

Questions on the Crum VIII, 1999

Tossups by Yale Menage a Un (Ramin Fatehi, James Goloboy, Victor Kao, Samuel Stubblefield), Bryn Mawr College, Case Western Reserve, Kentucky, Subash Maddipoti, and Robert Whaples.

1. In 1896, he fled to Honduras when he was accused of embezzling money from a bank, but he returned a year later to visit his dying wife Athol, the woman upon whom he later based his character Della. He spent three years in prison and then moved to New York City where he adopted his popular pen name and took up writing. Primarily a short story writer, his stories usually contain ironic twists that produce surprise endings. For ten points, identify this author of the collection The Four Million which contains his story The Gift of the Magi.

Answer: O. Henry or William Sydney Porter

2. Slightly acidic, with a pH between 5 and 6, it is composed of specific acids and salts, cholesterol, water, electrolytes, and pigments. Between 250 and 1000 milliliters is produced every day, and the amount secreted depends upon hormones such as secretin, gastrin, and cholecystikinin [kol-e-sis-toe-ki-nin] and the action of the vagus nerve. For ten points, what is this greenish yellow substance secreted by the liver and stored in the gall bladder?

Answer: bile

3. Its first appeared in 12th century French romances, but Pierre de Ronsard made it popular in the 16th century. Pierre Corneille and Jean Baptiste Racine also employed this metric form, and Paul Verlaine later loosened its structure to form his "vers romantique." For ten points, identify this popular verse form, known in English as iambic hexameter and named for a Macedonian general.

Answer: Alexandrine

4. Born in 1826, this pupil of Thomas Cole inherited his mater's heroic vision of landscape painting. Above the Hudson River, he constructed a Moorish villa, Olana, and his journeys to South America in the 1850s and the arctic in the 1860s inspired his paintings Heart of the Andes and Aurora Borealis. For ten points, identify this Hudson River School painter whose other works include Niagara Falls, Morning in the Tropics, and The Aegean Sea.

Answer: Frederick Edwin Church

5. The one in Asia rises in the mountains of Yunan Province, China and flows for 700 miles. Its major tributaries are the Song Da and Song Lo rivers. The one in North America rises in eastern New Mexico, flows for 1290 miles, and empties into the Atchafalaya River. Its tributaries include the Sulphur and Washita rivers. For ten points, give the name shared by these rivers, one which empties into the Gulf of Tonkin and one which forms part of the Texas-Oklahoma border.

Answer: Red River

6. When Sultan Alp Arslan learned of the Byzantine advance, he led his Seljuk army to Lake Van to wait for his enemy. On August 19, Byzantine Emperor Romanus IV Diogenes attacked Arslan's larger army. The Turks feigned a retreat and lured the Byzantines away from nearby water sources until Romanus ordered a retreat. The Turks then attacked and defeated the Varangian Guard and capturing Romanus. For ten points, identify this 1071 battle.

Answer: the Battle of _Manzikert_ or _Malazgert_

7. It was originally subtitled _Lust for Glory_ and then _A Salute to a Rebel_, and in one anachronistic battle scene, the title character attacks a column of tanks whose model was made seven years after the war and named for him. Directed by Franklin Schaffner and written by Francis Ford Coppola, it won seven Oscars including Best Picture and Best Actor, an award its lead actor declined. For ten points, identify this 1970 film that starred Karl Malden as Omar Bradley and George C. Scott as the title general.

Answer: _Patton_

8. Symptoms of the Dry kind include neuritis in the lower extremities, muscle atrophy, poor coordination, and paralysis. Symptoms of the Wet kind include sweating, warm skin, elevated heart rate, and Wernicke-Korsakoff Syndrome which is confusion, involuntary movements of the eyes, and possibly coma caused by a decrease in blood flow to the brain. For ten points, identify this diet-deficiency disease caused by a chronic lack of vitamin B1.

Answer: _beriberi_

9. The _Janam Sakhis_ are contemporary biographies about him. Born in Talvandi, he worked as an accountant to the Mughal administrator Daulat Khan Lodi until he met the Muslim bard Mardana, and the two took a pilgrimage to find enlightenment. He believed that haumai or self-centeredness prevents sahaj or union with God, and that people can overcome haumai by practicing nam simran or repetition of the divine name. For ten points, identify this founder of Sikhism.

Answer: Guru _Nanak_

10. After he graduated from Harvard where he had studied under Walter Gropius, he soon became Director of the Department of Architecture at MoMA. A disciple of Mies van der Rohe, he favored a severely simple style emphasizing iron and glass, though his later work, such as the AT&T building in New York, shows a tendency to quote classical forms. For ten points, name this architect, leader of the International Style, co-designer of the Seagram Building, and architect of his personal home, the Glass House.

Answer: Phillip _Johnson_

11. In his 1802 work _Considerations on the Mathematical Theory of Games_, he argued that a player will lose a game of chance against an opponent with vastly greater financial resources. He proposed that magnetism is merely electricity in motion, and he showed that a solenoid behaves like a bar magnet when carrying a current. For ten points, name this Frenchman who also proved that the line integral of the magnetic field around an arbitrarily chosen path is proportional to the net electric current enclosed by the path and who is the namesake of the SI unit of electric current.

Answer: Andre Marie _Ampere_

12. Its author conceived his idea for it when a taste of tea and a rusk biscuit revived a hidden childhood memory. The author finished its first installment in 1912, and he planned only two more volumes, but this project grew with installments like _The Sweet Cheat Gone_ and _The

Captive_. The last three parts were published in advanced stages of revision after the author died in 1922. For ten points, identify this sixteen-volume series by Marcel Proust.

Answer: Remembrance of Things Past_ or _A La Recherche du Temps Perdu_

13. From 1960 to 1980, he worked as director of the Laboratory of Chemical Biodynamics at Berkeley. In the 1940s, he fed radioactive carbon dioxide to the green algae *Chlorella* to trace its respiratory reactions. For ten points, name this biochemist who studied the reactions during photosynthesis that convert carbon into carbohydrates, the 1961 Nobel Prize winner for Chemistry and namesake of a cycle of reactions.

Answer: Melvin _Calvin_

14. At this meeting, Italy, England, Germany, France and Spain each got one vote, as did the cardinals. It issued the Sacrosancta which affirmed the power of church councils, and it condemned 45 propositions of John Wycliffe and 30 of Jan Hus, who it declared an obstinate heretic and ordered burned at the stake. Called in 1414 by John XXIII, it concluded with the election of Martin V who then declared John an antipope. For ten points, identify this Catholic Church council that ended the Great Western Schism.

Answer: Council of _Constance_

15. Its Visual Memory Unit allows each player in a two-player game to select game options without tipping off his opponent, and it contains a built-in 33.6 kilobytes per second modem. At 128 bits, it has twice the processing power of the Nintendo 64, and it is four times as powerful as its poor-selling predecessor, Saturn. It will be marketed this fall with about 10 compatible games including Sonic's Adventure_. For ten points, name this new video game system made by Sega.

Answer: Sega _Dreamcast_

16. Born in Algeria, this former professor wrote Glas_ and The Post Card_, but published his three most influential books in 1967. In them, he contends that readers falsely assume language expresses ideas without altering their meaning, and he claims that the constant shifting of language creates multiple legitimate interpretations of a text. For ten points, identify this author of Writing and Difference_, Speech and Phenomena_ and Of Grammatology_, the founder of the deconstruction movement.

Answer: Jacques _Derrida_

17. This Oxford alum won the Somerset Maugham Award for his first novel, making him the kind of upwardly mobile intellectual who populates his novels. In Stanley and the Women_, he criticized the feminist movement, and his book The Folks That Live on the Hill_ satirized middle age and family life. In 1986, he won the Booker Prize for mocking the Welsh in his novel The Old Devils_, but he is best known for his 1954 book about disgruntled British university professor Jim Dixon. For ten points, name this Angry Young Man, author of Lucky Jim_.

Answer: Sir _K_ingsley _Amis_ (prompt on just _Amis_)

18. In Cincinnati, he earned the nickname Attorney General for Runaway Negroes because he defended fugitive slaves in court. In 1855, as a Free-Soiler, he became Ohio's governor, and he

won reelection as a Republican. As a member of the cabinet, he issued the United States' first legal-tender paper currency not backed by gold, but he resigned his office because he believed the President's anti-slavery position was too moderate. For ten points identify this man who served as Secretary of the Treasury and as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

Answer: Salmon Portland _Chase_

19. Rimsky-Korsakov listened to this man's music and advised him not to become a composer, so he befriended Leon Bakst and founded the briefly lived _World of Arts_ magazine. He wanted to unify painting, drama, music, and dance, an ideal shared by his collaborators who included Henri Matisse and Michel Fokine, and when he died in 1929, he had produced _The Three-Cornered Hat_, _Daphnis and Chloe_, _The Firebird_ and many other modern ballets. For ten points identify this impresario and founder of the Ballet Russes.

Answer: Sergei Pavlovich _Diaghilev_

20. After suffering a bout of currency flight, in April 1991 this country adopted the Convertibility Plan and pegged its peso to the dollar at a rate of 40 to 1. Its economy immediately improved, and since then the dollar has become a fixture in cash and bank transactions. This system has reduced inflation to about two percent and kept its currency so stable that President Carlos Menem has advocated that what South American country abolish its own money and use American currency instead?

Answer: _Argentina_

21. Her father and sister were lawyers, and she studied law at the University of Alabama, but she never completed her degree. Instead, she moved to New York, worked in the reservations department of an airline, and then became a novelist, writing about the two things she knew best: the south and lawyers. For ten points, name winner of the 1960 Pulitzer Prize, author of _To Kill a Mockingbird_.

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1. 5-10-15. Identify these men who wanted to succeed Augustus.

a) This son from Livia's first marriage did succeed Augustus, becoming emperor of Rome in 14 AD.

Answer: Tiberius Claudius Nero

b) In 23 BC, Augustus designated this general and son-in-law as his successor. He died before Augustus did.

Answer: Marcus Vipsanius Agrippa

c) When Tiberius became Emperor, Augustus had one surviving grandson with a legitimate claim to the throne. Name this man who Tacitus says Tiberius assassinated.

Answer Agrippa Postumus

2. FTSNOP, identify these anatomists.

15) He traced motor and sensory nerves to the brain, but he believed that nerves contained a fluid. He also described the valves of the heart, but he thought the heart carried air and that arteries carried the Human Spirit.

Answer: Erasistratus of Ceos

5) This proponent of animal dissection disproved Erasistratus's ideas about arteries by showing that they carry blood. He did not dissect human corpses, but his teachings on anatomy were applied to humans until the 17th century.

Answer: Galen of Pergamum (or of Mysia or Anatolia)

10) This Belgian and court physician to Holy Roman Emperor Charles V dissected human cadavers and corrected Galen's errors in his seven-volume work, On the Structure of the Human Body.

Answer: Andreas Vesalius or Andries Van Wesel

3. 5-10-15. Answer these questions about the English artist William Morris.

a) With artists like Philip Webb and William De Morgan, Morris founded what movement that emphasized a return to hand-hewn materials and medieval simplicity?

Answer: Arts and Crafts Movement

b) Who's essay, The Nature of the Gothic from the work The Stones of Venice influenced Morris's philosophy?

Answer: John Ruskin

c) Morris founded what printing company with Emery Walker? There he designed the Golden, Troy, and Chaucer typesets.

Answer: _Kelmscott_Press

4. FTPA, answer these questions about the Great Northern War.

a) Who was the King of Sweden during the Great Northern War? He became king at age 14, and three years later invaded Denmark.

Answer: _Charles XII_

b) What great victory of did Charles win over the Russians in 1700? Fought in Estonia, it was the first major battle of the war.

Answer: Battle of _Narva_

c) Charles fled into exile after he lost what July 1709 battle to the Russians in the Ukraine?

Answer: Battle of _Poltava_

5. 5-10-15. Identify these people involved in the recent Nigerian elections:

a) After Sani Abacha died, this general took over as Nigerian head of state. He promises to give up power to a democratically elected president on May 29.

Answer: Abdulsalami _Abubakar_

b) This former general, the winner of the election, is the only Nigerian military leader voluntarily to relinquish power.

Answer: Olusegun _Obasanjo_

c) This finance minister and candidate of the Alliance of Democracy and the All Peoples Party lost to Obasanjo.

Answer: Olu _Falae_

6. FTSNOP, I'll describe a molecular group and you give its common name.

5) CH₃

Answer: _Methyl_

5) SH

Answer: _Mercapto_ or _Thiol_ or _Sulfhydryl_

10) a CH₂ double bonded to a CH

Answer: _Vinyl_

10) two CH₃ groups bonded to one CH₂

Answer: _Isopropyl_

7. New York's Jacobi Hospital is warning parents that children who watch a popular PBS show keep getting crushed by television sets: the kids pull the sets down on themselves when they try to embrace the title characters who huddle together and chant "Big Hug! Big Hug!"

5) For five points, identify this BBC import that is killing off stupid American children.

Answer: _Teletubbies_

Now, FTSNOP, identify these Teletubbies:

5) It's the gay one.

Answer: _Tinky-Winkie_

10) This Teletubby has become a cult hero to the British nightclub scene because, in one episode, the letter E, British slang for Ecstasy, falls from the sky and bops it on the head.

Answer: _Dipsy_

10) Named Nita, Toso, Ton, and Tis, these Spanish-speaking Teletubbies now appear on the Mexican television network Azteca.

Answer: _TeleChobis_

8. FTSNOP, identify these goddesses.

5) The daughters of Zeus and the nymph Euronyme, these deities represent joy, charm and beauty. Their names are Aglaia, Thalia, and Euphrosyne.

Answer: _Graces_ or _Charities_ or the _Gratia_

5) Named Urd, Skuld, and Verdandi, this trio of Norse goddesses tends Yggdrassil and dispenses fates to men.

Answer: _Norns_

10) This West Semitic goddess of hunting and war was Baal's sister. After Baal died, she helped retrieve him from the underworld. The favorite deity of Ramses II, she is often depicted naked, standing on lions, and holding flowers.

Answer: _Anath_

10) Also called Sgrol-ma, this Tibetan goddess came from a tear of Avalokiteshvara (av-ah-lo-ki-tesh-va-rah) that fell to the ground and formed a lake from which rose up a lotus that contained her. She is the protectress of navigation and earthly and spiritual travel.

Answer: _Tara_

9. For 15 points apiece, identify the plays in which these snippets of Shakespearean trash-talking appear. You'll earn 5 points if you need the names of some characters in the plays.

15) [You] live in the rank sweat of an enseamed bed, stew'd in corruption, honeying and making love over the nasty sty!

5) Francisco ; Osrice ; Marcellus

Answer: Hamlet, Prince of Denmark

15) To cast away honesty upon a foul slut were to put good meat into an unclean dish.

5) Celia ; Orlando

Answer: As You Like It

10. 30-20-10. Name the composer from works.

30) the ballets Cinderella and Tale of the Stone Flower

20) the music to the movies Lieutenant Kije and Alexander Nevsky

10) the operas Tale of a Real Man and The Love for Three Oranges

Answer: Serge Prokofiev

11. 5-10-15. Identify these pairs of married or related scientists who won Nobel Prizes.

a) This couple shared the 1903 Nobel Prize in physics with Antoine Henri Becquerel for discovering radioactive elements.

Answer: Pierre and Marie Curie

b) This husband and wife team shared the 1935 Nobel Prize in chemistry for discovering the first artificial isotopes by bombarding aluminum foil and boron with alpha particles.

Answer: Frederic and Irene Joliot-Curie

c) For their study of X-ray crystallography, this British father and son team shared the 1915 Nobel Prize in physics.

Answer: William Henry and (William) Lawrence Bragg

12. 5-10-15. Identify these works by Johann Wolfgang von Goethe.

a) Part one of this long dramatic poem was published in 1808, and part two was published posthumously 24 years later. The title character impregnates Gretchen and kills her brother, but Gretchen kills their child.

Answer: Faust

b) In this semi-autobiographical 1774 novel, the title character falls in love with Charlotte. When Charlotte marries a man named Albert, the title character joins the civil service, but returns to Charlotte and kills himself.

Answer: The Sorrows of Young Werther

c) Thomas Mann called it "The boldest and most profound novel of adultery that the West has produced." In it, two married aristocrats fall in love with other people, she with her husband's best friend, and he with his wife's goddaughter.

Answer: Elective Affinities

13. FTSNOP, identify the conference in which these NCAA Division I schools play.

5) Michigan State ; Purdue ; Wisconsin

Answer: Big Ten Conference

5) Eastern Michigan ; Buffalo ; Toledo

Answer: Mid-American Conference

10) Gonzaga ; Pepperdine ; San Diego

Answer: West Coast Conference

10) Western Kentucky ; Florida International ; Arkansas State

Answer: Sun Belt Conference

14. Answer these questions about the Peninsular Campaign, FTPA.

a) What indecisive May 31 to June 1, 1862 battle was fought six miles east of Richmond and concluded the first phase of the Peninsular Campaign?

Answer: Seven Pines (or Fair Oaks)

b) During the battle of Seven Pines, Robert E Lee took the field to command the Confederates when what general who had helped Beauregard win the battle of First Manassas was severely wounded?

Answer: Joseph Eggleston Johnston

c) The Peninsular Campaign ended when what series of battles that included Oak Grove, Mechanicsville, and Malvern Hill forced the Army of the Potomac to withdraw?

Answer: Seven Days Battles

15. FTPA, answer these questions about Australian geography.

a) What is the longest river in Australia? It flows for 1700 miles into the Indian Ocean south of Adelaide.

Answer: _Darling_ (prompt on Murray)

b) What monolith, the world's largest, rests in the Northern Territory and rises 1143 feet?

Answer: _Uluru_ or _Ayers Rock_

c) What mountain range runs along the southeast coast and contains Mount Kosciuszko, the highest peak in Australia?

Answer: _Great Dividing Range_

16. FTPA, name these Fathers of the Catholic Church.

a) Unbaptized until he was elected bishop of Milan, this opponent of Arianism excommunicated Emperor Maximus and imposed a public penance on Emperor Theodosius I.

Answer: Saint _Ambrose_

b) This son of a Roman senator served as pope from 590 to 604. He negotiated a peace with the Lombards, wrote the _Moralia_, and reformed the church liturgy.

Answer: Saint _Gregory_ I or _Gregory_ the Great

c) This secretary to Pope Damasus I continued the _Chronicle_ of Eusebius of Caesarea and wrote the _De Viris Illustribus_ and the Latin translation of the Bible known as the _Vulgate_.

Answer: Saint _Jerome_

17. 5-10-15. Identify these Boron compounds.

a) Also known as sodium tetraborate, this compound dissolves in water to form an alkaline, antiseptic solution that is used as a detergent and disinfectant.

Answer: _Borax_

b) This amphoteric substance is a white crystalline powder with chemical formula H_3BO_3 . It can be used as an ophthalmological treatment and an insecticide.

Answer: _Boric Acid_ (also accept hydrogen borate and boron hydroxide)

c) This class of boron compounds is unique because some of the chemical bonds are pairs of electrons shared between three different atoms. It is divided into varieties prefixed closo-, nido-, arachno-, hypho-, and conjuncto-.

Answer: _Boranes_ or _Boron Hydrides_

18. FTPA, I'll name a Booker Prize-winning author and the year he won, and you name the work for which he won the Booker.

a) Kazuo Ishiguro, 1989

Answer: _The Remains of the Day_

b) Salman Rushdie, 1981

Answer: _Midnight's Children_

c) V.S. Naipaul, 1971

Answer: _In a Free State_

19. FTTPA, identify the treaties that ended these Asian wars.

a) Russo-Turkish War, 1878

Answer: Treaty of _San Stefano_

b) Sino-Japanese War, 1894

Answer: Treaty of _Shimonoseki_

c) Russo-Japanese War, 1904

Answer: Treaty of _Portsmouth_

20. 30-20-10. Name the author from works.

30) _Travels in Hyperreality_ ; _Misreadings_

20) _The Island of the Day Before_ ; _Apocalypse Postponed_

10) _Foucault's Pendulum_ ; _The Name of the Rose_

Answer: Umberto _Eco_