

John's Complete Packets Packet 20 (Hard)

Toss-Ups

1. Two men named Peisthetaerus and Euelpides get fed up with Athenian politics, and, after meeting with the tragic mythological character Tereus, they found a new city in the sky. This new city prospers so much that Peisthetaerus decides to start a war of aggression against the Olympian gods, which he wins. FTP, this is the plot of what Aristophanes comedy, which takes place in the city of Cloudcuckooland?

Answer: The Birds

2. The original one was a loose alliance of city-states most famous for defeating Frederick Barbarossa at the 1176 battle of Legano. The modern version (which has since been renamed "The Northern League") was little known until 1992, when, under Umberto Bossi, it captured 50 seats in Parliament and sent secessionist shock waves through Italy. FTP, give the shared name of this medieval confederation and contemporary political party.

Answer: The Lombard League (acc: Lega Lombarda)

3. He was the youngest Lucasian Professor in the twentieth century, earning the prestigious appointment in 1932 when he was only thirty. He was also one of the youngest-ever Nobel Prize winners, winning the Physics award a year later for work that appeared in his Principles of Quantum Mechanics. FTP, name this Englishman who devised the mathematical formulation for quantum physics, work which also led to his prediction of antimatter.

Answer: Paul Dirac

4. Her canonization ceremony in 1950 was the first in history for which not only the saint's mother but also her murderer were in attendance. In 1902 she had been stabbed to death after rejecting the sexual advances of the boy next door, Alexander Sernelli, who afterwards claimed to have been forgiven and converted by her ghost while he was in prison, and who became a Capuchin monk after his release. FTP, name this patron saint of teenagers.

Answer: St. Maria Goretti

5. His accusers include Clint Smith, a former employee who was fired for embezzlement; a fourteen-year-old hitchhiker who he picked up in 1992; and an unnamed man who had worked at his Tacoma deli as a teenager in the 1970s. FTP, these are among the mounting legal troubles of what popular TV chef and alleged child molester?

Answer: Jeff Smith or the Frugal Gourmet

6. Her real last name was Gorenko and her married name was Gumilova, but she chose to publish under the name of her Tatar great-grandmother. Her work after 1920 is dominated by the unhappy events of her later life, most of which were directly caused by the Soviet government, including the execution of her husband, the imprisonment of her son, and the suppression of her own poetry. FTP, name this leading acmeist, the author of "Poem without a Hero," "Anno Domini," and "Requiem."

Answer: Anna _Akhmatova_

7. Fought near the present-day town of Ortega in A.D. 778, this battle was a great victory for the Basques, who ambushed and annihilated the rear guard of the French army, killing the Prefect of Brittany among others. This disaster made enough of an impression on the French that it later became the only historical event included in the medieval chivalry romances, although the Basques were eventually changed to Arabs in the literary versions of the battle. FTP, name this early setback for Charlemagne, which became the basis for the _Song of Roland_.

Answer: _Roncevalles_

8. When olympic athletes are given DNA sex tests, they are tested for the presence of this specific cellular feature, a dark-staining patch of condensed X-chromosome material found in the cell nuclei of most females, but absent from genetically-normal males. FTP, name this inactivated chromosome.

Answer: _Barr_ Body or _Sex chromatin_

9. Although he virtually disappeared from the later versions of the Arthur legend, in the earlier cycles he was one of the most important knights of the Round Table, serving as King Arthur's official cupbearer and governor of Normandy. In the legends of Arthur's death, he is the only knight not to abandon the dying king, and he performs the task of returning Excalibur to the Lady of the Lake. FTP, name this knight, who was portrayed by Terry Jones in "Monty Python and the Holy Grail."

Answer: Sir _Bevidere_

10. His works, such as 1964's _Human Capital_ and 1981's _Marriage and the Family_ were among the first to apply traditional economic analysis to such fields as sex, crime, and racism, which has led to many controversial conclusions-- such as his argument that women are best cared for in a polygamous society, or that immigration rights should be auctioned off to the highest bidders. FTP, name this sociologist and economist at the University of Chicago, the winner of the 1992 Nobel Prize in Economics.

Answer: Gary _Becker_

11. This American playwright's major works include _Golden Guts_, _Proud Flesh_, and _The Enchanted Hunters_, none of which you will be able to find in any library. Equally unavailable is _My Cue_, the biographical memoir written about him by Vivian Darkbloom, although any good video store should carry the 1962 movie in which he was portrayed by Peter Sellers. FTP, name this non-existent writer and pedophile, who is assassinated by Humbert Humbert in the final chapter of Nabokov's _Lolita_.

Answer: Clare _Quilty_

12. Led by the brothers Hengist and Horsa, they were invited into Britain as mercenaries by the local Celtic-Roman population, which needed help defending itself from the Picts after the departure of the Roman legions. Like many other bad guests, they never left, and eventually they took permanent possession of Kent and Hampshire. FTP, name this first of the major Germanic tribes to invade Britain, who never did quite attain the fame of the Angles or the Saxons.

Answer: _Jutes_

13. Born in 1819, he was a co-inventor with Armand Fizeau of the gyroscope and he took the first clear photograph of the sun. Investigating the speed of light, he not only determined its velocity in air but found that its speed in water and other media decreased in proportion to their index of refraction. FTP, name this French physicist whose famous pendulum, used to demonstrate the rotation of the earth, later served as the title of a novel by Umberto Eco.

Answer: Jean Bernard Leon _Foucault_

14. According to tradition, he was born into an aristocratic family in Elis, but was kidnapped by pirates and sold as a slave in Athens, where he was eventually freed by Socrates. After Socrates' death, he founded a school of philosophy in his native city, though none of his many writings today survive, and it is not even known whether he was in fact present for Socrates' suicide. FTP, name this philosopher whom Plato used as the narrator and title character for the dialogue which describes the last hours of Socrates.

Answer: _Phaedo_

15. Late at night on December 10, 1964, he checked in to the Hacienda motel in Hollywood accompanied by a model named Elisa Boyer, and a few hours later, he was shot to death by Bertha Lee Franklin, the hotel's manager. Franklin claimed that he had battered down her door searching for Boyer after she had run away from him, and the death was ruled an accidental homicide, although it was later speculated that he had been killed after a robbery attempt by Boyer and Franklin went awry. FTP, name this rhythm & blues singer, whose "You Send Me" in 1957 was the first major crossover hit by a black musician.

Answer: Sam _Cooke_

16. Fed up with rumors that the real author of his novels was his editor, he fired Maxwell Perkins in 1938 and went to the Pacific Northwest to write alone. There he contracted tuberculosis of the brain and died, leaving his new editor, Edward C. Aswell, with an eight-foot-high stack of manuscripts to sort out. Aswell proved to be worthy of the legacy of his predecessor, assembling the random writings into two last great novels. FTP, name this author of the posthumously-published _The Web and the Rock_ and _You Can't Go Home Again_.

Answer: Thomas _Wolfe_

17. Organized by a St. Louis politician named John McDonald, it managed to defraud the government of over four million dollars in tax revenue before it was exposed by Treasury Secretary Benjamin Bristow. Among the 239 people indicted as a result of it were many powerful Washington insiders, including several cabinet members and Orville Babcock, the private secretary of President Grant. FTP, name this political scandal of the 1870s, which grew out of kickbacks paid by several midwestern distilleries.

Answer: The _Whiskey Ring_

18. Although de Boisbaudran was able to identify it as a separate element as early as 1886, he was unable to obtain a pure sample of it-- a problem that remained unsolved for another twenty years, when Georges Urbain developed a method for isolating it by fractional crystallization. FTP, identify this rare earth metal lying between Terbium and Holmium, whose name is Greek for "difficult access."

Answer: _Dysprosium_

19. His detractors nicknamed him "Aristotle's Ape," while his official titles were Bishop of Regensburg and Count of Bollstat, and in 1931, he was given the posthumous rank of Doctor of the Church, giving him a status equivalent to Saint. A philosopher, botanist, astronomer, and alchemist, his works include a commentary on Aristotle, a treatise against Averroes, and a _Summa Theologica_, which is much less famous than an identically-titled work written by his most famous student. FTP, name this His greatest importance, however, was probably as a teacher. FTP, name this mentor of St. Thomas Aquinas.

Answer: _Albertus Magnus_

20. Starring Leonard Hicks, John Call, Victor Stiles, and Donna Conforti, it is also notable as the acting debut of Pia Zadora. Its title song, sung by Milton DeLugg and the Little Eskimoes, was "Hooray for Santa Claus," whose memorable chorus was "He's fat and round, but jumping jiminy/ He can climb down any chimney." FTP, name this notoriously bad holiday movie, in which Jolly Old Saint Nick is abducted by space aliens.

Answer: _Santa Claus Conquers the Martians_

John's Complete Packets Packet 20 (Hard) Bonus Questions

30 POINT BONUS

1. By the time he was killed in a tavern brawl in 1593, Christopher Marlowe's entire dramatic work consisted of just six plays, at least four of which are today considered masterpieces. You will get five points for each Marlowe play you can name, counting his one two-part play as a single work.

Answer: _Tamburlaine_ _The Great Edward II_ _Dido, Queen of Carthage_ _Hero and Leander_ _Doctor Faustus_ _The Jew of Malta_

30 POINT BONUS

2. For fifteen points each, name these German Chancellors of the 1930s who were not named Adolf Hitler.

1. Chancellor for several months in 1932, he later became a notorious Nazi collaborator, even ordering his own Catholic Center party not to resist when it was suppressed by Hitler. Often blamed as the non-Nazi most responsible for Hitler's rise, he was indicted but acquitted at Nuremberg.

Answer: Franz von _Papen_

2. He was Hitler's immediate predecessor as Chancellor, but resigned in disgust when President Hindenberg refused to give him the emergency powers necessary to govern. In 1934, he and his wife were murdered on Hitler's orders.

Answer: Kurt von _Schleicher_

30 POINT BONUS

3. In addition to those named for the Swedish village of Ytterby, there are five chemical elements that are named after cities. For five points each and a bonus five for all correct,

name them; and a hint-- some of these element-names are based on archaic names for the cities.

Answer: Berkelium, Strontium (Strontion, Scotland), Hafnium (Copenhagen), Lutetium (Paris), Holmium (Stockholm)

30 POINT BONUS

4. For ten points each, identify these Greek terms from ancient philosophy.

1. Roughly translated as "test" or "cross-examination," this was the three-stage method that Socrates would use to make his interlocutors aware of their own ignorance.

Answer: Elenchos

2. Meaning either "happiness" or "flourishing," this elusive concept was the ultimate end of human activity, according to both Aristotle and Plato. Its precise definition forms one of the central problems of Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics.

Answer: Eudaimonia

3. Formed from the Greek words meaning "matter" and "shape," this ontological theory was put forth by Aristotle's Categories and was designed to resolve the paradox of how primary substances can change their properties while maintaining their identities.

Answer: Hylomorphism

30 POINT BONUS

5. As of 1992, only eight shows had ever managed Broadway runs of 3,000 performances or more. For five points each and a maximum of thirty, name any six of these Broadway longevity champions.

Answer: Cats A Chorus Line Oh, Calcutta 42nd Street
 Grease Fiddler on the Roof Tobacco Road Life With Father

30 POINT BONUS

6. For ten points each, identify these Scandinavian winners of the Nobel Prize in Literature.

1. In 1909, she became the first woman to win the Nobel in Literature.

Answer: Selma Lagerlof

2. He is technically the only person to be awarded the prize twice: in 1918 he was offered the prize but refused it, and in 1931 he was given the award posthumously.

Answer: Erik Axel Karlfeldt

3. The only Icelandic Nobel prize winner, his works include "The Great Weaver from Kashmir" and "Christianity at the Glacier."

Answer: Halldor Laxness

30 POINT BONUS

7. The phrase "going to Canossa" is a pretentious way of saying that a person has made a complete surrender and has thrown himself on the mercy of his opponent. The reference is to a famous event of medieval history, when a German emperor was forced to stand barefoot in the snow for three days while waiting for a pardon from his enemy, the Pope. For the stated number of points:

1. First, for five points each: name the emperor, and name the pope.

Answer: Emperor Henry IV; Pope Gregory VII

2. Henry and Gregory had been arguing over a seemingly trivial ritual procedure, which masked their real dispute over who would control the German clergy. For ten points, name the controversy of church history which ended with Henry's surrender at Canossa.

Answer: The Investiture Controversy

3. Finally: for ten points if within ten years, and five if within fifty, when did this event take place?

Answer: 1077

30 POINT BONUS

8. Imagine that, as a device for raising money, a cash-strapped Quiz Bowl team sells some of its less-talented players to the University hospital for medical research. These players are subjected to a sadistic experiment in which certain parts of their brains are damaged or removed, after which the players are stitched together and returned to the team. For ten points each, given a description of how the players' quiz bowl performances were affected, identify the brain parts that they are most likely missing.

1. When "Ted" holds the buzzer in his left hand, he finds that he is unable to ring in, even when he knows the answer. This problem disappears when the buzzer is moved to his right hand.

Answer: Corpus Callosum

2. Although his play is unaffected in other categories, "Christian" becomes completely unable to answer questions about current events. In fact, he can't remember much of anything that has happened since the operation.

Answer: Hippocampus

3. Although she can still play well using hand-held buzzers, "Sarah" finds that her performance drops dramatically on the Judge- style buzzers, since she misses every time she lunges for the pedal. Other than this, she still shows good muscle and limb control, and her speech is unaffected.

Answer: Cerebral Cortex (accept Posterior Parietal Lobe)

30 POINT BONUS

9. Name the artist, 30-20-10.

1. He spent most of his life at the Andronikov monastery, which is now an art museum named after him-- although it does not actually contain any of his works.

2. His work includes the interiors of the church of the Annunciation in Moscow and the chapel of Trinity monastery in Zagorsk, while his masterpiece is "The Old Testament Trinity."

3. The greatest of the Russian icon painters, he was the subject of a famous film by Andrei Tarkovsky.

Answer: Andrei _Rublov_

30 POINT BONUS

10. For ten points each, spell these names that undoubtedly gave many newspaper copy editors great headaches in the early 1990s.

1. The last name of the men's basketball coach at Duke.

Answer: _K-R-Z-Y-Z-E-W-S-K-I_

2. The last name of the Zairean opposition leader who had a brief tenure as Prime Minister before being removed by Mobutu in 1993.

Answer: _T-S-H-I-S-E-K-E-D-I_

3. This pseudo-nation had the longest name of the four black republics set up by apartheid-era South Africa; it was also the only one to violently resist reincorporation into South Africa in 1994.

Answer: _B-O-P-H-U-T-H-A-T-S-W-A-N-A_

30 POINT BONUS

11. Name the author from works, 30-20-10.

1. _A View from the Diners Club_, _An Evening with Richard Nixon_

2. _Live from Golgotha_, _A Visit to a Small Planet_.

3. _The City and the Pillar_, _Myra Breckenridge_

Answer: Gore _Vidal_

30 POINT BONUS

12. For the stated number of points, identify these members of the Adams family.

1. 5 pts: This grandson of John Quincy Adams was the author of the books _Mont-Saint-Michel and Chartes_, _Democracy_, and a famous autobiography.

Answer: _Henry_ Adams

2. 10 pts: The father of Henry Adams, he served as U.S. Ambassador to Great Britain during the Civil War, and was widely credited with keeping the powers of Europe from recognizing the Confederacy.

Answer: Charles Francis Adams

3. 15 pts: This cousin of Henry Adams was also a noted historian, whose most significant work was America's Economic Supremacy, published in 1900.

Answer: Brooks Adams

30 POINT BONUS

13. Time now for the Carolus Linneaus version of that popular Sesame Street game, "Which of these things is not like the other?" For each list of life forms, identify the one which, by Linnean classification, is most different from the others- For example, if three of them are of one order (or phylum, class, etc.) and the fourth is of another, you would correctly select the fourth animal. Five points each, with a 5-point bonus for all five.

1. Squirrel, rat, skunk, porcupine

Answer: Skunk

2. Black bread mold, slime mold, mushroom, yeast

Answer: Slime mold

3. Rhinoceros, hippopotamus, pig, deer

Answer: Rhinoceros

4. Anteater, sloth, armadillo, hedgehog

Answer: Hedgehog

5. Lobster, scorpion, octopus, starfish

Answer: Octopus

30 POINT BONUS

14. For the stated number of points, identify these Trojan-War figures who are not mentioned in the works of Homer.

1. 5 pts: The youngest son of King Priam, he was the hero of works by Chaucer and Shakespeare.

Answer: Troilus

2. 10 pts: Originally the second-ranking leader of the Greek army, he was so clever that a jealous Odysseus framed him for treason and had him executed.

Answer: Palamedes

3. 5 pts: The hero of a Sophocles tragedy, this archer eventually kills Paris. He was not, however, a satyr, as the Disney company seems to believe.

Answer: _Philoctetes_

4. Non-Homeric versions of the legend tell of how this Amazon queen entered the war as an ally of the Trojans. Before she was killed, she managed to have a torrid love affair with Achilles.

Answer: _Pentistheleia_

30 POINT BONUS

15. Identify these winners of the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress: fifteen points if you can get them from the first clue, ten if you need the year and film for which they won.

1. 15 pts: She is the only actress ever to win an Oscar for a role in which she played a man. 10 pts: 1983, "The Year of Living Dangerously."

Answer: Linda _Hamilton_

2. 15 pts: She is the only person to win an Oscar for her portrayal of an Oscar loser. 10 pts: 1978, "California Suite"

Answer: Maggie _Smith_

30 POINT BONUS

16. Time now for a bonus on a topic of undeniable importance- the sex life of George Sand. Given a description of how the fling ended, identify the man in the life of the French novelist.

1. While rummaging through his papers, she discovered a letter in his handwriting marked, "Not to be opened until my death." Naturally, she opened it, and discovered a long list of complaints about her. She immediately divorced him.

Answer: Casimir _Dudevant_

2. After he fell dangerously ill, she cared for him for a while, then ran off with his doctor. She quickly regretted this and shaved her head as a token of repentance, but he refused to take her back.

Answer: Alfred de _Musset_

3. In the ninth year of their relationship they quarrelled over whether or not she should make up with her estranged nephew Clesinger. When she complained about his interference, he left her, and died shortly afterwards.

Answer: Frederic _Chopin_

30 POINT BONUS

17. Ignoring the independent candidacies of John Anderson and Ross Perot, the third-place finisher among organized political parties were the Libertarians in every presidential election from 1976 to 1992. For five points each and with a five-points bonus for all five, name the five standard-bearers of this party during that period.

Answer: Roger _MacBride_; Edward _Clark_; David _Bergland_; Ron _Paul_; Andre _Marrou_

30 POINT BONUS

18. When Mendeleev first postulated his periodic table he left three blanks in it to represent elements that had not been discovered yet. Shortly afterwards these elements were discovered, confirming his theories. If you can name these elements without any more information, you will receive ten points each. For each one that you miss, you will be given a description of where the gap lay on Mendeleev's table, and can guess again for five points.

1. 5 pts: between Silicon and Tin.

Answer: _Germanium_

2. 5 pts: between Aluminum and Indium.

Answer: _Gallium_

3. 5 pts: Immediately to the right of Calcium.

Answer: _Scandium_

30 POINT BONUS

19. For ten points each, identify these notable American art galleries.

1. Founded in 1937 by ex-Treasury Secretary Andrew Mellon, it is noted for its collection of works by Italian and Dutch Old Masters, most of which Mellon had purchased from the cash-starved Soviet Government.

Answer: The _National Gallery_ of Art

2. Chartered in 1879, its early patrons included Mrs. Potter Palmer and Julius Rosenwald, who were among earliest serious collectors of French Impressionist paintings. As a result, its collection of impressionist art is probably the best of any museum outside of France.

Answer: The _Art Institute of Chicago_

3. Located in Merion, PA, this private gallery is noted for its collection of impressionist and post-impressionist works. According to the instructions of its founder, none of its works can be photographically reproduced in color, since he felt that this detracted from the experience of going to the museum.

Answer: The _Barnes_ Foundation

30 POINT BONUS