Dave I Deep Bench 2000 questions

1. This term originated, like its fellow faunal terms bull and bear, on the London stock exchange of the 18th century. It originally referred to a broker who defaulted on his debts. Americans adapted the term to politics, liberally applying it to any president whose powers are thought to be waning. Passage of the 22nd Amendment in 1951 extended a certain sense of waning to all second-term presidents because it bars them from running for a third term. FTP, what is this term that refers more to Bill Clinton than Daffy or Donald?

Answer: lame duck

2. In 1849, the founder of this company used pigeons to fly stock prices between Aachen and Brussels, a service that operated for a year until the gap in the telegraph link was closed. The agency eventually expanded its service to the British press as well as to other European countries and also expanded the content to include general and economic news from all around the world. In 1939 the company moved to Fleet Street and this British press agency has continued to grow ever since. FTP, name this news service founded by a German-born immigrant.

Answer: Reuters

3. This man was the U.S. Attorney assigned to the case of Attorney General Ed Meese who resigned in disgrace and narrowly escaped indictment in the aftermath of the Wedtech influence-peddling scandal. His resume includes a stint as Associate Attorney General for Ronald Reagan, which eventually led to a successful run as mayor of a large East Coast city. FTP, name this man who is currently fighting prostate cancer.

Answer: Rudy Guiliani

4. Sitting on the throne between 1925 and 1935, Rama VII was the last absolute king of this country. The Promoters Revolution of 1932 initiated the so-called Constitutional Era. The adjective form of this country provides the name of a kind of cat, can be found in the title of a Smashing Pumpkins CD and refers to a special kind of twins. FTP, name the country that provides the setting for "The King and I."

Answer: Siam (grudgingly accept Thailand)

- 5. This word combines the Greek words meaning work and law and is also known as human-factors engineering. It is an applied science concerned with designing and arranging things people use so that the people and things interact most efficiently and safely. FTP, what is the term that applies to, among other things, designing computer work stations.
 Answer: Ergonomics
- 6. Almost two years ago, Republican William Bennett phoned Democratic Senator Joe Lieberman and encouraged him to advise President Clinton to resign. Bennett referred to Lieberman by this name because he thought that the man who would eventually run for Vice-President was the closest thing in the Senate to this Old Testament prophet. FTP, name the man sent by God to chastise King David for inappropriate behavior with Bathsheba, a name shared with Messers Hale and Lane.

Answer: Nathan

7. This author's novel within a novel is a cult classic about a pulp-fiction writer who is having an affair with a married woman. The primary novel is the memoir of an old woman named Iris Chase. Both novels have the same title "The Blind Assassin." At the age of 60, this writer may be Canada's most famous citizen and is certainly its most celebrated author. FTP, name the woman behind "The Handmaid's Tale."

Answer: Margaret Atwood

8. During his recent appearance on Oprah, Al Gore claimed that this book is his favorite. Written by Marie Henri Beyle, under the pen name of Renate Stendhal, the novel is a powerful character study of Julien Sorel, an ambitious young man who uses seduction as a tool for advancement.. FTP, name this colorful book that shares its name with the school newspaper at the University of Georgia.

Answer: The Red and the Black

- Literally meaning publicity and commonly translated as openness, it refers to the Soviet policy
 permitting open discussion of political and social issues and freer dissemination of news and
 information. FTP, name this key concept of Mikhail Gorbachev's administration as general
 secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.
 Answer: Glasnost
- 10. Talk about a team going to the dogs, the first name of this NHL franchise's new coach is Alpo. It's fitting because the team has been playing like dog food for many years now and last won a Stanley Cup in 1961. Current players like Tony Amonte and Alex Zhamnov can hardly make fans forget about Stan Mikita and Bobby Hull. FTP, name these occupants of the United Center. Answer: Chicago or Blackhawks
- 11. "The greatest improvement in the productive powers of labour, and the greater part of the skill, dexterity and judgment with which it is any where directed, or applied, seem to have been the effects of the division of labour." "Though the profusion of government must, undoubtedly, have retarded the natural progress of England towards wealth and improvement, it has not been able to stop it." Those quotes come from, FTP, this man who wrote on The *Theory of Moral Sentiments*, first published in 1759, before the greater fame achieved by his tome on economics, "The Wealth of Nations."

Answer: Adam Smith (prompt on The Wealth of Nations)

12. In July 1949, he reported that he had found the molecular flaw responsible for the debilitating blood disease known as sickle cell anemia. In 1917 he had attended Oregon Agricultural College (now Oregon State) without having first graduated high school. FTP, name this two time Nobel Prize winner in chemistry and peace.

Answer: Linus Pauling

- 13. Stopping in mid-performance, he would cut three strings from his violin and perform amazing feats of musical wizardry on the remaining string. Tall, gaunt and forbidding with a weakness for women and gambling, this Italian relished his devilish reputation. Admired by Berlioz and Liszt, FTP, name the violin virtuoso who created the imaginative 24 Caprices. Answer: Nicolo Paganini
- 14. Two men David and Ezra founded a sporting good store for the rich and famous in NYC in the 1800s. It went out of business and the name was picked up by Oshman's, a Houston outfit. By 1988 it was purchased by The Limited. The current management, took over in 1992 and transformed the company into a much different business. FTP, name this retailer featured in the 1999 LFO song "Summer Girls," supplier of clothes to frat boys everywhere. Answer: Ambercrombie and Fitch
- 15. Christmas Day 2000 will mark the 1000th anniversary of Duke Stephen being crowned this country's first King. Presiding over festivities will be the current head of government Prime Minister Gyula Horn. FTP, name this country that shared a dual monarchy with Austria from 1867 until 1918.

Answer: Hungary

- 16. The 1999 Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine was awarded to Dr Günter Blobel, a cell and molecular biologist at the Rockefeller University in New York for his work with these organic compounds. In 1971 he first formulated a version of the "signal hypothesis" that postulated that these compounds secreted out of the cell contain an intrinsic signal that governs them to and across membranes. FTP, name this important molecule found in cells.
 Answer: proteins
- 17. Hoping to transform it into the "Rome of the North", in 1350 Emperor Charles IV declared this city to be the imperial capital of the Holy Roman Empire. Here Charles founded a university, the first in central Europe; built new churches including St. Vitus; and commissioned a stone bridge bearing his name to span the Moldau River. FTP, name this current capital of the Czech Republic. Answer: Prague

18. Her husband did not share his wife's enlightened racial views and reportedly used to leave the house whenever she entertained a black guest. A registered nurse she played midwife to black sharecropper mothers who could not afford a doctor. After her husband died, she worked as a fraternity house mother at Auburn University. At age 68 in 1966 she volunteered for the Peace Corps 10 years before her son would get elected President of the United States. FTP, name this "First Mother."

Answer: Lillian Carter

19. D. H. Lawrence wrote about "Love Among ..." these agricultural products. Van Gogh, Gaughin, Monet and many others have all painted them. FTP, name these structures where one would be challenged to find a needle.

Answer: Haystacks

20. In 1677, this playwright had a bummer of an opening night when a rival play by the same name opened the same evening as his play Phaedra. Observing the rules of Aristotle, his tragedies were confined to one time and place and left all physical action to be described by a messenger. FTP, name this creator of Andromaque and Berenice who shares his surname with a southeastern Wisconsin city.

Answer: Jean Racine

21. One has a Puerto Rican mother and a father of Dutch ancestry from Surinam while the other is from the Netherlands. With a shared last name, the former is an actor who introduced a panel at the 2000 Democratic National Convention while the latter recently retired from the NBA. FTP, what is that last name of the actor who gained fame as Victor Sifuentes on L.A. Law and the "Dunkin' Dutchman" of the Indiana Pacers?

Answer: Smits (Jimmy and Rik)

22. Although his first novel released in 1954 is certainly his most celebrated, it wasn't until 1983 that this author won his Nobel Prize in Literature. Recent novels include a historical trilogy, which portray life aboard an ancient ship at the end of the Napoleonic Wars. FTP, name the author of that trilogy – "Rites of Passage", "Close Quarters" and "Fire Down Below" as well as the ultra successful "Lord of the Flies."

Answer: William Golding

23. A nonmolecular version of this element has been recently observed by scientists at the Carnegie Institution of Washington. Because of the triple bond involved, its diatomic form is one of the most strongly bonded simple molecules in nature. A single atom of this element has not been seen at ambient conditions and was thought to exist only under conditions of very high pressure, such as those one might find at the core of Jupiter. In this state, the element appears to be semiconducting. FTP, name this abundant element with atomic number 7.
Answer: nitrogen

24. One recipe on the Internet for a homemade version of this product includes _ pint whiskey, the juice of 3 lemons, _ cake asafactida, _ cup honey and Rock candy. Over-the-counter brands usually include Guaifenesin or Dextromathorphan. FTP, what is the generic name for products branded as Robitussin or Nyquil among others?

Answer: cough syrup