

20. For ten points each, given some members of a set, identify the set. For example, if I said Revolution, Mutiny, Wizards, United, you would answer Major League Soccer team nicknames.

1. Muharram, Safar, Rabi I, Rabi II

Answer: Months of the _Islamic Calendar_

2. Sharjah, Dubai, Khor Fakkan

Answer: Members of the _United Arab Emirates_

3. al-Mansur, al-Mahdi, al-Mutasim

Answer: _Caliphs_ of the Abbasid dynasty

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John's Complete Packets Packet #21 (Easy)

Toss-Ups

1. In his first novel, "Leaf Storm," he introduced the fictional town of Macondo, a thinly veiled portrait of his birthplace of Arcataca and the setting of many of his subsequent works. The author of two collections of short stories, "Innocent Eréndira" and "No One Writes to the Colonel," he is best known for his novels, which include "Big Mama's Funeral" and "Love in the Time of Cholera." FTP, name this Colombian Nobel Laureate and author of "One Hundred Years of Solitude."

Answer: Gabriel _Garcia_ Marquez

2. Arthur Radford, Nathan Twining, Earle Wheeler, Lyman Lemnitzer, John W. Vessey, and William Crowe are among the men who have held this office, along with such better-known names as Omar Bradley and Colin Powell. FTP, identify this job now filled until 1997 by John Shalikashvili.

Answer: _Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff_

3. Legend has it that this term was coined by a seventeenth-century French factory-owner named Legendre, who was asked by Finance Minister Colbert what the state could do to help industry, and whose blunt reply was, "Leave me alone." FTP, give the name for this economic philosophy popularized by the physiocrats and championed by Adam Smith, which seeks to limit government interference with the market.

Answer: _Laissez-Faire_

4. When it gained independence on September 21, 1981, it left French Guiana as the only remaining colony on the American mainland. FTP, name this small country with a capital at Belmopan, a nation that was formerly known as British Honduras.

Answer: Belize

5. Dan Quayle claims to have seen this movie over a hundred times, and while Vice-President he once delayed a meeting with the Prime Minister of Australia for an hour so he could finish watching it on his airplane. FTP, name this 1986 John Hughes comedy featuring Charlie Sheen, Edie McClure, Alan Ruck, Jeffery Jones, Mia Sara, and Matthew Broderick.

Answer: Ferris Bueller's Day Off

6. His original ambition was to be a singer for the Royal Danish Opera, and in his own lifetime he was well-known as the author of such serious novels as "O.T.," "Only a Fiddler" and "The Improvisatore." FTP, name this writer who is today remembered primarily for "The Fir Tree," "The Tinder Box," "The Snow Queen," "The Princess and the Pea," "The Ugly Duckling," and 163 other fairy tales.

Answer: Hans Christian Andersen

7. After the Manchus conquered the rest of China in the seventeenth century, a remnant of the defeated Ming government set up a stronghold in this province, where they held out against Manchu and European attacks for another fifty years. History repeated itself three hundred years later, when this same province served as the last refuge of the Kuomintang after the Communist victory of 1949. FTP, name this island home of the Republic of China.

Answer: Taiwan

8. He was cleaning his lab in 1928 when he discovered a culture of staphylococcus germs that had been left uncovered for some days. About to throw the petri dish away, he noticed that some specks of mold had fallen into it, and that the bacteria around each speck had been killed, but that the mold did not harm human white blood cells at all. FTP, name this British bacteriologist famous for his accidental discovery of penicillin.

Answer: Alexander Fleming

9. In 1874, a painter Viktor Hartmann died, and as a memorial tribute, a Moscow art gallery presented a show of his paintings, among which were "Gnomus," "Tuileries," "The Catacombs," and "The Great Gate of Kiev." One of Hartmann's friends visited this show and composed his own tribute to the dead artist, a piano suite whose movements were each based on a different Hartmann from the show. FTP, name this musical composition, later orchestrated by Maurice Ravel, which is today the most popular work of Modest Mussorgsky.

Answer: Pictures at an Exhibition

10. The San Francisco 49ers and the Dallas Cowboys have the record for most Super Bowl wins at five each, but either of these teams would have to double its total before it held the record for most NFL championships. FTP, what other franchise currently holds the record for most NFL championships, having won the title in 1936, 1939, 1944, 1961, 1962, and 1965, as well as Super Bowls I, II and XXXI?

Answer: Green Bay _Packers_

11. He wrote one play, _Mulatto_, a collection of short stories, _Simple Speaks his Mind_, and several novels, including _Not Without Laughter_ and _The Ways of White Folks_. But he is best remembered for his poetry, which was published in such collections as _The Dream Keeper_, _One-Way Ticket_, _The Weary Blues_, and _Shakespeare in Harlem_. FTP, name this leading poet of the Harlem Renaissance.

Answer: Langston _Hughes_

12. Supposedly, this word was originally Scottish slang for "cattle brigand," and in politics, it was first used as a derisive term for Catholic sympathizers in the government of Charles II. In the eighteenth century, it referred to the minority pro-monarchy faction in Parliament, and the nickname stuck even after that faction evolved into the modern Conservative party. FTP, give this name for the opponents of the Whigs.

Answer: _Tory_

13. Its weather includes retrograde winds of as much as 1,500 miles per hour, the strongest yet measured on any planet, and its most prominent visual feature is the Great Dark Spot, located in its southern hemisphere. Long thought to have only two moons, six more were discovered by Voyager 2, and these were named Proteus, Larissa, Galatea, Despina, Naiad, and Nereid. FTP, name this planet which is currently the outermost satellite of the sun.

Answer: _Neptune_

14. According to some myths, he tried to steal Zeus' dog. In others, he stole Zeus' nectar, or raped Zeus' cupbearer Ganymede, or killed and ate his own son Pelops. However, all sources agree on his punishment, which was to be placed in a pool of water that dries up whenever he tries to drink from it, underneath a bough of fruit that moves away whenever he reaches for it. FTP, name this eternally hungry and thirsty resident of Hades.

Answer: _Tantalus_

15. Among the rarest and most valuable of these are the Brazilian Bullseye (oldest in the Western hemisphere), the Canadian Bluenose, the Mauritius One Penny, the 1923 German 50 Billion Mark, the 1918 Inverted Airplane, and the very first one of all, Britain's 1840 Penny Black. FTP, what are these objects, whose collectors are known as philatelists?

Answer: Postage _Stamps_

16. After failing to earn his degree in marine biology from Stanford, he moved to New York, but was unable to find lasting work as a reporter. It looked like his literary career would be just as much of a failure after his first three novels, _Cup of Gold_, _The Pastures of Heaven_, and _To a God Unknown_, went ignored. However, he turned his career around with his fourth novel, a phenomenally successful book about Mexican migrant laborers. FTP, name this Nobel Prize-winning author of _Tortilla Flat_.

Answer: John _Steinbeck_

17. The trial was reopened in 1456 by Pope Callistus III, who found several procedural flaws, officially quashed the verdict, and declared that this person had been wrongfully executed. 450 years later, Pope Pius X went a step further by beatifying her, and 1920 she

officially became a saint. FTP, name this woman who is not venerated as a martyr, but who is now one of the patron saints of France.

Answer: _Joan_ of Arc

18. The son of an Italian father and an Irish mother, in his last years he was an enthusiastic supporter of Mussolini, who gave him both a title of nobility. Born in 1894, his key scientific accomplishment was the discovery that Herzian radio waves would not radiate straight outward, but rather follow the curvature of the earth, and this led to famed 1901 experiment in which he sent a radio signal from the coast of England to Newfoundland. FTP, name this electrical engineer and co-winner of the 1909 Nobel Prize in physics, the central figure in the invention of radio.

Answer: Guglielmo _Marconi_

19. It begins with the ascension of Christ and the election of Matthias to replace Judas, and ends several years later with the arrival of Paul in Rome. FTP, name this fifth book of the New Testament, whose central figure is St. Paul and whose traditional author is the evangelist Luke.

Answer: _Acts_ of the Apostles

20. Born in 1943, he has been a contestant on the TV show "I've Got a Secret," a columnist for Boy's Life, and a commercial pitchman for Xerox. After making his tournament debut at twelve, he won the U.S. Open at fourteen, and at sixteen he dropped out of school to compete full-time, a year after becoming a the youngest grandmaster in history. FTP, name this only American world chess champion of the 20th century.

Answer: Bobby _Fischer_

John's Complete Packets Packet #21 (Easy) Bonus Questions

30 POINT BONUS

1. For five points each part, given a famous Shakespeare line, identify the character who speaks it, and the play in which it appears.

1. "... 'Tis not so deep as a well, nor so wide as a church-door, but 'tis enough, 'twill serve."

Answer: _Mercutio_, _Romeo & Juliet_

2. "All the world's a stage/ And all the men and women merely players."

Answer: _Jacques_, _As You Like It_

3. "Out, damned spot! out, I say!"

Answer: _Lady Macbeth_, _Macbeth_

30 POINT BONUS

2. The most destructive labor unrest in American history took place in a Chicago suburb in the spring and summer of 1894. For the stated number of points, answer the following questions about this event.

1. For five: name the industrial giant which incited this strike in May with an arbitrary 25% wage cut.

Answer: Pullman Palace Car Co.

2. For ten: name the leader of the American Railway Union, who was thrown into prison for refusing to call off the strike.

Answer: Eugene Debs

3. For fifteen: name the governor of Illinois during these events, who fiercely opposed President Cleveland's use of federal troops to quell the strike violence.

Answer: John Peter Altgeld

30 POINT BONUS

3. This is a simple permutations bonus about the TV show "Gilligan's Island." For ten points each, keeping in mind that the seven castaways included four men and three women, and assuming that the Howells had an open marriage,

1. First, assuming that all seven castaways were strictly heterosexual, how many two-person romantic combinations could have arisen?

Answer: 12

2. Next, imagining that after a while, all seven castaways got bored and decided to experiment with bisexuality, how many combinations would then be possible?

Answer: 21

3. Finally, after a while of this, Gilligan and the Skipper become strictly homosexual and all of the other castaways revert to strict heterosexuality. Assuming that Gilligan and the Skipper are each capable of overpowering any other castaway, how many sexual combinations (consensual and otherwise) are now possible?

Answer: 11

30 POINT BONUS

4. In 1878, a British critic was sued for libel by an American artist after publishing scathing reviews of the artist's work, in which he accused the artist of selling unfinished paintings. The court ruled against the critic, who was so devastated that he withdrew into seclusion for the rest of his life, but it also awarded only a farthing in damages to the artist, who had spent a fortune on court costs and was financially ruined. For 15 points each, name the artist and the critic involved in this famous libel case.

Answer: James McNeill Whistler, John Ruskin

30 POINT BONUS

5. For ten points each, identify these notable seconds of world geography.

1. This is the second-longest river in Africa, after the Nile.

Answer: _Niger_

2. This is the second-largest lake in North America.

Answer: Lake _Huron_

3. This is the second-highest waterfall in the world.

Answer: _Itatinga_ Falls

30 POINT BONUS

6. Identify the novel from quotes, 30-20-10.

1. "Has it ever occurred to you that in your promiscuous pursuit of women you are merely trying to assuage your subconscious fears of sexual impotence?" "Yes, sir, it has."
"Then why do you do it?" "To assuage my fear of sexual impotence."

2. "Dear Mrs, Mr, Miss, or Mr and Mrs Daneeka: Words cannot express the deep personal grief I felt when your husband, son, father, or brother was killed, wounded, or reported missing in action.

3. Orr was crazy and could be grounded. All he had to do was ask; and as soon as he did he would no longer be crazy and would have to fly more missions. Orr would be crazy to fly more missions and sane if he didn't, but if he was sane he had to fly them. If he flew them he was crazy and didn't have to; but if he didn't want to he was sane and had to. Yossarian was moved very deeply by the absolute simplicity of this clause.

Answer: _Catch-22_

30 POINT BONUS

7. December 7, 1941 is remembered as Pearl Harbor day because of Japan's attack on Hawaii, but less well-remembered is the fact that Japan also launched surprise attacks against three other territories that same day. For ten points each, and a total of thirty, name these other targets of Japan's Pearl Harbor-day offensive, all of which were at time Western colonies.

Answer: _Hong Kong_, _Philippines_, _Malaysia_

30 POINT BONUS

8. For fifteen points each, identify these persons who worked to measure the speed of light.

1. The first scientist known to have attempted to measure the speed of light, he placed his assistant Torricelli on a tower with a lantern a mile away and tried to use his pulse to time the flash; the experiment was, needless to say, inconclusive.

Answer: _Galileo_

2. This Danish astronomer had better luck observing the light from eclipses of Jupiter, and with his data he was able to make a reasonable approximation of its speed.

Answer: Ole _Roemer_

30 POINT BONUS

9. For ten points each, answer these questions about pagan-related topics.

1. The chief deity of the Canaanites, in the Old Testament he is presented as the main religious competitor to Yahweh.

Answer: _Baal_

2. The last pagan emperor of Rome, it was his death in A.D. 363 which secured the political triumph of Christianity.

Answer: _Julian_

3. In 1993, this group won a lengthy battle with the I.R.S., and obtained the lucrative status of tax-exempt religious organization. However, they still face problems with the German government, which is trying to suppress them, as well as with internet miscreants who have leaked their secret scriptures.

Answer: Church of _Scientology_

30 POINT BONUS

10. Given a definition from Ambrose Bierce's "The Devil's Dictionary," identify the word that is being defined. 10 points each.

1. "The noble art of lying for one's country."

Answer: _Diplomacy_

2. "An account, mostly false, of events, mostly unimportant, which are brought about by rulers, mostly knaves, and soldiers, mostly fools."

Answer: _History_

3. "The state or condition of a community consisting of a master, a mistress, and two slaves, making, in all, two."

Answer: _Marriage_

30 POINT BONUS

11. Name the writer from his works, 30-20-10.

1. The Book of Ahania; The Book of Los; The Book of Urizen

2. Daughters of Albion; The Marriage of Heaven and Hell

3. Songs of Innocence; Songs of Experience

Answer: William _Blake_

20 POINT BONUS

12. The summer of 1995 was not a very good time for many Friends of Bill. For ten points each, identify:

1. A former business partner of Clinton and his successor as Arkansas governor, he was indicted on eleven counts of perjury and fraud.

Answer: Jim Guy _Tucker_

2. Another former Whitewater partner of Clinton, this ex-director of the failed Madison Savings and Loan was indicted for fraud along with Tucker.

Answer: James _McDougal_

30 POINT BONUS

13. For ten points each, name these dead white males from medieval European science.

1. He established that the earth is a magnet, and in his *De magnetibus* provided a methodical experimental study of the electrical and magnetic properties of a range of bodies.

Answer: William _Gilbert_

2. He introduced logarithms as a computational tool.

Answer: John _Napier_

3. He blended reason, comparative observation, and active experimentation to demonstrate the circulation of the blood in his *Exercitatio anatomica de motu cordis et sanguinis in animalibus*.

Answer: William _Harvey_

30 POINT BONUS

14. Identify the artwork, 30-20-10.

1. It may be the most frequently reproduced work in the history of art, since one of its details was copied as the design for the knight in the standard modern chess set.

2. The main subject of this collection is the war between the Centaurs and the Lapiths. Other scenes depict a religious festival and a parade.

3. The bulk of this marble sculpture set was removed from its original home in 1802, and ownership of it remains an issue of contention between Great Britain and Greece.

Answer: _Elgin Marbles_ or _Parthenon_ Friezes

25 POINT BONUS

15. For five points each, given a television series, name the other series of which it was a spin-off.

1. "Maude"

Answer: _All in the Family_

2. "Good Times"

Answer: _Maude_

3. "Rhoda"

Answer: _The Mary Tyler Moore_ Show

4. "The Ropers"

Answer: _Three's Company_

5. "Laverne & Shirley"

Answer: _Laverne and Shirley_

30 POINT BONUS

16. For ten points each, name the title characters of these literary works.

1. _The Last of the Mohicans_, by Cooper.

Answer: _Chingachgook_

2. _The Merchant of Venice_, by Shakespeare.

Answer: _Antonio_

3. _An Enemy of the People_, by Ibsen.

Answer: Thomas _Stockmann_

30 POINT BONUS

17. For fifteen points each, identify the polar explorers, given the unpleasant circumstances of their deaths.

1. After losing the race to the South Pole in 1912, this Englishman himself got lost on the return trip, and eventually froze to death along with his entire party just eleven miles from a supply depot.

Answer: Robert _Scott_

2. When the Italian aviator Umberto Nobile disappeared near the North Pole in 1928, he chivalrously volunteered to fly a air rescue mission. This proved to be a bad idea, as he then joined Nobile on the list of lost-and-never-seen-again explorers.

Answer: Roald _Amundsen_

30 POINT BONUS

18. For ten points each, identify the internal organ, given a description of its functions.

1. Receives and stores bile from the liver, and releases it when fatty substances enter the duodenum.

Answer: _Gall Bladder_

2. Secretes the digestive enzymes trypsinogen, amylase, and lipase into the duodenum; produces the hormones which regulate blood sugar levels.

Answer: _Pancreas_

3. Produces lymphocytes, stores iron, and regulates the number of erythrocytes in the bloodstream.

Answer: _Spleen_

30 POINT BONUS

19. For the stated number of points, identify the composers of these fire-related musical works.

1. 5 pts: "Music for the Royal Fireworks."

Answer: Georg Friedrich _Handel_

2. 10 pts: "The Firebird."

Answer: Igor _Stravinsky_

3. 15 pts: "Ritual Fire Dance." (from "El amor brujo")

Answer: Manuel de _Fallá_

30 POINT BONUS

20. Given a quote, identify it either as being something actually said by former Vice-President Dan Quayle, or something which I just made up. This will be scored as a binary bonus: no points for the first three right answers, ten points for each right answer after that.

1. "I love California. I grew up in Phoenix."

Answer: _Quayle_

2. "I support efforts to limit the terms of members of Congress, especially members of the House and members of the Senate."

Answer: _Quayle_