

SNEWT II: Grandson of QOTC, 1998
Tossups by Yale University B

1. Set in the southwestern province of Kerala, it explores the life of two seven-year-old fraternal twins, Estha and Rahel, whose family owns the Paradise Pickle Factory. From there, the novel details a cross-caste love affair and delves into the minutiae of rural Indian life. FTP, name this winner of the 1997 Booker Prize, the first novel by Arundhati Roy.

Answer: THE GOD OF SMALL THINGS

2. The great strength of this protein is due to the large number of cysteines which form strong disulfide bonds and the way it forms sheets held together by hydrogen bonding. It is frequently found in nature, in such places as horses' hooves, hens' feathers, sheep's wool, and your nails. FTP, name this famous protein.

ANSWER: KERATIN

3. In all, fifty people were injured and one was killed after General Douglas MacArthur was called in to suppress this group, a few months after it began moving into shacks and shanties on the Anacostia River. The crisis was spurred when veterans impoverished by the Depression asked that they be paid their benefits immediately, rather than in 1945, and travelled to Washington in large numbers to influence Congress in the summer of 1932. FTP, name this group of World War I veterans and protesters.

Answer: The BONUS ARMY (accept: BONUS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE)

4. It was based on a play written by Alexander Dumas the younger about his mistress. It tells the story of young Alfredo Germont, and his love, the courtesan Violetta Valery, who sacrifices her own happiness to protect the name of his respectable family, and its title literally translated means "The Woman Gone Astray." FTP, name this opera, written in 1853 by Giuseppe Verdi.

Answer: LA TRAVIATA

5. Despite four years of peace talks and twenty of civil war, the formerly Marxist government and right-wing troops in this nation seem on the verge of renewing civil war. The major sticking point to implementing the so-called "Lusaka Protocol" for peace is warlord Jonas Savimbi's refusal to disarm his army and to relinquish control over rich diamond fields in the southwest of the country. FTP, name this African nation, a former Portuguese colony and the home of the UNITA rebels.

Answer: ANGOLA

6. Born in Parry Sound, Ontario, this prodigy was first signed to an amateur contract by an NHL team at the age of 14. After playing in Oshawa for four years, he launched a 12-year NHL career with 270 goals, 645 assists, 8 Norris Trophies, and three Hart trophies, and revolutionized

the role of a hockey defenseman. FTP, name this former Boston Bruin, the youngest player ever elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame.

Answer: Bobby _ORR_

7. The middle of this constellation lies almost exactly on the celestial equator. Among its more notable features are the stars Bellatrix and Saiph, and the nebula that shares its name, as well as the more famous stars Rigel and Betelgeuse. FTP, identify this constellation named for a blind huntsman of Greek mythology.

ANSWER: _ORION_

8. Initially seen as a base to protect B-29 strikes on Japan, this member of the Bonin Islands became the subject of a protracted battle in 1945 as 20,000 Japanese defenders under the renowned Lt. Gen. Kuribayashi Tadamichi fought in entrenched positions against the US Marines. It took nearly a month of fighting to pacify the island after American forces planted a flag on Mount Suribachi on February 23. FTP, name this battle, the fighters at which now have a memorial in Washington, DC.

Answer: The Battle of _IWO JIMA_

9. This 1936 George Orwell novel tells the story of young Gordon Comstock, an aspiring writer, who tries his best to keep himself free from the "money world" that everyone is chasing which he feels is slowly killing off art, love, life, and the titular middle-class British houseplant that he is so fond of. FTP, name this novel, recently made into the Helena Bonham Carter movie "A Merry War."

Answer: _KEEP THE ASPIDISTRA FLYING_

10. The narrator, Charles Ryder, is an undergraduate at Oxford, who meets a fellow student named Sebastian Marchmain and later visits him at his family home in the midst of the Second World War. There Ryder observes the responses of each member of the family to their Catholic faith. FTP, name this 1945 novel by Evelyn Waugh.

ANSWER: _BRIDESHEAD REVISITED_

11. A son of Iapetus and brother of Atlas, he botched the job of assigning traits to animals by using up all the good traits before he got to people. Later, Zeus gave Pandora to him as his bride when he decided to punish men for the theft of fire, and he proved the aptness of his name yet again by accepting. FTP, name this brother of Prometheus whose name means after thinker.

Answer: _EPIMETHEUS_

12. First settled in 1821 by Francois Chouteau, this city rose to prominence in the 1840's when it was known as Westport. A terminus for the Santa Fe and Oregon Trails, it replaced

Independence as the crucial supply center for westward-bound pioneers, and in 1889 it was officially named after the river that runs through it. FTP, name this city, home to Arrowhead Stadium.

Answer: KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI (Prompt on Kansas City)

13. Wearing red didn't seem to bother the British Army until this protracted conflict convinced them that it was as good as wearing a "Shoot Me" sign. Expected to be a short war of colonial pacification, ostensibly to protect the rights of British citizens but in fact to gain control of rich diamond and gold fields, it took the Brits three years to pacify the pesky guerrillas. FTP, name this conflict, in which the United Kingdom gained full control of South Africa.

Answer: The Anglo-BOER WAR

14. Though his father was rabbi of the town of Epinal, where he was born in 1858, he later came to break with Judaism and to favor a scientific approach to all social problems. Appointed to the Chair of the Science of Education at the Sorbonne in 1902, he proposed that groups have characteristics that are more than, or different from, the sum of the individuals' characteristics or behaviors, and thus became a founder of sociology. FTP, name this French social theorist best known for The Division of Labor in Society and Suicide.

Answer: Emile DURKHEIM

15. The introduction of the cat and the fox, coupled with the destruction of its natural habitat, led to its near extinction by the early 1980s. Though it is a marsupial, it lacks a pouch, giving birth to about 4 young each year; its diet consists entirely of termites, and its 8 transverse stripes and grayish-brown body lend it part of one of its names. FTP, name this Australian mammal, which, despite the similarity of their names, is not closely related to the wombat.

ANSWER: NUMBAT or BANDED ANTEATER or MYRMECOBIUS FASCIATUS

16. It is the story of a 1920s film star and his funny sidekick Cosmo making the transition from silent movies to talking pictures. But when Don Lockwood falls for the sweet-voiced Kathy Selden, his jealous co-star Lina Lamont vows to stir up some trouble. Name, FTP, this motion picture musical starring Donald O'Connor, Debbie Reynolds, and Gene Kelly.

Answer: SINGING IN THE RAIN

17. This former journalist received instant acclaim with his first book, the 1978 WWII spy novel "The Eye of the Needle." He used his reporting experience to create an extremely detailed setting and plot, and came to be known as one of the best contemporary writers of historical fiction.

He wrote a few more espionage stories, such as "The Man from St. Petersburg" and "The Key to Rebecca," before undertaking his massive medieval cathedral epic "The Pillars of the Earth." FTP, name this British author.

Answer: Ken _FOLLETT_

18. Though he remained loyal during the Bohemian uprising, his frequent changes of allegiance eventually lost him the trust of Ferdinand II, who had him run through with a lance. His untimely death came after he had raised several armies in the Holy Roman cause and allowed them to terrorize Central Europe. FTP, name this Bohemian Generalissimo, famous for his fighting prowess in defeating Gustavus Adolphus of Sweden in the Thirty Years' War.

Answer: Albrecht Wenzel Eusebius, Count von _WALLENSTEIN _

19. This 563 mile river begins in the Czech Republic and flows through large portions of East and Central Europe, which were ravaged a year ago by its severe flooding. In ancient times the western border of Poland, today it connects the industrial region of Silesia with the Baltic Sea. FTP, name this river, which with the Neisse forms the border between Germany and Poland.

Answer: _ODER_ (Accept _ODRA_)

20. In general, they can be described as fundamental fermions that do not engage in strong interactions. Half of them are charged, but they also include three types of uncharged neutrinos; the muon, the tau particle, and the electron are the other examples. FTP, identify this class of subatomic particles.

Answer: _LEPTONS_

(don't use)

This 1995 collection of interviews and observations of adolescent girls quickly became one of the most talked about works of recent years. Depicting a society where teenagers, especially young women, have to grow up too quickly, Mary Pipher's Shakespearean-titled nonfiction stressed the importance of self-respect and identity in what she calls a "girl-poisoning" world. FTP, name this work.

Answer: _REVIVING OPHELIA_

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1. Name the following men associated with building the A-bomb FTP each.

a. The brigadier general in charge of all army activities relating to the bomb.

ANSWER: General Leslie R. _GROVES_

b. The scientist who directed the laboratory at Los Alamos.

ANSWER: Julius Robert _OPPENHEIMER_

c. The Danish-born scientist who rejected an offer to work on the German bomb, fled Denmark in the cargo hold of an airplane, and joined the American team.

ANSWER: Neils _BOHR_

2. Answer the following questions regarding the American Revolutionary War FTPE:

a) Name the British commander who precipitated the battle of Saratoga when he invaded New York from Canada in the summer of 1777.

Answer: Gen. John _BURGOYNE_

b) Horatio Gates, who forced Burgoyne's embarrassing surrender, was later defeated by Lord Cornwallis in this 1780 battle, one of the Continental Army's most severe defeats.

Answer: The Battle of _CAMDEN_

c) Cornwallis in turn was beaten at Yorktown, but it didn't stop him from holding high office thereafter. FTP, name either of the administrative posts he occupied in the British Empire after his ignominious exit from the US.

Answer: _VICEROY OF IRELAND_ or _GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA_ (Acc. Equivalents of the titles but NOT of the places)

3. 30-20-10 name the poet from works.

30: "Epithalamion" and "Prothalamion"

20: "The Shepherd's Calendar"

10: "The Faerie Queen"

Answer: Edmund _SPENSER_

4. Name these early church fathers FTPE:

a. A Roman governor until his unexpected acclamation as Bishop of Milan, he formulated the concept of monarchs as subordinate to Church authority. Some of his hymns, such as "Deus Creator omnium" or "Maker of all things, God most high" are still sung in the Catholic Church.

Answer: St. _AMBROSE_ of Milan OR _AMBROSIUS_

b. Though a tempestuous youth who fell under the spell of Manichaeism, a stint as a student of Ambrose led him to a life of Christian philosophy as Bishop of Hippo. He is best known for writing his _Confessions_ and _The City of God_.

Answer: St. _AUGUSTINE_ OR Aurelius _AUGUSTINUS_

c. He spent the last years of his life translating the Bible into Latin from the original Hebrew. His "vulgate" translation, which he finished in about A.D. 405, remained the Catholic Church's official text until the early 1980s.

Answer: St. _JEROME_ or _EUSEBIUS HIERONYMUS_

5. Answer these questions about the 1998 Tony Awards, FTPE.

a. Name this daytime talk-show host who hosted the Tony awards, broadcast from Radio City Music Hall.

Answer: Rosie _O'DONNELL_

b. Name this puppeteer, the first woman in the Tony Awards' 52-year history to win Best Director of a Musical, winning for her creative interpretation of Disney's The Lion King.

Answer: Julie _TAYMOR_

c. Name this director, the first woman in Tony Award history to win Best Director of a Play, winning for her disturbing portrayal of a mother-daughter relationship in "The Beauty Queen of Leenane."

Answer: Garry _HYNES_

6. Identify the following architects, FTPE.

a. The most famous Florentine architect of the 1400's, he lost the commission for the bronze doors of the Baptistery of Florence to Lorenzo Ghiberti. Often credited with the 'discovery' of perspective, he revived Roman architectural forms, and his greatest feat was the construction of the dome of the Florence Cathedral.

Answer: Filippo di ser _BRUNELLESCHI_

b. The outstanding architect of the High Renaissance, he was much influenced by Brunelleschi. Among his works are the Belvedere amphitheater at the Vatican, the St. Maria delle Grazie in Milan, the Tempietto of San Pietro, and the design of the new St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome, although it was greatly modified by Michelangelo.

Answer: Donato di Angelo _BRAMANTE_

c. Both a painter and an architect, he was a pupil under Raphael, and was one of the leading founders of Mannerism. He was forced to flee from Rome for designing a series of pornographic prints, and deliberately flouted the canons of Bramante in his most important work, the Palazzo del Te, built for Federigo Gonzaga.

Answer: _GUILIO ROMANO_

7. 30-20-10. Name the element.

For 30: Peter Jacob Hjelm, upon purifying it in 1782, gave it a name derived from the Greek word for "lead."

For 20: It is used as an alloying agent to add strength to steel. It adds hot strength and corrosion resistance. It has an atomic weight of 95.94 amu.

For 10: Due to its high melting point, it is used as a heating element in electric furnaces. It is also found in some forms of stainless steel and chrome for accenting swank cars.

ANSWER: _MOLYBDENUM_

8. FTPE, answer these questions on the nature of business organization.

a) This term describes a firm with a single owner who has unlimited liability, meaning that he or she is legally responsible for all the debts of their firm up to their total wealth. The government only taxes profits once as owner income.

Answer: _PROPRIETORSHIP_

b) This kind of firm is very similar to a proprietorship except that there are two or more owners with joint unlimited liability.

Answer: PARTNERSHIP

c) These firms are legal entities, separated from the individuals who own them. Owners have liability only over the value of their initial investment. Therefore, no one can force them to use their personal wealth to cover the company's debts. Income is taxed twice as company profit and shareholder profit.

Answer: CORPORATION (accept limited when delivered in a suave British accent)

9. Perhaps the most interesting of the 1998 Democratic primaries was the so-called "My Three Sons" campaign, in which three sons of prominent state politicians of the past were running for the gubernatorial nomination. Answer these questions about it FTPE:

a. Name the state in which this primary took place.

Answer: MINNESOTA

b. Name the winner of the nomination, currently Minnesota's Attorney General.

Answer: Hubert H(oratio) HUMPHREY III (or Skip HUMPHREY)

c. Name either of the other two gubernatorial progeny, one a state senator and the other the Hennepin County Attorney.

Answer: Ted MONDALE OR Mike FREEMAN

10. FTPE, answer these questions about a 20th century American author.

a) He was born in 1924 in New Orleans, Louisiana, and used the Deep South as a setting for many of his Southern Gothic works, such as Other Voices, Other Rooms and A Tree of Night.

Answer: Truman CAPOTE

b) Capote may be best known for this 1966 "nonfiction novel," in which he documents the killing of a rural Kansas family by two young drifters.

Answer: IN COLD BLOOD

c) Capote also wrote the script for this 1954 musical stage play.

Answer: _HOUSE OF FLOWERS_

11. 30-20-10. Name the team.

For 30: The oldest continuously operating pro football club, it was founded in 1898 as the Morgan Athletic Club. They won their first NFL championship in 1925.

For 20: Bought in 1932 by the Bidwell family, it was moved out of Chicago in 1960.

For 10: This perennially unsuccessful team moved once again in 1988, and they now play their home games in Sun Devil Stadium.

Answer: Arizona _CARDINALS_

12. Answer these questions about the 1971 political thriller "The Day of the Jackal" FTPE:

a) The novel depicted an assassination attempt on what world leader?

Answer: Charles _DE GAULLE_

b) Who wrote "The Day of the Jackal?"

Answer: Frederick _FORSYTH_

c) What British actor, older brother of actor James Fox, portrayed the cunning assassin in the 1973 movie adaptation?

Answer: _EDWARD FOX_

13. Given the common name of a bone in your body, give its medical name FTP.

a. The kneecap

ANSWER: _PATELLA_

b. The shoulder blade

ANSWER: _SCAPULA_

c. The collar bone

ANSWER: _CLAVICLE_

14. Answer the following questions about Rome's arch-enemy, Carthage:

a. The Carthaginians was founded as a colony of what nation of Levantine sea-traders?

Answer: The _PHOENICIANS_

b. For a time, Carthage's Mediterranean empire included what large island, previously a Greek colony and later Rome's first overseas province?

Answer: _SICILY_

b. This Spanish city was Carthage's other major colony. It remains Spain's main Mediterranean naval base today, and shares its name with a Colombian city.

Answer: _CARTAGENA_

15. Answer the following questions about Jainism FTPE.

a) This man lived during the 6th century BC and was 24th of the Tirthankaras, the mythical patriarchs of the religion. Because little historical evidence still exists of the first 23 Tirthankaras, historians call him the actual founder of Jainism.

Answer: _MAHAVIRA_

b) Jainism teaches this doctrine of nonviolence and respect for life.

Answer: _AHIMSA_

c) By the end of the 1st century CE, Jainism split into two sects due to disagreements over rules and regulations for monks. One sect believed that women could not attain salvation and monks should not even wear clothes. The other disagreed. FTP, name either of these two sects.

Answer: _DIGAMBARA_ or _SHVETAMBARA_

16. What would the world be without a crisis in the Islamic world? Answer these questions about Afghanistan, the scene of the latest crisis:

a. FFP, name the Islamicist political party under whose regime women are not allowed outside the home, men must grow facial hair, and all people are forced to attend prayers regularly.

Answer: the _TALIBAN_

b. FTP, the Taliban massacred nine diplomats from what neighboring country during their takeover last August of the city of Mazar-i-Sharif?

Answer: IRAN

c. For fifteen points, name any one of the three countries who have recognized the Taliban as the legitimate government of Afghanistan.

Answer: SAUDI ARABIA, PAKISTAN, OR the United Arab Emirates

17. Identify these musicians from the early 1900's, among the first to be inducted into the new American Classical Music Hall of Fame last May in Cincinnati, Ohio, FTPE.

a. An experimenter of many different styles, this Russian-born composer created such works as Apollo Musagete, Symphony of Psalms, and Petrushka.

Answer: Igor STRAVINSKY

b. An American composer and pianist, he was one of the most important developers of ragtime music, including songs such as "The Entertainer" and "Maple Leaf Rag".

Answer: Scott JOPLIN

c. Born of Polish and Irish parentage, he conducted the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra for twenty-five years, and helped found the New York City Symphony and the American Symphony Orchestra.

Answer: Leopold STOKOWSKI

18. Given a capital city, name the country for 5 points, and the country's former capital for an additional ten points.

A. Abuja

Answer: NIGERIA, LAGOS

B. Belmopan

Answer: BELIZE, BELIZE CITY

19. 30-20-10, name the rock group from the following personnel:

For 30: Phil Rudd, drums

For 20: Brian Johnson, vocals

For 10: Angus Young, lead guitar

Answer: AC/DC

20. Answer the following questions about the early history of the communist movement FTPE.

a) In 1919, the Bolsheviks in Russia formed this worldwide organization from the centralist elements in communist parties from Asia, America, Australia and Europe.

Answer: The THIRD COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL or the COMINTERN

b) Lenin wrote up a list of criteria that communist parties had to fulfill in order to join the Comintern. These requirements included a purge of extreme leftists and rightists and the formation of an underground revolutionary body in each party.

Answer: the TWENTY-ONE POINTS

c) On January 15, 1919, the German government suppressed this stalwart faction of the German communist party after their uprising. The executions of its leaders Rosa Luxembourg and Karl Liebknecht added humiliation to injury.

Answer: the SPARTAKUSBUND, or the SPARTACISTS or the SPARTACUS
League

30-20-10 Name the scientist.

a. His correspondence with Hooke about attractions and repulsions led Hooke to accuse him of plagiarism later in life.

b. In 1703, after giving up the Lucasian professorship at Cambridge, he was elected President of the Royal Society. He was knighted in 1705.

c. His contributions to physics are recognized by using his name as a derived SI unit.

Answer: Sir Isaac NEWTON