

1. In Euripides' play Helen, it was the name of the King of Egypt. In Vonnegut's Player Piano, it is the surname of the protagonist. In Greek mythology, it was the name of a shape-changing sea god, and in Shakespeare, it is the name of one of the Two Gentlemen of Verona. FTP, name this name.

Answer: Proteus

2. Condemned to death in absentia by his native city, he became an adviser to Persian king Artaxerxes I and eventually died by drinking a poisoned cup of bull's blood after some failed palace intrigue. In his earlier life, he had done more than any man to halt the growth of the Persian empire, both as architect of the Athenian navy and as the victor of several important battles in 480 B.C. FTP, name this Athenian general most famous for winning the battle of Salamis.

Answer: Themistocles

3. He was removed from his post at the Institute of Genetics in 1965-- an event which, appropriately enough, coincided with the centennial celebration of Mendel's laws. Although his attempt to revive the discredited theory of acquired characteristics had little scientific merit, he enjoyed the vigorous support Stalin and Khrushchev, who silenced all his Mendellian critics. FTP, name this scientific charlatan, who is credited with setting Soviet biology back a generation.

Answer: Trofim Lysenko

4. Its manifesto was a 1920 pamphlet titled "Neo-Plasticism," written by its founder, Theo van Doesburg, and the list of painters and furniture-makers who were connected to this movement at one time or another include Hans Richter, El Lissitzky, and Brancusi. FTP, name this highly geometrical school of abstract art, now associated almost exclusively with the work of Piet Mondrian.

Answer: De Stijl

5. After just eighteen months in office, CEO Robert Holland was forced out in 1995 after a dispute with the company's founders over plans for expansion. His successor will be chosen by orthodox corporate methods, which means that this company is no longer interested in receiving essays from potential applicants. FTP, name this Vermont-based company, makers of a gourmet ice cream.

Answer: Ben & Jerry's

6. He was one Charles Dickens' few friends but a bitter enemy of Tennyson, whom he satirized in his poem The New Timon. Elected to parliament in 1831, he was given the title of Baron Knebworth after organizing the Canadian province of British Columbia, but he is best known for his popular historical novels. FTP, name this author of Ernest Maltravers, The Pilgrims on the Rhine, Rienzi, and Harold, Last of the Saxons, whose 1830 novel Paul Clifford begins with the words "It was a dark and stormy night..."

Answer: Edward Bulwer-Lytton

7. Introduced by the emperor Leo III in 726 and continued by his successors Constantine VI and Leo IV, this theological movement was condemned by the 787 council of Nicaea and died out after the death of the emperor Theophilus in 842. FTP, name this attempted reform of the Byzantine Church, which advocated the suppression and sometimes the destruction of holy images.

Answer: _Iconoclasm_

8. First used in France in 1954, it has since been taken up by virtually all other Western European countries, though its adoption in the United States now seems very unlikely. In practice it is a hidden sales tax, since all the costs it incurs are eventually passed on to the consumer, while it is technically a levy on producers that taxes each stage of a product's improvement prior to its final sale. FTP, name this indirect form of taxation.

Answer: _Value added_ tax or _VAT_

9. One of only three people to win multiple Pulitzer Prizes in music, his early "Symphony in One Movement" was the first work by an American composer ever performed at the Salzburg festival, while his opera _Antony and Cleopatra_ was selected by the Metropolitan Opera for the debut performance at its new Lincoln Center hall in 1966. FTP, name this composer, whose best known work is the _Adagio for Strings_.

Answer: Samuel _Barber_

10. Invented by and named for a Du Pont company chemist, this product is notable as the first commercially successful application of polyethylene. Introduced in 1947, in 1951 it was withdrawn completely from retail stores, and instead sold and marketed exclusively through a system where suburban housewives would be hired by the company to host parties featuring it. FTP, name this line of airtight plastic food storage containers.

Answer: _Tupperware_

11. Set sometime during the Renaissance, it is a poem in the form of a dramatic monologue, and its narrator is the recently-widowed Duke of Ferrara, who is negotiating a prospective marriage. The title refers to the Duke's previous wife, and as the poem develops, it becomes apparent that she had been killed on the orders of her husband. FTP, name this 1842 poem by Robert Browning.

Answer: _My Last Duchess_

12. The Holy City of Sikhism, this Punjabi town was the site of an unarmed march on April 13, 1919 by about 10,000 Indians who were protesting the British government's institution of the repressive Rowlatt Acts. After the crowd tried to gain entrance to the local fort, the British troops opened fire, and 379 people were killed, most as they tried to flee. FTP, name the site of this notorious massacre, which gave considerable momentum to Mahatma Gandhi's noncooperation movement and to the cause of Indian independence.

Answer: _Amritsar_

13. Between 1856 and 1860, the price of steel in Britain dropped 80%, while the total production of steel rose by over 3,000 percent. Most of this was due to a single man, who made the simple discovery that blowing blast of air through molten steel could separate carbon from iron, and that this blast could be manipulated with a tilting converter. FTP,

name this British engineer, whose process was the first cost-effective method of producing steel.

Answer: Henry _Bessemer_

14. A professional violinist who used music to support himself during his early years as an painter, it was not until after he already exhibited with the Blue Rider group that he claimed to have "discovered" color, in 1914. The painter of over nine thousand works, including Villa R, Twittering Machine, and Landscape with Yellow Birds, his art was intentionally made to look improvised, and he had a prominent place in the Nazi's notorious 1937 exhibition of "degenerate art." FTP, name this Swiss-born Bauhaus artist best known for his _Pedagogical Sketchbook_.

Answer: Paul _Klee_

15. He left network television in 1961 to become director of the U.S. Information Agency in the Kennedy Administration, and spent the last four years of his life criticizing television's emphasis on escapist programming. Arguably the most famous correspondent of World War II, his network television projects included _Person to Person_ and _Small World_, as well as the highly influential _See It Now_, all of which had been cancelled by 1959. FTP, name this CBS journalist and pioneer of television news broadcasting.

Answer: Edward R. _Murrow_

16. As a young man, he published a translation of some plays by an obscure Spanish playwright named Clara Gazul, which he followed with _La Guzla_, supposedly a translation of some medieval Serbian poetry. In reality, he had written both works himself, and when his cover was blown he began to write under his own name, eventually turning out such works as _Columba_ and _Mateo Falcone_. FTP, name this writer best known for _Carmen_.

Answer: Prosper _Merimee_

17. The name of this group is probably a corruption of the name of its founder, Hassan Sabah, although a common legend claims that it has something to do with the drug hashish. Its headquarters were in the Persian mountain fortress of Alamut, from whence it terrorized the Middle East for two centuries until its annihilation by the Mongol conqueror Hulagu. FTP, name this sect, best known because of its talent for murdering political opponents.

Answer: The Order of the _Assassins_

18. It is an odorless, tasteless, transparent liquid that is colorless in small amounts, but has a bluish tinge in large quantities. Because of the hydrogen bondings between its V-shaped molecules, its latent heats of fusion and evaporation, as well as its heat capacity, are all unusually high, and it has the unusual property of self-ionization, being able to react with itself to produce hydroxyl and hydronium ions. FTP, name this most abundant liquid on earth.

Answer: _water_

19. The son of a wealthy industrialist, he was an early patron of the impressionists, and his personal collection later formed the nucleus of the Musee d'Impressionisme. His own artistic reputation is based on such early, realistic works as "The Floor Scrapers," which is one of the few paintings by him that can be seen by the public, since the bulk of his output

is held in private collections by his still-prosperous descendants. FTP, name this French artist, best known for "Paris Street: Rainy Day."

Answer: Gustave _Caillebote_

20. This economist and former speechwriter for Pat Buchanan had his first brush with fame in 1990, when he was fired from his job at TRW for writing a virulently anti-Japanese article about world trade. His second brush of fame came six year later, when he was tapped to fill a position that last been held by James Stockdale. FTP, name 1996 running mate of Ross Perot.

Answer: Pat _Choate_

John's Complete Packets Packet #34 (Medium) Bonus Questions (UNBALANCED)

30 POINT BONUS

1. Identify the dead person, 30-20-10.

1. A great admirer of Mozart, he had part of his name changed from "Wilhelm" to "Amadeus" after that composer's death. His own musical works include a single opera, "Undine."

2. Better known as a writer, it was on one of his short stories that Tchiakovsky's "Nutcracker" ballet was based. Other works include "The Devil's Elixir," "Night Pieces," "Fantastic Pieces in Callot's Manner," and "Brothers of Serapion."

3. He is the title character of an 1881 opera by Jacques Offenbach that is based on three of his Tales.

Answer: Ernst Theodor Amadeus _Hoffman_

30 POINT BONUS

2. For ten points each, given a pair of Roman emperors, name the emperor who ruled between them.

1. Claudius and Galba

Answer: _Nero_

2. Antoninus Pius and Commodus

Answer: _Marcus_ Aurelius

3. Justin I and Justin II

Answer: _Justinian_

30 POINT BONUS

3. Identify the scientist, 30-20-10.

1. Originally a botanist, he first became famous for 1774's Flore Francais, which became the definitive handbook for identifying French plant species.

2. He is better known as a zoologist and early supporter of evolution, whose 1815 Natural History of Animals postulated four laws that directed animal evolution.

3. In the 20th century, the Soviet government tried to forcibly revive his discredited fourth law of evolution, which incorrectly states that animals pass on to their children physical characteristics acquired during their lifetimes.

Answer: Jean Baptiste Lamarck

30 POINT BONUS

4. For ten points each, given a famous work of art, identify the museum to which it currently belongs.

1. Grant Wood's "American Gothic"

Answer: Art Institute of Chicago

2. Goya's "The Third of May, 1808"

Answer: Prado

3. Rembrandt's "The Night Watch"

Answer: Rijksmuseum Amsterdam

30 POINT BONUS

5. For ten points each, identify these provinces of China.

1. China's largest province by area, it is also the most westerly.

Answer: Xinjiang or Sinkiang

2. Annexed over forty years ago, its capital is Lhasa.

Answer: Tibet

3. China's most economically-reformed province, it borders Hong Kong.

Answer: Guangdong

20 POINT BONUS

6. Given a movie studio, name its evil corporate parent, as of 1996. Five points each, with a five-point bonus for all four.

1. Columbia Pictures

Answer: Sony

2. Paramount Pictures

Answer: _Viacom_

3. Universal Pictures

Answer: _Seagram_

4. TriStar Pictures

Answer: _Sony_

30 POINT BONUS

7. For ten points each, identify the Chinese dynasties under which the following cultural or religious events took place.

1. Mencius, Lao Tzu, and Confucius are born.

Answer: _Chou_

2. A centralized government is established according to Confucian principles, and Buddhism is introduced from India.

Answer: _Han_

3. Chinese painting, sculpture, and poetry experience their golden ages. Among the major cultural figures who live during this period are Li Po, Po Chu-Yi, and Tu Fu.

Answer: _Tang_

30 POINT BONUS

8. For ten points each, name these world countries, given a description of their flags, as of 1996.

1. A gold circle is set against a pale-green background; inside the circle is an arm holding a torch.

Answer: _Zaire_

2. A gold outline map of the country is set against a white background; underneath the silhouette are two green olive branches.

Answer: _Cyprus_

3. The top half of the flag is red; the lower half, blue. In the middle, in yellow, is a picture of the country's most famous tourist attraction.

Answer: _Cambodia_

30 POINT BONUS

9. Name the character from the book of Genesis from a brief description. Ten points each.

1. He was the first man after Abel to die, and the first human to ascend directly to heaven.
2. This resident of Ur moved to Canaan from Mesopotamia, taking with him his three sons Nahor, Haran, and Abram.

Answer: _Terah_

3. This son of Judah was struck dead by God as punishment for "spill[ing] his seed upon the ground."

Answer: _Onan_

30 POINT BONUS

10. For ten points each, identify the movies from which these quotes are taken.

1. "That's exactly why we want to produce this play: to show the world the true Hitler- the Hitler you loved, the Hitler you knew, the Hitler with a song in his heart."

Answer: _The Producers_

2. "You have just made one of the two classic blunders. The first, of course, is never get involved in a land war in Asia, but only slightly less well known is: Never go up against a Sicilian when death is on the line."

Answer: _The Princess Bride_

3. "Someone will touch you on the shoulder and you won't know who it is- they will be from outer space. Can you prove it didn't happen? God help us in the future!"

Answer: _Plan 9 From Outer Space_

25 POINT BONUS

11. Identify the relationships between these pairs of people for 5 points each.

1. Molly Bloom and Blazes Boylan

Answer: _illicit _lovers_

2. Biff and Happy

Answer: _ _brothers_

3. Claudius and Nero

Answer: Nero is Claudius' _adopted son_ and _grandnephew_ (accept either)

4. Anna Karenina and Stiva Oblonsky

Answer: _ _brother and sister_

5. Gargantua and Pantagruel

Answer: Gargantua is Pantagruel's _father_

30 POINT BONUS

12. For the stated number of points, identify these nineteenth- century Prime Ministers of Britain.

1. 5 pts: Prime Minister from 1874 to 1880, he was also the author of the popular novels "Coningsby" and "Sybill."

Answer: Benjamin _Disraeli_

2. 10 pts: According to Barney Gumbel, he was Britain's greatest Prime Minister. During his tenure, Britain entered the Crimean War and crushed the Sepoy Mutiny.

Answer: Lord _Palmerston_ (Henry John _Temple_)

3. 15 pts: Serving from 1809 until his death in 1812, he is the only British Prime Minister ever to be assassinated.

Answer: Spencer _Perceval_

30 POINT BONUS

13. The most recent three Prime Ministers of Great Britain are Tony Blair, John Major, and Margaret Thatcher. For five points each, name the next six most recent PMs.

Answer: James _Callaghan_, Edward _Heath_, Harold _Wilson_, Alec _Douglas-Home_, Harold _Macmillan_, Anthony _Eden_

30 POINT BONUS

14. Write down this list of heavyweight boxing champions: Ezzard Charles, Max Baer, Joe Louis, Rocky Marciano, Floyd Patterson, and Primo Carnera. Now, choose as many of these as you like and place them in chronological order according to when they first became champion. However, if you place one out of order, you will receive no points. If all the ones you choose are in correct order relative to each other, you will receive five points for each one you ranked. You must pick at least two.

Answer: _Carnera, Baer, Louis, Charles, Marciano, Patterson_

30 POINT BONUS

15. 30-20-10, identify the author from his works.

1. The short story collections _Mirgorod_ and _Arabesques_.

2. The short stories "Nevsky Prospect," and "Taras Bulba."

3. The comedy _The Inspector General_

Answer: Nikolai _Gogol_

30 POINT BONUS

16. Write down the following list of ancient military and political leaders: Themistocles, Jugurtha, Crassus, Caligula, Valerian. Now, for five points each, given a description of a particularly nasty way to die, identify the person from the list who died in such a way.

1. Captured in battle, after which he was killed by having molten gold poured down his throat.

Answer: _Crassus_

2. Forced to commit suicide by swallowing a cupful of poisoned bull's blood.

Answer: _Themistocles_

3. Locked in a small room, given lots of air and water but no food, and slowly starved to death.

Answer: _Jugurtha_

4. Captured, killed, stuffed, mounted, and made into a foot-stool for the king of Persia.

Answer: _Valerian_

5. A refreshingly simple mass stabbing.

Answer: _Caligula_

30 POINT BONUS

17. Name the year, 30-20-10-5.

1. At the academy awards in March of this year, "Theme from Shaft" wins an Oscar for Best Song.

2. Okinawa is returned to the Japanese, and the British impose direct control over Northern Ireland after years of increasing violence. Ireland, Britain, and Denmark join the European Community.

3. _Life_ magazine ceases publication, the military draft is phased out, and capital punishment is ruled unconstitutional. Bobby Fischer becomes world chess champion.

4. Nixon visits China. District of Columbia police arrest five burglars inside the Watergate Hotel complex. George McGovern carries Massachusetts.

Answer: _1972_

30 POINT BONUS

18. What is the tallest mountain on earth? Depends on how you measure. For ten points each, given a standard for measuring height, name the mountain that would claim the title of world's tallest under that system.

1. Measured from base to peak.

Answer: _Mauna Kea_ (2/3 underwater)

2. Measured from sea level to peak.

Answer: _Everest_

3. Measured from the center of the earth to peak.

Answer: _Chimborazo_ (because of a bulge in the earth near the equator).

30 POINT BONUS

19. For five points each part: given a Civil War battle, name the commanders on each side.

1. Fort Sumter

Answer: Pierre _Beauregard_ (Confederate), Robert _Anderson_ (Union)

2. First Manassas/Bull Run

Answer: Pierre _Beauregard_ (C), Irvin _MacDowell_ (U)

3. Franklin

Answer: John Bell _Hood_ (C), George _Thomas_ (U)

30 POINT BONUS

20. For the stated number of points, identify these straits, given the two land masses the separate.

1. 5 pts: Oman and Iran

Answer: _Hormuz_

2. 10 pts: Vancouver Island and Washington

Answer: _Juan de Fuca_

3. 15 pts: Corsica and Sardinia

Answer: _

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