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Thumbs On Ice Buzzer Revue
Wichita State University

Round 4

1. Born in Ephesus around 540 BC, his ideas stem from the Ionian School of philosophy. He believed fire was the primal substance which creates the phenomena of the sensible world. He also believed in the idea of change, even in the most stable seeming things. Only one work, *On Nature*, is definitely his. FTP, can you name this philosopher who because of his lonely life and misanthropic philosophy was known as the Dark or Weeping Philosopher?

Answer: Heraclitus

2. The Syrians, aided by troops from Jordan and Iraq, initially made some gains in the north, but by October 11 they had been turned back, and the Israelis advanced into Syria. In the south, the Egyptians crossed the Suez Canal and penetrated about 6 miles into the Israeli-occupied Sinai before they were stalled. On October 16 the Israelis counterattacked and invaded Egypt itself. A cease-fire arranged by the United Nations took effect on the Syrian front on October 22 and in Egypt two days later. FTP, identify this 1973 war in the Middle East.

Answer: Yom Kippur War

3. While a student at Columbia University, he met two fellow students with whom he would forever be identified. His first book was undoubtedly his most famous, and lamented what he thought to be the destruction of the best minds of his generation. *Kaddish* and *Reality Sandwiches* established him as a guru of the American youth counterculture in the late 1960s. FTP, name this Beat Generation icon, the author of *Howl*.

Answer: Allen Ginsburg

4. Born in a small village of Bosnia, the son of poor parents, he was the first literate member of his family. He attended school at Sarajevo, where he was influenced by Russian revolutionary literature and joined secret societies seeking to unify the South Slavs. Expelled from school for political activities in 1912, he volunteered for the Serbian army in the Balkan war but was rejected. Supplied with weapons by the Black Hand organization, he and two other young men hoped to bring down the Austrian throne and free the Slavs from its control by killing the heir to the throne. FTP, identify this assassin of Archduke Francis Ferdinand at Sarajevo on June 28, 1914.

Answer: Gavrilo Princip

5. A cholecystectomy (pron: Ko-la-sis-tect-to-me) is often necessary to remove these small hard pebbles of cholesterol. They cause pain if they get caught in the cystic or the bile duct. FTP, what are these hard objects which usually form in a bladder?

Answer: gallstones (Accept: "gall bladder" before "small hard pebbles")

6. He was born November 27, 1909, in Knoxville, and grew to become a poet, a novelist, and one of the most influential film critics of the 1930s and 40s. *Permit Me Voyage*, a collection of his poems, was published in 1934. From 1948 he was a scriptwriter, the author behind *The Night of the Hunter* and *The African Queen*. FTP, name this critic, perhaps most famous for his novel *A Death in the Family*.

Answer: James Agee

7. She first came to national attention when she won the top prizes on the 1950s quiz shows "The \$64,000 Question" and "The \$64,000 Challenge"—her area of expertise was boxing—parlaying that exposure into a long and successful career as an author, columnist, and radio and television personality specializing in explaining and giving advice about a wide range of interpersonal problems of everyday life. Among her books were *Ten Days to a Successful Memory*, *How To Get Whatever You Want Out Of Life*, *The Successful Woman*, *Widowhood*, and *Widowed*. FTP, identify this American psychologist, author, and media personality.

Answer: Joyce Brothers

8. Of his ships, the *Joly* returned to France, the *St. Francois* was captured by pirates, and the *La Belle* and the *Aimable* were found in Matagorda Bay. For ten points, they all belonged to the expedition of what Frenchman who explored west of the Mississippi, naming the region "Louisiana."

ANSWER: Rene-Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle

9. His regular procedure in praising the victors at the games was to insert into the central portion of the poem a myth, either expressing the dominant mood of the occasion or connecting the victorious hero with the mythical past. He shows the Greek myths in transition from their treatment by the epic poets to the forms they assumed in Attic tragedy. He also introduces into his odes numerous moral and religious reflections, and he proclaims the immortality of the soul and a future judgment. His extant works, believed to be about one-fourth of his total production, are 44 epinician, or triumphal, odes, composed in honor of the victors at the four great national games, the Olympian, Pythian, Isthmian, and Nemean. FTP, identify this Greek poet, born in 518 BC near Thebes, who is generally regarded as the greatest lyric poet in Greek literature.

Answer: _Pindar_

10. Its facies medialis is the origin of the Peroneus tertius, the Extensor hallucis longus, and the Extensor digitorum longus, while the styloid process of its head gives attachment to the tendon of the Biceps femoris. For ten points, name this bone which is lateral to and smaller than the tibia.

ANSWER: _fibula_ [Prompt on calf bone]

11. Its smaller towns and cities include Falciano, Monte Giardino, Faetano, Chiesanuova, and Serravalle. It was traditionally founded by a Christian stonecutter who fled the Romans to Mount Titano. For ten points, name this "Most Serene Republic", completely surrounded by Italy.

ANSWER: La Serenissima Repubblica di _San Marino_

12. It is the derivative of the Heaviside step function and is the mathematical representation of unphysical quantities such as point masses or charges. It has the property that it is zero for all x not equal to 0 and indefinite at x equals zero, yet has an integral of 1. FTP, what Greek letter names this function?

Answer: Dirac _Delta_ function

13. Born in New York City in 1920, he was educated at Princeton University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. After heading the business school at the University of Chicago, he served in a succession of federal posts, including secretary of labor, director of the Office of Management and Budget, and secretary of the treasury from 1972 to 1974. He then left Washington for Bechtel, a multinational construction and engineering firm, and he held the presidency of Bechtel from 1975 until June 1982, when he was called back to Washington to replace Alexander M. Haig, Jr., as secretary of state. FTP, identify this American public official who won respect for his steady professionalism and his preference for conciliation rather than conflict.

Answer: George _Shultz_

14. It is the highest island mountain in the world. If measured from the floor of the Pacific Ocean it rises to about 32,000 feet, making it higher than Mt. Everest. Rising to 13,796 feet, it is the highest peak in the Hawaiian islands. FTP identify this massive shield volcano located in the center of the island of Hawaii, to the north of Mauna Loa.

Answer: _Mauna Kea_

15. His clumsy arrest of a magistrate in 1648 sparked a Parisian revolt and triggered the civil wars known as the Fronde. He introduced Italian opera at court, founded the College of Four Nations (now the Institut de France), and opened his library to the public. The crowning achievement of his career was the Treaty of the Pyrenees of 1659, which ended the war with Spain, won France the provinces of Artois and Roussillon, and gave the young king a Spanish bride, thereby providing France with a claim on Spain's empire. FTP, identify this French statesman and cardinal, who, when he died in 1661 at Vincennes, left Louis XIV with a clear understanding of absolutist rule, a corps of skilled advisers, such as Jean Colbert, and the outlines of a policy aimed at European dominance.

Answer: Jules _Mazarin_

16. The title character wins friends such as the grocer Mr. Hobbs and the bootblack Dick. His American mother originally has to live in a separate house when he goes to live with his grandfather, the Earl of Dorincourt. For ten points, name this novel about Cedric Errol, a children's book by Frances Hodgson Burnett.

ANSWER: _Little Lord Fauntleroy_

17. The name's the same. In jewelry, it's a metal neck ring consisting of a looped bar, the ends of which are fashioned into ornamental knobs or hooked together. In physics it is the time derivative of angular momentum as well as the cross product of the force and the lever arm. FTP, what is this six-letter word.

Answer: TORQUE

18. This book centers on the five discourses of Christ, and although it is the first book in the New Testament, it was preceded chronologically by the Gospel According to Mark. FTP, name this book, which contains, among other things, the Eight Beatitudes of Jesus and the Lord's Prayer.

Answer: The Gospel According to Matthew

Tiebreaker

19. Hammacher Schlemmer was founded. Paul Gauguin and Gottlob Frege were born. Emily Bronte and John Quincy Adams died, and the Mexican War ended. These things all happened - for 10 points - in what year that also saw revolutions in France and Germany and the suffragette convention at Seneca Falls?

Answer: 1848