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Thumbs On Ice Buzzer Revue
Wichita State University

Round 3

1. Some of the sets were designed by Pablo Picasso and Marc Chagall, and the music for some of the productions was composed by Ravel, Debussy, and Stravinsky. Opened in Paris in 1909, George Balanchine was one of the choreographers. FTP, identify this dance company founded by Sergei Diaghilev.

Answer: _Ballets Russes_

2. It's palace and audience hall, called the Apadana, of Darius I contain sculptured reliefs depicting Achaemenid court ceremonies. Thirteen of the Apadana's massive stone columns are still standing, and its broad double staircase has been restored by archaeologists. At Naksh-e Rostam, some 4 miles northwest of the ancient city are the Achaemenid royal tombs. Plundered and burned by Alexander the Great in 330 BC, it was eventually abandoned. FTP, identify this city, whose name is Greek for "City of the Persians", one of the ancient capitals of that empire.

Answer: _Persepolis_ (Accept: Parsa)

3. $C_{20}H_{24}O_2N_2$ is the chemical formula of this alkaloid obtained from the bark of the cinchona tree. As a drug it has largely been replaced by synthetics such as pyrimethamine and chloroquine, but it played an important role in the colonization of Africa by providing protection from Plasmodium, the microorganism that causes malaria. FTP name this substance used to make tonic water.

A: QUININE

4. His first published work, the long poem *Parasha*, was well received by literary critics. He spent long periods of time outside Russia, often mainly to be near the celebrated opera singer Pauline Viardot-Garcia, whom he loved. After 1871 he remained in Paris, and died near there in 1883. Among his works are *First Love*, *On the Eve*, *Smoke*, *A Sportsman's Sketches*, *Torrents of Spring*, and *A Month in the Country*. FTP, identify this Russian author, considered the foremost stylist in Russian literature, whose masterpiece is *Fathers and Sons*.

Answer: Ivan _Turgenev_

5. It was originally a place of quiet seclusion built by Vallin de la Mothe and connected by a covered bridge to the Winter Palace on the Neva River. Built for Catherine the Great, for ten points what place did Nicholas I turn into a public art gallery in St. Petersburg?

ANSWER: the _Hermitage_

6. He turned from the formulas of Byzantine painting to the study of nature, achieving lifelike, expressive faces and the illusion of movement. In Rome in 1300 he executed the mosaic of the Navicella, now in St. Peter's Basilica and in 1304 began the 38 frescoes in the Scrovegni Chapel in Padua. FTP, appointed chief architect of the cathedral in Florence in 1334, identify this man who in his last years designed a multicolored, eponymous tower.

Answer: _Giotto_ di Bondone

7. The setting is prewar Berlin, where writer Brian Roberts arrives to confront a hedonistic, increasingly dangerous society. The title location is overseen by an androgynous master of ceremonies played by Joel Grey. Sally Bowles, a deliberately shocking, cheerfully promiscuous waif earns her living there as a singer. Adapted from a play by John Van Druten and story by Christopher Isherwood, FTP, identify this movie which swept the Oscars in 1972 including Best Director for Bob Fosse and Best Actress for Liza Minnelli.

Answer: _Cabaret_

8. A Roman legend states that these men fought for Rome at the battle of Lake Regillus. Among their other exploits include rescuing Helen of Sparta from Theseus, who had kidnapped her, and taking part in the voyage of the Argo and the Calydonian Boar Hunt before one of them met his death at the hands of Idas and Lyncaeus. FTP identify these mythological twins, brothers of Helen and Clytemnestra, who were ultimately transformed into the constellation Gemini.

Answer: _Castor_ and _Polydeuces_

Accept: _Castor_ and _Pollux_

9. What happens when the second album you release is immediately hailed as a hip-hop classic? That was the dilemma faced by three kids from Queens in 1991 after their jazz-infused follow-up to *Peoples Instinctive Travels and the Paths of Rhythm* hit. They decided to split up after their fifth entry into the rap scene, *The Love Movement*. During the last decade they've been responsible for such hits as *Check the Rime*, *Scenario*, and *Electric Relaxation*. FTP name this rap group whose members include ALLI, Phife, and Q-Tip.

Answer: *A Tribe Called Quest*

10. At sixteen he entered the sophomore class of Williams College. Though he did not graduate, he later studied law and was admitted to the bar at 21. He held a lifelong aversion to the law practice, however, and soon left law to become editor of the *New York Evening Post*, a position he held until his death. FTP, name this journalist and prodigy who, at just 17, wrote his masterpiece, *Thanatopsis*.

Answer: William Cullen *Bryant*

11. He published a successful volume of poetry in 1894, *Sonnets and Other Verses*. A skeptic, he wrote that our knowledge of the external world depends on an act of "animal faith". He proved his talent as a novelist in 1935 with *The Last Puritan*. FTP, identify this Spanish philosopher who authored such philosophical works as *The Sense of Beauty*, *The Life of Reason*, and *Realms of Being*.

Answer: George *Santayana*

12. Born in Klerksdorp, in what is now North-West Province, he was ordained as an Anglican priest in 1960. He was named dean of Johannesburg in 1975 and bishop of Lesotho in 1977; the following year, he became the first black general secretary of the South African Council of Churches. In June, 1996, he retired from his clerical position so that he could devote his full energies to his new job as head of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. FTP, identify this clergyman and civil rights activist, who was recognized for "the courage and heroism shown by black South Africans in their use of peaceful methods in the struggle against apartheid" in being awarded the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize.

Answer: Archbishop Desmond *Tutu*

13. He took the formula detective novel a step further, and created a more hard-boiled style than Gardner and Auster. A former Pinkerton agent, he published several short stories in pulp magazines before creating three signature protagonists. FTP, identify this creator of Nick and Nora Charles, the Thin Man, and Sam Spade.

Answer: Dashiell *Hammett*

14. In the aftermath of this incident, the Italian coalition government was weakened, U.S.-Italian relations were strained due to the contested jurisdiction of the case, and U.S.-Egyptian relations were strained due to the Egyptian role in the surrender of the hijackers. More than 400 passengers and crew were released, but the hijackers had shot to death and thrown overboard an invalid Jewish American passenger, 69-year-old Leon Klinghoffer. FTP, identify the Italian cruise ship hijacked off the Mediterranean coast of Greece on October 7, 1985, by the Palestinian Liberation Front.

Answer: *Achille Lauro*

15. The possibility that it may have a finite lifetime has recently come under examination, but if it does, experimental evidence suggests that it takes at least 10 (to the 31st power) years to do so. FTP identify the elementary particle named after the Greek word for "first", which has a mass of 1.673×10^{-24} grams and is found in the nucleus of every atom.

Answer: *Proton*

16. By his death in 1992, this biochemist and fellow of Boston University had published more than 200 volumes. His first book, 1950's *Pebble in the Sky*, won him immediate fame, and his short story "Nightfall" is widely considered the finest science-fiction short story ever written. FTP, name this author whose 1951 Foundation trilogy won him the first of many Hugo awards.

Answer: Isaac *Asimov*

17. He opposed any governmental interference in the free-market economy, whether in the form of tariffs to help businesses or antitrust laws to restrain them. He was an influential writer and professor at Yale University from 1872 to 1909. Among his major works are *Folkways* and *Science and Society*, which was published after his 1910 death. FTP, identify this American sociologist and teacher, the most active American advocate of Social Darwinism.

Answer: William Graham _Sumner_

18. Among the last claimants to the throne from this group were Richard de la Pole and Perkin Warbeck. It originally came to prominence in 1385 when Edmund of Langley, fifth son of King Edward III, was named a duke. Edmund's grandson Richard Plantagenet, the third duke, laid claim to the throne occupied by King Henry VI, who was descended from John of Gaunt, represented a rival house. FTP, identify this English royal line whose hold on the throne slipped away at Bosworth Field in 1485, and who were represented by a white rose.

Answer: House of _York_

Tiebreaker

19. His early works include *_Amores_*, erotic poems centered on Corinna; *Medicamina Faciei Femineae*, a fragment of writing on cosmetics; and *Remedia Amoris*, a kind of recantation of the *Ars Amatoria*. His interest in mythology is reflected in his *Heroides*, or *Epistulae Heroidum*, 21 fictional love letters, mostly from mythological heroines to their lovers. In his middle period he wrote his greatest work, a 15 book work which takes as its unifying theme the transformations recorded in mythology and legend from the creation of the world to the time of Roman emperor Julius Caesar, whose change into a celestial star marks the last of the series. FTP, identify this Roman poet of the *_Metamorphoses_*.

Answer: _Ovid_