

20. The topic is: really boring questions that a writer can dig out of an almanac when he's not feeling creative.

1. For ten points, all or nothing, name the five daily newspapers with the highest national circulation in the United States, as of 1991.

Answer: _Wall Street Journal_, _New York Times_, _Washington Post_, _USA Today_, _Los Angeles Times_

2. Now, for five points each and a maximum of twenty, name any four of the next six.

Answer: New York Newsday; The New York Daily News; The Chicago Tribune; The Detroit Free Press; The San Francisco Chronicle; The Chicago Sun-Times

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Toss-Ups

1. He is the most recent person buried in Westminster Abbey's Poet's Corner, and according to Abbey officials, he will also be the last person ever buried there, since there is no more room for new headstones. FTP, name this man who was not enshrined in the Poet's Corner until 111 years after his death, the author of _Barchester Towers_, _The Small House at Allington_, and _Can You Forgive Her?_

Answer: Anthony _Trollope_

2. Strom Thurmond sets a record with a twenty-four hour speech in a filibuster against a civil rights bill. John F. Kennedy is awarded a Pulitzer Prize for _Profiles in Courage_, and Albert Camus wins the Nobel Prize in Literature. In baseball, the Braves stop the Yankees in seven games, and in college basketball, North Carolina stops Wilt Chamberlain and Kansas in double overtime. For ten points, name this year, which also saw the launch of Sputnik.

Answer: _1957_

3. He was studying under Geiger at Berlin when World War I broke out, and because it never occurred to him to flee the country, he was arrested and spent four years interned in a racehorse stable. After the armistice, he was given a job as an assistant to Rutherford, and went on to design Britain's first cyclotron. FTP, name this subatomic physicist, who was awarded the 1935 Nobel Prize for his discovery of the neutron.

Answer: James _Chadwick_

4. In his last years, he became a vocal supporter of Mussolini, and most of his later works, such as the opera _Nerone_, were commissioned as propaganda pieces for the Fascist regime. Although his best work was probably his second opera, _L'Amico Fritz_, only his first opera is still performed with much frequency today, most often as part of a

double-bill with Leoncavallo's I Pagliacci. FTP, name this composer of Cavalleria Rusticana.

Answer: Pietro Mascagni

5. He retired for good at age of ninety-eight, following a stint as kicking coach for Stockton Junior College. He was eighty-one when he was named college coach of the year while at the University of the Pacific, and at the age of 26, he helped James Naismith invent basketball. FTP, name this only person to be a member of both the college football and basketball Halls of Fame, who coached football at the University of Chicago for fifty years.

Answer: Amos Alonzo Stagg

6. His first works were anonymous adventure stories written while he was a law clerk in Paris, and it was not until 1829's Les Chouans that he produced a novel good enough to publish under his own name. FTP, name this Frenchman, credited with inventing the naturalistic novel, whose other works include Cousine Bette, La Peau de Chagrin, Eugenie Grandet, and Pere Goriot.

Answer: Honore de Balzac

7. In 1992, he flew to the Sudan and negotiated the release of a constituent who had been abducted by terrorists, and as a result, he was later given similar missions in Myanmar, Iraq, and North Korea. FTP, name this New Mexico congressman who succeeded Madeline Albright as U.S. representative to the United Nations.

Answer: Bill Richardson

8. Take the closed interval from zero to one. Remove from this the open interval from one third to two thirds, and then remove the middle open thirds from each of the closed intervals that remain. If this process is endlessly repeated, it will produce an uncountable perfect set of zero Lebesgue measure that has many important applications in topology. FTP, identify this special set, named for the founder of set theory.

Answer: Cantor Set

9. He appears in Plato's dialogue Parmenides, where he argues that it is impossible for more than one thing to exist in the universe. Though only fragments of his writing survives, his own ideas are extensively discussed by Aristotle, who criticized him for his habit of carrying arguments to their most absurd conclusions. For ten points, who was this ancient philosopher whose paradoxes attempted to prove that motion is impossible?

Answer: Zeno of Elea

10. The original version opened with the dead main character in the city morgue, telling his story. Not only did preview audiences break into laughter during this scene, but they kept on laughing through the rest of the movie, even though it isn't a comedy, and so the opening scene was dropped. FTP, name this film starring William Holden and Gloria Swanson, the source for an Andrew Lloyd- Webber musical.

Answer: Sunset Boulevard

11. Thanks to the Rosa Keller affair and the Marseilles scandal, for which he was sent to prison in 1772, he was already a notorious figure by the time he started his literary career. He did little to improve his reputation by his writings, perhaps the tamest of which, Florville and Courval, was a 1788 novella about incest. FTP, name this inmate of the Charenton lunatic asylum, whose other works include Justine and the aptly-named 120 Days of Sodom.

Answer: The Marquis de Sade (Donatien-Alphonse-Francois de Sade)

12. Because of a local superstition that bizarre clothing deflects bullets, most combatants in this nation's civil war now wear halloween costumes into battle. The one notable exception is the Butt Naked Brigade, which, owing to another local superstition, fights butt naked. FTP, name this West African country which has been in a state of virtual anarchy ever since Charles Taylor launched his rebellion against the late Samuel Doe.

Answer: Liberia

13. It most often sets in during late infancy, at a time when the child first becomes conscious of being smaller and weaker than adults. This, in turn, leads to a perception of real or imaginary physical handicaps, which in turn leads to all sorts of unpleasant overcompensation. FTP, name this complex proposed by Alfred Adler, according to which the most arrogant people are really the most insecure.

Answer: The inferiority complex

14. This city is a popular Islamic pilgrimage destination both for its famous Qarawiyyin Mosque, as well as for the tomb of the Arab conqueror Mawlay Idris, who founded the town back in the early eighth century. Formerly the largest city of northwestern Africa, it is perhaps best known because of a distinctive type of headgear that was popularized by Ottoman bureaucrats in the nineteenth century. FTP, name this second-largest city of Morocco.

Answer: Fez

15. It was the success of this periodical that prompted H.L. Mencken's famous remark that "nobody ever went broke underestimating the intelligence of the American public." Seventy years later, it is still going strong, and its circulation is today second only to the publications of the AARP. FTP, name this magazine whose regular departments include "Life in these United States" and "The Most Unforgettable Person I Ever Met."

Answer: Reader's Digest

16. He spent the last sixteen years of his life in Grayson, Co., Virginia, where he edited both the local Democratic and Republican newspapers. However, he always continued to be associated with the rural Midwest, which was reflected even in such later works as the autobiographical A Story Teller's Story and Tar: A Midwest Childhood. FTP, name this author whose best works include Horses and Men, The Triumph of the Egg, and Winesburg, Ohio.

Answer: Sherwood Anderson

17. Born in Tobolsk, Siberia, his real last name was Novykh. After a middle-aged religious conversion, he became a wandering faith- healer, and because he could allegedly cure hemophilia, he was appointed chaplain to the Tsarevich. Before long, he exercised

almost complete influence over the Tsar Nicholas II, and was allowed to fill the ministries with his proteges. FTP, name this monk, who was assassinated in December 1917.

Answer: Grigori _Rasputin_

18. Over six hundred of these objects have been discovered, some at distances as great as 10 to the tenth power light years away-- making them by far the most distant objects visible from earth. Appearing as blue points in the sky, they are about a million times brighter than the average galaxy, while their unusually high redshift has yet to be fully explained. FTP, name these starlike bodies, whose name is a contraction of "quasistellar object."

Answer: _quasars_

19. Numerous poems, including the sonnet "On the brink of death." The fortifications for the city of Florence. The paintings _Bruges Madonna_, _Dondi Tondo_, and _The Battle of Cascina_. The Medici family crypt and the Medici chapel. The tomb of Pope Julius II. The sculptures _Day_, _Night_, _Dawn_, _Evening_, _Palestrina Pieta_, _Rondanini Pieta_, _David_, and _Moses_. FTP, all these are works created by what Florentine renaissance man?

Answer: _Michelangelo_ Buonarroti

20. He was the author of numerous books on art and gourmet cooking, including "Drawings of Delacroix" and "The Come Into the Kitchen Cookbook." A supporting actor in film noir classics of the 1940s such as "The Long Night" and "Laura," he turned to horror movies, the best of which are "House of Wax" and "The A

Bonuses

mable Doctor Phibes." FTP, name this actor who preceded Diana Rigg as host of PBS' "Mystery!" series.

Answer: Vincent _Price_ JS- Packet #14 (Medium) Bonus Questions

30 POINT BONUS

1. For the stated number of points, answer these questions about a nineteenth-century British novel.

1. First, for ten: name the novel first published serially from 1847 to 1848, whose minor characters include Jos Sedley, Bute Crawley, George Osborne, and Dobbin.

Answer: _Vanity Fair_

2. For five, name the author of _Vanity Fair_.

Answer: William _Thackeray_

3. For five, name the ambitious, social-climbing heroine of Thackeray's "Novel Without a Hero."

Answer: Becky _Sharp_

4. For ten, name the novel's other central female character, a weak-willed aristocrat whose story alternates and contrasts with that of Becky Sharp.

Answer: _Amelia Sedley_

30 POINT BONUS

2. For the stated number of points, identify these important European countries which no longer exist.

1. For five: its last ruler was Constantine Dragases, who died fighting the army of Ottoman Sultan Mehmet II.

Answer: _Byzantine_ Empire

2. For ten: It achieved de facto independence during the Hundred Year's War, then became a superpower through its annexation of Flanders, but disappeared from the map shortly after the death of its greatest ruler, Charles the Bold.

Answer: _Burgundy_

3. For fifteen: the first Slavic nation to accept Christianity, this early medieval superpower was destroyed by the Magyars in 906.

Answer: _Moravia_

30 POINT BONUS

3. For fifteen points each, give the sums of the following infinite series:

1. $1 + 1/1! \text{ [read: one over one factorial]} + 1/2! + 1/3! \dots$

Answer: _e_

2. $1 - 1/3 + 1/5 - 1/7 + 1/9 \dots$

Answer: _Pi/4_

30 POINT BONUS

4. Many of the most celebrated adventures in Greek mythology were carried out not by individual heroes, but by teams. Given a list of heroes, identify the mythological expedition they all took part in. Ten points each.

1. Castor, Pollux, Heracles, Hylas, Tiphys.

Answer: _Argonauts_ or Expedition of the_Golden Fleece_

2. Adrastus, Tydeus, Capanaeus, Polyneices.

Answer: Seven Against _Thebes_

3. Meleager, Castor, Pollux, Theseus, Atalanta.

Answer: _Calydonian Boar_ Hunt

30 POINT BONUS

5. Identify the NCAA Division I men's basketball conference, given its champion in 1992.
Five points each.

1. Campbell

Answer: _Big South_

2. Georgia Southern

Answer: _Trans-America_

3. Miami of Ohio

Answer: _Mid-American_

4. Murray State

Answer: _Ohio Valley_

5. Robert Morris

Answer: _Northeast_

6. Fordham

Answer: _Patriot_

30 POINT BONUS

6. Identify the following Augustan-age British writers from works, 10-5.

1. 10 pts: the poem _The Campaign_ and the tragedy _Cato_. 5 pts: with Steele, _The Tatler_ and _The Spectator_

Answer: Joseph _Addison_

2. 10 pts: _Windsor Forest_ and _Epilogue to the Satires_ 5 pts: _An Essay on Man_

Answer: Alexander _Pope_

3. 10 pts: _Know Thyself_ and (with Pope) _Memoirs of Marin Scriblerus_ 5 pts: _The History of John Bull_

Answer: John _Arbuthnot_

30 POINT BONUS

7. For the stated number of points, answer these questions about the Hegira.

1. First, for five points all or nothing, name the city from which the prophet Mohammed was expelled in the Hegira, and the city to which he fled. You must specify which is which.

Answer: expelled from _Mecca_, fled to _Medina_.

2. Name the year of the Western calendar in which the Hegira took place; ten points if exact, five points if within five years.

Answer: _622_

3. For a final final fifteen points, name the camel which carried Muhammed from Mecca to Medina.

Answer: al-_Kaswa_.

30 POINT BONUS

8. For fifteen points each, identify these biochemists who made all of those irritating questions about deficiency diseases possible.

1. Along with Frederick Hopkins, he was awarded the 1929 Nobel Prize in Medicine for his discovery that the diseases beriberi, rickets, and scurvy were caused by the absence of certain trace substances.

Answer: Christiaan _Eijkman_

2. This Polish-American biochemist systematized the theories of Hopkins and Eijkman, and later coined the term "vitamin."

Answer: Casimir _Funk_

30 POINT BONUS

9. Identify the following Philistine and Canaanite gods, for ten points each.

1. A Philistine version of Ba'al, his name literally meant "Lord of the Flies."

Answer: _Beelzebub_

2. The second-ranking god in the Philistine pantheon, he was half- man, half-fish.

Answer: _Dagon_

3. This Canaanite god had a notorious shrine at Tophet, at which parents would make human sacrifices of their first-born children.

Answer: _Moloch_

30 POINT BONUS

10. For the stated number of points, answer these random questions about the NFL playoffs.

1. For five: name the only wild card team ever to win a Super Bowl.

Answer: Oakland _Raiders_, 1980.

2. In addition to the 1980 Raiders, three other wild cards teams have reached the Super Bowl. For five points each, name them.

Answer: Dallas _Cowboys_, 1975; New England _Patriots_, 1985; Buffalo _Bills_, 1993.

3. For a final five points for each part, name the worst regular- season record ever achieved by a team that went on to the Super Bowl, and name the first team with that record to do so.

Answer: _9-7_, Los Angeles _Rams_

30 POINT BONUS

11. For ten points each, identify these Shakespeare plays, given the place or places where the action is set.

1. Elisnore

Answer: _Hamlet_

2. Messina

Answer: _Much Ado About Nothing_

3. Sicily and Bohemia

Answer: The _Winter's Tale_

30 POINT BONUS

12. Given a war with a silly name and the year in which it broke out, name the two countries that fought each other in it, for five points each part.

1. The Soccer War, 1969

Answer: El Salvador and Honduras

2. The War of Jenkins' Ear, 1739

Answer: Great Britain and Spain

3. The Pastry War, 1839

Answer: Mexico and France

30 POINT BONUS

13. For the stated number of points, identify these physics Nobel laureates, given the year in which they won and the specific accomplishment for which they were honored.

1. 5 pts: 1901; the discovery of x-rays.

Answer: Wilhelm _Roentgen_

2. 10 pts: 1949; prediction of the meson.

Answer: Hideki _Yukawa_

3. 15 points: 1967; discoveries concerning the energy production of stars.

Answer: Hans _Bethe_

30 POINT BONUS

14. Most nations have just one capital. A few currently have two, while one country holds the record with three separate national capitals-- one each for its legislative, executive, and judicial branches.

1. First, for ten points, name this country.

Answer: _South Africa_

2. Now, name the three political capitals of South Africa. You will receive five points for one, ten for two, and twenty for all three.

Answer: _Pretoria_, _Cape Town_, _Blomfontein_

30 POINT BONUS

15. Now that Robert Reed is dead, TV producer Sherwood Schwartz will hopefully give up his twenty-year crusade to bring the Brady Bunch back to prime time. For ten points each, identify these abortive Brady TV comebacks.

1. This 1977 series was a song-and-dance variety show designed to showcase the musical talents of Chris Knight and friends. It was cancelled after only three months.

Answer: The _Brady Bunch Hour_

2. In 1981, Marcia and Jan got married. This spinoff did not survive its first season, but it did last long enough to feature a classic episode in which the Bradys appear on "The Newlywed Game."

Answer: The _Brady Brides_

3. The highest-rated made-for-TV movie of 1990, it ended with the classic scene of Robert Reed being rescued from a collapsed building by the sound of the Brady family singing "O Come All Ye Faithful."

Answer: _A Very Brady Christmas_

30 POINT BONUS

16. Identify the author from his works, 30-20-10.

1. The tragedies "Brutus," "Zaire," "Mahomet," and "Tancred."
2. The prose works "Zadig," "Bacbouc," and "The History of Charles XII."
3. "The Philosophical Dictionary."
4. [we lied, this is really a 30-20-10-5] "Candide."

Answer: _Voltaire_

30 POINT BONUS

17. For the stated number of points, identify these economic unions of modern Europe.

1. For ten points, name the 1952 organization formed by six continental European neighbors, which became the nucleus for later economic integration.

Answer: The European _Steel and Coal_ Community

2. In 1958, the six members of the European Steel & Coal Community entered into two more unions, one with a fairly narrow program, the other much broader. For a final ten points each, name these.

Answer: European _Economic Community_ (_EEC_); European _Atomic Energy_ Community

30 POINT BONUS

18. For fifteen points each, identify these extinct birds.

1. A swift runner and fierce kicker, this 10-foot tall bird of New Zealand was extinct by the seventeenth century.

Answer: Giant _Moa_

2. Related to the penguin, this bird of the north Atlantic was hunted to death for its feathers and flesh. The last two were clubbed to death in 1844.

Answer: Great _Auk_

30 POINT BONUS

19. Identify the Platonic dialogue, give a brief description. 10 points each.

1. At a victory party for the tragedian Agathon, Socrates discusses love with Phaedrus, Aristophanes, Alcibiades, and others.

Answer: _Symposium_

2. Socrates discusses justice and "the good life," with the title rhetorician, his disciple Polus, and the hedonist Callicles.

Answer: _Gorgias_