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John's Complete Packets Packet #23 (Easy)

Toss-Ups

1. Her maiden name in Oblonskaya, her husband is a respected government bureaucrat, and she is the mother of an infant boy named Seryozha. Once a respected member of Petersburg society, she becomes a social outcast after she gives birth to an illegitimate daughter and begins to live openly with her lover. In the end, unable to obtain a divorce and fearing that her lover Vronksy is about to leave her, she throws herself under a train. FTP, name this title character of a novel by Leo Tolstoy.

Answer: Anna _Karenina_

2. In all, there were thrity-seven of these men, including eleven in the twelfth century alone, but there have been none since 1439, when the Council of Basel tried to replace Eugenius IV with Felix V. FTP, by what name do we know these men, who although consecrated and crowned are not regarded by the Church as legitimate Bishops of Rome?

Answer: _Anti-popes_

3. As a high school student, he did so badly at Latin and Greek that his teacher politely asked him to drop out. As a teenager, his entrance into the Zurich technical college was delayed because of his inability to pass the mathematics portion; as a college student in Switzerland, he cut most of his classes and passed only after copying a friend's lecture notes. FTP, name this most famous employee of the Zurich patent office, who revolutionized modern physics with three papers published shortly after earning his Ph.D. in 1905.

Answer: Albert _Einstein_

4. At the beginning of the Trojan war, he tried to avoid military service by hiding in a harem on the island of Skyros. There he fathered his only son, Neoptolemus, who would later avenge his death by storming Troy's citadel and killing King Priam. FTP, name this Greek hero whose feud with Agamemnon forms the main plot line of the Iliad.

Answer: Achilles

5. The three-sided court is called a fronton, the wicker basket is the cesta, and the ball is known as a pelota, which is also an alternate name for the sport itself. FTP, name this fast-paced game of Basque origin, also very popular in Latin America and Florida.

Answer: __Jai-Alai__ (accept Pelota on an early buzz)

6. The narrator, who is never named, is a rather nervous traveller who visits his childhood friend Roderick, a man with painfully sharpened senses who buries his sister Madeline alive. Eight days later, Madeline rises from the grave, Roderick drops dead, and a sudden

crack in the earth swallows up the siblings and their home. FTP, this is the plot of what short story by Edgar Allan Poe?

Answer: _The Fall of the House of Usher_

7. The grandson of Kenneth II, he was noted for his piety, and in 1050, he became the first monarch in his nation's history to make a pilgrimage to Rome. Although his reign as a whole was unusually peaceful, it ended in violence at the 1057 battle of Lumphanan, where he was killed by the future Malcolm III, the son of his murdered predecessor Duncan. FTP, name this Scottish king, best known as the protagonist of a Shakespeare tragedy.

Answer: Macbeth

8. Lasting from 500 to 425 million years ago, it saw the emergence of brachiopodal shellfish, corals, starfish, and the first fishlike vertebrates, as well as numerous species that quickly died out, including sea scorpions, conodonts, and graptolites. The dominant form of aquatic life, however, continued to be the trilobite, a carryover from the preceding Cambrian period. FTP, name this second geological period of the Paleozoic Era.

Answer: the _Ordovician_ period

9. While a student at Oxford, he became a disciple of the Anglican mystic William Law, who sent him and his brother Charles to Georgia as missionaries to the Indians. While sailing over, he met a group of German immigrants of the Moravian church, and was so impressed by their ideas and behavior that he abandoned Law's teachings, and after returning home he and his brother began to formualte a new religious doctrine. FTP, name this man whose followers eventually became known as Methodists.

Answer: John _Wesley_

10. In the 1960s, he was sent to do some detective work on the planet Mars, where he had a torrid affair with a space alien and fathered a half-Martian love child. Oddly enough, however, this exrtramarital activity was not once mentioned in 1994, when his wife Tess filed for divorce. FTP, name this comic strip crimebuster created by Chester Gould.

Answer: _Dick Tracy_

11. His nonfiction works include _Bombs Away_, _Once There Was a War_, and _America and Americans_, but he is better known for his fiction, which includes _Cup of Gold_, _In Dubious Battle_, and _Cannery Row_. Winner of the 1962 Nobel Prize and the 1940 Pulitzer, the Nobel committee speicifically cited _The Winter of Our Discontent_, which is considered one of his worst efforts, while the Pulitzer was awarded for his most popular work, an epic about the sufferings of the Joad family. FTP, name this California novelist.

Answer: John _Steinbeck_

12. As a young man, he was issued U.S. patent number 6469 for an invention he called "a Device for Buoying Vessels over Shoals." While this hardly revolutionized river transport, it is still notable as the only patent ever issued to a future U.S. president. FTP, name this man from Springfield, Illinois.

Answer: Abraham _Lincoln_

13. The first winner was Jacob Van't Hoff, and subsequent recipients have included Georg Hevesy De Heves, Frederick Sanger, Emil Fischer, Glenn Seaborg, Linus Pauling, Otto Hahn, Fritz Haber, Marie Curie, and Irene Joliot-Curie. FTP, name this annual award, whose 1993 winners were the geneticists Kary Mullis and Michael Smith.

Answer: _Nobel Prize in Chemistry_

14. In an essay entitled "Auto-Icon, or the Uses of the Dead to the Living," he argued that the deceased should be used in every conceivable way for medical research, and afterwards stuffed, mounted, and made into lawn ornaments. His will instructed that his own remains be disposed of in such a way, and although he was duly dissected and stuffed, and to this day his emablmed corpse is occasionally brought out for dinner parties at the University of London. FTP, name this English philosopher and founder of the utilitarian movement.

Answer: Jeremy Bentham_

15. Bordered by Zambia, the Atlantic Ocean, and the rivers Congo, Kwango, Kasai, and Kubango, it was the source of nearly all black slaves exported to Brazil. The scene of a bloody revolutionary war which lasted from 1961 to 1975, it plunged into anarchy after independence, following the mass emigration of the country's Portugese elites. FTP, name this southwest African nation where civil war still rages between the MLPA and UNITA factions.

Answer: _Angola_

16. Born in New York in 1927, he grew up in circumstances quite similar to those of his favorite fictional alter ego, Eugene Morris Jerome. His first moderately successful play was 1960's "Come Blow Your Horn", co-written with his brother Danny, and this was followed by an almost unbroken thirty-year string of hits, which has made him by far the most commercially successful playwright in history. FTP, name this broadway playwright of "Chapter Two," "The Goodbye Girl," and "The Odd Couple."

Answer: Neil _Simon_

17. His first mistake was to seduce royal maid-of-honor Bessy Throckmorton, an act which led to his first stay in the Tower of London. His last mistake was his hare-brained private invasion of the Guyanas, which exhausted the limited patience of James I and led to his 1618 beheading. FTP, name this historian and adventurer whose most famous failure was the lost colony of Roanoke.

Answer: Sir Walter _Raleigh_

18. It is home to such inhospitable-sounding sites as the Marsh of Epidemics, the Marsh of Decay, the Ocean of Storms, and the Cold Sea. A few locations on its surface, however, have far more inviting names, such as the Bay of Rainbows, the Sea of Clouds, the Lake of Dreams, and the Sea of Serenity. FTP, identify this place that also includes landmarks named for Yuri Gagarin, Tycho, Ptolemy, and Copernicus.

Answer: the Moon

19. According to legend, it was built out of melted-down siege engines that had been abandoned by the Macedonian general Demetrius Poliorcetes after an unsuccessful attack on the island. Designed by Charos of Lindos, it took twenty years to build, was 120 feet

high, and stood for less than fifty years before it was toppled by an earthquake. FTP, name this wonder of the ancient world.

Answer: The Colossus of Rhodes

20. His career looked dead in 1989, after the failure of "Nightingales," his last show ever for the big three networks. In spite of the fact that he has yet to return to ABC, NBC, or CBS, and in spite of the failure of syndicated projects like "Heaven Help Us" and "Robin's Hoods," his career is now more successful than ever, thanks to a series of hits which he has produced for the Fox network. FTP, name this man who made his reputation in the 1970s with "Starsky and Hutch" and "Charlie's Angles," and who made a comeback in the 1990s with "Melrose Place" and "Beverly Hills 90210."

Answer: Aaron _Spelling_

John's Complete Packets Packet #23 (Easy) Bonus Questions

30 POINT BONUS

- 1. For ten points each, identify the famous literary circles and movements, given a list of members.
- 1. Alexander Woollcott, Dorothy Parker, Ring Lardner

Answer: _Algonquin_ Round Table

2. Virginia Woolf, E.M. Forester, Lytton Strachey

Answer: __Bloomsbury_ Group

3. John Crowe Ransom, Allen Tate, Robert Penn Warren

Answer: _Fugitives_

30 POINT BONUS

- 2. For five points each, identify the presentday states in which the following battles were fought.
- 1. Fort Ticonderoga

Answer: New York_

2. Tippecanoe

Answer: Indiana

3. Little Big Horn

Answer: Montana

4. Chickamauga

Answer: _Georgia_

30 POINT BONUS

3. The Paleozoic era lasted for about 350 million years and is subdivided into	six periods
of geologic time one named for a place in Russia, four for places in Britain,	and one for a
chemical material. For five points each, name them.	

Answer: _Cambrian_, _Ordovician_, _Silurian_, _Devonian_, _Car

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ferous_, _Permian_

30 POINT BONUS

- 4. For the stated number of points, given an event from the Old Testament, identify the book of the Bible in which it appears.
- 1. 5 pts: Joseph is sold into Egyptian slavery after his Coat of Many Colors alienates his brothers.

Answer: _Genesis_

2. 10 pts: The harlot Rahab saves the lives of two Israelite spies, and in return is spared from the destruction of Jericho.

Answer: _Joshua_

3. 15 pts: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego are thrown into a furnace, but miraculously survive.

Answer: _Daniel_

30 POINT BONUS

- 5. For the stated number of points, identify the countries in which one would find the following wine-growing regions.
- 1. 5 pts: Napa, Sonoma, San Benito

Answer: _United States_

2. 10 pts: Ahr, Mosel-Saar, Nahe

Answer: _Germany_

3. 15 pts: Barossa Valley, Padthaway, Yarra Valley

Answer: _Australia_

30 POINT BONUS

6. Given a well-known Shakespeare line, identify the play from which it is taken. Ten points each.

Answer:	_Twelfth Night_			
2. "[Life] is a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing."				
Answer:	_Macbeth_			
3. "O brave ne	w world, that has such people in it!"			
Answer:	_The Tempest_			
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people and thos	nce between the brutal atrocities perpetrated by the Soviets against their own se done by their Chinese counterparts was that the Chinese atrocities usually er names. For ten points each, name these episodes from communist y.			
1. In 1956, Mao asked his country's intellectuals to tell him what they _really_ thought of his regime. Those who gave honest answers were thrown into prison.				
Answer:	The _Hundred Flowers_			
2. In 1958, Mao tried to jump-start the economy by calling for radical land reform and a steel mill in every back yard. As a result of this, the economy crashed and a famine broke out.				
Answer:	The _Great Leap Forward_			
3. In the 1960s, Mao's policies were criticized by the professionals in his bureaucracy. As retaliation, beginning in 1966, Mao turned loose mobs of discontented students, and conducted a massive purge against the less radical members of his inner circle.				
Answer:	The _Cultural Revolution_			
20 POINT BO	NUS			
8. For ten poin	ats each, identify extinct consumer products.			
	by Sony in 1975, it dominated the almost non-existent VCR market for a being wiped out by a cheaper, incompatible rival developed by JVC.			
Answer:	_Betamax_			
2. The design of this 1983 offering reflected IBM's underestimation of how much computing power the average home user needed. Notoriously slow and weak, it disappeared shortly after the introduction of the Macintosh in 1985.				
Answer:	_PC-Junior_			
20 POINT BONUS				

1. "Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and others have greatness thrust upon them."

- 9. On December 15, 1996 the largest merger in the history of the aerospace industry was announced. For the stated number of points, answer these questions about the event.
- 1. First, for five points each, name the two industrial giants involved in the transaction.

Answer: _Boeing_ and _McDonnell Douglas_

2. Second, the Boeing-McDonnell Douglas combination would become the world's largest aerospace and defense firm. For an additional ten points, name the previously-largest firm that it will displace.

Answer: _Lockheed Martin_

20 POINT BONUS

- 10. For ten points each, identify these magazines, given the date of their first issue and the subject of their first cover.
- 1. March 1923; ex-Speaker of the House Joseph Cannon.

Answer: _Time_

2. April 1953; Desidero Alberto Arnaz IV.

Answer: _TV Guide_

30 POINT BONUS

- 11. Identify these novelists on a ten-five basis. Ten points if you can name them from their most recent novel, five if you need a more famous work.
- 1. 10 pts: _The Russian Girl_ 5 pts: _Lucky Jim_

Answer: Kingsley Amis_

2. 10 pts: _The Unconsoled_ 5 pts: _The Remains of the Day_

Answer: Kazuo _Ishiguru_

3. 10 pts: _Mason & Dixon_ 5 pts: _Gravity's Rainbow_

Answer: Thomas _Pynchon_

30 POINT BONUS

- 12. Identify the dead guy, 30-20-10.
- 1. Born around 1550, his real name was Wahunsonacock. However, history knows him instead by the far-more-pronouncable name of his capital city.
- 2. After his death in 1618, he was succeeded by his brother Opechancanough, who reversed his conservative policies and started a war which led to the destruction of his empire, as well as the death of his son-in-law, John Rolfe.

3. This chief of	the Tidewater	Algonquians	is best k	nown for	being the	father of
Pocahontas.						

Answer:

Powahatan

30 POINT BONUS

- 13. The first four moons of Jupiter were discovered within a week of each other in 1610, but it was not until 1892 that a fifth moon was observed.
- 1. First, for five points each, name the first four moons, which are also called Gallilean Moons after their discoverer.

Answer:

Ganymede, _Callisto_, _Io_, _Europa_

2. For an additional ten points, name the fifth moon of Jupiter to be discovered.

Answer:

Amalthea

30 POINT BONUS

- 14. Identify the writer, 30-20-10.
- 1. His last work contains chapters on "Why I am so wise," "Why I am so clever," and "Why I write such good books."
- 2. A would-be composer as well as a philosopher, several of his piano pieces were issued on CD in 1994. He is better remembered for his theories of musical criticism, which appeared in such works as "The Case of Wagner."
- 3. Among his best-known works are "The Genealogy of Morals," and "Beyond Good and Evil."

Answer:

Friedrich Nietszche

30 POINT BONUS

- 15. Name the peninsula, 30-20-10.
- 1. Its name comes from a Turkish word meaning "mountains."
- 2. According to a famous statement by Bismarck, all of it is "not worth the blood of one Pomeranian musketeer."
- 3. This historic quagmire was the namesake of wars fought in 1912 and 1913.

Answer:

the _Balkans_

30 POINT BONUS

- 16. Given a work of fiction in which the devil (or a devil) appears, give the name he calls himself, for the stated number of points.
- 1. 5 pts: _Faust_

Answer:	_Mephistopholes_	
2. 10 pts: "Dar	mn Yankees"	
Answer:	Mister _Applegate_	
3. 15 pts: _The	e Master and Margarita_	
Answer:	Professor _Woland_	
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	oints each, given an unsucessful major-party candidate for president, name tho defeated him in the general election.	
1. Alton B. Pa	ırker	
Answer:	_Theodore Roosevelt_	
2. Rufus King	5	
Answer:	James _Monroe_	
3. John Davis		
Answer:	Calvin _Coolidge_	
4. Wendell Wi	illkie	
Answer:	_Franklin Roosevelt_	
25 POINT BO	NUS	
18. For five po economic heal indicator.	oints each, given a statistic that economists use to measure the nation's th, identify it as a leading indicator, a coincident indicator, or a lagging	
1. Number of	persons on non-agricultural payrolls	
Answer:	_Coincident_	
2. New orders	s for consumer goods	
Answer:	_Coincident_	
3. Index of sto	ock prices	
Answer:	_Leading_	
4. Index of ind	dustrial production	
Answer:	_Coincident_	
5. Average duration of unemployment		