

TOSSUPS BY MELON (Blind round)
Questions by Charlie Steinhice

CENTER OF THE KNOWN UNIVERSE OPEN 1998

1. It was included in the 1889 collection *The Phantom Rickshaw*. Told in flashback by surviving sidekick Peachy Carnahan, it tells how Daniel Dravot sets himself up as god and king in the Central Asian land of Kafristan. FTP name this long short story by Rudyard Kipling, basis of a John Huston film starring Sean Connery and Michael Caine. **[The Man Who Would Be King]**
2. This religion is divided into 2 major branches: Theravada and Mahayana. Theravada is significant in Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, and Sri Lanka, while Mahayana dominates in China, Mongolia, Korea, Vietnam, and Japan. FTP, name this religion founded in northeastern India by the wisdom of Siddhartha Guatama. **[Buddhism]**
3. Black. Baird's. Indra. Pipevine. Anise. Spicebush. Palamedes. Zebra. These are all members of the genus *Papilio*, of which the most familiar variety is probably the Tiger. FTP give the common name for this family of large and often colorful butterflies. **[swallowtails]**
4. In 1855 the state of New York opened Castle Garden, a depot at the tip of Manhattan Island. Critics complained that it ruined property values and that those who passed through there caused "pestilential odors." So the U.S. government provided a new site, and in 1892 a new depot was opened which at its peak processed over 5,000 arrivals a day. FTP name this processing facility for immigrants. **[Ellis Island]**
5. This man died in September 1997 at age 92. The only member of his family to survive Hitler's concentration camps, he asserted that even under such extreme conditions individuals should take action against life's challenges rather than despair over its meaning. FTP name the author of the 1946 book *Man's Search for Meaning* and the founder of logotherapy. **[Viktor Frankl]**
6. Blend with cracked ice 3 oz. rum, 1/2 oz. apricot brandy, 1 oz. pineapple juice, the juice of 1 lime and 1 orange, and 1 teaspoon powdered sugar. Strain into a tall frosted glass. Finally, top it with 1/2 oz 151 proof rum. FTP name the drink I've just described which might have been the beverage of choice in *Weekend at Bernie's* 2 or of the musicians who recorded "Time of the Season." **[zombie]**
7. While in high school he published a chemistry magazine to support his invalid parents, yet he went to Caltech as a physics student. He started with the patent department of the electronics firm P.R. Mallory Co., where he tired of repetitive hand copying of patent drawings and specifications. Working out of his apartment, he used electrostatics and patented his first device in 1940, but it took presentations to over 20 companies before he found a buyer. FTP name this inventor, who eventually assigned the commercial rights to the Haloid Company, now known as Xerox. **[Chester Carlson]**
8. He served in the R.A.F. in World War II and returned to the stage in 1946. His breakthrough role was as the malevolent tramp in Harold Pinter's *The Caretaker* (1960.) His film roles were mostly villainous, as in *Telefon* and *The Madwoman of Chaillot*, but included sympathetic characters in *The Hallelujah Trail* and *The Great Escape*. FTP name this bald actor, who became typecast in horror films after his success as the shrink in *Halloween*. **[Donald Pleasence]**
9. Imprisoned six times and exiled twice, he cofounded *Pravda* with Stalin. After Khrushchev's denunciation of Stalin's crimes, he was demoted to ambassador to Mongolia. As Prime Minister from 1940-41 he was responsible for the two Five-Year Plans for expanding commerce and industry. He concurrently held the

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[Vyacheslav **Molotov**]

10. One of the coolest facts that Charlie has stumbled across in a long time is that this is the last name of the plaintiff in the 1940 Supreme Court case that ruled that blacks could not be prevented from buying homes in white neighborhoods. It's also the last name of the author of *Les Blancs*, *The Sign in Sidney Brustein's Window*, and *To Be Young, Gifted, and Black*, whose most famous work has a lot in common with that court case. FTP give the last name of the author of *A Raisin in the Sun*.

[**Hansberry**]

11. He died in a skirmish at Argos after waging war against the Carthaginians in Sicily and losing to the Romans at Beneventum. He beat the Romans at Heraclea and Asculum, but at such cost that he reputedly said, "Another such victory and I shall be ruined." FTP name this King of Epirus, whose name lives on in the term for such costly victories.

[**Pyrrhus**]

12. "There is a catcher that any big league club would like to buy for \$200,000," said Walter Johnson. "He can do everything. He hits the ball a mile. And he catches so easy he might as well be in a rocking chair. Throws like a rifle." The man Johnson described never made the majors despite a 70-homer season in 1931, but he is believed to have hit the longest home run ever in Yankee Stadium. FTP name this Hall of Famer who may have topped 1,000 career homers with the Crawford Colored Giants and Homestead Grays.

[**Josh Gibson**]

13. His *Vespers* were probably assembled as a collection to show a potential employer his range and not intended to be performed as a unit. He did land a job as maestro di capelle at St. Mark's, Venice, and held it for 30 years. Perhaps the best of his extant operas is *The Coronation of Poppaea* (1642), but his true claim to fame begins with his 1607 opera *Orfeo*. FTP name this composer, credited with inventing the modern opera.

[Claudio **Monteverdi**]

14. He was no pirate, but he's the only person listed on biography.com as being born in Penzance. By now his discovery that some chemical compounds can be decomposed into their elements by electricity is less familiar on the quizbowl circuit than the usual lead-ins -- the discovery of the anesthetic effect of nitrous oxide and the invention of the miners' safety lamp. FTP name the discoverer of barium, strontium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, and sodium.

[Sir Humphrey **Davy**]

15. The comic poet Antiphanes complained that tragedians had it easier, saying that whenever tragedians run into difficulty they just raise up the crane used to portray characters in flight "like a finger to the audience" (and yes, the Greeks used their middle finger much as we do today.) Borrowing from the Greek for such a crane comes this phrase for the plot device of bringing in a god and salvaging an unbelievable happy ending. FTP give this three-word Latin phrase now used for any artificial device used to resolve a plot.

[**deus ex machina**]

16. One of the founding members of the Royal Society, he achieved early fame as a mathematician and astronomer and was professor of astronomy at Gresham College and at Oxford. He is responsible for Chelsea Hospital and the library of Trinity College at Cambridge, as well as St. Bride, St. Stephen Walbrook, St. Mary-le-Bow, and 50 other London churches. FTP name the man whose rebuilding plans after the Great Fire of 1666 included the new St. Paul's Cathedral.

[Christopher **Wren**]

17. It was intended to show “the operation of divine grace,” and by its end each major character has shown some sign of acceptance of the faith in spite of themselves. Told from the point of view of family friend Charles Ryder, it centers around the Marchmain family. FTP name this 1945 novel by Evelyn Waugh.

[Brideshead Revisited]

18. Benjamin Civiletti. J. Howard Mcgrath. Nicholas Katzenbach. Griffin Bell. Herbert Brownell, Jr. William P. Barr. Francis Biddle. A. Mitchell Palmer. Not to mention those rascals John Mitchell, Harry Daugherty, and Ed Meese. FTP name the Cabinet post held by all these men and one woman -- Janet Reno.

[Attorney General]

19. The French version calls the protagonist Helyas and has him in an arranged marriage with Beatrix of Bouillon. In von Eschenbach’s version he is the son of Parsifal and marries Elsa of Brabant. In the most familiar version, though, he marries the lady in distress but leaves her forever when she forgets her pledge never to ask him where he came from. FTP name this story of the legendary knight of the swans. **[Lohengrin]**

20. Its mass is 0.511 million electron volts. It was proposed in 1931 by Paul Dirac and discovered by accident in 1932 by Carl Anderson. FTP name this particle, the first antiparticle to be discovered. **[positron]**

21. It’s so deadly in pure form that it can be used for sterilizing. Unlike the more common isotope of the same element, it has a distinct odor which can be smelled near powerful electric sparks or ultraviolet lights. Ironically, human activity has created too much of it in the ground-level atmosphere while reducing it in the upper atmosphere, where it helps absorb ultraviolet radiation. FTP name this isotope of oxygen. **[ozone]**

22. Although written continuously, it is typically discussed as consisting of a preamble with 63 clauses. Ross Perot owns a copy of it and allows it to be displayed at the National Archives. Among other things, it stated that no freeman in England could be deprived of liberty or property except through a trial or other legal process. FTP identify this document signed at Runnymede in 1215. **Magna Charta**

23. Known to wear \$100 bills in his handkerchief pocket, he used a rubber stamp to sign autographs. Known as the “dean of the green” and “bank-shot bandit,” his real name was Rudolf Walderone, but he is best known by the nickname of the character—based on him—portrayed by Jackie Gleason in *The Hustler*. FTP, name this man who frequently played Willie Mosconi, once called “New York Fats.” **Minnesota Fats**

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1. Given the lakes, name the state, 5 pts. each:

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| (a) Caddo, Pontchartrain, Catahoula | [Louisiana] |
| (b) Leech, Mille Lacs, Winnibigoshish, Itasca | [Minnesota] |
| (c) Mattamuskeet, High Rock, Waccamaw | [North Carolina] |
| (d) Cayuga, Oneida, Seneca | [New York] |
| (e) Ossipee, Sunapee, Winnepesaukee | [New Hampshire] |
| (f) Devils, Oahe, Sakakawea | [North Dakota] |

2. An item in *Swing* magazine's May 1998 issue claimed to give the "where-are-they-now" details on some former Saturday morning cartoon characters. Given excerpts from their alleged fates, name the show FTPE:

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| (a) Valerie, riddled by feelings of inadequacy that all she did in the band was play tambourine, turned to a life of hard drugs and cheap sex. | [Josie and the Pussycats] |
| (b) Form of -- Ice Alcoholic! Form of -- Giant Sloth! | [The All-New Super Friends Hour; accept Super Friends] |
| (c) Rainbow-colored glue | [My Little Pony] |

3. For once it *is* rocket science. Name these rocketry pioneers for the stated number of points:

- (a) 5 pts.: In 1915 he proved that rocket engines could produce thrust in a vacuum and thus make space flight possible. While he was more interested in liquid-fuel rockets, one of his solid-fuel versions was the prototype of the bazooka. [Robert H. **Goddard**]
- (b) 10 pts.: Unaware of Maxwell's work, this Russian independently developed the kinetic theory of gases. Self-educated, he published his first article on the use of rockets for space exploration in 1903, and from 1911 to 1929 he developed the basic theory of rocketry and multi-stage rocket technology. [Konstantin **Tsiolkovsky**]
- (c) 15 pts.: This Hungarian-born astrophysicist stayed in Germany after his education there and became president of the German Society for Space Travel in 1928. Called "the father of German rocketry," he worked on Hitler's rocket program at Peenemunde and then joined his protege Von Braun in the U.S. from 1955 to 1961. [Hermann **Oberth**]

4. Name this woman, 30-20-10-5:

- (a) Her name is also the name of a thin, awkward nursing student at Bellevue in the Tom Robbins novel *Skinny Legs and All*, who works weekends as a bell dancer at Isaac & Ishmael's.
- (b) This stepdaughter of a Roman puppet ruler was the focal character in a short story by Flaubert, a play by Wilde, and an opera by Richard Strauss.
- (c) Her mother was Herodias and her stepfather, who was also her uncle, was Herod Antipas. Matthew 14 relates her dancing expertise.
- (d) She was rewarded for the aforementioned dancing with John the Baptist's head on a platter. **Salome**

5. So I was working on this 19th century French artists bonus when I realized that I could the same title as the ten-point clue for three different artists. So here's your chance: each of the three artists you can guess now is worth 10 pts.; if you need other titles, it'll be 5 pts. each. The 10 pts. clue is "Bathers" or "The Bathers."

[pause and accept up to three guesses here; use the below only as needed]

Your 5 point clues:

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| Card Players, House of the Hanged Man | [Paul Cezanne] |
| Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte, Bathing at Asnieres | [Georges Seurat] |
| Le Moulin de la Galette, Luncheon of the Boating Party | [Auguste Renoir] |

6. Given the protagonist, name the Dostoevsky work for the stated number of points:
- (a) 5 pts.: Raskolnikov [Crime and Punishment, or Prestupleniye I Nakazaniye]
 - (b) 10 pts.: Stavrogin [The Possessed, or Besy]
 - (c) 15 pts.: Golyadkin [The Double, or Dvonyik]

7. **THE NEWLY DEAD GAME:** Perhaps it's because they usually attain fame at an early age, but the sports world tends to produce a higher percentage of "My God, they were still alive?"s than most Newly Dead Game categories. This year we have two of 'em plus someone else I threw in just because I liked his work.

FTPE name:

- (a) Died in Oct. 97 at age 82; the only pitcher ever to throw back-to-back no-hitters, which he did with the Reds in the second year of a successful but anticlimactic 13-season career. [Johnny Vander Meer]
- (b) Died on New Year's Day 1998 at age 92; nicknamed "Little Miss Poker Face," she won 31 grand slam titles and from 1927 to 1933 won an amazing 180 consecutive singles matches.
[Helen Wills Moody; accept Wills or Rourke]
- (c) Died in Feb. 1998 at age 77; he fled Cuba in 1960 when Castro took exception to his satirical editorial cartoons. Not understanding American politics well enough for a newspaper job, instead he found his niche with the *Mad* feature "Spy vs. Spy". [Antonio Prohias]

8. **TRAVELS WITH CHARLIE:** Eight years after writing the first "Travels with Charlie" bonus, this summer I finally got around the reading the source of the idea, John Steinbeck's *Travels with Charley*. As delightful as it is, it's useless for this bonus, since the only other recurring character besides Steinbeck himself is the titular dog. Given other Steinbeck characters, name the work FTPE:

- (a) Adam, Cal, and Aron Trask East of Eden
- (b) Danny, Pablo, Big Joe Portagee, and Jesus Maria Corcoran Tortilla Flat
- (c) Jody Tiflin, Billy Buck, Gabilan The Red Pony

9. While the lanthanides are both rare and obscure, a few of them have curious uses. Name the rare earth from a description FTPE:

- (a) This element, atomic number 58, is used in flints for gas lighters. cerium
- (b) The oxide of this element, atomic number 60, is the only chemical that makes a bright purple glass. neodymium
- (c) This element, atomic number 69, emits gamma rays that can be used in portable X-ray machines for doctors or archaeologists in the field.. thulium

10. Given an event in world history, name the dynasty in power in China at the time F5PE:

- (a) The Great Fire of London Ch'ing (AD 1666)
- (b) The Black Death sweeps across Europe Yuan (AD 1347-48)
- (c) Mecca surrenders to Muhammad T'ang (AD 630)
- (d) The Norman Conquest Sung (AD 1066)
- (e) The Greeks defeat the Persians at Salamis Chou (480 BC)
- (f) Jesus is crucified Han (ca. AD 30)

11. While (as mentioned in an earlier round) only Virgil Thomson has won a Pulitzer in Music for a film score, other renowned composers have also written scores. FTPE name the composer of the following scores:

- (a) *The Heiress* and *The Red Pony* [Aaron Copland]
- (b) *On the Waterfront* [Leonard Bernstein]
- (c) *Alexander Nevsky* [Sergei Prokofiev]

12. Fob James has reminded us lately how Alabama politics is, well, different. For 10 pts. each, answer the following about the Newly Dead Game's own George C. Wallace:

- (a) His most famous promise in his 1963 inaugural address was written by advisor Asa "Ace" Carter, who later reinvented himself as Forrest Carter, the author of the bogus "autobiography" *The Education of Little Tree*. FTP give the last two words of Wallace's rabble-rousing catchphrase. [**"Segregation forever!"**]
- (b) In the 1968 Presidential race he carried several Southern states and drew 5 million votes outside the South as the nominee of this 3rd party, which nominated John Schmitz in 1972. [**American Independent Party**]
- (c) While running for the 1972 Democratic nomination, Wallace was shot and paralyzed by this classic loner in Laurel, Maryland. [**Arthur Bremer**]

13. In the first book of Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* there are nine title characters. Name the nine members of the Fellowship of the Ring, 5 pts. for 2 correct, 10 pts. for 4, 15 pts. for 6, and 5 additional points for each of the remaining three.

[**Gandalf** (the Grey), **Frodo** (Baggins), **Sam** (Samwise Gamgee), **Pippin** (Peregrine Took), **Merry** (Meriadoc Brandybuck), **Aragorn** (Strider), **Boromir**, **Legolas**, and **Gimli** (son of Gloin).]

14. How well do you remember the standard notation for your basic physics formulas? FTPE given a physical quantity, give the formula as most commonly abbreviated. For example, if I said "work," you'd say " $w = Fd$ ".

- (a) Kinetic energy [**$KE = 1/2 mv^2$**]
- (b) Momentum [**$p = mv$**]
- (c) Acceleration [**$a = v \text{ sub } f \text{ minus } v \text{ sub } 0 \text{ over } t$**]

15. Name the originator of these famous philosophical quotes:

- (a) 5 pts.: "Liberty consists in doing what one desires." [**John Stuart Mill**]
- (b) 10 pts.: "The life which is unexamined is not worth living." [**Plato**]
- (c) 15 pts.: "No man's knowledge here can go beyond his experience." [**John Locke**]

16. Bacteria, virus, protozoa, fungus, or rickettsia -- FTPE which causes:

- (a) Blastomycosis and histoplasmosis [**fungus**]
- (b) Toxoplasmosis and malaria [**protozoa**]
- (c) Botulism and syphilis [**bacteria**]
- (d) Yellow fever and poliomyelitis [**virus**]
- (e) Encephalitis and hepatitis [**virus**]
- (f) Spotted fever and typhus [**rickettsia**]

17. For 5 pts. each name the royal house of England from monarchs:

- (a) Henry IV through VI [**Lancaster**]
- (b) Henry II and III [**Plantagenet**]
- (c) George I through IV [**Hanover**]
- (d) George V and VI [**Windsor**; do not accept Saxe-Coburg]
- (e) Edward IV and V [**York**]
- (f) Edward VII [**Saxe-Coburg** or **Saxe-Coburg-Gotha**]

18. FTPE name the newspaper magnates who did the following:

- (a) Founded the New York Tribune in 1841 [**Horace Greeley**]
- (b) Bought the New York World in 1883 with money he'd made from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch [**Joseph Pulitzer**]
- (c) Bought the New York Times in 1896 with money he'd made from the Chattanooga Times [**Adolph Ochs**]

19. Identify the following government terms for 10 points each.

- a. The Constitution and the Fourteenth Amendment provide that representatives shall be chosen among the states according to their respective numbers, through what process of allocation?

ANSWER: apportionment

- b. This term refers to killing a bill in committee by putting it aside and not reporting it out for consideration by the chamber, effectively filing it away and forgetting about it.

ANSWER: pigeonhole

- c. This is a parliamentary device used in the United States Congress by which a minority of senators seeks to frustrate the will of the majority by literally "talking a bill to death."

ANSWER: filibustering

20. Name the authors of these picaresque novels FTPE:

- (a) Histoire de Gil Blas de Santillane

Rene Lesage

- (b) The Unfortunate Traveler, or the Life of Jacke Wilton

Thomas Nashe

- (c) Guzman de Alfarache

Mateo Alman

21. Name the guy, 30-20-10:

- (a) If you go to Amoco stores in southeastern Michigan, you can purchase the product of his latest endeavor, a line of beef jerky called Gonzo Meat Biltong, which is naturally aimed at hunters.

- (b) Trying to downplay the wildness of his youth in his newfound role as a conservative activist and talk show host, he now claims he had no idea that his first band's biggest hit, "Journey to the Center of Your Mind" by the Amboy Dukes, was about drugs.

- (c) After some solo successes such as "Cat Scratch Fever," he resurfaced with Damn Yankees shortly before being elected to the executive board of the National Rifle Association.

[Ted Nugent]