

This Tournament Goes To Eleven III: Smell The Glove

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Asia: Land of Mystery and Fun (by Matt Larson)

1. Taking the Arab words for "The Peninsula" as its name, it was started in 1996 by Qatari Sheik Hamad bin-Khalifa al-Thani, it receives a \$30 million stipend each year from Qatar, but is not a state-run network. It's rising stature, however, is currently in jeopardy in the West as they broadcast Osama bin Laden's calls for jihad. FTP, identify this Arabic 24-hour news channel, the "CNN of the Middle East", the network which broadcast bin Laden's pre-taped response to American air attacks on Afghanistan.

Al-Jazeera

2. He began lecturing at Kyoto University in 1932, became a full professor at Kyoto in 1939, and was a visiting professor at Columbia in 1949 when he was notified of his Nobel Prize. In 1935, he had published a paper titled "On The Interaction of Elementary Particles," in which, amongst other things, he proposed a new theory of nuclear forces and the existence of a new elementary particle. FTP, identify this Japanese Nobel laureate who was the first to propose the existence of the meson.

Yukawa Hideki

3. Located in the Zarafshan river valley, this ancient city is fed by the irrigated waters of the Oxus river. To Alexander the Great, who conquered it in 329 BC, it was Maracanda, and it remained a center of Sogdian culture until it was pillaged in 1220 by Genghis Khan. Rebuilt shortly thereafter, the city received a dramatic facelift as it was converted into the capital of the Timurid Empire in 1370. FTP, name this central Asian oasis located in Uzbekistan, where one would find the observatory of Ulugh Beg and the Shah-i-Zinde, mausoleum of Timur's royal harem.

Samarkand

4. His first published work was 1926's *The Izu Dancer*, which was published in the journal *Bungei jidai* or *Literary Age* - a journal he had co-founded in 1924 as the organ of the New Sensationalist school. Other well known works include *Thousand Cranes* and *The Sound of the Mountain*, but in 1972, just four years after winning the Nobel Prize for Literature, he followed the route taken by his countryman Mishima Yukio and took his own life. FTP, identify this author best known for the novel *Yukiguni*, or *Snow Country*.

Kawabata Yasunari

5. *The Questions of Wu*, *The Four Contingencies*, and *The Disposition of the Terrain* are some of the 5 lost chapters of this work, which were uncovered in 1972 in Shantung province along with the original 13 chapters. It is roughly 6000 characters long and it dates back to the Warring States period of 403 - 221 BC. FTP what is this ancient Chinese text, with chapters *On Assessments*, *Armed Contest*, and *Using Spies*, attributed to Sun Wu, who is given the honorary title "Master Sun".

The Art of War

6. Because of the tropical climate, shades were installed for the relatively small horizontal windows. At the base is the Suria KLCC shopping center, and a sky bridge connects the 41st and 42nd stories. Their Islamic influence is unmistakable in the geometric design by Cesar Pelli under the direction of Mahathir Mohammed. FTP name this pair of towers in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, currently the tallest buildings in the world.

Petronas Twin Towers

7. Horae is the purification ceremony, using water to wash the hands and mouth. Erma and Fuda are offerings in the forms of pictures or amulets and are given to divine beings called Kami. Inari is the rice god, Tenjin is the god of learning, and Amaterasu is the sun goddess. FTP name this Japanese religion whose name means "the way of the Gods".

Shintoism or Shinto

8. Born in the 8th century AD, this confirmed Taoist believed in immortality, dabbled in alchemy and for twenty years wandered the country. For about 3 years he was given a post attached to the Palace in Ch'ang-an in the Han Lin Academy, during which he became a favorite of the emperor and even composed lyrics for his concubine Yang Kuei Fei. FTP name this poet, one of the greatest of the T'ang Dynasty.

Li Po

9. He was named to the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party in 1976, and in 1985, one day after joining the Politburo, he was nominated minister of foreign affairs for the USSR. A close ally of Gorbachev, he helped enact changes in foreign policy which doomed satellite regimes in Eastern Europe. He resigned in protest over the Soviet crackdown in the Baltic states, but was reappointed in the waning months of the communist regime. FTP, identify this man who became president of Georgia after the ouster of strongman Zviad Gamsakhurdia in 1992.

Eduard Shevardnadze

10. Founded in 1734 by Father Perrault, this lamasery has several thousand people living in it under the control of 50 llamas, the High Llama being Englishman Hugh Conway. The coloured pavilions with milk-blue roofs cling to the side of Mt. Karakal, which towers 28,000 feet above it. All the buildings are centrally heated, the library holds books in many languages and the music room has an unpublished work of Chopin. Now under Chinese administration, FTP, name this Tibetan paradise, only reachable by foot and in which aging is almost non-existent.

Shangri-La

11. He believed all men were equal before the lord of the Heavens and spoke of the value of labor of the common folk, advocating promotion based off of ability and merit. This may seem odd as it was during the 5th century BC. But he also saw evil as originating in individualism and was a supporter of the local monarchy. FTP name this Chinese philosopher opposed to the teaching of Confucius, who was born 9 years after the death of his "rival."

Mo-Zi (accept Mo-Tzu or Master Mo)

12. It's origins can be traced to 1912, when Dadasaheb Phalke pawned his wife's jewelry and, at the risk of total ruin, turned out *Raja Harishchandra*. In 1931 Ardeshir Marwan Irani gave us *Alam Ara*, the first film featuring sound; in 1937 he produced *Kisan Kanya*, their first movie in color. FTP, identify this Bombay-centered Mumbai-controlled Indian film center, responsible for such master works as Satyajit Ray's *Pather Panchali*.

Bollywood (Accept Mumbai Studios before Mumbai is mentioned, prompt on Bombay)

13. Its rare appearances have heralded great events and births, and was first seen in China in 2697 B.C. as a good omen to the new Emperor. It is also said to have visited the mother of Confucius to foretell of her son's greatness. They are never hunted, for they cannot be captured or killed, and in turn will harm no living thing. FTP name this ancient mythical Chinese creature, the oriental version of the unicorn.

Ki-Rin or Ki-Lin

14. The khan of Kokand built a fortress here which was taken by the Russians in 1862. They named the city Pishpek, and renamed it Frunze in 1926 to honor a general. Located in the Chu River valley, this city of 585,000 is a manufacturing center and seat of government. FTP, identify this city, whose name was changed by the Kyrgyz parliament in 1991 and shortly thereafter named the capital of an independent Kyrgyzstan.

Bishkek

15. With a total of 999.5 rooms, it occupies 720,000 m², and is surrounded by 10m high walls. It holds the Hall of Supreme Harmony, the Hall of Internal Harmony, and the Hall of Preserved Harmony. What is this 15th century masterpiece built by Emperor Yongle during the Ming dynasty, and FTP, was the official residence of 24 Chinese emperors, known as the Palace Museum and located in the city of Beijing.

The Forbidden City

16. Like the Viet Minh, they were accorded legitimate political status by the Paris Treaty of 1954. Founded by Prince Souphanouvong in 1949 to oppose French rule, their election success in 1958 led to direct civil war with the royal government. They entered a coalition government in 1961, but continued to consolidate their power, and when the Americans withdrew from Vietnam, they were quick to seize power in their own nation. FTP, identify this political entity which proclaimed the People's Democratic Republic of Laos in 1975.

Pathet Lao

17. Like all good Shiites, he was imprisoned by the Shah several times before the proclamation of the Islamic Republic in 1979. He was the speaker of the Iranian parliament from 1980-88, and commander in chief of the armed forces in 1988-89, where he was charged with rebuilding a military decimated by war. In 1989, however, he was called on again by the people and elected president of the Islamic republic. FTP, identify this man who served as president of Iran from 1989-1997 before being replaced by Mohammed Khatami.

Hashemi Rafsanjani

18. It was originally constructed to transport rice taxes from the south to the north. Kublai Khan rebuilt it during the Yuan Dynasty, but the Sui emperor Yang Ti had been most important to its development by deepening and connecting a disparate system of local rivers and waterways to form the longest artificial waterway in the world. FTP name this waterway that connects Hangzhou, China to Beijing.

The Grand Canal

19. In 1984, Brunei established an exclusive fishing zone that encompasses Louisa Reef, but has not publicly claimed the island. Malaysia and the Philippines claim part, but not all of the group, while China, Taiwan, and Vietnam each claim the entire group. FTP, identify this South China Sea group of 100 plus islands claimed as rich fishing grounds as well as for their vast untapped reserves of gas and oil.

Spratly Islands or The Spratlys

20. Mizoguchi is a young acolyte who is alienated from the world around him. Born unattractive, frail, and poor, he stutters badly and remains aloof. His obsessive feelings for the title location vary from disappointment to reverence to identification with the structure. However, when he realizes the profound lack of beauty in his own life, he decides he must destroy the building. FTP, identify this fictionalized account of the actual destruction of a Kyoto temple, a 1956 novel by Mishima Yukio.

The Temple of the Golden Pavilion or Kinkakuji

21. (Hist) King Zheng united most of China in just 10 years ending the Warring States period and making Xianyang the capital of this dynasty. It ushered in the standardizing of weights and writing, and in order to ensure modernization many traditional works were burned and over 400 scholars were executed. FTP name this dynasty preceding the Han, in which the construction of the Great Wall began and was the first imperial dynasty of China.

Qin (Pronounced Chin)

Bonus Questions

1. At 18, he became court physician to the Samanid ruler of Bukhoro, a post he kept until the fall of the empire in 999 CE. He then lectured in Jurjan before spending the last years of his life as adviser and physician to the ruler of Esfahan. FTPE, first, identify this preeminent Muslim philosopher and physician.

Avicenna

This work, used widely in Europe and the Middle East as a textbook, is a systematic classification and summary of medical and pharmaceutical knowledge through the time of Avicenna. It was translated into Latin in the 1100s and was the second work to be published in Arabic, in 1593.

The Canon of Medicine

This is Avicenna's best known philosophical work, a collection of treatises on Aristotelian logic, metaphysics, psychology, and the natural sciences, amongst other subjects.

Kitab ash-Shifa or Book of Healing

2. The first hot battles of the Cold War occurred on the Korean peninsula in the years following World War II. FTSNOP, answer the following about the Korean War.

F5PE, give the month, day, and year on which the North Koreans launched their invasion of the South.

June 24 or 25, 1950 (It was the 24th in the U.S., the 25th on the Korean Peninsula)

FTP, in recent years facts have come to light about an American massacre of South Korean civilians at this sight just one month into the war. The Americans still claim they thought they were preventing Northern infiltration.

No Gun Ri

F5P, the armistice which still holds today was signed here in July of 1953 by the Americans, Chinese, and North Koreans. The South refused to sign.

Panmunjon

3. The son of a Maharishi, this Bengali was a prolific writer who chronicled the sadness and poverty he found around him. F5P, identify this winner of the 1913 Nobel Prize for Literature, the first Asian to win the prize.

Rabindranath Tagore or Rabindranath Thakur

F15P, Tagore won the Nobel Prize largely because of the English translation of this collection of love poems - a translation published with a forward by William Butler Yeats.

Gitanjali or Song Offerings

FTP, Tagore's love of music can still be heard today in the national anthem of what Asian nation, an anthem he wrote?

Bangladesh

4. The Western world was forced to take Asian military power seriously after the signing of the Treaty of Portsmouth. Answer the following about the Russo Japanese War, 5-10-15.

5: The last major battle of the war occurred here in May, 1905 when the Russian Baltic fleet was intercepted here, losing almost 30 ships to Japan's 3 and ending any credible military threat to Japanese positions on the Asian mainland.

Tsushima Strait

10: The largest land battles of the war were fought for this Manchurian city, now called Shenyang. 270,000 Japanese soldiers, using inferior artillery, were able to drive 330,000 Russians out of Manchuria and effectively end the land portion of the war.

Mukden

15: The Japanese forces en route to besiege Port Arthur landed at two sites - Namp'o and here.

Chemulp'o or Inch'on

5. While Barry Bonds was busy rewriting the home run record books in the U.S. of A., the Japanese version of the record was under the same kind of assault - by an ex-Chicago Cub, no less. First, FTP, identify the "Tuff" slugger who has 13 career major league home runs, but came within an eyelash of setting a new single-season Japanese home run record.

Karl "Tuffy" Rhodes

F5P, "Tuffy" was chasing the record of what prolific Japanese slugger?

Sadahura Oh

F15P, thanks to a bevy of walks from this team, managed by the aforementioned Sadahura Oh, Rhodes ended up at 55 home runs, in a tie with Oh's record. Classy, that Sadahura!

Fukuoka Daiei Hawks (Accept Fukuoka or Daiei Hawks)

6. There are 10 incarnations of Vishnu. For 5 points each and a bonus 5 for all correct, name any five of Vishnu's avatars; you may give the proper name or the form for the nonhuman avatars.

Mastya or fish, Kurma or tortoise, Varaha or boar, Narasimha or man-lion, Vamana, Parasuram(a), Rama, Krishna, Balarama or Buddha, Kalki

7. Take a look at the hand out. You'll have 15 seconds to confer with your team, at the end of which you must tell what country each of the flags on the sheet belong to. 5 points each, bonus 5 for getting them all.

A) Yemen B) Jordan C) Cambodia D) Armenia E) Oman

8. Given the award citation, year, and category, identify the winner of the Nobel Prize, 5-10-15.

5: 1983, Physics, "for his theoretical studies of the physical processes of importance to the structure and evolution of the stars."

Subramanyan Chandrasekhar

10: 2000, Literature, "for an oeuvre of universal validity, bitter insights and linguistic ingenuity, which has opened new paths for the Chinese novel and drama."

Gao Xingjian

15: 1987, Physiology or Medicine, "for his discovery of the genetic principle for generation of antibody diversity."

Susumu Tonegawa

9. It's time to play an entertaining round of "I am the blank!" The subject: rivers. I'll describe you. You must tell me what river you are. Failure to answer in the form of "I am the BLANK!" will result in a one-point penalty per correct answer. Ten each. (MOD: Seriously. If they answer correctly, but are too "cool" to say "I am the Irrawaddy!" then they only get 9 points. Not ten.)

A) You are formed at the confluence of the Mali and Nmai Rivers. You flow for some 1,300 miles, and branch into several smaller rivers before you flow into the Andaman Sea, forming a large delta. Running through Bhamo, Henzada, Mandalay, and Yangon, you are what?

I am the Irrawaddy River!

B) You are formed by the confluence of several rivers, including the Karasu and Murat. You flow some 1,700 miles, helping to form the Shatt-al-Arab waterway at your mouth. Running through Daywaz Zar, Karbala, and Basra, you are what?

I am the Euphrates River!

C) You rise just west of Lake Baikal, you flow north-northeast for some 2,700 miles, emptying into an arm of the Arctic Ocean. You drain nearly a million square miles! Running through the city of Yakutsk, you are what?

I am the Lena River!

10. Take a look at the map of the Philippines which has been given to your team. Your job will be to name the islands labeled by letters on the map. You'll have 15 seconds to confer and discuss amongst yourselves.

A) Luzon B) Mindoro C) Mindanao D) Negros E) Panay

11. If you're up on your Japanese history you'll love this. Otherwise you better have played a lot of Japanese strategy games. Answer the question FTSNOP.

5: Adapted from the Chinese Chuan and using a cherry blossom as a symbol, this type of Buddhism saw reality as an illusion and used meditation to discourage intellectuality, to focus on nothingness.

Zen

10: During the Kamakura Era, Samurai joined Daoism and Shinto to their Buddhist beliefs into this, meaning "Way of the Warrior."

Bushido

15: Before Kamakura, This period, lasting from 858 - 1160, ushered in the first Samurai and Bushi and takes its name from what used to be the Nakatomi family.

Fujiwara Era

12. Name the epic hero from a brief description of his feats, 5-10-15:

5: This Hebrew built an ark on which he escaped 40 days and 40 nights of rain and 150 days of flooding with his immediate family and representative of plant and animal species. His ark came to rest on Mount Ararat.

Noah

10: This Sumerian hero escaped six days and nights of rain aboard his ark with family members and representative samples of flora and fauna. His ark came to rest on Mount Nisur.

Utnapishtim

15: This Hindu king survived aboard his own boat, forewarned by a divine fish that helped him to safety, after warning him to collect representatives from every earthly species. His ark came to rest on Mount Himavan.

Manu

13. FTSNOP, answer the following related questions.

5: In physics, this is the theory that proposes to unify the four known interactions by a simple set of general laws.

Unified Field Theory or General Unified Theory or GUT

10: In 1968, an American and a Pakistani succeeded in uniting two of the forces by using the technique of gauge symmetry. What was the resulting theory?

Electroweak

15: Steven Weinberg was the American - who was the Pakistani, who would share the 1979 Nobel Prize in Physics with Weinberg and Steven Glashow?

Abdus Salam

14. Identify the Chinese dynasty from listed events that occurred during or around the time of its reign, FTPE.

A) Movement of capital from Xi'an to Loyang, introduction of iron, writings of Confucius, Mencius, and Lao-Tsu

Chou

B) Movement of capital from Changan to Loyang, porcelain manufacture and civil service examinations begin, Buddhism arrives.

Han

C) Taiping rebellion, Open Door Policy, replacement of Empire with Sun-Yat Sen's republic.

Manchu or Ching

15. FIFA will bring the Greatest Show On Earth, the World Cup Finals, to Asia for the first time in 2002. First, F5PE, which two countries will share hosting duties at next year's finals?

Japan, South Korea

FTP, this is the only other Asian side which has qualified for the finals - which they did by winning their qualifying group with a match to spare.

People's Republic of China (Not Taiwan)

F5PE, these two sides which reached the Finals in 1998 are battling down to the wire for the other automatic Asian qualifying place - the winner gets in, the loser plays the United Arab Emirates for the right to advance to Japan. Or South Korea.

Saudi Arabia, Iran

16. Woo hoo! Man, that Cambodia sure is fun. Identify the following people who once held or still hold sway in Cambodia, ten each.

A) He was the royal head of state up until 1970, when he was deposed in a coup while abroad and condemned to death. He set up a government in exile and allied himself with China and North Vietnam.

Prince Sihanouk

B) After the coup against Sihanouk, this general and prime minister took charge of the country and began fighting the North Vietnamese, hoping for American aid. It didn't arrive. He was overthrown by Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge.

Lon Nol

C) This man is now the head of the Cambodian government, forming a coalition government in November, 1998.

Hun Sen

17. Asian countries use funny currencies. Return to high school bowl and...given the nation, supply their main unit of currency, 5 each with a bonus 5 for getting them all.

Vietnam	<u>Dong</u> (Huh huh. Huh huh. Shut up, Beavis!)
Turkey	<u>Lira</u>
Israel	New <u>Shekel</u>
Brunei	<u>Dollar</u>
Mongolia	<u>Tugrik</u> (Accept <u>Lonliness</u> or <u>Desperation</u>)

18. Identify the following Afghani cities, 5-10-15.

5: Many Americans were shocked to learn on October 7th that this Afghani capital city had electricity, let alone a power plant.

Kabul

10: This city near the Pakistani border is considered the seat of the Taliban government, and has been a primary target during American air raids.

Quandahar or Kandahar

15: The Taliban almost provoked a war with Iran in 1998 when, in the process of taking this northern city, they killed several Iranian diplomats.

Mazar e Sharif

19. Everything's bigger in Asia. FTPE, what's the...

...Longest river in Asia?	<u>Huang</u>
...Biggest lake in Asia?	<u>Caspian</u> Sea
...Largest city by population on the Asian mainland?	<u>Mumbai</u> or <u>Bombay</u>

20. For 15 points each, identify the ships involved in the following "mistakes".

A) On May 17th, 1987, a group of Iraqi fighter jets "mistook" this U.S. destroyer for an oil tanker in the Persian Gulf. The U.S., correctly identifying the Iraqi planes as friendly, did not fire. The Iraqis did, and 37 U.S. sailors lost their lives.

U.S.S. Stark

B) On July 4th, 1988, this U.S. naval vessel was skirmishing with Iranian gunboats in the Gulf. The radar operator reported an incoming Iranian F-14. The ship fired, downing the plane - which wasn't an F-14, but an Iranian airliner with 290 passengers aboard.

U.S.S. Vincennes