5 inches per hour, making it the world's fastest-growing plant. For the point, name this Asian plant that is the main source of food for the giant panda.

ANSWER: **Bamboo** (or **Bambusoideae**)

(18) The Pearl is the only place in its country where foreigners can own property. This city's Museum of Islamic Art was designed by I.M. Pei, and this city's Hamad International Airport is the hub of an airline whose logo sports an Arabian oryx. Al Jazeera has its headquarters in this city, whose Khalifa Stadium will be the main venue of the 2022 World Cup. For the point, name this capital of Qatar.

ANSWER: **Doha** (or ad-**Dawha**)

(19) This port city's name was emblazoned on the *Titanic* as the White Star Line was headquartered on James Street in this city. Mercantile buildings known as the "Three Graces" overlook the Mersey River in this city. With residents known colloquially as "Scousers," for the point, what is this English city, the birthplace of The Beatles?

ANSWER: **Liverpool**

(20) This island has its highest point at Mount Agung, which erupted from 2017 to 2019. Denpasar is the largest city of this island, located near its southernmost point on the Bukit Peninsula. This island, located west of Lombok, is the only island in the Malay Archipelago to have a majority Hindu population. For the point, name this Lesser Sunda, Indonesia's main tourist hub.

ANSWER: **Bali**

(21) This country's salient Grand-Popo is an important center of voodoo and takes its name from the Yoruba word for "west." Fon is the primary language in this country within which the historical Kingdom of Dahomey was located. With its capital at Porto-Novo, for the point, what is this country which is home to Cotonou?

ANSWER: Republic of **Benin** (or Republique du **Benin**; accept **Dahomey** before mentioned)

(22) This locale is located off the coast of the Cotentin [[koh-tahn-TAN]] Peninsula, and its flag features a red St. Andrew's Cross surmounted by a Plantagenet [[plahn-TAH-jeh-net]] Crown, which originated in Anjou. St. Helier [[el-YEH]] is the capital of this Crown Dependency, the southernmost part of the British Isles. For the point, name this Channel Island which is the namesake of a US state governed from Trenton.

ANSWER: Bailiwick of **Jersey** (do not accept or prompt on "Guernsey" or "New Jersey")

(23) This territory onled administered the remote Clipperton Island. This territory's Gambier [[gahm-BYEH]] Islands provide the only outside link to the Pitcairn Islands, and its other archipelagoes include the Austral, Tuamotu, Marquesas, and Society Islands. Known for its bungalow resorts, for the point, what is this collective in the Pacific which is governed from Papeete [[pah-peh-EH-teh]] on Tahiti?

ANSWER: **French Polynesia** (or **Pōrīnetia Farāni**; or **Polynésie française**; prompt on partial answers; do not accept or prompt on "Tahiti")

(24) Water-filled, glacier-carved canyons along this body of water include Emerald Bay and Fallen Leaf Lake. Minor settlements along this lake include Meeks Bay and Kings Beach. This lake is drained by the Truckee River, which flows to Pyramid Lake near Reno. This lake is bordered by Carson City in the Sierra Nevadas. For the point, name this popular ski vacation spot, a lake located along the California-Nevada Border.

ANSWER: Lake **Tahoe**

(25) The remains of Fort Mundy are in this country's Orange Walk, located near Ambergris Caye. This nation and the Mopan River make a portmanteau to form its capital's name. For the point, name this majority English-speaking Central American nation once known as British Honduras.

ANSWER: **Belize** (accept **British Honduras** before mentioned)

Extra Questions

(1) This site, officially known as Homey Airport or Groom Lake, is served by the exclusive Janet Airlines, which also serves China Lake and Tonopah from Harry Reid Airport. In 2019, over 2 million people signed a proposal to "raid" this site, although only a few thousand congregated on the Extraterrestrial Highway. For the point, name this secretive military facility in Nevada, associated with UFO conspiracy theories.

ANSWER: **Area 51** (accept **Groom Lake** before mentioned)

(2) This country is home to a company that once unintentionally dumped 30 thousand rubber ducks into the Pacific Ocean, the movements of which were used to study ocean currents. That company, Evergreen, is headquartered in Taoyuan, and operated the ship that blockaded the Suez Canal for a week in 2021. Kaohsiung [[KOW-SHYUNG]] and Taipei are ports in, for the point, what country, separated by the Formosa Strait from mainland China?

ANSWER: **Taiwan** (accept **Chinese Taipei**, **Republic of China**, **ROC**, or **Formosa** before mentioned; do not accept "PRC" or "People's Republic of China" under any circumstances; prompt on "China")