Bee Round 1

# Regulation Questions

1. Police in this country fired on protesters in Maghama demanding equal voting rights for non-Arabs. As a result of the conflict in Western Sahara, many Sahrawis have fled to Algeria and this country. This country officially abolished slavery in 1981, but it still has the world’s highest proportion of slaves per capita. For the point, name this West African country whose capital is Nouakchott.

ANSWER: **Mauritania**

1. The only surviving one of these places, Perm 36, is now a UNESCO museum. The “Road of Bones” was built over the mass graves of people who lived in these places. Inhabitants of these places were called zeks, and were depicted in Nikolai Getman’s paintings and in the *A Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich*, by Alexander Solzhenitsyn. For the point, name these detention workcamps that held Soviet dissidents.

ANSWER: **gulags** (prompt on Soviet forced labor camps or similar descriptions)

1. One organization based in this Mexican state was led by the Arellano Flix brothers until 2006, when the Sinaloa Cartel expanded into this state. The busiest land border crossing in the world, San Ysidro, lies north of this state. In 2015, an underwater drug canal was built from the American city of Calexico to this state’s capital, Mexicali. The Tijuana cartel operates in, for the point, what Mexican state located, as its name suggests, under California?

ANSWER: **Baja California**(do not accept or prompt California)

1. Cada and Exito were combined to form Bicentenario, this country’s major supermarket chain, which has recently experienced massive shortages. The collapse of oil prices has led to hyperinflation and economic collapse in this OPEC country, which is facing protests against its president, Nicolas Maduro. For the point, name this South American country once ruled by Hugo Chavez, with its capital at Caracas.

ANSWER: Bolivarian Republic of **Venezuela**

1. Alison Hargreaves died after being literally blown off this mountain. Several falling seracs helped cause eleven climbers’ deaths in a 2008 incident that was this mountain’s deadliest. Baltistan is another “eight thousander” near this mountain which is the second deadliest in its mountain range after Annapurna I. For the point, name this second tallest mountain in the world, which is located on the border between Pakistan and China.

ANSWER: **K2** [or **Chhogori**or Mount **Godwin-Austen**]

1. Although this country has never been a British colony, its national anthem, Oben am Jungen Rhein, is sung to the tune of God Save the Queen. The cities of Schaan and Triesenberg in this country distribute bread to children on the feast of Corpus Christi. This country was created so that its namesake family would have a seat in the parliament of the Holy Roman Empire, and its current monarch, Hans Adam II, is worth about 3.5 billion dollars. For the point, name this tiny mountain principality whose capital is Vaduz.

ANSWER: **Liechtenstein**

1. In 2008, the Battle of Kodori Valley was fought between two neighboring countries over a disputed region located within the ‘Greater’ part of this range. That region, Abkhazia, along with South Ossetia and Nagorno-Karabakh, are all located in this mountain range. For the point, name this mountain range, which spans from the Caspian to the Black Sea, and contains the highest peak in Europe, Mount Elbrus.

ANSWER: **Caucasus**Mountains

1. This city was once invaded after its ruler hit the French consul with a fly whisk, and Rossini wrote an opera about an Italian girl in this city. A more recent artistic depiction of this city is found in a namesake film about a Battle here in which the Harkis and Pieds Noirs fought. The Palace of the Deys is in the Casbah district of this city, where Abdelaziz Bouteflika has governed since 1999. For the point, name this capital city of Algeria.

ANSWER: **Algiers**

1. Sixty-two dams burst in the aftermath of a flood of the Ru River in this country caused by the biggest dam failure in history. Over a million died in 1931 when nine different cyclones struck this country, leading this country’s “sorrow” to breach its banks. For the point, name this country where a Grand Canal built by the Sui was threatened by the flooding Yellow River.

ANSWER: People’s Republic of **China**[or **Zhonghua**]

1. With 12 lanes total, this city’s Monumental Axis is home to sites such as its Pantheon of the Fatherland and Freedom and the tallest TV tower in the country. Marcel Gautherot photographed the construction of this city, which was developed by Lucio Costa and Oscar Niemeyer. For the point, what is this planned city which replaced Rio de Janerio as capital of Brazil?

ANSWER: **Brasilia**

1. This territory’s capital used to be Bodden Town while its legislative assembly met in Pedro’s Castle. This group of 3 islands has the highest standard of living in its region, due to its lucrative financial industry, though foreign governments have criticized it for it being a tax shelter. For the point, what is this infamous Caribbean archipelago which has not signed any double tax treaties with foreign nations, and a British territory?

ANSWER: **Cayman**Islands

1. Small, rocky hills located in this region are known as Kopjes, and human settlement was decimated with the spread of the Tsetse fly. The Ngorongoro Conservation Area was established in the southern portion of this ecological region and hosts the annual Great Migration, where wildebeest, zebras and gazelles move to Maasai Mara National Reserve. For the point, what is this ecosystem that spans Northern Tanzania and Southern Kenya?

ANSWER: **Serengeti**

1. This building boasts the world’s largest New Year’s Eve countdown clock, and is grouped into 8 sections of 8 floors each. This building is protected from earthquakes and winds by the largest damper sphere in the world, and it overtook the Petronas Towers for its most notable record. For the point, name this C.Y. Lee designed building, which was the tallest building in the world until the completion of the Burj Khalifa, named for its number of floors.

ANSWER: **Taipei 101**

1. A major arm of this country’s Rural Development Program used microloans as a way of investing in its Sylhet District. This country’s Muhammad Yunus won a Nobel Prize for founding a bank that specializes in microloans to impoverished women. That organization, is known as the Grameen Bank, supports social endeavors in this country that gained its independence from Pakistan. For the point, what is this South Asian country with capital at Dhaka?

ANSWER: People’s Republic of **Bangladesh**

1. This country’s Tabacon Hot Springs are heated by the Arenal volcano, and Resplendent Quetzals live in its Monteverde Cloud Forest. This country, whose soccer team’s mascot is the Toucan, has 5% of the world’s biodiversity, and 25% of its land mass is protected reserve. Its political stability leads it to often being described as the Switzerland of Central America. For the point, name this country with capital of San Jose.

ANSWER: Republic of **Costa Rica**

1. The narrowest entrance to this body of water is the Middelfart Sund in the Little Belt, and commerce flowing in and out of this body of water was subject to the Sound Dues. An annual herring market was held in Skane on this body of water, and it is connected to the Helgoland Bight by the Kiel Canal. The Gulfs of Bothnia and Finland are arms of, for the point, what body of water bordered by Germany, Sweden, and Denmark?

ANSWER: **Baltic** Sea

1. In July 2016, 40 frozen carcasses of these animals were found at a Thai temple that supposedly served as a sanctuary for them. The last one of these animals on Bali was killed in 1937, and the creation of zapovedniks in the Soviet Union helped save the Siberian type of these animals. India has the largest population of these animals, whose most common subspecies is the Bengal type. For the point, name these orange-and-black striped big cats.

ANSWER: **Tigers**

1. This state’s Mount Kaputar contains the Sawn Rocks, a rock formation that resembles organ pipes. Lord Howe Island, a whaling station, is located in this state, which also includes the Three Sisters, a set of three spires in the Blue Mountains. This state’s Snowy Mountains include Mount Kosciuszko, the tallest in Australia, and Jorn Utzon designed its world-famous opera house. For the point, name this most populous Australian state whose largest city is Sydney.

ANSWER: **New South Wales**

1. This island’s Mitre peninsula contains the southernmost concentration of mires on the planet. The extremely isolated Evangelistas lighthouse guides ships passing this island through the “Furious Fifties” winds. Melting ice caps may be responsible for red tides in the Beagle Channel near this island, whose city of Ushuaia is the southernmost city in the world. For the point, name this region at the southern tip of South America, whose name means “land of fire” in Spanish.

ANSWER: **Tierra del Fuego**

1. Much of this country’s capital is still under construction, as it was moved without explanation in 2006. This country’s state counselor refused to support this country’s persecuted Muslim minority, the Rohingya. That woman leads the National League of Democracy, which fought against this country’s military junta, and she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1991 while under house arrest. Aung San Suu Kyi is from, for the point, what country with capital at Naypyidaw?

ANSWER: **Myanmar** [accept **Burma**]

1. One end of this gulf is home to Francesco Crispi Lighthouse on Cape Guardafui. Alternatively known as the Gulf of Berbera for a major port on it, this gulf at its southern end is home to the pirate haven of Bosaso. In October 2000, the USS Cole was bombed while in the harbor of the city that names this gulf. The Bab-el-Mandeb connects this gulf to the Red Sea, and it is a conduit for Persian Gulf oil. For the point, name this gulf in the Arabian Sea between Somalia and Yemen.

ANSWER: Gulf of **Aden**

1. Former Prime Minister Hendrik Verwoerd started a project on this river that eventually became the Gariep Dam. The Eureka diamond was found near Hopetown on this river, leading to a diamond rush. This river does not pass through any major cities, but is still used for agricultural purposes with irrigation. This river is known as the Senqu in Lesotho, where it forms. For the point, name this longest, colorfully named South African river.

ANSWER: **Orange**River [or **Oranje**River or **Groote**River; accept **Senqu**River or **Gariep**before mention]

1. This country shares with its northern neighbor the second largest hydroelectric power plant in the world, the Itaipu Dam. This country is inhabited by the indigenous Guaraní people, and it formed Mercosur with its former opponents in a war that caused it to lose over 50% of its population and was started by Francisco Solano Lopez. For the point, name this country that fought the War of the Triple Alliance against Brazil, Argentina, and Uruguay, that has its capital at Asunción.

ANSWER: **Paraguay**

1. The Hualapai Indian Reservation stretches along the southern side of this feature, and Pueblo people believe that they emerged from a hole in this feature. Though it is not the Petrified Forest, part of the Painted Desert is contained in the namesake park of this formation, which was carved by the Colorado River. For the point, name this natural wonder, a mile-deep canyon in northern Arizona.

ANSWER: **Grand Canyon**

1. This region is attached to the mainland by the Isthmus of Chignecto, and its site of Port-Royal is the second-longest continuously occupied European settlement in North America. The collision of the Imo and Mont Blanc during World War I in this province caused the largest pre-nuclear explosion in the world. For the point, name this second smallest Canadian province, which contains Cape Breton Island and has its capital at Halifax.

ANSWER: **Nova Scotia**

1. About half the members of a California government agency that combats this phenomenon are prisoners. Victoria, Australia is susceptible to these events, a series of which occurred on Black Saturday. In California, people looking to sell homes that are in a high-hazard zone for this event must disclose that fact to potential buyers, and this event is a common result of Santa Ana winds. For the point, name this devastating phenomenon that uncontrollably burns a lot of stuff.

ANSWER: wild**fire**

1. Friedrich Nietzsche sought inspiration in this region’s hilltop town of Eze. Frejus [fray-ZHOOS] is an ancient Roman city in this region where Picasso painted La Joie de Vivre in Antibes. Resort cities in this region include Beaulieu-sur-Mer, and one containing the Hotel Negresco along the Promenade des Anglais. For the point, name this region where the Cannes film festival takes place each year, not far from the larger city of Nice.

ANSWER: **French Riviera** [or **Cote d’Azur** or **PACA** or **Provence-Alps-Cote d’Azur**, prompt on Provence, prompt on Riviera since technically there’s an Italian Riviera too]

1. Many died in the early days of this event trying to pass through the White Horse Rapids. Dyea and Skagway were two towns at the heads of the Chilkoot and White Passes, which people climbed to reach this event. Jack London was a participant in this event, which began after Skookum Jim made a discovery in Bonanza Creek. For the point, name this event which occurred after a precious metal was discovered in the late 1890s in western Canada.

ANSWER: **Yukon Gold Rush**[or **Klondike Gold Rush**]

1. Mines near the town of Keisen on this island were run by Aso Mining, which controversially used prisoners of war for forced labor, and this island was home to the Sasebo Naval District. The Kanmon Tunnel was attacked by Operation Olympic, which would have captured this island’s link to neighboring Honshu. For the point, name this southernmost of Japan’s four island, whose city of Nagasaki experienced an atomic bomb attack during World War II.

ANSWER: **Kyushu**

1. In the 1990s, The Sun sold unusually few copies in this city, whose main newspaper is the Echo. The Taylor Report investigated conditions in this city following a stampede at a soccer game that killed 96 people. The most successful soccer team in this city plays at Anfield and split from Everton in 1892. For the point, name this English city on the banks of the River Mersey, the hometown of The Beatles.

ANSWER: **Liverpool**

# Extra Question

Only read if moderator botches a question.

(1) A notoriously deadly example of these locations at Dahab is supposedly cursed by a girl who committed suicide there to escape an arranged marriage. The deepest of these locations is named “Dean’s” after a landowning family and is off the coast of Clarence Town in the Bahamas. The best known example of these locations is located near the center of Lighthouse Reef and is a popular diving spot. For the point, name these submerged vertical caves, a “Great” example of which is found off the coast of Belize.

ANSWER: **Blue holes**