**International History Bee
2014-2015 ALPHA Set – MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**BEE ROUND 1**

1. A saying about policy towards these people, who were most numerous during the Middle Ages, held that they should be “liberated from above” to stave off “risings from below.” These people were required to make forty-nine years of “redemption payments” following their “emancipation” in 1861. For the point., name these people, freed by a decree of Alexander II, who formerly were the unfree agricultural labor class of Russia.
ANSWER: **serf**s (do not accept slaves)

2. New examples of these structures have been found as recently as 1989, when J.C. Bhattacharyya found two of them. These structures were first correctly identified by Christian Huygens, who failed to notice the spaces in between them which are now named for their discoverer, Giovanni Cassini. For the point, name these structures which astronomers found around the second-largest planet.

ANSWER: **rings of Saturn** [prompt on partial answer]

3. In Hellenic tradition, Thales (**pr. THAY-leez**) of Miletus was among this number of "Sages.". This many Cities of Gold were sought in North America by Spanish explorer Francisco de Coronado. A grouping of this many landmarks includes the temple of Artemis at Ephesus and the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus. For the point, give the number of Wonders of the Ancient World.
ANSWER: **seven**

4. In this modern-day country, General “Chinese” Gordon was killed fighting the Madhi at Omdurman, and British and French forces almost began a war in the Fashoda Incident. This country has been ruled since 1989 by Omar al-Bashir, who was accused of allying with the Janjaweed to commit a genocide in the Darfur region. For the point., name this country whose southern portion seceded by referendum in 2011 from its government at Khartoum.
ANSWER: **Sudan** [Republic of the **Sudan**; or Jumhuriyat as-**Sudan**]

5. This war was caused by events such as the *Chesapeake-Leopard* affair and similar examples of impressment, as well as by Henry Clay's War Hawks. For the point, name this war in which the Canadian city of York and Washington, D.C. were both burned, which ended inconclusively in 1814 and which was named for an earlier year.

ANSWER: War of **1812**

6. These people are the antagonists of Martin Sherman's play *Bent*, and spy Howard Campbell is put on trial for being one of these people in Kurt Vonnegut's *Mother Night*. The consequences of these people's rise and fall provide the second half of the novel *The Tin Drum*, and a factory owner attempting to sabotage these people is the protagonist of *Schindler's List*. For the point, name these people who ultimately find and imprison the author of *The Diary of Anne Frank*
ANSWER: **Nazis** [prompt on **Germans**, etc.]

7. Andreas Baader and Ulrike Meinhof (**ul-REE-keh MINE-hofe**) co-founded a terrorist organization with this adjective in its name that killed American soldiers stationed in West Germany. Another group with this adjective in its name kidnapped and murdered Italian prime minister Aldo Moro. An army of this color once invaded Poland from the east and later fought the Germans on the Eastern Front. For the point, name this predominant color of the Soviet flag.

ANSWER: **red**

8. This author created the raven Grip, who accompanies a simple-minded man to the anti-Catholic Gordon Riots of 1780 in his novel *Barnaby Rudge*. He also created the characters of Sidney Carton and Madame DeFarge, who are caught up in the French Revolution. For the point., name this author of *A Tale of Two Cities*, who scrutinized English society in *David Copperfield* and *A Christmas Carol*.
ANSWER: Charles **Dickens**

9. In this country, a cycle of massacres at funerals followed by massacres at new funerals for the victims culminated in the end of the Pahlavi dynasty. This country was where Reza Shah was overthrown in 1979, which was depicted in the Oscar-award winning film *Argo*. For the point., name this country where an Islamic revolution led by Ayatollah Khomeini took fifty-two American hostages.
ANSWER: **Iran**

10. This country, whose political leaders included Jose Rizal and Emilio Aguinaldo, was the site of a battle where George Dewey commanded “you may fire when ready, Gridley.” For the point, name this now-independent country acquired by the United States in the Spanish-American War at the Battle of Manila Bay.
ANSWER: the **Philippines**

11. In a film set during this war, a man is rejected from joining an army because he a Western and Atlantic Railroad engineer. This war was the subject of the Buster Keaton film *The General*, and this war’s attack on Fort Wagner was the subject of the film *Glory*. For the point, name this war depicted in Mathew Brady's *The Dead at Antietam*.

ANSWER: American **Civil War** [or the War **Between the States**]

12. In 1877, Enrico Forlanini built the first working example of this kind of machine, which was eventually perfected by Igor Sikorsky. An iconic image of these vehicles shows them removing refugees during the fall of Saigon. For the point, name these flying vehicles which use rotors and propellers as opposed to fixed wings.

ANSWER: heli**copter**s [or **chopper**s or other synonyms]

13. The norms of this office were violated by Gaius Marius, who served an unprecedented seven terms in this post. This office was the last level, beyond praetor, in the "cursus honorum," and its occupants' names were used to designate the year. For the point., identify this office, occupied by two people at a time, which was the chief executive of the Roman Republic.
ANSWER: Roman **consul**s

14. This country was ruled from 1961 to 1999 by Hasaan II, who opposed the Polisario Front’s attempt to declare the south of this country independent as Western Sahara. Along with Tunisia and neighboring Algeria, many people from this country moved to France after World War II. For the point, name this country which hosted the Casablanca Conference in North Africa.
ANSWER: **Morocco** [Kingdom of **Morocco**; or Al Mamlakah al **Maghrib**iyah]

15. Firestick farming was practiced by this supergroup of people, who lost land under the *terra nullius* doctrine. The Warlpiri people of Yuendumu are among these people, who were legally grouped with the Torres Strait islanders. A state policy to raise and educate mixed-race members of this group resulted in the Stolen Generations. For the point, name these indigenous people displaced by convicts transported to Botany Bay, many of whom revere Ayers' Rock as Uluru.
ANSWER: Australian **aboriginal**s [or **aborigine**s; or **indigenous** people of **Australia]**

16. This food item was promoted in 1980s TV commercials by a lounge singer whose face was a crescent moon. An index based on the price of this fast food item is used as a simple measure of local purchasing power by *The Economist*. For the point, name this double-decker burger, a signature product of McDonald’s.

ANSWER: **Big Mac** (prompt on hamburger, burger, etc.)

17. Meetings called *kurultai* elected these rulers, who issued a law code known as the *Yassa*. The first prominent holder of this title married Börte (**BOR-tay**) before he subjugated the Khwarezmians. *Kamikaze* winds wrecked the navy of a holder of this title who also started the Yuan dynasty of China. For the point, name this warlord rank attained by Kublai and Genghis, two Mongols.

ANSWER: **khan** (accept **Genghis Khan** or **Kublai Khan** if someone gives a full name instead)

18. Prominent Viennese musician Joseph Leutgeb (**LOYT-geb**) played this instrument, and debuted four concertos for it by Mozart. This instrument developed from a simpler device used in hunting and can be played with a technique invented in 1750 by Anton Joseph Hampel. For the point, name this brass instrument that is "hand-stopped" and sometimes named for a European country.

ANSWER: French **horn**

19. James Neill complained of a lack of funding for the defense of this site, where the slave Joe and Susanna Dickinson were spared. Similar events as what happened at this site occurred at the Battle of Goliad. People shouting, “Remember this place” won the Battle of San Jacinto. For the point, Jim Bowie and Davy Crockett died at what San Antonio mission during the Texas revolution?
ANSWER: the **Alamo**

20. While in power, this group banned the practice of Bacha bazi, or “boy play”. This group was responsible for destroying the Buddhas of Bamiyan and were originally funded by Pakistan’s I-S-I. For the point, name this Islamic militant group headed by Mullah Mohammed Omar, which ruled Afghanistan until the 2001 US-led invasion.

ANSWER: **Taliban**

21. This city took its modern form in 1784 when the Mala Strana, the Hradcany district, and its Old Town were united into one administrative entity. In 1618, two Catholic regents claimed they were saved by the intercession of Mary after being thrown from a window in this city. In 1968, an uprising known as this city’s “Spring” unsuccessfully protested Soviet domination. For the point, name this historical capital of Bohemia, which today is the capital of the Czech Republic.
ANSWER: **Prague**

22. For most of the 2000s, this country followed the “Sunshine Policy” on its most pressing foreign affairs question. This country’s 1960 April Revolution exiled the longtime resident of the Blue House to Hawaii. This country was led by Syngman Rhee during a war which set its border at the 38th parallel. For the point., name this U.S. ally in East Asia which fought its Communist “North” neighbor in the early 1950s.
ANSWER: **South Korea** [or **ROK**; or **Republic of Korea**; or **Taehan-min'guk**; or **Hanguk**]

23. This man’s government attempted to eliminate the Four Pests in an effort that included the Sparrow-Killing Campaign. This man coined sayingss such as “political power grows out of the barrel of a gun” in a manual that was once the world’s second-most-circulated book after the Bible, his *Little Red Book*. For the point., name this leader of the Long March who became the “chairman” of Communist China from 1949 to his 1976 death.
ANSWER: **Mao** Zedong

24. This city is home to the world's largest underground shopping complex, and still hosts soccer games at Olympic Stadium, which hosted the games in 1976. This city’s economy grew through its position for exporting furs and timber through the St. Lawrence River. For the point, name this most populous city in Quebec.

ANSWER: **Montreal**

25. A politician from this city reorganized its four traditional tribes into ten new *phyles* and increased the size of its ruling council by 100. Later reforms in this city moved judicial power to the *boule* (**BOO-lay**) from its original court, the Areopagus. For the point, name this city where harsh laws instituted by Draco were eventually reformed by Cleisthenes (**KLISE-then-eez**) and Solon, who laid the foundations for its democracy.

ANSWER: **Athens** [or **Athenai**]

**Extra (ONLY READ IF YOU BOTCH A QUESTION!)**

An exception to this U.S. Constitutional amendment which was applied in the 1940s and 1950s was established in the *Chaplinsky v. New Hampshire* case. This amendment was also the subject of the *West Virginia v. Barnette* decision and the draft card case *U.S. v. O'Brien*. This amendment is held to imply a right to freedom of association, and it begins with the Establishment Clause. For the point, name this American Constitutional amendment, which protects freedom of religion and speech.

ANSWER: **First** Amendment