

Technophobia 4: Massive Quizbowl Overdose Tossups by UCLA (Oz Pathare, Patrick Friel)

1. She currently teaches at the LBJ School of Public Affairs at UT-Austin. After attending Boston University law school, she began a career in the Texas Senate, later representing Texas in the House of Representatives. She was appointed to the Judiciary committee and her 15-minute nationally televised speech on elected officials' duty to defend the Constitution brought her national attention during the Watergate hearing. For 10 points--name this orator, perhaps best known as the keynote speaker at the 1976 Democratic National Convention.

answer: Barbara Jordan

2. The Torino Scale quantifies the hazards associated with these phenomena, assigning a number from 0 to 10 on the basis of both probability and kinetic energy. It has been 91 years since the last time the Level 8 criteria of being "capable of causing localized destruction" was satisfied. The last Level 10, assigned to events "capable of causing a global climate catastrophe", occurred 65 million years and now defines the KT boundary. For 10 points--name either type of solar system body whose impacts can be gauged thusly.

answer: Asteroid or Comet impacts

3. To file all day, to be a yes man, to be underappreciated, to claw up to middle management, to be replaced on a whim, to be forced into early retirement, and to have a brown nose are some of the career goals of the little kids in the commercial of--for 10 points--what career placement web site, where they might find that "there's a better job out there"?

answer: Monster.com

4. When he was 13, his mother committed suicide by drowning. When the body was recovered, she was almost completely nude, except for part of her night dress which had somehow wrapped itself around her face. This may explain why he often depicted veiled women as well as nude women who were segmented or headless. The two themes are united in his classic portrait of a woman's head which replaces the subject's facial features with a nude headless female body, a painting entitled *The Rape*. For 10 points--name this renowned Surrealist, also famous for *Time Transfixed*.

answer: René Magritte

5. In a 1999 book, he tells of being rescued by a lifeguard at a riverside beach in Dixon, Illinois; of attending a small nearby college with that lifeguard; and of doctoring the script of the movie *International Squadron* in 1941--which, by the way, was the first leading role of his classmate. All of which is very odd, since in actuality this author wasn't born until 1940. For 10 points--name this biographer, who controversially decided to insert a fictional version of himself into his recent "memoir" of Ronald Reagan, *Dutch*.

answer: Edmund Morris

6. This biblical prophet of doom's career is set in the time of two 8th century B.C. kings, Uzziah of Judah

and Jeroboam II of Israel, although his book is our only historical source for his life. This book ends with a Book of Visions which details his confrontation with Amaziah, priest of Bethel. For 10 points--name this man, the first prophet whose name goes with a book entirely concerned with his life and message and the first alphabetically.

answer: Amos

7. Its main character, the author of a successful novel, keeps four journals: a personal diary, one for recollections of past experiences, one for her political views, especially about her disillusionment with Communism, and one on her experiences in Africa. This heroine, Anna, falls in love with an American, reaches the brink of insanity, and tries to bring threads of her four books together into the title work of the novel. For 10 points--name this 1962 book, a landmark in feminist literature by Doris Lessing.

answer: The Golden Notebook

8. Pencil and paper might be useful. 1923, 1927 and 1928, 1932, 1936 thru 1939, 1941, 1943, 1947, 1949 thru 1953, 1956, 1958, 1961 and 1962, 1977 and 1978, 1996, 1998, and finally, 1999. These are the 25 years in which--for 10 points--what team has won the World Series?

answer: New York Yankees

9. He was denied tenure at Princeton, but in 1953, he was granted a chair at the Institute for Advanced Study. Originally known for technical results, for the last 30 years of his life, he concentrated more on philosophical concerns, some quite farfetched. His strict diet and mental problems led to his 1978 death by starvation. For 10 points--name this Austrian-American mathematician who established the consistency of the continuum hypothesis, proving the completeness of first-order logic and the incompleteness of systems like Peano Arithmetic.

answer: Kurt Gödel

10. Located around 10 degrees north latitude and 67 degrees west longitude, this city is considered to have the finest modern architecture on its continent. City districts include Petares, El Rosal, La Floresta, and Las Mercedes, and attractions include Santa Capilla, Palacio de Miraflores, and the birthplace of Simon Bolivar. For 10 points--name this city of 3.5 million, the capital and most populous city of Venezuela.

answer: Caracas

11. Born in Moscow in 1888, as a youth he was frequently imprisoned and by 1911 he was exiled. After the 1917 revolution he returned to Moscow. During the post-Lenin power struggle, he opposed Kamenev, Zivonyev, and Trotsky in favor of Stalin. Later, though, he fell out of favor with Stalin and was convicted of Trotskyist activity in a 1937 purge trial. For 10 points--name this revolutionary leader whose story inspired Arthur Koestler's *Darkness at Noon*.

answer: Nikolai Ivanovich Bukharin

12. Important thinkers in the school of thought he founded included Porphyry, Iamblichus, and Proclus. Born in Egypt in the early third century, he moved to Rome where he taught a doctrine of emanation. He claimed that the object of life was to escape the material world of the senses. His works, in Greek, are

now called the Enneads because of how they were grouped. For 10 points--name this founder of Neoplatonism.

answer: Plotinus

13. This signature phrase is spoken after the speaker witnesses a phone booth fall out of the sky, after he himself skydives as an undercover agent, after he is lowered down an elevator shaft, after he realizes his meeting the devil was a dream, and after he watches Morpheus leap from one skyscraper to the next. For 10 points--what four-letter word is said in each of these film scenes by Keanu Reeves?

answer: "Whoa" (prompt on Keanu Reeves with: "What does he say?")

14. His 1975 book *Animal Liberation*, which espoused his belief that animals should be treated like people, is widely regarded as the touchstone of the animal rights movement. His unorthodox utilitarianism often results in extreme views on topics such as euthanasia; for example: "Killing a disabled infant is not morally equivalent to killing a person. Very often it is not wrong at all." For 10 points--name this professor of bioethics whose recent hiring caused tremendous controversy at Princeton University.

answer: Peter Singer

15. His career as a dramatist is eclipsed by his career as a novelist, to which he turned after Robert Walpole's Licensing Act of 1737 ended the use of the stage for political satire. For 10 points--name this man, also once a "Bow Street Runner," who parodied a famous epistolary work of his day in both *Apology for the Life of Mrs. Shamela Andrews* and *Joseph Andrews*, and is perhaps best known for *Tom Jones*.

answer: Henry Fielding

16. In the *Iliad*, his image is mostly negative: he is brazen, ferocious, "insatiable with war," his cry sounds like that of "9 or 10 thousand men", he is hated by Zeus and sides with the Trojans. For 10 points--name this god, the son of Zeus and Hera, whose attendants are Fear and Panic and whose dalliance with Aphrodite is described in the 8th Book of the *Odyssey*.

answer: Ares (do NOT accept Mars)

17. This element is distinguished by nuclear instability and its most durable isotope has a half-life of only 21 minutes. Its chief isotope is Actinium-K, with mass 223, which results from the radioactive decay of Actinium. For 10 points--name this element, a heavy alkali metal, discovered by Marguerite Perey, with atomic number 87, located on the Periodic Table at the bottom of Column 1A.

answer: Francium

18. Based on the work of Heinrich Heine, it premiered in Paris in 1841 and originally starred Carlotta Grisi in the title role. It takes place in the Rhine wine country, where the title character is pursued by a huntsman and a duplicitous count disguised as a peasant. When her engagement with Count Albrecht is broken off, the heroine dies of a broken heart and becomes a Wili, a vengeful spirit that traps men in her domain at night. For 10 points--name this ballet with choreography by Jean Coralli, Jules Perrot, and Marius Petipa, and music by Adolphe Adam.

answer: Giselle

19. Written in 1845, it is perhaps its author's harshest indictment of the practice and philosophical justifications of mid-19th Century industrialism. Its two main characters are siblings Tom and Louisa, whose father, Thomas Gradgrind, is famous for saying, "Facts, facts alone are wanted in life." For 10 points--name this novel whose title underscores Dickens' condemnation.

answer: Hard Times

20. The infrared camera NICMOS and the imaging spectrograph STIS were added in February of 1997. There's always been a Faint Object Camera and some type of Wide Field/Planetary Camera, but the High Speed Photometer was sacrificed for the Corrective Optics Axial Replacement in December of 1993 when four shuttle astronauts corrected for the flawed primary mirror of--for 10 points--what orbiting telescope?

answer: Hubble Space Telescope

21. This country's recorded history begins in the 7th or 8th century BC with the Kiratis, who arrived from the east. In 1768, the Ghorkhas, from the eastern part of the country, captured the capital of the Mallas, establishing the Shah dynasty. The Shah ruled strongly until the Kot massacre of 1846, after which the Ranas ruled until World War II. Since then, there has been a quasi-democratic state, currently ruled by King Birendra. For 10 points--name this Hindu nation, whose ethnic groups include the Khas, Magar, Sherpas, and numerous Tibetans, and whose capital is Katmandu.

answer: Nepal

22. In the 1930s, he was one of the Seven Pillars of Granite, Fordham University's famed defensive line. After working as an assistant at Army, he got his first pro job as the New York Giants offensive coach, but neither he nor his rival, defensive coach Tom Landry, were ever promoted. His last pro job was as head coach of the Washington Redskins, but he died before having a chance of duplicating the five NFL championships, including two Super Bowls, that he won with his previous team. For 10 points--name this man who was best known as head coach of the Green Bay Packers.

answer: Vince Lombardi

23. It is expected to open in 2005, on a lush island west of a major world city. Its 311 acres will feature trilingual performances, and attractions already familiar in Japan, France, and the United States, as well as some attractions specific to its location. For 10 points--name this \$3 billion construction, recently celebrated by Tung Chee-hwa and Mickey Mouse.

answer: Hong Kong Disneyland

(prompt for "Hong Kong" if "China" is given as part of the answer)

- His last words were, "It would really be more than the English could stand if another century began and I was still alive. I am dying as I have lived--beyond my means." For a quick 10 points--name this famous bon vivant and author of *The Soul of Man Under Socialism*, *Pen, Pencil and Poison*, and *The Importance of Being Earnest*.

answer: Oscar Wilde

- Born in 1839 and dying in 1898, this temperance worker is one of the most famous women of her time. For a quick 10 points--name this woman who worked to combine her suffragist sympathies into the organization she founded, the Women's Christian Temperance Movement.

answer: Frances Willard

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1. Given a pair of artistic works, name the school with which they are associated for 10 points each. If you need to know the painters, you'll get only 5 points.

A. (10) the 14-part *Stations of the Cross* completed in 1966 and *Easter and the Totem*
(5): Barnett Newman and Jackson Pollack

answer: Abstract Expressionism

B. (10) *Flock of Sheep* and *Man with the Hoe*
(5) Charles Emile Jacque and Jean-Francois Millet

answer: Barbizon School

C. (10) the 1771 frescoes of the Saragossa cathedral and "The Italian Comedians"
(5) Francisco de Goya and Antoine Watteau

answer: Rococo

2. Tired of questions with only one answer? Well, for this question, each part has hundreds of possible answers. I'll give a phonetic description of a sound, and for 10 points, give an English word beginning with that sound.

A. Unvoiced labiodental fricative

answer: Fester, Fetus, Phonetics, etc.

B. Bilabial nasal

answer: Monster, Message, Manner etc.

Voiced alveolar stop

answer: Double, , Dog, etc.

3. Network TV shows often get cancelled after only a few or sometimes just one or two showings, but it's still fairly unusual for prime-time TV shows to be cancelled *before* a single episode is even broadcast. Yet one network has done this each of the last 3 years.

A. First--for 5 points--name this quick-triggered network.

answer: Fox

B. Next--for 10 points--name this year's casualty, a TV adaptation of *Cruel Intentions* which Rupert

Murdoch reportedly frowned upon because of scenes involving step-sibling lasciviousness and female equestrian hijinks.

answer: Manchester Prep

C. Finally--for 15 points--name either of the two casualties from Fall 1997 or Fall 1998: one a present-day sitcom starring Scott Baio featuring flashbacks to the seventies, the other a supernatural detective drama produced by Shaun Cassidy about strange happenings in the entertainment industry in Los Angeles.

answer: Rewind or Hollyweird

4. Answer these questions about a Civil War battle for the stated number of points:

A. On the night of May 2, 1863, Robert E. Lee's dynamic subordinate was mortally wounded by friendly fire. For 5 points each--name both this fallen Confederate general and the battle at which this event happened.

answer: Thomas (Stonewall) Jackson , Battle of Chancellorsville

B. For 10 points--which general, Jackson's second in command, was also wounded, allowing J.E.B. Stuart to take over?

answer: Ambrose A Hill

C. For 10 points--which Union general, having just taken over after the Union defeat at Fredericksburg, saw this defeat become his only battle as commander of the Army of the Potomac?

answer: Joseph (Fighting Joe) Hooker

5. Identify these cities from landmarks on a 15-10-5 basis:

A. (15) Amalienborg Palace, residence of the royal family.
(10) Tivoli Gardens, site of one of the world's oldest amusement parks.
(5) Tycho Brahe Planetarium

answer: Copenhagen

B. (15) Frauenkirche, the two-towered Gothic Cathedral of our Blessed Lady
(10) Lenbachhaus, the museum home of a friend to members of Der blaue Reiter.
(5) Olympic Park

answer: Munich

6. Have you been following recent Nobel Prize developments in medicine? Answer the following for 10 points each:

A. The 1997 prize was awarded to Stanley Prusiner for the discovery of what infectious objects?

answer: prions

B. The 1998 prize went to Robert Furchgott, Luis Ignarro, and Ferid Murad for discoveries concerning the cardiovascular signalling properties of what molecule?

answer: nitric oxide (accept: _NO_)

C. The most recent prize was awarded for "the discovery that proteins have intrinsic signals that govern their transport and localization in the cell." Who received this 1999 prize?

answer: Gunter Blobel

7. Identify these directors from works on a 15-10-5 basis:

A. (15) Levi's landmark "Doctor" commercial, in which an ER-like crew operates on a patient in sync to the song "Tainted Love"

(10) Several innovative music videos, such as the Beastie Boys' "Sabotage" and Fat Boy Slim's "Praise You"

(5) His recent debut film, "Being John Malkovich"

answer: Spike Jonze

B. (15) The American Cancer Society's landmark "Smoking Fetus" commercial, in which-- well, the title is kind of self-explanatory.

(10) Several innovative music videos, such as Madonna's "Express Yourself" and "Vogue", and Aerosmith's "Jamie's Got a Gun"

(5) His most recent film, "Fight Club"

answer: David Fincher

8. Identify the following about Rastafarianism for 10 points each:

A. This is the Rastafarian term for God.

answer: Jah

B. This term, with obvious Old Testament connotations, applies to the white power structure that has kept down the black race.

answer: Babylon

C. It is used in the Nyabingi celebration and for various other purposes. Its use is supported by Psalms 104:14.

answer: Ganja (prompt on marijuana)

9. Name these 20th century American composers from works on a 10-5 basis:

A. (10) the music for the operas *Vanessa* and *Antony and Cleopatra*
(5) *Adagio for Strings*

answer: Samuel Barber

B. (10) the libretto for Barber's *Vanessa* and the recent vocal work *Jacob's Prayer*
(5) *Amahl and the Night Visitors*

answer: Gian Carlo Menotti

C. (10) The music for the dance works *A Descent into the Maelstrom* and *In the Upper Room*
(5) the opera *Einstein on the Beach*

answer: Philip Glass

10. For 10 points each--answer the following related questions.

A. This anatomist made the first careful analysis of the human body based on detailed dissection, and published the first complete textbook of human anatomy, "De Humanis Corporis Fabrica."

answer: Vesalius

B. His portraits of Pope Innocent X, Maria Theresa, and Philip IV, for whom he was the court painter, have a quiet, commanding power.

answer: Diego Velasquez

C. This chief of the Arverni forced Julius Caesar to prolong his campaign in Gaul; he was captured in 51 BC, taken as captive to Rome and was killed 6 years later.

answer: Vercingetorix

11. The Dow Jones Industrial Average recently announced a change to its roster of 30 companies in order to make its index more representative of the American economy.

A. For the first time, two NASDAQ stocks are included in the Dow Jones 30. For 5 points each--name these stocks.

answer: Microsoft and Intel

B. Also, two other companies were added, and four companies were dropped from the Dow Jones index. For 5 points each--name any four of these six other companies involved in the recent revision.

answer: Home Depot, SBC Communications (both added), Sears Roebuck, and Co., Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Chevron, Union Carbide (all dropped)

12. For 10 points each--given a play, name both of its playwrights, all or nothing.

A. *The Diary of Anne Frank*

answer: Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett

B. *The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail*

answer: Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee

C. *You Can't Take It With You*

answer: George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart

13. These days, it seems de rigeur for presidential candidates to publish books as part of their campaign. For this three-part question, you have two options. If given an author, you can name his or her latest book, you'll get 10 points apiece. Otherwise, given the titles, you can name the authors, for 5 points each, which is easier but means you can only amass 15 points. Which option do you select?

(Author option: 10 points each)

A. John McCain

answer: *Faith of My Fathers*

B. Pat Buchanan

answer: *A Republic, Not an Empire*

C. George W. Bush

answer: *A Charge to Keep*

(Book option: 5 points each)

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C. *A Charge to Keep*

answer: George W. Bush

14. For 10 points each--given a figure from Roman myth or history, name his mother.

A. Aeneas

answer: Venus

B. Hercules

answer: Alcmene

C. the Emperor Tiberius

answer: Livia Drusilla

15. Given an NBA player who was traded since the end of the 1999 season, identify the team he started the 1999-2000 with, for 5 points each:

A. Anfernee Hardaway

answer: Phoenix or Suns

B. Scottie Pippen

answer: Portland or Trail Blazers

C. Mookie Blaylock

answer: Golden State or Warriors

D. Ron Mercer

answer: Denver or Nuggets

E. Antonio Davis

answer: Toronto or Raptors

F. Stacy Augmon

answer: Portland or Trail Blazers

(Portland traded him to Houston, who cut him, and Portland then re-signed him)

16. Given a villain from the 1960s Batman TV show, identify the celebrity who played that villain, for the stated number of points:

A. (5) The Siren

answer: Joan Collins

B. (5) Egghead

answer: Vincent Price

C. (10) The Bookworm

answer: Roddy McDowall

D. (10) Mr. Freeze

answer: Otto Preminger

17. Answer these questions about the battle of Marathon, for 10 points each:

A. In what year did the battle of Marathon take place, within 2 years?

answer: 490 BC (accept 488-492 BC)

B. What Greek historian from Halicarnassus wrote about Marathon in the 6th book of *The Histories*?

answer: Herodotus

C. According to Herodotus, what herald, commonly associated with the famous 26 mile run from Marathon to Athens, actually ran an even more impressive 150 miles from Athens to Sparta?

answer: Phidippides or Philippides

18. For 10 points each--name these Supreme Court cases of the 1960s.

A. In this 1961 case, the Court ruled, although the case originally involved pornography, free speech and, yes, Don King, that evidence obtained through illegal search and seizure is inadmissible in court.

answer: Mapp v Ohio (prompt on partial answer)

B. In this 1963 case, the Court ruled that free legal counseling must be provided to indigent persons accused of felonies.

answer: Gideon v Wainwright (prompt on partial answer)

C. In this 1964 precursor to *Roe v Wade*, the Court ruled that a ban on the use of contraceptives and on medical advice concerning them was unconstitutional and thereby reinforced the notion of privacy as a constitutional right.

answer: Griswold v Connecticut

19. Identify the author from works on a 30-20-10 basis:

A. *Local Anaesthetic* and *The Call of the Toad*

B. *The Rat* and *Cat and Mouse*

C. The Tin Drum

answer: Gunter Grass

20. For 10 points each-identify the common name of these monkeys:

A. It can give birth up to 2 times per year and twins are common; it belongs to the subfamily Callitrichinae and its brightly colored golden lion type is endangered.

answer: Marmoset

B. These agile leapers and runners are actually able to use simple tools and can draw and paint. They live in the forests of Honduras and Argentina and belong to the famile Cebidae.

answer: Capuchin

C. These leaf-eaters are among the largest monkeys and it is believed that their long periods of dormancy are necessary to detoxify the large number of harmful chemicals they eat. Their trumpet-like bony voice box is accomodated by an enlarged jaw and throat.

answer: Howler Monkey

21. Name the Crusade, given a short description for 10 points each:

A. After Saladin, Sultan of Egypt, captured Jerusalem, Philip II of France and Richard I of England, joined with Frederick I against him and ultimately gained a three-year truce and access to Jerusalem.

answer: Third Crusade

B. Lasting from 1248-54, this crusade saw Louis IX of France take the Egyptian seaport of Damietta but be captured near Cairo.

answer: Seventh Crusade

C. Launched by Pope Innocent III, the Crusaders met in Venice and sacked Constantinople in 1204.

answer: Fourth Crusade

22. 30-20-10, identify the office given candidates in the running:

A. The Prime Minister is backing Frank Dobson, who is being strongly challenged by maverick Ken Livingstone.

B. The leading Conservative candidate is multimillionare and international best-selling author Jeffrey Archer.

C. Also vying for the Labour nomination is the Academy Award winning former actress and current member of Parliament, Glenda Jackson.

answer: Mayor of London

23. The recent nuclear secrets spying scandal led Energy Secretary Bill Richardson to order a temporary halt to all computer work at the nation's three main nuclear research laboratories. For five points for one, fifteen points for two, and thirty points for all three, name these laboratories.

answer: Los Alamos, Lawrence-Livermore, and Sandia National Labs

24. Answer these questions on a "literary" phenomenon for the stated number of points:

A. For 5 points--name the main character in a series of children's fantasy books which account for 3 of the 4 best sellers on Amazon.com

answer: Harry Potter

B. For 10 points--name the author of the Harry Potter books.

answer: J. K. Rowling

C. For 5 points each--name the three books in the series. All titles begin with "Harry Potter and the...", so you can leave that out. Please use the U.S. titles.

answer: Chamber of Secrets, Sorcerer's Stone, Prisoner of Azkaban

25. Identify these math things for 10 points each:

A. Given a sequence in a metric space, this is a point such that for any positive epsilon, all but finitely many of the points in the sequence are within epsilon of the point.

answer: Limit point or point of Convergence

B. This is a sequence in which for any positive epsilon, all but finitely many of the points in the sequence are within epsilon of each other.

answer: Cauchy sequence

C. A space has this property if each Cauchy sequence has a limit point.

answer: Completeness