

**International Geography Bee & International Geography Championships
2024-25 Championships Qualifying Exam for European & African Students
Beta Set Version**



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**2025 International Geography Bee European Championships
2026 International Geography Championships**

Instructions: Circle the answer you believe is correct. Score 2 points for a correct answer. Score 0 points for a question left unanswered. Score 0 points for an incorrect response. **Thus you should answer all questions with your best guess!**

Qualifying Scores Needed:

75 Varsity (born on August 31, 2008 or before)

65 Junior Varsity (born between September 1, 2008 - August 31, 2010)

55 Middle School (born between September 1, 2010 - August 31, 2012)

45 Elementary (born on or after September 1, 2012)

Instructions – Mark the letter of the correct answer on the answer sheet or leave it blank. Correct answers are worth 2 points. Incorrect answers are worth 0 points. Questions left blank are worth 0 points.

1. Which of these lakes is shared between France and Switzerland?

- A. Lake Ladoga
- B. Lake Superior
- C. Lake Geneva
- D. Lake Victoria

2. What is the primary climate type found in most of Sardinia?

- A. Mediterranean
- B. Tropical
- C. Tundra
- D. Desert

3. Which country has the largest population in Africa?

- A. Madagascar
- B. Rwanda
- C. Nigeria
- D. Somalia

4. Honshu is the most populous island in which of these Asian nations?

- A. China
- B. Indonesia
- C. Japan
- D. the Philippines

5. Sugarloaf Mountain, the statue of Christ the Redeemer, and Maracanã Stadium are all landmarks in what major South American city?

- A. Buenos Aires
- B. Lima
- C. Quito
- D. Rio de Janeiro

6. Which US state has the most glaciers?
- California
 - Alaska
 - Louisiana
 - Tennessee
7. Which of these is true of the United Kingdom?
- it is an absolute monarchy
 - it includes both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland
 - Scotland is in the process of declaring independence from the UK
 - it is composed of Scotland, Northern Ireland, England, and Wales
8. Which of these countries has the lowest birth rate of the four listed here in 2024?
- Nigeria
 - Italy
 - India
 - Egypt
9. In which of the following is the Shinto faith most commonly practiced?
- Japan
 - India
 - Russia
 - Mexico
10. Which of these is the most populous state in India?
- Assam
 - Punjab
 - Uttar Pradesh
 - Goa
11. What major river forms part of the border between the US and Mexico?
- the Mississippi
 - the Yangtze
 - the Rio Grande
 - the Danube
12. Which of the following European countries is landlocked?
- Spain
 - Switzerland
 - Greece
 - Denmark
13. A plurality of Africa's working population works in which sector of the economy?
- manufacturing
 - agriculture
 - services
 - technology
14. Which of the following is NOT a member of OPEC?
- Ukraine
 - Venezuela
 - Saudi Arabia
 - Kuwait
15. The archaeological sites of Persepolis, Pasargadae, and Susa are World Heritage Sites in what modern-day nation?
- Mexico
 - Iran
 - China
 - England
16. The center of both the US film industry and the tech industry's 'Silicon Valley' are located in what US state?
- Washington
 - Virginia
 - North Carolina
 - California
17. Which of these was NOT part of the former nation of Yugoslavia?
- Serbia
 - Montenegro
 - Slovakia
 - Kosovo
18. Globalization has increased the interdependence of countries through which of these?
- creation of cultural boundaries
 - decrease in international trade
 - spread of technologies like the internet and interconnected markets
 - rise in local economic systems
19. Which of these is the longest river in Australia?
- Mekong River
 - Murray River
 - Missouri River
 - Orinoco River
20. Roughly what percentage of the world's population lives in China?
- 17%
 - 31%
 - 39%
 - 46%
21. Which of these mountain ranges is found in the border region between France and Spain?
- Rockies
 - Urals
 - Pyrenees
 - Apennines
22. The Tiber River runs through what major European capital?
- Rome
 - Amsterdam
 - Madrid
 - Berlin

23. What is the primary reason for deforestation in the Congo Basin?
- forest fires
 - urbanization
 - logging and agriculture
 - tourism
24. Ha Long Bay in Vietnam is a famous example of what type of geologic feature that produced dramatic limestone islands and islets?
- volcanic eruption
 - impact crater
 - glacial moraine
 - karst topography
25. Which of these countries is predominantly composed of the Khmer people, and features Angkor Wat on its flag?
- Laos
 - Cambodia
 - Thailand
 - Singapore
26. Which of these US states does not border Canada?
- New York
 - Alaska
 - Washington
 - Arizona
27. The predominant religion in Russia is which of these?
- Orthodox Christianity
 - Presbyterianism
 - Islam
 - Buddhism
28. The process of gentrification typically results in which of these?
- industrialization of rural areas
 - urban areas becoming more economically depressed
 - the renovation and improvement of urban neighborhoods
 - a shift from manufacturing to agricultural activities
29. Greenland and the Faroe Islands are possessions of which country?
- the US
 - Denmark
 - France
 - Mexico
30. Most of the population growth in Canada over the last two decades has been driven by which of these factors?
- a sharp increase in the birth rate for native-born Canadians
 - immigration and refugee resettlement
 - rapid advances in public health
 - the Covid-19 pandemic
31. Death Valley in California contains which of these extreme points in the US?
- the lowest point
 - the wettest point
 - the southernmost point
 - the westernmost point
32. Escargot, soufflé, and croissants are all staples of the cuisine of what European nation?
- Germany
 - England
 - Russia
 - France
33. Eight of the top ten diamond producing nations in the world are located in which of the following?
- South America
 - Africa
 - Asia
 - North America
34. Which of these countries has never been a member of the European Union?
- Ireland
 - United Kingdom
 - Norway
 - Bulgaria
35. Port-au-Prince serves as the capital of what Caribbean nation?
- Cuba
 - Dominican Republic
 - Jamaica
 - Haiti
36. In the political geography of the USA, which of these states has always given its electoral votes to the Democratic candidate in the 21st century?
- Florida
 - New York
 - Texas
 - Pennsylvania
37. Lake Tanganyika and Lake Malawi are among the lakes in what region of Africa?
- East Africa
 - Sahara Desert
 - Mediterranean Coast
 - West Africa
38. Which of these cities is most densely populated?
- Reykjavik
 - Paris
 - Berlin
 - Dublin

39. Which of these did NOT originate on the Indian subcontinent?

- A. Hinduism
- B. Christianity
- C. Jainism
- D. Sikhism

40. Which of the following is considered a global reserve currency and is the most traded currency in the world?

- A. Russian ruble
- B. Mexican peso
- C. US dollar
- D. Australian dollar

41. Which of these countries is one of the world's major producers of natural gas?

- A. Uruguay
- B. Portugal
- C. New Zealand
- D. Qatar

42. Which European region is known for its fjords?

- A. Iberian Peninsula
- B. Balkan Peninsula
- C. Scandinavia
- D. Dalmatian Coast

43. China leads the world in the production of which of these staple crops, arguably the most important food crop in the world?

- A. rice
- B. tomatoes
- C. oats
- D. celery

44. The Andes Mountains extend through all of these countries EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. Mexico
- B. Ecuador
- C. Peru
- D. Colombia

45. Australia leads the world in the production of what metal that is crucial to the production of electric vehicle batteries?

- A. gold
- B. silver
- C. copper
- D. lithium

46. Which of these cities is found along the French Riviera?

- A. Lyon
- B. Strasbourg
- C. Nice
- D. Toulouse

47. Which of these best describes the Sahel?

- A. it is a tropical rainforest
- B. it is a major desert
- C. it is a semi-arid region between the Sahara and the savanna
- D. it is a coastal plain

48. The green revolution was characterized by which of these?

- A. The widespread adoption of organic farming practices
- B. The development and spread of high-yield crops and agricultural technologies
- C. A shift towards sustainable, low-impact farming
- D. The decline of farming in developing countries

49. Which of the following is the largest branch of Islam, practiced by approximately 80 percent of Muslims in the world?

- A. Sunni
- B. Shia
- C. Sufism
- D. Shinto

50. Four of the five busiest container ports in the world are located in what nation?

- A. Indonesia
- B. China
- C. the Philippines
- D. Laos