

Bee Round 2 – Middle School

Regulation Questions

- (1) The siege of this city was lifted by a corridor over neighboring Lake Ladoga, and was the target of Army Group North during Operation Barbarossa. This city was renamed in 1914, 1924, and 1991. For the point, name this city, a former capital of Russia that was besieged by Nazi Germany for over two years.

ANSWER: **Leningrad** (accept **St. Petersburg**; accept **Petrograd**)

- (2) This dynasty's founder, Nurhaci created the Eight Banners Army. A century later, its Kangxi [kahng-shee] Emperor welcomed Jesuit missionaries. For the point, name this Chinese dynasty founded by Manchu invaders after the fall of the Ming.

ANSWER: **Qing** [cheeng] Dynasty (accept **Manchu** Dynasty before mentioned; do not accept Qin [chin])

- (3) This country's Plain of Jars was significantly bombed during the 1960's during a war fought primarily in its neighbor to the east. This country's Hmong people have often been oppressed and its city of Luang Prabang has become a hub for tourists on a budget. For the point, name this country which, during the Vietnam War, was the primary site of the Ho Chi Minh trail through the mountains to the east of its capital, Vientiane.

ANSWER: **Laos**

- (4) Manco Yupanqui [yu-pahn-kee] founded a breakaway state of this empire in Vilcabamba five years after a civil war in this empire ended in the defeat of a half-brother of Huascar, Atahualpa. The siege of Cuzco was fought by, for the point, what Peruvian empire that was conquered by the Spanish under Francisco Pizarro?

ANSWER: **Incan** Empire

- (5) In this city, triads populated a once-walled city built in the Kowloon peninsula. This city features the I. M. Pei designed Bank of China Building in its Central district. Reclamation projects have reduced the size of Victoria Harbor in, for the point, what special administrative region that was given to China from Britain in 1997?

ANSWER: **Hong Kong**

- (6) According to one of this man's former hitmen, this man was urged by his nation's Minister of Justice to assassinate presidential candidate Luis Galan. After escaping his private prison La Catedral, this man was hunted down by the Search Bloc and died in a 1993 shootout. For the point, name this Colombian drug lord, the leader of the Medellin [meh-deh-LEEN] Cartel.

ANSWER: Pablo Emilio **Escobar** Gaviria

- (7) A famine of this commodity in Lancashire, England, was caused by a decrease of its American exports. This commodity names the type of diplomacy used by the Confederacy to appeal to European powers during the Civil War, and it was nicknamed "King" due to its importance to the American south. For the point, name this textile crop that is processed by an Eli Whitney-invented "gin."

ANSWER: **cotton**

(8) A fascist party in this country, the Iron Guard, was suppressed by Ion Antonescu, who was executed for war crimes after World War II. The last Communist ruler of this country was, with his wife Elena, executed on live TV on Christmas Day, 1989. For the point, name this country where dictator Nicolae Ceausescu ruled from Bucharest.

ANSWER: **Romania**

(9) One example of this type of performance caused a riot at its premier in Paris in 1913, called The Rite of Spring. Tchaikovsky created a popular type of this work which features characters such as the Mouse King and Clara, and is often performed in December. For the point, name this type of artistic performance, of which *Swan Lake* and *The Nutcracker* are famous example.

ANSWER: **ballet** (prompt on dance / dancing)

(10) In one conflict in this region, the 93rd Highlanders became honored as the Thin Red Line. In this region, Lord Raglan made his name launching a courageous assault upon a Russian battery during the siege of Sevastopol. The Charge of the Light Brigade took place on, for the point, what Russian peninsula in the Black Sea, the subject of an 1850s war?

ANSWER: **Crimean** Peninsula (accept **Kerch** Peninsula before mentioned; prompt on Russia before mentioned; prompt on the Black Sea before mentioned)

(11) This country holds the distinction of being the only one to unwillingly gain its independence; its first prime minister, Lee Kuan Yew, cried on television after this country was expelled from Malaysia. For the point, name this city-state on the southern tip of the Malay Peninsula.

ANSWER: Republic of **Singapore**

(12) This material names a type of cross that was the focus of a speech in 1896 by the populist American politician William Jennings Bryan. This material sparked a mass migration to the Klondike region of Canada when it was discovered there, which led to many miners freezing to death. For the point, name this precious metal which forms a prize given to winning athletes at the Olympics.

ANSWER: **Gold**

(13) In what is today this modern country, Piye and Kashta were rulers of the ancient Kingdom of Kush. This country is home to the southern reaches of the ancient region of Nubia. Sulaymon Solong founded the Sultanate of Darfur in what is now, for the point, what African country whose southern territory became independent in 2011?

ANSWER: **Sudan** (accept **South Sudan**)

(14) The father of King George III was either killed with a cricket ball or a ball used for this sport. In 1789, members of the National Assembly took an oath in a venue for this sport. Jeu de paume was a racquet-less precursor to, for the point, what sport played professionally by Roger Federer and Serena Williams?

ANSWER: **tennis** (accept **jeu de paume** before mentioned)

(15) This document ends with a mutual "pledge to each other" of "our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor." Earlier, this document condemned a ruler for "imposing Taxes on us without our Consent," one of numerous "repeated injuries and usurpations" committed by the King. John Hancock affixed an oversized signature to, for the point, what founding American document that was approved on July 4, 1776?

ANSWER: US **Declaration of Independence**

(16) An archaeologist from this country discovered the Mask of Agamemnon in his search for a historical Troy. A government in this country created the Entarte Kunst exhibition to “show off” the works of Die Brucke artist Ernst Kirchner. For the point, name this country, home to Heinrich Schliemann, where degenerate art was banned by the Nazi party.

ANSWER: **Germany** (or **Deutschland**; accept **German** Empire; accept Nazi **Germany** after “Entarte” is said)

(17) This modern country’s former Northwest Frontier province was bounded by the Durand Line. Shortly after Muhammad Ali Jinnah became governor general of this nation, conflict broke out with its majority Hindu neighbor. The Jammu and Kashmir state is disputed by China, India, and, for the point, what nation governed from Islamabad?

ANSWER: Islamic Republic of **Pakistan**

(18) The grandson of the king, this man was named Prince of Wales after the 1756 death of his father, Frederick. This king, who authorized taxes on British colonies to pay for the Seven Years’ War, suffered in his later years from dementia and insanity. For the point, name this British king who ruled during the American Revolution, the third of his name.

ANSWER: **George III** (prompt on George until “third” is read)

(19) Absolute Chakri rule ended with this country’s 1932 constitution, and its King Bhumibol ruled from 1946 to his 2016 death. This country’s military leader, Prayuth Chan-ocha, has applied lese-majeste [lez ma-ja-stay] laws to block criticism of this country’s new king, Vajiralongkorn, styled as Rama X [tenth]. For the point, name this country where protests supporting the Shinawatra family have taken place in Bangkok.

ANSWER: **Thailand**

(20) Negotiations in this location defined the modern borders of Hungary, agreed to in the Treaty of Trianon. The third building campaign in this location occurred after the Dutch War and included the creation of the Hall of Mirrors. For the point, name this palace where Louis XIV [14] of France established his court and where the primary treaty ending World War I was signed.

ANSWER: **Versailles** (accept Treaty(s) of **Versailles**; prompt on France before “palace” is mentioned)

(21) Approximations for this number named “Milu” were discovered by the 5th century Chinese astronomer Zu Chongzhi; one of which was 355 over 113. Archimedes used a polynomial algorithm to obtain lower and upper bounds for the value of this constant. For the point, name this constant, equal to the ratio of a circle’s circumference to its diameter, which is roughly equal to 3.14.

ANSWER: **pi**

(22) In one expedition, this man defeated Desiderius and conquered the Lombard kingdom, though he was less successful when Basque troops destroyed his rearguard in Roncevaux Pass in the Pyrenees. This son of Pepin the Short was coronated on Christmas Day by Pope Leo III. For the point, name this Frankish king who was crowned Holy Roman Emperor in 800.

ANSWER: **Charlemagne** (or **Charles the Great**; accept **Charles I**; accept **Carolus Magnus**; accept **Karl de Grosse**)

(23) Richard Allen converted a blacksmith shop into one of these buildings in the 1790s in Philadelphia. Jonathan Edwards worked at one of these buildings in Northampton. Two lanterns were hung in one of these buildings in Boston as part of Paul Revere’s Ride. Boston’s Old North and Trinity are, for the point, what type of building for Christian congregations?

ANSWER: **churches**

- (24) In this country, in 1863, protests against Russian conscription led to the January Uprising. After an 1846 uprising, Austria and Russia agreed to violate the Congress of Vienna by revoking the “free city” status that had been granted to this country’s city of Krakow. In the 18th century, European powers thrice partitioned, for the point, what country, the former site of the Duchy of Warsaw?
ANSWER: **Poland**

- (25) This man, who was Edward Braddock’s chief aide during the French and Indian War, attacked a group of unprepared Hessian soldiers on the day after Christmas. Christopher Jackson won a Tony for portraying this man in Hamilton, in which he is introduced in the song “Right Hand Man.” For the point, name this commander of the Continental Army who won the Battle of Trenton after crossing the Delaware River in 1776.
ANSWER: George **Washington**

Extra Question

Only read if moderator botches a question.

(1) Shortly before his death, this man acted as a guide and navigator for an expedition to Nantucket Sound aboard the Swan. This man harvested fish from the muddy banks of the Eel River and explained methods of fertilizing corn and beans according to an account by William Bradford. For the point, name this Patuxet Native American who lived among the Plymouth colonists and whose agricultural prowess provided food for the first Thanksgiving.

ANSWER: **Squanto** (or **Tisquantum**)