

Answer: William _Bligh_

18. His three major works are "Speech and Phenomena," "Of Grammatology," and "Writing and Difference," and according to Michel Foucault, he "gives bullshit a bad name." His teaching rejects the idea of a 'presence' in literature in which authority resides, arguing instead that the significance of language can never be fully present, since meaning is constantly deferred. For ten points, name this French literary critic and philosopher, the central figure of deconstructionism.

Answer: Jacques _Derrida_

19. His life's ambition is to find the world's most perfect albino pigeon, but he heroically agrees to put this project aside for a while when Snowflake, the 500-pound mascot of the Miami Dolphins, is kidnapped. With his hair swept into a precarious leaning tower and his eyes usually as wide as saucers, he has been compared by at least one film critic to Desi Arnaz imitating Don Knotts on speed. FTP, name this cinematic title character portrayed by Jim Carey.

Answer: Ace _Ventura_, Pet Detective

20. He was the author of a play, _The Tragedy of Nan_, several novels, including _Odtaa_ and _Sard Harker_, as well as _Midnight Folk_, which is considered a classic of the children's genre. He is most important, however, for his poems, including "Reynard the Fox," "The Widow in Bye Street," and "Wanderings" much of which was inspired by his childhood as a deckhand on a merchant ship. FTP, name this author of "The Everlasting Mercy" and Poet Laureate from 1930 to 1967.

Answer: John _Masefield_

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John's Complete Packets Packet #30 (Hard)

Toss-Ups

1. In Greek, this word literally means "on the threshold of the bridal chamber," and in Roman literature, it was the name of a poetic genre whose greatest practitioner was Catullus. In English literature, it is better known as the title of a single poem, written to celebrate the author's 1594 marriage to Elizabeth Boyle. FTP, name this work by Edmund Spenser.

Answer: _Epithalamion_

2. His last residence was an abandoned Cadillac near Aberdeen, Maryland, and towards the end of his life he is said to have become increasingly obsessed with the idea of suicide and with Matthias Rust, the German teenager who flew a single-engine plane into Red Square in 1986. FTP, name this pilot who was killed crashing a stolen Cessna into the South Portico of the White House on September 11, 1994.

Answer: Frank _Corder_

3. Caused by an anaerobic bacterium of the order Clostridium, it can result when non-acidic or slightly acidic foods such as corn, fish, or meat are improperly canned or bottled. Its effects usually set in within 24 hours of when the food is consumed, and can include muscular weakness, rapid pulse, subnormal body temperature, and respiratory failure. Of all its varieties, probably the most dangerous is type E, which can exist in temperatures as low as -5 degrees Celsius. FTP, name this rare but highly fatal form of food poisoning.

Answer: _botulism_

4. According to legend, he was a 17th-century owner of a rent-a-horse business, whose stable contained both fast and not-so-fast horses. When allowed to pick, his customers always took the fast ones, and for some reason, this greatly bothered him. So he instituted a new system of assigning horses, under which each customer would have exactly two choices: he could take the horse nearest the wall, or he could take no horse at all. FTP, name this man who thus lent his name to a type of choice that is not really a choice at all.

Answer: Thomas _Hobson_

5. He made his reputation on stage with the 1961 production of Harold Pinter's "The Caretaker," and in film with his role as a blind P.O.W. in "The Great Escape." In later years, he frequently played movie archvillains, most notably Heinrich Himmler in "The Eagle Has Landed" and Blofeld in "You Only Live Twice." FTP, name this actor who died in 1994, perhaps best known for his role in the "Halloween" series.

Answer: Donald _Pleasance_

6. The villain of this work is a moneylending midget named Daniel Quilp, who seizes the title object after its owner defaults on a gambling debt. The old man and his granddaughter then become wandering beggars in the countryside, and by the time a mysterious would-be rescuer catches up with them, the girl is dead and the old man is dying. FTP, name this depressing novel by Charles Dickens, whose main character is the hapless girl Little Nell.

Answer: _The Old Curiosity Shop_

7. This former French colony underwent six coups within its first twelve years of independence, the last of which brought to power the pro-Soviet Lt. Col. Mathieu Kerekou, who renamed the country after a 17th-century regional kingdom. In 1990, Kerekou repudiated communism and was forced to grant free elections-- the first time any west African dictatorship had ever peacefully reverted to democracy. FTP, name this West African nation, formerly known as Dahomey, with a capital at Porto Novo.

Answer: _Benin_

8. This member of genus Pica is a glossy black bird with a white chest, and its tail feathers are often longer than the entire rest of the body. One of the more intelligent birds in existence, it is easily tamed and can be trained to speak, but it is best known for its reputation as an especially clever and bold scavenger with a habit of carrying off small, man-made objects. FTP, name this relative of the crow, whose name is often preceded by the word "thieving," such as in the title of a Rossini opera.

Answer: the _magpie_

9. Designed by Friedrich St. Florian and loosely based on Bernini's Vatican Piazza, it will consist of a pool with two semicircles of 25 columns each, and will be built entirely below ground level. FTP, name this proposed monument scheduled for completion by Veterans' Day of the year 2000, which would lie between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument.

Answer: The _World War II_ Memorial

10. Roughly translated, its name means "bird of a hundred intelligences," which is also the name of one of its special tiles. Although it was mainly used for gambling in its country of origin, it took on a more middle-class respectability in the United States, becoming the top-selling parlor game of the 1920s. FTP, name this Chinese game, which is played with a set of 148 tiles.

Answer: _Mah-Jongg_

11. The only significant novelist ever born north of the Arctic Circle, his minor works include _The Boat of Longing_, which deals with the death of his son. Although he emigrated to the United States in 1895, all of his later works were written in his native language, including his masterpiece, a trilogy whose last two books are _Peder Victorious_ and _Their Father's God_. FTP, name this Norwegian-American novelist, who wrote about life in North Dakota in his _Giants in the Earth_.

Answer: Ole _Rolvaag_

12. Early in his career, he strongly favored foreign trade, and among his closest advisors was Will Adams, an Englishman. But his fears of the Jesuits led him to change his policy, and in 1604 he outlawed Christianity and expelled almost all foreigners. FTP, name this man who began a 200-year policy of isolation for Japan, the first of the Tokogawa shoguns.

Answer: _Ieyasu_ Tokogawa

13. Although he discovered the Pterodactyl and many other well-known Mesozoic species, he never accepted the existence of dinosaurs, and to the end of his life he insisted that all dinosaur fossils were of mammalian origin and belonged to some extinct variety of rhinoceros. FTP, name this founder of comparative anatomy, who introduced the level of phylum into the Linnean system of classification and proposed the theory of catastrophism in an attempt to reconcile the fossil record with a literal reading of Genesis.

Answer: Georges _Cuvier_

14. According to a legend of very doubtful accuracy, he was a king of Ephesus who abdicated in favor of his brother. Apart from this, absolutely nothing is known of this man's life, and very little is known of his writings, since only about a hundred one-sentence quotations from his work survive. Nevertheless, he was regarded by the ancients as a pioneer of philosophy, and he was credited with inventing the theory of flux. FTP, name this presocratic, who wrote that "the roads leading up and down are one and the same" and that "you can never step into the same river twice."

Answer: _Heraclitus_

15. Originally, its three main islands were called New Hanover, New Mecklenburg, and New Pomerania, but after World War I the names were changed to Lavongai, New Ireland,

and New Britain. However, the archipelago itself still retains its Germanic name. FTP, name this island group just northwest of the Solomon Islands, which is now a province of Papua New Guinea.

Answer: The Bismarck Archipelago

16. The setting is the English Midlands in the early nineteenth century, and the title character is a young man of stern morals, who loves the beautiful but superficial Hetty Sorrel. After Hetty is seduced and abandoned by Arthur Donnithorne, she kills her child, and when she is arrested and convicted of murder, the title character marries Dinah Morris, a young preacher. FTP, name this novel about a blacksmith, written by George Eliot.

Answer: Adam Bede

17. The Supreme Court gutted this act in its controversial Duplex Printing decision, where it held that secondary boycotts by labor unions were illegal, in spite of the fact that the statute on its face seemed to legalize such behavior. Named for an Alabama congressman, this law also prohibited price discrimination, interlocking directorates, and intercorporate shareholding for the purpose of eliminating competition. FTP, name this 1914 revision of the Sherman Act, which attempted to exempt labor unions from antitrust regulation.

Answer: Clayton Antitrust Act

18. Although there was a brief outbreak of it after World War I, this disease was little known until 1976, when scientists predicted an imminent epidemic. This led the government to spend \$40 million in an attempt to inoculate every man, woman, and child in the country, apparently unaware that while the virus itself was harmless, the vaccine could cause paralysis or death. FTP, name this public health fiasco of the Ford administration, a virus that supposedly could be spread from pigs to humans.

Answer: Swine flu

19. He could recite the entire Koran from memory by the age of ten, and by the time he was thirty, he was the world's most famous doctor of the Islamic world. A politician as well as a physician, he was once nearly executed in a coup d'etat, but was spared after the new Shah became so ill that his services were required. As a philosopher, he tried to reconcile Greek metaphysics with Islamic theology, and it was through his translations that the lost works of Galen, Hippocrates, and Aristotle first arrived in the West. FTP, name this scientist and philosopher.

Answer: Avicenna or Ibn Sina

20. Since it has an average width of six-and-a-half miles, it had conventional wisdom for centuries that it could never be bridged. But in 1889, a team of Scottish engineers managed to do this anyway, by use of what is probably the world's most famous cantilever bridge. FTP, name this inlet of the North Sea near Edinburgh, whose name you probably can't say three times real fast.

Answer: The Firth of Forth

John's Complete Packets Packet #30 (Hard) Bonus Questions

30 POINT BONUS

1. For ten points each, identify these very long and boring poems, given their first lines.

1. "Of man's first disobedience, and the fruit/ Of that forbidden tree whose mortal taste/
Brought death into the world..."

Answer: _Paradise Lost_

2. "Lo I the man, whose Muse whilome did maske/ As time her taught, in lowly
Shepherd's weeds/ And now enforst a far unfitter taske..."

Answer: The _Faerie Queen_

3. "Tis the middle of the night by the castle clock/ And owls have awakened the crowing
cock;/ Tu- whit! --- Tu whoo!"

Answer: _Christabel_

30 POINT BONUS

2. For the stated number of points, answer these questions about the 1992 Presidential
primaries.

1. The first (and silliest) scandal of the election season came when a live microphone
picked up one candidate telling a really lame joke about Jerry Brown and lesbians, and
another candidate laughing at the joke with approval. For five points each, name the two
candidates.

Answer: Bob _Kerrey_ (told the joke), Bill _Clinton_ (thought it was funny).

2. For ten points, name Jerry Brown's campaign manager, a bald, tattoo-covered, beret-
wearing Frenchman who made even his boss look normal by comparison.

Answer: Jacques _Barzaghi_

3. For five points each, name the first Democratic candidate to officially enter the race, and
name the first declared candidate to drop out.

Answer: Paul _Tsongas_ ; Douglas _Wilder_

30 POINT BONUS

3. Name the person, 30-20-10.

1. When he died in 1978, he left behind eighty still-undeciphered notebooks written in a
medieval German shorthand, which are believed to be a treatise on demonology.

2. In 1938, he proved that the Cantor Continuum Hypothesis was consistent with the
axioms of set theory, and after emigrating to the USA in 1948, he devised several
cosmological theories of the universe.

3. This Austrian logician is best-known for his doctoral dissertation, "On Formally
Undecidable Propositions of Principia Mathematica and Related Systems."

Answer: Kurt _Godel_

30 POINT BONUS

4. Identify the opera, 30-20-10.

1. Set around 1880, the entire action of the opera takes place within a few hours on the morning of Easter Sunday. Characters include Lucia, Lola, and Santuzza.

2. This one-act opera is most famous for the symphonic intermezzo which precedes the last scene. An excerpt of this was used for the slow-motion fight sequences in Martin Scorsese's film Raging Bull.

3. This 1890 verismo opera was the one hit of one-hit wonder Pietro Mascagni.

Answer: Cavalleria Rusticana

30 POINT BONUS

5. For the stated number of points, identify these world chess champions.

1. 5 pts: now a French citizen, this formerly Soviet grandmaster is most famous for losing his championship to Bobby Fischer in 1972.

Answer: Boris Spassky

2. 10 pts: This German-born American citizen is generally recognized as the first world chess champion. He is also famous for claiming that he regularly played chess against God, and that he had a winning record against the Almighty.

Answer: Wilhelm Steinitz

3. 15 pts: easily the most obscure world champion ever, this still-active Russian won the championship from his training partner Mikhail Botvinnik in 1957, but lost it back in the rematch several months later.

Answer: Vassily Smyslov

30 POINT BONUS

6. For ten points each, identify these famous people who died in interesting ways.

1. In 1925, after he ran out of ink in his hotel room, this Russian imagist poet slit his wrists and wrote a last poem in his own blood before dying.

Answer: Sergei Yesenin

2. This Greek dramatist was relaxing on the beach of Sicily in 456 B.C. when a seagull, mistaking his bald head for a rock, dropped an oyster onto it. The oyster survived intact, the playwright's skull did not.

Answer: Aeschylus

3. The richest man in Europe at the time of his death, this Belgian was flying over the English Channel in 1928 when he mistook the cabin door for the lavatory door, opened it, and was sucked out of the plane.

Answer: Alfred _Lowenstein_

30 POINT BONUS

7. For fifteen points each, name these proteges of Mao Zedong who came to unpleasant ends.

1. Mao's original heir-apparent, he took over as Chairman in 1959 after the failure of the Great Leap Forward. Later, he became the principal target of the Cultural Revolution, and was purged in 1968.

Answer: _Liu Shaoqi_

2. As Minister of Defense, he helped Mao destroy Liu Shaoqi and was made heir-apparent in 1969. His death less than two years later is still a mystery, although it now appears that he lost a power struggle and was attempting to flee to the USSR when his plane was shot down.

Answer: _Lin Biao_

30 POINT BONUS

8. What the Bach family was to eighteenth-century music, the Bernoulli family was to eighteenth-century mathematics. For ten points each, identify the Bernoullis responsible for the following:

1. Introduced the idea of "Bernoulli Numbers."

Answer: _Jacob_ (Jacques)

2. Discovered the Bernoulli Principle of hydrodynamics.

Answer: _Daniel_

3. Discovered exponential calculus; with L'Hopital, wrote the first calculus textbook.

Answer: _Johann_ (Jean)

25 POINT BONUS

9. For five points each, given an obscure figure from Greek mythology, name his much-more-famous father.

1. Astyanax

Answer: _Hector_

2. Hyllus

Answer: _Heracles_

3. Eteocles

Answer: _Oedipus_

4. Neoptolemus

Answer: _Achilles_

5. Demophon

Answer: _Theseus_

30 POINT BONUS

10. For five points each, name the actors who provide the voices for the following minor characters on "The Simpsons."

1. Mr. Burns and Smithers

Answer: Harry _Shearer_

2. Patty and Selma

Answer: Julie _Kavner_

3. Krusty the Clown and Moe

Answer: Dan _Castellena_

4. Mrs. Krabapple

Answer: Marcia _Wallace_

5. Police Chief Wiggums and Apu

Answer: Hank _Azaria_

6. Troy McClure and Lionel Hutz

Answer: Phil _Hartman_

30 POINT BONUS

11. Identify the dead person from his works, 30-20-10-5.

1. The operetta "The Blooms of Dublin," the symphony "Dead March," and the chamber work "The Brides of Enderby."

2. The quasimusical novels "M/F" and "Napoleon Symphony."

3. The non-quasimusical works "Honey for the Bears," "Enderby Outside," "Any Old Iron," and "A Dead Man in Deptford."

4. The novel "A Clockwork Orange."

Answer: Anthony _Burgess_

30 POINT BONUS

12. In eighteenth century Europe, nothing could start a multi-national war like a royal succession controversy. In most of these wars, the initial dispute over who would inherit the throne was quickly submerged by deeper territorial fights, and it is often difficult to remember who won on the issue that started the war in the first place. So, for five points each part, given a war of succession, name the monarch and the dynasty that ended up with the throne after all the fighting was over.

1. The War of Spanish Succession

Answer: Philip V, Bourbon

2. The War of Bavarian Succession

Answer: Charles Theodore, Wittelsbach

3. The War of Austrian Succession

Answer: Maria Theresa, Hapsburg (accept also: Francis I, Hapsburg-Lorraine)

30 POINT BONUS

13. For fifteen points each, name these women of astronomy.

1. Her work on Cepheid variables in the early 1900s led to her discovery of the "standard candle" method of calculating a Cepheid's distance from its period of variation. This in turn made possible the first accurate measurements of the distance to other galaxies.

Answer: Henrietta Leavitt

2. As an assistant to her more famous brother, she spent every night from 1766 until 1822 recording the position of stars. In 1787, George III awarded her an annual stipend, making her the western world's first professional female astronomer.

Answer: Caroline Herschel

30 POINT BONUS

14. For ten points each, identify these branches of Buddhism.

1. Meaning "little vehicle," it is the oldest and most conservative of the Buddhist sects, and is practiced mostly in Sri Lanka and Southeast Asia.

Answer: Hinayana or Theravada

2. Meaning "great vehicle," it is the principal form of Buddhism practiced in Tibet, China, and Japan.

Answer: Mahayana

2. This subspecies of Mahayana is the dominant branch of Buddhism in Japan, and is the foundation for such cultural practices as the tea ceremony and No drama.

Answer: Zen

30 POINT BONUS

15. During a two-week period in 1993, NBC, ABC, and CBS each ran a different made-for-TV movie about the most significant news story of our generation, the Amy Fischer case. However, don't worry if you can't remember the names of the actresses who played Amy in each of these movies. Instead, for ten points each, give the full titles of these three dramatizations.

Answer: _"The Amy Fischer Story"_ (ABC); _"Casualties of Love: The Long Island Lolita Story"_ (CBS); _"Amy Fischer: My Story"_ (NBC)

30 POINT BONUS

16. For ten points each, identify the following Scandanavian winners of the Nobel Prize in Literature.

1. Now 93, this author of "Christianity at the Glacier" is currently the oldest living winner of the prize.

Answer: Halldor _Laxness_

2. In 1918, this Norweigian poet became the first person ever to decline the prize, claiming that his work was not well-enough known outside his native country. In 1931, he became the first person to be awarded the prize posthumously.

Answer: Erik Axel _Karlfeldt_

3. This author of "The Wondrous Adventures of Nils" was the first female winner.

Answer: Selma _Lagerlof_

30 POINT BONUS

17. For ten points each, given a despotic Italian renaissance family, name the primary city over which they ruled.

1. Visconti

Answer: _Milan_

2. Gonzaga

Answer: _Mantua_

3. Este

Answer: _Ferrara_

30 POINT BONUS

18. For five points each: given a winner of the Nobel Prize in economics, identify the university with which they were associated at the time of the award.

1. Paul Samuelson, 1970

Answer: _MIT_

2. Simon Kuznets, 1971

Answer: _Harvard_

3. Milton Friedman, 1976

Answer: _Chicago_

4. Herbert Simon, 1978

Answer: _Carnegie-Mellon_

5. Franco Modigliani, 1985

Answer: _Yale_

6. Gary Becker, 1992

Answer: _Chicago_

30 POINT BONUS

19. For fifteen points each, identify these compositions by John Cage.

1. A musician sits at a piano with a stopwatch, but does not play. After the time interval specified in title of the piece, she gets up and leaves.

Answer: _4:33_

2. In this 1951 work, twenty-four musicians stand on a stage with twenty-four radios, which are tuned to random stations. The musicians "play" this piece by adjusting the volume controls.

Answer: _Imaginary Landscape No. 4_

30 POINT BONUS

20. For five points each, fill in the blanks to complete these Deep Thoughts (per Jack Handey). Note that some of the blanks may contain more than one word.

1. "It takes a big man to cry, but it takes a bigger man to _____."

Answer: laugh at that man

2. "Contrary to popular belief, the most dangerous animal is not the lion or tiger or even the elephant. The most dangerous animal is a _____, just eating and trampling everything they see."

Answer: shark riding on an elephant

3. "The face of a child can say it all, especially the _____."