

2015 Geography Bee of Asia & Europe

ROUND THREE

1. One of these buildings named for a bridge plays the song “Chelsea Dagger” by The Fratellis after a favorable event. The Hillsborough disaster took place in one of these buildings in Sheffield. The world’s largest one is referred to in English as the “Camp Nou” and is in Barcelona. For the point, name these buildings that house crowds at major sporting events involving goalkeepers and yellow cards.

ANSWER: **Football stadiums** (accept **soccer stadiums** and equivalents, prompt on “arenas” or just “stadiums”) (CP)

2. One landmark in this county is used as the start of a long-distance trail ending at John O’Groats. During the 19th century, railways brought tourists to this region's town of Penzance. Mebyon Kernow campaigns for devolution to this region, which lies west of Devon and is home to Land’s End. For the point, what Celtic region and historic center of tin mining occupies a namesake peninsula in southwest England?

ANSWER: **Cornwall** <CW> {II}

3. A rampaging brown bear killed seven residents of this island in 1915 in its country's deadliest bear attack. This island's indigenous people used its large brown bear population to conduct sacrifices and the entirety of this island composes one prefecture. This island is the main ancestral home to the oft-oppressed Ainu people. For the point, name this island home to Sapporo and connected by the Seikan Tunnel to Honshu.

ANSWER: **Hokkaido** <KG> {II}

4. This country’s administrative capital, inaugurated in 1982, has a name meaning “the blessed fortress city of growing victory,” but is known as “Kotte” for short. A large hollow resembling a human footprint is venerated at the top of its Adam’s Peak. Sinhala is the majority language in this country, which was home to a separatist group called the Tamil Tigers. For the point, name this island country off the coast of India.

ANSWER: Democratic Socialist Republic of **Sri Lanka** [or **Ceylon**] <SH> {II}

5. Many public buildings in this city such as the Votive Church and the neo-gothic Town Hall, were built after this city’s walls were destroyed to form a road around it. A frieze painted in honor of Beethoven, can be found under a golden dome in this city’s Secession Hall. The Belvedere Palace and State Opera were built near this city's *Ringstrasse*. For the point, name this capital city of nearly two million people on the Danube River in Austria.

ANSWER: **Vienna**, Austria [or **Wien**, Österreich] <BA> {II}

6. The flag of this region features a lotus flower above water on a green background. At one point in World War II, the only neutral port in Southern China was located here. This polity is famous for its casinos, recently passing Las Vegas to become the top casino market in the world. In 1999, this territory was formally handed over to its current country by Portugal. For the point, name this Special Administrative Region of China which lies on the Pearl River delta, often paired with Hong Kong.

ANSWER: **Macau** (WD)

7. Benjamin Franklin charted and named this geographic feature, aided by his cousin, a Nantucket whaler. This entity is mainly driven by western intensification, and is connected to the North Atlantic Drift. This element of the North Atlantic Gyre was discovered by Juan Ponce de Leon, and explained the difference in times taken for a trip from London to New York and the return trip. For the point, name this current that flows north from the tip of Florida up the Atlantic coast.

ANSWER: **Gulf Stream** (DS)

8. UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros Ghali was a member of this specific religious group. One of these people, who was presented to Muhammad as a gift in 628 and bore him Ibrahim, was named Maria. Members of this group are miaphysites, meaning they consider Jesus to be of one nature after the incarnation, and their language was used to write the gnostic Gospel of Judas. For the point, name this Egyptian Christian church whose members make up approximately 10% of that country's population.

ANSWER: **Copts** (or **Coptic** Christians) (prompt on Christian) (EK)

9. This mountain range surrounds a plain which was ruled by the Avar Khaganate in the Middle Ages. This range is a sanctuary for the Eurasian lynx and its northern portion is home to the endangered Tatra chamois. It surrounds the Pannonian Plain, and this mountain range's Iron Gate is a gorge carved through it by the Danube. For the point, what mountain range in southeastern Europe separates Transylvania from the rest of Romania?

ANSWER: **Carpathian** Mountains <BA> {II}

10. The San Juan River drains this lake, which lies East of the Isthmus of Rivas. Ernesto Cardenal established an art colony on its Solentiname Archipelago. This body of water was the site of a proposed canal that was beat out by a pathway incorporating the Miraflores and Gatun lakes. This lake's islands include Ometepe and Zapatera. For the point, name this lake that shares a name with a country led from Managua.

Answer: Lake **Nicaragua** (RN)

11. *Ocean Odyssey*, a drilling rig, was converted to one of these in the 1990's. Palmachim is Israel's main one of these locations, selected due to its proximity to the Mediterranean. The CNES uses one of these at Kourou in French Guiana. Yang Liwei departed from one of these facilities in Jiuquan as part of *Shenzhou 5*. The first operational one of these was located at Baikonur, and the main American one of these is at Cape Canaveral. For the point, name these places from which satellites can be sent into space.

ANSWER: **spaceport** (accept **cosmodrome**; accept anything mentioning **rocket launch** sites; prompt on "space center" or equivalents) (DS)

12. The Harbor Hill Moraine lies on the southern boundary of this body of water, which formed after the Wisconsin glacial period. Block Island lies to the east of this body of water, while the East River is a strait connecting it to New York Bay. The Connecticut River flows into – for the point – what arm of the Atlantic Ocean north of its namesake New York island?

ANSWER: **Long Island Sound** (DS)

13. One of the native names for this island may mean "Land of the Hummingbird". The Gulf of Paria is on the western shore of this island, which contains its largest city, Chaguanas. This island has both a large Hindu population and is the home of calypso music. It achieved independence from Britain in 1962, but Columbus discovered this island on his third voyage, and it was a Spanish possession until 1797; thus, one city on this island is called Port-of-Spain. For the point, name this island in the Lesser Antilles that forms a sovereign nation with its neighbor, Tobago.

ANSWER: **Trinidad** (DS)

14. Lord Byron swam across this body of water in 1810, which he mentions in his *Don Juan*. French military units were almost attacked while on this body of water during the Chanak Incident, and military access to it was limited by the London Convention of 1841. The Sea of Marmara is connected by this body to the Aegean, and it separates the Gallipoli Peninsula from Asia Minor. For the point, name this passageway which, along with the Bosphorus Strait, connects the Black Sea to the Mediterranean.

ANSWER: **Dardanelles** (accept **Hellespont**) (DS)

15. One part of this system leads from Rason to Khasan and was completed in 2011. In 1899, the Treasury Department cited this network as a source of the "great drama" in the Orient. The *Angara* was a ship built to aid in the completion of this system, which was estimated to cost 300 million rubles. An alternative to this route is the Baikal-Amur Mainline, and an extension of this system serves Kiev and Pyongyang. For the point, name this 6000-mile long route, spanning from Vladivostok to Moscow.

ANSWER: **Trans-Siberian** Railway (prompt on things like "Russian railroads") (DS)

16. Four *sangkang* protect Barkhor Square in this city, which was the site of protests in 2008. Heinrich Harrer helped construct a dam on the Kyi River flowing through this city. Water from this city drains into the Yarlung Tsangpo River, which in turn flows into the Brahmaputra. Lobsang Gyatso moved his government to this city, which lies at an elevation of 12,000 feet. Potala Palace was the residence of the Dalai Lama in – for the point – what capital city of Tibet?

ANSWER: **Lhasa** (DS)

17. This city is home to the *Guinness Book of World Records*' smallest park in the world, a two foot diameter circle known as Mill Ends Park. It lies on top of the extinct Boring Lava Field, and has landmarks such as Powell's Bookstore. This city is located just West of the city of Hood River and straddles the banks of the Willamette River, and is the seat of the surrounding Multnomah County. For the point, name this largest Oregon city.

ANSWER: **Portland** (RN)

18. This island, formerly known as New Ulster, had no official name until 2009. The Horahora power station lies on the longest river on this island, whose source is at Lake Taupo. That river is the Waikato, which the Kingitanga movement defended from the British during the 1860's. According to native mythology, this island was a fish caught by Maui, while a larger island to the south is his canoe. The two islands are separated by the Cook Strait. For the point, name this smaller of the two main islands of New Zealand.

ANSWER: **North** Island (accept Te **Ika-a-Maui**) (DS)

19. The deepest point in this body of water is 733 feet below sea level and was first reached by J. Val Klump in 1985. This body of water is home to Whitefish Bay and was the site of the wreck of the *Edmund Fitzgerald*. Some cities on this lake are Thunder Bay, Sault (**pr. Soo**) Saint Marie, and Duluth, the world's most inland port. For the point, name this largest Great Lake, which straddles the border between the US and Canada.

ANSWER: **Lake Superior** (WD)

20. During this festival, celebrants sometimes play the game Huranga, which features women trying to tear the shirts off the backs of men. In Barsana during this festival, men sing provocative songs teasing women, who in turn respond by beating them with bamboo sticks. On the third day of this festival, Parva, people throw colored powders called gulal onto each other. For the point, name this Hindu "festival of colors."

ANSWER: **Holi** (JF)

21. The British renamed a region of this country Cumberland Bay during the War of Jenkins Ear. That region in the south of this country was mentioned in a vehemently disputed 1903 treaty which allows an American presence there. This country's city of Cienfuegos was controversially visited by Soviet vessels in the early 1970s. The Rough Riders famously charged up San Juan Hill during the war that won this country its independence from Spain. For the point, name this Caribbean Island nation located ninety miles from the United States with capital at Havana.

ANSWER: **Cuba** (CP)

22. A British television show called "Meerkat Manor" was filmed in this desert. The name of this place means "large thirst" in the Tswana language. The San people, also known as Bushmen, are hunter-gatherers who live here. Acacia trees are the main type of vegetation in this desert, as well as herbs and grasses. For the point, name this African desert that can be found in Botswana, Namibia, and South Africa.

ANSWER: **Kalahari** Desert (WD)

23. This city's former mayor, Ray Nagin, was convicted of wire fraud, bribery and money laundering, and is currently in federal prison. This city sued the Army Corps of Engineers after "the worst civil engineering disaster in United States history," the failure of this city's levees. For the point, name this city which was devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

ANSWER: **New Orleans** (KL)

24. This body of water contains the Dahlak Archipelago and the Farasan Islands, and the Hala'ib Triangle lies along its banks. This sea is bounded to the South by the Bab-el-Mandeb. At its Northern end lies the Strait of Tiran, through which this sea connects to the Gulf of Aqaba. Its Southeast leads to the Gulf of Aden and Arabian Sea. For the point, name this sea between the Arabian Peninsula and continental Africa.

ANSWER: **Red** Sea (RN)

25. This region's city of Ushuaia lies east of its Cordillera Darwin, and its Northeast was originally inhabited by Selknam peoples. This region's Isla Desolación lies just South of the Strait of Magellan, and this region's Southernmost point is Cape Horn on the Beagle Channel. For the point, name this region split by Chile and Argentina that lies south of Patagonia.

ANSWER: **Tierra del Fuego** (RN)

26. This nation's festivals include the Procession of the Holy Blood held in May at Bruges. This country is also home to Gent along the Scheldt River and Namur and Liege (**pr. lee-EZH**) along the Meuse River. It also controls the Northern portions of the Ardennes forest. Culturally, this country is divided between its Flemish-speaking north, and French-speaking south. For the point, name this low country whose capital is Brussels.

ANSWER: Kingdom of **Belgium** (RN)

27. This city is home to two free economic zones known as its namesake “Internet City” and “Media City” while this city contains the largest fully automated metro system in the world. The Al-Maktoum family rules this city, which features a series of dredged-up islands known as “The World.” The tallest manmade structure in the world is located in this city, which is also home to the Burj Al-Arab hotel. For the point, name this most populous city of the United Arab Emirates.

ANSWER: **Dubai**, United Arab Emirates <CKM> {II}

28. This island was home to the Bronze Age Nuragic civilization, which built distinctive fortress towers. A sometimes-banned traditional food on this island is a cheese softened by live maggots which are left in during consumption. Lake Omodeo is the largest of this island’s whopping 54 artificial lakes. This home island of the Gennargentu range is found south of the Strait of Bonifacio, and forms part of the western boundary of the Tyrrhenian Sea. For the point, name this island south of Corsica off the west coast of Italy.

ANSWER: **Sardinia** <BA> {II}

29. In this mountain range, Damask Roses have been grown in The Valley of Roses for hundreds of years. Mount Chelia is the highest peak in a subset of this range, the Aures. Hikers begin in the Imlil Valley in order to begin their ascent of this mountain range’s highest point, Jebel Toubkal. A people inhabiting this region refer to themselves as the free people, or *Imazighen*. Those people are the Berbers. For the point, name this mountain range in northwest Africa.

ANSWER: **Atlas** Mountains (Accept **High Atlas** until Mount Chelia) (JF)

30. One of this city’s slums is profiled in Katherine Boo’s *Behind the Beautiful Forevers*. A lack of vultures threatens the use of the many Towers of Silence on this city’s Malabar Hill by its Zoroastrian community. This city’s original seven islands have merged into one thanks to land reclamation. This port on the Arabian Sea is the chief base of the Bollywood film industry. For the point, name this city in Maharashtra, the most populous city in India.

ANSWER: **Mumbai**, India [or **Bombay**] <EA> {II}

Backup Question – Only read if you botch a tossup!

31. This organism is now largely confined to Kapeota County in Eastern Equatoria State in South Sudan. This organism creates a severe, though non-fatal, burning sensation that causes the afflicted person to want to immerse themselves in water, allowing this organism to reproduce. The eradication of these organisms has been the goal of a former US President since 1986 through the work of the Carter Center. For the point, name this parasitic worm that must be wound around a stick and manually extracted over the course of weeks to remove from humans.

ANSWER: **Guinea Worm** (accept **Dracunculus Medinensis**) (JF)