

John's Complete Questions Packet #7 (Hard)

Bonuses

30 POINT BONUS HBS

1. For ten points each, identify these characters who make multiple appearances in Kurt Vonnegut novels.

1. This insane millionaire is the title character of one of Vonnegut's novels, which tells of his attempt to redistribute his family's ill-gotten wealth. In Slaughterhouse-Five, he appears briefly as Billy Pilgrim's roommate at a sanatorium.

Answer: Elliot _Rosewater_

2. Elliot Rosewater's favorite writer, this hapless science-fiction novelist also has a cameo in Slaughterhouse-Five and is one of the two protagonists of Breakfast of Champions.

Answer: Kilgore _Trout_

3. Finally, this Teutonic surname is shared by two Vonnegut characters with different first names: Schlichter is a former Auschwitz camp physician who appears in Cat's Cradle, and Siegfried is the "Beast of Yugoslavia," a dead Nazi general whose ghost is one of the three members of the greek chorus in Happy Birthday, Wanda June.

Answer: von _Koenigswald_

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2. Given a figure from early and medieval church history, identify them as heretical (according to the church's official line today), burned at the stake, both, or neither.

1. Origen

Answer: _Heretic_

2. Jan Hus

Answer: _Both_

3. Arius

Answer: _Heretic_

4. Peter Waldo

Answer: _Heretic_

5. Stephen Langton

Answer: _Neither_

6. Girolamo Savonarola

Answer: _Burned_

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3. For ten points each, give the popular names of these nebulae.

1. It surrounds a star cluster known as the Trapezium, and at thirty light-years across, it is the Milky Way's largest nebula.

Answer: _Orion_ Nebula

2. Located next to the star Alnitak in Orion's belt, it is so cold and dense that it completely blots out the light of the stars behind it.

Answer: _Horsehead_ Nebula

3. Located in the Large Magellanic Cloud, it is the largest known nebula in the universe, and is home to some of the universe's biggest and brightest stars.

Answer: _Tarantula_ Nebula

30 POINT BONUS HBC

4. For five points each, given a famous artist, name the monarch or political figure who served as that artist's most important patron.

1. Titian

Answer: _Charles V_ of the Holy Roman Empire (Charles I of Spain)

2. Botticelli

Answer: _Lorenzo_ the Magnificent of Medici

3. Van Dyck

Answer: _Charles I_ of Britain

4. Goya

Answer: _Charles IV_ of Spain

5. Velazquez

Answer: _Philip IV_ of Spain

6. Leonardo da Vinci (after 1517)

Answer: _Francis I_ of France

30 POINT BONUS HBT

5. Pencil and paper might be needed. In a certain country of people who are especially vivid dreamers, half the population is diurnal and half of the population is nocturnal. If a person is diurnal, everything he believes when he is awake is true and everything he believes while he is asleep is false. If a person is nocturnal, everything he believes while he is awake is false and everything he believes when he is asleep is true. For five points each, given a bit of information about two of these people, tell whether they are nocturnal or diurnal, and whether they are asleep or awake. Fifteen points each.

1. Alice believes that she is diurnal and awake. What is Alice?

Answer: _Diurnal and awake_

2. Bob believes he is diurnal and asleep. What is Bob?

Answer: _Nocturnal and awake_

30 POINT BONUS HBS

6. For the stated number of points, identify these twentieth- century Italian writers from works.

1. For five: _The Island of the Day Before_ and _Foucault's Pendulum_.

Answer: Umberto _Eco_

2. For ten: _The Child of Pleasure_ and _The Flame of Life_.

Answer: Gabriele _D'Annunzio_

3. For fifteen: _The Mill on the Po_ and _The Son of Stalin_.

Answer: Riccardo _Bachelli_

30 POINT BONUS HBH

7. For ten points each, name these would-be imitators of Lenin.

1. Known as "The Lenin of Hungary," he led a communist regime in Budapest from March to August of 1919 and invaded Slovakia before being himself deposed by a Romanian invasion. Later the president of Comintern, he was purged and executed by Stalin in 1938.

Answer: Bela _Kun_

2. A sharp critic of Lenin and his dictatorial methods, this Polish-born co-founder of the German Communist party spent most of World War I in prison, and was murdered by right-wing soldiers while under arrest during the 1919 Spartakist revolt.

Answer: Rosa _Luxemburg_

3. The son of one of Karl Marx's associates, he was elected to the Reichstag as a Social Democrat and helped Rosa Luxemburg found the German Communist party. He was arrested and shot along with Luxemburg in January 1919.

Answer: Karl _Liebknecht_

30 POINT BONUS HBS

8. For fifteen points each, identify these influential star catalogues.

1. First published in 1771, its original title was "Forty-Five Objects Not To be Confused With Comets." It was inspired in part by its author's embarrassing failure to detect Halley's Comet fourteen years earlier.

Answer: The _Messier_ Catalogue

2. Named for an amateur astronomer who thought up the idea but died before he could do any work on it, the real authors of this landmark catalogue of stellar spectra were E.C. Pickering, Henrietta Leavitt, and Annie Jump Cannon.

Answer: The Henry _Draper_ Catalogue_

30 POINT BONUS HBC

9. For fifteen points each, identify these female composers of classical music.

1. This Scottish opera composer is the only woman who appears on the _Cambridge Factfinder_'s list of eighty-eight significant composers. Her most frequently-performed work is 1977's _Mary, Queen of Scots_.

Answer: Thea _Musgrave_

2. In 1983, her _Three Movements for Orchestra_ won the Pulitzer Prize for Music; she was the first woman ever to win that award.

Answer: Ellen Taaffe _Zwillich_

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10. Identify the year, 30-20-10.

1. Owing to a scheduling change from December to January, no Australian open is held in this calendar year. It is the most recent year in which tennis' four grand slam events were not held.

2. Notable deaths include Simone de Beauvoir, Jean Genet, Cary Grant, Harold MacMillan, Georgia O'Keefe, Donna Reed, Wallis Simpson, Bernard Malamud, L. Ron Hubbard, and Olof Palme.

3. Antonin Scalia becomes a Supreme Court justice, Portugal and Spain enter the EC, Argentina wins the World Cup, Voyager visits Uranus, and Greg LeMond wins the Tour de France for the first time.

Answer: _1986_

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11. For fifteen points each, identify these short stories by Saki, given a brief synopsis.

1. A bored young boy invents his own pagan religion, in which the central deity is a wild polecat that he keeps in a locked hutch. When the boy's no-nonsense aunt tries to spoil his fun, he prays to his god for deliverance, and the polecat bursts out and tears the aunt to pieces.

Answer: Sredni Vashtar

2. Two feuding East European neighbors are stalking each other in the woods when a tree falls, trapping them both underneath. While waiting to be rescued, they talk, discover that they actually have a lot in common, and become great friends. Then they get eaten by wolves.

Answer: The Interlopers

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12. For five points each, given the year, name the vice- presidential runner-up. (That is, the man who finished with the second-most votes for VP in the electoral college).

1. 1976

Answer: Robert _Dole_

2. 1920

Answer: Franklin D. _Roosevelt_

3. 1948

Answer: Earl _Warren_

4. 1964

Answer: William _Miller_

5. 1912

Answer: Hiram _Johnson_

6. 1928

Answer: Joseph _Robinson_

30 POINT BONUS HBS

13. For ten points each, identify these people who played a part in the discovery of cosmic background radiation.

1. A professor at the George Washington University, he formulated the "Hot Big Bang" theory, according to which the universe began in a state of extremely high temperature and density.

Answer: George _Gamow_

2. With Robert Herman, he published a 1948 paper proving that, according to Gamow's theory, the universe should be bathed in radiation left over from the Big Bang.

Answer: Ralph _Alpher_

3. For a final ten points, name either of the Bell Labs researchers who experimentally detected microwave background radiation in 1965, a discovery which would win them the 1978 Nobel Prize in physics.

Answer: Arno _Penzias_ or Robert _Wilson_

30 POINT BONUS HBC

14. For ten points each, identify these Italian terms which commonly appear in musical notation, given a literal translation of what they mean.

1. Fast, not too much.

Answer: _Allegro non troppo_ or _Allegro non tanto_

2. Going

Answer: _Andante_

3. With motion

Answer: _Con moto_

30 POINT BONUS HBT

15. This is an unrelated-parts 30-20-10 bonus; the subject is American historians. (For those unfamiliar with this type of question: it works like a normal 30-20-10, except that there is a different answer to each clue. But as soon as any clue is answered correctly, the team takes its points and the bonus ends.)

1. For thirty: The first person to write a full-length American history, this career diplomat (and founder of the Naval Academy) spent over forty years on his work, which was completed in 1874.

Answer: George _Bancroft_

2. Arguably the only great Marxist historian of America, his principal work is 1913's _Economic Interpretation of the Constitution_, in which he argued that the Founders' real purpose was to protect the power and privileges of the wealthy.

Answer: Charles _Beard_

3. A professor at Wisconsin and Harvard, he is best remembered for his 1893 essay _The Significance of the Frontier in American History_.

Answer: Frederick Jackson _Turner_

30 POINT BONUS HBS

16. Identify the following two literary characters: fifteen points if you get them from a description of their miserable lives; ten points if you need the name and author of the novel in which they appear.

1. 15 point clue: Enters a seminary, seduces the aristocratic Mathilde in a cynical attempt to obtain social advancement, attempts to murder his ex-lover Mme de Renal, gets arrested and executed. 10 point clue: Stendhal's The Red and the Black.

Answer: Julien Sorrel

2. 15 point clue: Spends all his money on his two spoiled daughters, Mme de Nuciegen and Mme de Restaud, who treat him like dirt. Dies of apoplexy after pawning his last silver plate; his daughters send empty carriages to the funeral. 10 point clue: He is the title character of a novel by Balzac.

Answer: Pere Goriot

30 POINT BONUS HBH

17. For ten points each, identify these kings named Haakon.

1. Born Prince Carl of Denmark, in 1905 he was elected king of Norway when that country gained independence from Sweden.

Answer: Haakon VII

2. One of the first Christian kings of Norway, his struggle against his pagan half-brother Eric Bloodaxe was the subject of a late Norse saga.

Answer: Haakon I or Haakon the Good

3. This thirteenth-century king brought Norway to its greatest territorial extent when he annexed Iceland and Greenland, but he was killed in an unsuccessful attempt to add Scotland to his empire.

Answer: Haakon IV or Haakon the Old

30 POINT BONUS HBS

18. For the stated number of points, identify these men whose discoveries in the nineteenth century made surgery a lot less dangerous.

1. For five: in 1857, this Frenchman proved the connection between putrefication and living micro-organisms.

Answer: Louis Pasteur

2. For ten: after reading of Pasteur's work, this English surgeon began treating wounds and surgical instruments with germ-killing carbolic acid, thus ushering in the age of antiseptic surgery.

Answer: Joseph Lister

3. For fifteen: a student and assistant of Lister, this Scotsman invented a line of surgical tools that could be boiled between uses, launching the field of aseptic surgery.

Answer: William _Macewen_

30 POINT BONUS HBC

19. For ten points each, identify these female opera characters, given a description of how they die.

1. She is buried alive alongside her true love Radames.

Answer: _Aida_

2. She dies from one of those bizarre strains of tuberculosis which leave the victim's ability to hit high notes unaffected, and perishes just moments after she is reunited with her ex-lover Alfredo Germont.

Answer: _Violetta_

3. Although she survives all three of the Greek tragedies from which her story is adapted, this Richard Strauss title character drops dead without much explanation at the end of her opera.

Answer: _Elektra_ HBT

20. For the stated number of points, identify the authors of these classic children's books which the writer of these questions bought for his two-year-old niece last Christmas.

1. For five: "Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You?"

Answer: Dr. _Seuss_

2. For ten: "But Not the Hippopotamus," and "Doggies: a Counting and Barking Book."

Answer: Sandra _Boynton_

3. For fifteen: "The Story of Jim, Who Ran Away From His Nurse and was Eaten by a Lion." (from the collection "Cautionary Tales for Children.")

Answer: Hillaire _Belloc_

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John's Complete Questions Packet #8 (Easy)

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