The 2016 MCQB geography questions will not be provided ahead of time. Instead, all questions will be based on the following categories:

- Countries bordering China
- Chinese provinces and their basic locations
- Chinese autonomous regions and their basic locations
- Capitals of Chinese provinces
- Chinese rivers
- Chinese mountain ranges

Additional knowledge pertaining to any of the above may be helpful as some questions may be phrased with multiple hints, such as in the following example:

Q: This southwestern Chinese province is known as the home of the panda. Please name this province and its capital city. Is it:

   a) Hubei-Wuhan; b) Sichuan-Chongqing; c) Sichuan-Chengdu; d) Hebei-Shijiazhuang

Contestants may provide the answer before hearing all choices or may answer with the letter of one of the choices provided. Nevertheless, students should be advised to listen to the entire question as it may turn out to be slightly different (as in the question above) from what they anticipate!