

Technophobia 4: Massive Quizbowl Overdose**Tossups by UC Irvine X-Men Fan Club (Willie Chen, Jun Tokeshi, and Matt Adams)**

1. This man befriended Leonardo DiCaprio while they were making the TV series "Parenthood." Now, ignorant girls refer to him simply as "Leo's friend." His first lead role was in the TV sitcom "Great Scott!" He played a hitchhiker in *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*, Harvey Stern in *Deconstructing Harry*, and Paul Hood in *The Ice Storm*. For 10 points--identify this talented young actor who starred opposite Reese Witherspoon as Bud Parker in *Pleasantville*.

answer: Tobey Maguire

2. In one of her novels, this author tells the story of Whittman Ah Sing, a San Francisco hippie who tries to stage an epic production of interwoven Chinese novels and folktales. In another novel, subtitled "Memoirs of a Girlhood among Ghosts," this author retells the stories of Fa Mu-Lan and the woman who killed herself by jumping into a well. For 10 points--who is this Chinese-American author of *Tripmaster Monkey* and *The Woman Warrior*?

answer: Maxine Hong Kingston

3. The northern part of this country contains many hot springs and has its highest peak at Mt. Ruapehu. The southern part contains many glaciers and mountain lakes in the Southern Alps, with the highest point at Mt. Cook. For 10 points--identify this island nation composed of the world's 12th and 15th largest islands, which are separated by the Cook Strait.

answer: New Zealand

4. He was the alternate US representative to the United Nations General Assembly and a member of the US delegation to the UN Human Rights Commission. He was originally President Clinton's ambassadorial nominee to Fiji. A recess appointment to fill the post of Ambassador to Luxembourg--for 10 points--who is this man, the first American ambassador to be openly gay?

answer: James Hornel

5. WARNING: TWO ANSWERS REQUIRED. One was a grad student at the University of Chicago. The other was a famous geochemist. Together, they conducted an experiment in 1953 by mixing methane, ammonia, water vapor, and molecular hydrogen in flasks, which they sparked with powerful electric discharges. The walls of the flasks became coated with a sticky, brownish substance containing amino acids--hence, a possible explanation to the origin of life was discovered by--for 10 points--what two scientists?

answer: Stanley Miller and Harold Urey

6. This author created Lieutenant Shinji Takeyama, a man who commits ritual suicide after finding out that his closest colleagues are mutineers. After writing that short story, "Patriotism," this founder of the Shield Society performed the hara-kiri himself in 1970 to protest Japan's "spineless" military posture. Author of such novels as *After the Banquet* and *The Sailor Who Fell from Grace with the Sea*--for 10 points--who was this writer of the tetralogy, *Sea of Fertility*?

answer: Yukio Mishima

7. Most of the people given this pejorative nickname never favored the secession of Confederate states, and some were opponents of slavery based on principles. However, they were reviled for their opportunism during Reconstruction. For 10 points--name these white Southerners who cooperated with occupying federal forces and joined with the black freedmen and Carpetbaggers in support of Republican party policies, whose name is often applied to a worthless person.

answer: Scalawags

8. "Dim through the misty panes and thick green light, / As under a green sea, I saw him drowning. / In all my dreams, before my helpless sight, / He plunges at me, guttering, choking, drowning." This passage comes from an anti-war poem probably written to Jessie Pope, who was enlisting young people to fight in World War I. Written when poet Wilfred Owen was in the Craiglockhart War Hospital--for 10 points--what is this poem, whose Latin title is taken from "Horace's old lie" and precedes the words "pro patria mori?"

answer: "Dulce et Decorum est" [Dulce = DULL-kay]

9. He originally studied sculpture at Academie de la Grande Chaumiere in Paris, but he later switched to architecture at Yale. In 1937, he collaborated with Charles Eames to win the 1940 furniture-making competition at The Museum of Modern Art. He subsequently designed furniture for Knoll International, and also designed the TWA terminal at New York's JFK Airport. For 10 points--identify this Finnish-American architect, who designed St. Louis' Gateway Arch.

answer: Eero Saarin

10. You might know it as the duration of 9 billion, 192 million, 631 thousand, 770 periods of the radiation emitted in a transition between two specified energy levels of hyperfine, ground-state cesium-133 atoms. Formerly defined as one over 86 thousand 400 times the mean solar day, its current definition is the basis of universal time. For 10 points--what SI unit is simply one-sixtieth of a minute?

answer: a second

11. After Jo's father dies, she takes over the family bank, the only one in the title town. Sheriff Chappy Dent is one tough cop who's just a little confused. Ms. Schaefer teaches little girls how to walk the plank for a beauty pageant. Two escaped convicts--Harry Sawyer and Wayne Wayne Wayne, Jr.--must assume the identity of a gay couple and hide out in the title town. These are some of the wacky characters in--for 10 points--what recent independent film starring William H. Macy, Steve Zahn, and Jeremy Northam?

answer: Happy, Texas

12. This concept similar to the Coriolis effect explains the asymmetric pattern of the large-scale gyres in the subtropical oceans and the differences between eastern and western boundary currents. Thomson's theorem states that if this fluid property is zero initially, it remains zero as the fluid moves, but Prandtl proved that it can be introduced to the system through the fluid's interfaces. For 10 points--what is this "tendency" of a fluid to undergo rotary motion?

answer: vorticity

13. It had no streets, so its inhabitants had to climb ladders to enter each house through the roof. Located near present-day Konya, it had a population of around 5,000 and showcased spectacular cult fittings of wall paintings, plastered reliefs, and bull's head effigies. It covered 32 acres and contained 12 successive levels packed with rectangular mud-brick houses, irregular courtyards, and shrines. It had the earliest farmers, as 14 different crops were cultivated here 8,500 years ago. For 10 points--name this riverside settlement in present-day Turkey.

answer: Çatal Hüyük [pron. cha-TAL HOO-yook, but accept garbled variants]

14. The acute form of this disease can worsen over months instead of the usual 5 to 25 years. Occuring mainly in the Northern Hemisphere, it causes the gradual degeneration of the myelin covering, or sheath of nerve fibers. By interrupting or disordering transmission of nerve impulses--for 10 points--what debilitating disease of the brain and spinal chord especially impairs vision, sensation, and use of limbs?

answer: Multiple Sclerosis (prompt on "MS")

15. He was trained as a classical musician under composer Darius Milhaud, but his interest was jazz. In the 1940s, he formed various experimental jazz bands, and, in 1951, collaborated with a famous alto saxophonist for the first time. He and the saxophonist had many hits together, including the 1958 album "Time Out," in which he played "Blue Rondo a la Turk." For 10 points--name this jazz pianist, bandleader, and composer, famed for his collaboration with Paul Desmond.

answer: Dave Brubeck

16. This Native-American tribe drew influence from the Montagnais, Naskapi, and Ojibwa tribes. Primarily hunters, they cultivated little maize and were nearly wiped out by European diseases and Iroquois invasions, leaving only about 2,000 members which survived into the twentieth century. Scattered in the dense forest regions along the bank of the upper Ottawa River in Canada--for 10 points--name this tribe, identified by its language, whose name was appropriated by a famous New York hotel.

answer: Algonquin Indians

17. When he was 16, he was wrongly expelled from school, but he continued his education at a local library. At age 23, he founded the Black Horizons Theatre Company in St. Paul, Minnesota. He is famous for a cycle of plays, each set in a different decade, which tell the story of the black American experience. Winner of a Pulitzer Prize in 1990--for 10 points--who is this playwright of *Joe Turner's Come and Gone*, *Fences*, and *The Piano Lesson*?

answer: August Wilson

18. In 1944, the Germans intercepted an American convoy in German lines during the Battle of the Bulge, the last German offensive of the war. Among the convoy lay eighty-two Americans. Eighty of these Americans were executed in perhaps the most atrocious war crime of World War II. For 10 points--in what Belgian town did this tragedy occur?

answer: Malmady

19. In antiquity he was known as the Obscure because of the difficulties involved in deciphering his aphorisms. He defined "logos" to mean that the world exemplifies a rational order, but that only the wise realize that the world is always in a state of change, which he termed "flux." He also held the monistic view that all opposites are essentially the same, a concept he called the "Unity of Opposites." For 10 points--name this Greek philosopher who thought the universe was composed of fire.

answer: Heraclitus

20. Born in 1534 in Nagoya, he ruled from his base at Nagoya Castle. He destroyed opposing clans in brilliant campaigns against superior forces, being the first daimyo general to adopt tactics using newly imported Western muskets. He gained control of the region around the capital Kyoto, which he took in 1568, but was assassinated soon thereafter. For 10 points--name this Japanese general, whose dream of uniting Japan was realized under his subordinate, Toyotomi Hideyoshi.

answer: Oda Nobunaga

21. On the last night of this festival, families gather to share a meal called the karamu and light the last candle in the kinara. Umoja, kujichagulia, ujima, ujamaa, nia, kuumba and imani, which represent unity, self-determination, faith, creativity, purpose, collective work and cooperative economics are its guiding principles. For 10 points--name this non-religious holiday created by Dr. Maulana Karenga, whose name is Swahili for "first fruits" and is celebrated from December 26th through January 1st every year, mainly by African-Americans.

answer: Kwanzaa

22. This ruler died after Babylon fell without resistance to the Persian general Gobyras in 539 B.C. He was the son of Nabonidus, although Biblical sources claim that he was the son of Nebuchadnezzar. The Bible also tells of the famine and economic setbacks which occurred late in his reign and a feast he held at which an exile from Judah foretold the destruction of his city. For 10 points--name the leader of Babylon who invited Daniel to read the writing on the wall.

answer: Balshazzar or Belshazzar

23. This monster was killed by the flaming firebrands of Iolaus and the swift sword of Hercules. Its poisonous blood can be applied to arrows, making them fatal. The offspring of Typhon and Echidna, this gigantic monster had the ability of multiple regeneration as two heads grew where one was severed. For 10 points--identify this monster, one of the twelve labors of Hercules, identified by its nine heads.

answer: Hydra

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1. Given the Shakespearean character, identify both the way they died and the character who killed them for 5 points each:

A. Juliet in *Romeo and Juliet*

answer: stabbed by Juliet or herself (prompt on "suicide")

B. Hamlet in *Hamlet*

answer: poisoned by Laertes' sword

C. Desdemona in *Othello*

answer: smothered (or asphyxiated or choked) by Othello

2. For 10 points each--name these lovers or objects of affection from Greco-Roman mythology:

A. This woman-hating sculptor fell in love with a statue of his own creation, which Venus turned into a living woman.

answer: Pygmalion

B. Each night, the goddess of the moon, Selene, kisses and caresses this shepherd boy in his perpetual slumber.

answer: Endymion

C. This huntress fled from Apollo, only to be turned into a laurel tree by her father Peneus, a river-god.

answer: Daphne

3. For 10 points each--see how much you remember about the summer of 1999:

A. This author of *The Godfather* died.

answer: Mario Puzo

B. This Apollo 12 astronaut, the third American to land on the moon, died in a motorcycle accident in Ojai, California.

answer: Pete Conrad

C. The world found out that this tennis player, who shone at Wimbledon, is the daughter of Dr. J, the basketball player.

answer: Alexandra Stevenson

4. For 10 points each--answer the following questions concerning the recent events surrounding Major League Baseball's announcement of its All Century Team, which has re-ignited a running controversy in baseball:

A. Name the NBC reporter whose contentious interview on national TV with all-time hits leader Pete Rose drew great controversy, resulting in many New York Yankee players' refusal to his interviews.

answer: Jim Gray

B. Name the former Justice Department lawyer who headed baseball's four-month investigation into Pete Rose's activities.

answer: John Dowd

C. Name the Franklin, Ohio, restaurateur who was identified by his attorney as Rose's principal bookmaker. He later served two years in prison for cocaine trafficking and tax evasion.

answer: Ron Peters

5. Answer the following questions about American labor relations for 10 points each:

A. Identify the man who, as CIO president from 1952-1955, led the drive for union with the AFL.

answer: Walther Reuther

B. What man became the first president of the unified AFL-CIO in 1955?

answer: George Meany

C. What union, founded by Reuther in 1936, did he remove from the AFL-CIO after disagreements with Meany?

answer: United Automobile Workers or UAW

6. For 10 points each--recall your high-school biology class and answer the following questions on marine life:

A. What type of bodily symmetry do the animals in the phylum Cnidaria possess?

answer: radial symmetry

B. The ray-finned fish in the class Osteichthyes possess what gas-filled sac near the gut that permits them to change their buoyancy?

answer: swim bladder

C. Lampreys and hagfish belong to what class of fish, whose name literally mean "without a jaw"?

answer: Agnatha

7. 5-5-10-10--If the following English sentences were recast into Latin, identify the case of the specified noun:

A. The sentence is "The old man stirs the cinders thrice." The specified noun is "man."

answer: nominative

B. The sentence is "The old man stirs the cinders thrice." The specified noun is "cinders."

answer: accusative

C. The sentence is "I am standing by the bank of the river." The specified noun is "bank."

answer: ablative

D. The sentence is "Father, why hast thou forsaken me?" The specified noun is "Father."

answer: vocative

8. 30-20-10. Name the entertainer from clues:

A. At a recent sports auction at an Atlantic City casino, he sold a signed hair dryer for \$375, which went to benefit underprivileged children. He currently goes around Hollywood pitching his latest script *The Sixteenth Minute* in which he plays a talk show host with ADD who interviews the fleetingly-famous, such as Ross Perot.

B. His latest gig is Showtime's "Beggars and Choosers," in which he plays a pool boy who wears a T-shirt that reads "As Seen on TV." His house overlooks Kevin Costner's home.

C. A close friend of Charlie Sheen, Bill Maher, and Pauly Shore, he stumbled onto the national scene four years ago as a real-life court jester in "The Trial of the Century" and made Marcia Clark look stupid.

answer: Kato Kaelin

9. Pencil and paper may be necessary. Answer the following physics questions for 10 points each.

A. Quadrupling the current in an electric circuit with a resistor of constant resistance has the effect of changing the power dissipated in the resistor by what factor?

answer: 16

B. A 2 meter wire carrying a current of 0.60 Amps oriented parallel to a uniform magnetic field of 0.50 Tesla experiences a force of what magnitude in Newtons?

answer: zero

C. A 0.6-Farad capacitor is charged by a 600-Volt battery. What is the charge on the capacitor in coulombs?

answer: 360 coulombs

10. Name these economists for 10 points each:

A. This Monetarist won the 1976 Nobel Prize in economics and began the "Chicago School" of Monetarist economics.

answer: Milton Friedman

B. A Cambridge Fellow, he became the editor of Economic Journal of Britain in 1911. He married a Russian ballerina and joined the Bloomsbury Group, eventually playing a key part in the 1944 Bretton Woods Conference.

answer: John Maynard Keynes

C. This Yale graduate contributed the mathematical index numbers, which we now use to measure share values and inflation.

answer: Irving Fisher

11. Identify the following Japanese things for 10 points each:

A. What is a traditional Japanese inn called?

answer: ryokan

B. What is the traditional Japanese art of floral arrangement?

answer: ikebana

C. What Japanese mode of transportation means "man, power, vehicle"?

answer: jinricksha or ricksha

12. For 5 points each, and a bonus 5 for all correct, name the directors of the following 1999 films:

A. The Straight Story

answer: David Lynch

B. eXistenZ

answer: David Cronenberg

C. Bringing out the Dead

answer: Martin Scorcese

D. The Sixth Sense

answer: M. Night Shyamalan

E. Bowfinger

answer: Frank Oz

13. For 10 points--name the legal terms from description:

A. The process by which prospective jurors are questioned by attorneys to ascertain if there is cause to strike them from the jury.

answer: voir dire

B. Defamation that is spoken or not preserved in permanent form.

answer: slander

C. A legal doctrine whereby the oldest son alone inherits the property of his ancestors.

answer: primogeniture

14. For 10 points each--identify the modern composers of the following operas:

A. *Duke Bluebeard's Castle*

answer: Bela Bartok

B. *Ghosts of Versailles*

answer: John Corigliano

C. *A Streetcar Named Desire*

answer: Andre Previn

15. Name the chairs of these Senate committees for 10 points each:

A. Foreign Relations

answer: Jesse Helms

B. Judiciary

answer: Orrin Hatch

C. Rules and Administration

answer: Mitch McConnell

16. 30-20-10. Identify the philosopher from clues:

A. A native of Elea, he revealed his philosophical views by writing an epic poem consisting of three parts.

B. The first part of his epic poem is entitled "The Way of Truth," and is famous for tackling the semantic problems inherent in phrases such as "It is not."

C. The only possibility in the present universe, according to this author of *On Nature* is "It is." His views, related in a Platonic dialogue named for him, were later challenged by the Eleatic school.

answer: Parmenides

17. For 10 points each--identify the following layers of the atmosphere:

A. This lowest region of the atmosphere extends from the Earth's surface up to about 10 km.

answer: troposphere

B. This layer is right above the troposphere. It is where ozone blocks out most of the UV rays from the sun.

answer: stratosphere

C. This layer lies further up from the thermosphere. It is where Earth's atmospheric boundary with space is formed.

answer: exosphere

18. Answer the following questions about African locales for 10 points each:

A. What country is referred to as South West Africa by South Africa?

answer: Namibia

B. Stanley found Livingstone at what port on the eastern shore of Lake Tanganyika?

answer: Ujiji

C. What name did Ptolemy give to the deep and unknown regions of Africa, also an African name for South Africa?

answer: Azania

19. His first novel was entitled *Leaf Storm*, and he won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1982. For the stated number of points:

A. For 5 points--name this magic realist author.

answer: Gabriel Garcia Marquez (prompt on partial answer)

B. For 5 points--name Garcia Marquez's most famous novel, which tells the story of one Colombian family, house and town from its mythic genesis through centuries of war, history, and politics.

answer: One Hundred Years of Solitude

C. For 10 points each--name both the family and the town featured in *One Hundred Years of Solitude*, both of which also appear in *Leaf Storm* and the novel *In Evil Hour*.

answer: Buendía family and Macondo

20. For 10 points each--name these stars:

A. This yellowish star, named for a famous mythological twin, is the brightest star in the constellation Gemini.

answer: Pollux or Beta Geminorum

B. This red supergiant star, whose name refers to "the giant's shoulder," has a diameter greater than the orbit of Mars and is the 10th brightest in the sky.

answer: Betelgeuse or Alpha Orionis

C. This blue-white supergiant, also in Orion, comprises the left leg of the giant and is 50 times bigger than the sun.

answer: Rigel or Beta Orionis

21. For 10 points each--identify the female African-American author of the following novels:

A. *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*

answer: Mildred Taylor

B. *Tar Baby*

answer: Toni Morrison

C. *Possessing the Secret of Joy*

answer: Alice Walker

22. What to do during that hour between dinner and "Ally McBeal"? Watch "7th Heaven." For 5 points each, name any six of the seven offspring of Reverend Eric and Annie Camden.

answer: Matt, Mary, Lucy, Simon, Ruthie, Samuel, and David