

Minnesota Deep Bench 2001 Questions by CHICAGO (Jeff Bennett, Ed Cohn, Paul Johnson, Peter Onyisi, Kathleen Moriarty, Benjamin Recchie, Matt Reece, Jeremiah Thompson) , edited by David Levinson

HUMANITIES - FILM/VIDEO/STAGE

1. Tossup: Comic relief is provided by two traveling performers, Jof and Mia. In one scene, Jof is saved from an enraged cuckold by squire Jons; Jof and Mia then travel for a while with the squire and his knight. Jof is also the observer of the movie's final scene, in which a number of the other characters perform a dance of death. Antonius Block plays chess with Death in, FTP, what movie, set in Black Death-era Sweden, written and directed by Ingmar Bergman?

Answer: The Seventh Seal (Det sjunde inseglet)

Bonus: Metatheater time. FTPE, I'll give you a play within a play and the playwright, you give me the play.

A. [10] The Murder of Gonzago, in a play by Shakespeare

Answer: Hamlet

B. [10] Murder at Muldoon Moor, in a play by Tom Stoppard

Answer: The Real Inspector Hound

C. [10] Nothing On, in a play by Michael Frayn

Answer: Noises Off (anyone want a sardine?)

HISTORY - AMERICAN

2. Tossup: Despite his hundreds of slaves on several plantations in Louisiana, this general did not generally favor Southern interests in the Ante-bellum period. He rose to prominence following an incident along the Rio Grande, which precipitated the Mexican War. He went on to win several notable victories during the war, such as Buena Vista, and earned the nickname, "Old Rough and Ready." FTP, name this Whig elected president in 1848, whose term was finished by Millard Fillmore.

Answer: Zachary Taylor

Bonus: Given the important Pre-Columbian Native American cultural site, name the state it now lies in FTPE.

A. [10] Cahokia

Answer: Illinois

B. [10] Chaco Canyon

Answer: New Mexico

C. [10] Mesa Verde

Answer: Colorado

LITERATURE - EUROPEAN

3. Tossup: Hermine Kleefeld has had an operation on one of her lungs, and can now whistle from a small hole in her chest. Madame Chauchat has a habit of always slamming doors behind her. Herr Settembrini and Naphta hold great debates in front of the main character, and later Mynheer Peeperkorn joins in as well. FTP, these are all characters that Hans Castorp meets in what Thomas Mann novel?

Answer: The Magic Mountain

Bonus: Identify the authors of the following works of German Literature, FTPE.

A. [10] *Letters to a Young Poet, Sonnets to Orpheus*

Answer: Rainer Maria Rilke

B. [10] *Cat and Mouse, Dog Years*

Answer: Gunter Grass

C. [10] *On the Naive and Sentimental in Literature, The Robbers*

Answer: Friedrich von Schiller

MISCELLANEOUS - CURRENT EVENTS

4. Tossup: Its new interim leader is Muhammad Fahim, who was named to the post by Supreme Council chief Mohammed Rabbani. A majority of its members are ethnic Tajiks, but it also includes Hazaras, Uzbeks, and Pashtuns. It is funded by Iran, but was dealt a severe setback when its commander, Ahmad Shah Masoud, was assassinated in September. FTP, name this Afghan militia, the chief opposition to the Taliban.

Answer: the Northern Alliance

Bonus: You've probably heard enough about al-Qaeda by now, so name these other terrorist groups FTPE:

A. [10] Ayman al Zawahiri, a top Bin Laden deputy, once headed this Egyptian group, which has been implicated in both the 1998 African embassy bombings and the September 11 attacks.

Answer: Egyptian Islamic Jihad

B. [10] This Iran-backed Lebanese terrorist group, whose name means the "party of God," directs most of its attacks against Israel.

Answer: Hizbollah or Hezbollah

C. [10] This Colombian rebel group, accused of involvement in terrorism and the drug trade, has been accused of training with Hizbollah members at Bin Laden-funded camps.

Answer: FARC (or Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia)

SCIENCE - GEOLOGY/MET/ENVIRONMENT/ASTRONOMY

5. Tossup: Scientists with the International Astronomical Union recently discovered and named another one of these astronomical structures. Calling it in English "The Big Ten" (or Decum Magnum) its constituent stars are named for the eleven member schools of the famed conference, who are seemingly arrayed like a football defensive line. The brightest star is of course Proxima Minnesota. ** For 10 points -- what kind of structure, whose members numbered 88, is listed beginning with Andromeda, Antlia, Apus, Aquarius, Aquila, Ara, Aries and Auriga.

Answer: Constellation

Bonus: 30-20-10 Name the star

A. [30] Although it is the alpha star of its constellation, this star is dimmer than the beta. It is a semiregular variable, of period approximately six years, whose brightness changes as the star pulses.

B. [20] This M-type star is so large that it is the first star to have been directly imaged as a disk by the Hubble telescope.

C. [10] This red supergiant, whose name means "the armpit," marks Orion's right shoulder.

Answer: Betelgeuse (accept alpha Orionis before "Orion" is mentioned)

SOC. SCI. - POLI SCI/GOVERNMENT

6. Tossup: Its "Bible" is Hans Morgenthau's 1948 book, *Politics Among Nations*, but many people prefer to see its first articulation in Machiavelli's *The Prince*. Emphasizing the anarchy of international systems, it dismisses ideology, international structure, or the search for security as motivators of state actions and completely disregards domestic politics. FTP, identify this theory of international relations, also associated with Kenneth Waltz and Henry Kissinger that sees international behavior as a search for power.

Answer: Classical or "offensive" realism or realpolitik [s]

Bonus: Identify these British governmental vestiges which hang on despite Tony Blair, F15PE.

A. [15] The only position in the British cabinet that a Catholic is prohibited from holding, and the only one who is not elected in a general election. The Lords counterpart of the Speaker of the House of Commons, his main duty is to appoint judges.

Answer: Lord Chancellor

B. [15] Once powerful, this group gradually lost its power as the monarch did. Technically the Cabinet is just a part of this larger body. today it only meets at the death of a monarch and only exists to coordinate certain things related to arts and letters.

Answer: Privy Council

HISTORY - ANCIENT

7. Tossup: He was originally a Spaniard, though under his leadership Rome expanded in the East not the West. He made notable conquests at the expense of the Parthians, and for a time he pushed Roman territories to the Persian Gulf, but following his death in 117 CE these new provinces were abandoned. FTP, name this general and Emperor, who also added Dacia, modern day Romania, to the Roman domain, and who was followed by the Emperor Hadrian.

Answer: Trajan

Bonus: Moving forward in time, FTPE answer these questions about the rule of Justinian.

A. [10] Justinian's ablest general, he fought against all of the Empire's enemies, including conquests of the Vandal kingdom of North Africa and Italy. According to legend, an ungrateful and jealous Justinian had him blinded.

Answer: Belisarius

B. [10] The magnificent church Justinian had built with the treasure from Belisarius' North African campaign. A thousand years later it became the basis for all grand Ottoman architecture.

Answer: Hagia (Aya) Sofia

C. [10] Justinian's cruelty succeeded in uniting the two rival charioteer factions of Constantinople in these riots. If not for Belisarius, Justinian would have lost his throne here.

Answer: Nika Riots

LITERATURE - AMERICAN

8. Tossup: When we first meet him, he has been out exploring the western wilderness, and returns to discover that his wife has cheated on him. He vows to find the adulterer. When he does, he begins to board with the man, drops many hints about his knowledge of the affair, and drives his victim nearly insane with guilt. When Arthur Dimmesdale and Hester Prynne book a passage on a ship to escape, their plans are foiled as he, too, has a place on the same ship. FTP, name this man, the villain of The Scarlet Letter.

Answer: Roger Chillingsworth

Bonus: Identify the Robert Frost poem from lines, ten points each.

A. [10] I have come after them and made repair/ Where they have left not one stone on a stone

Answer: Mending Wall

B. [10] He will not see me stopping here/ To watch his woods fill up with snow.

Answer: Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening

C. [10] My long two-pointed ladder's sticking through a tree/ Toward heaven still

Answer: After Apple Picking

SCIENCE - BIOLOGY

9. Tossup: The nine thousand species of this phylum are all carnivores, and they are distinguished by their intracellular stinging capsules, called nematocysts. They often have complex life histories, with mobile and sessile stages. Their symmetrical body plans are organized around a main cavity, the coelenteron. FTP, what is this phylum which includes sea whips, Portuguese men-of-war, hydras, and jellyfish?

Answer: cnidaria (prompt on coelenterates before mention)

Bonus: Identify these cellular processes, for ten points each.

A. [10] In this process, messenger RNA is synthesized from DNA.

Answer: transcription

B. [10] This is the division of a cell's cytoplasm, following nuclear division, to complete the process of cell division.

Answer: cytokinesis

C. [10] This is the process by which pyruvate is generated from glucose, also producing a small amount of ATP.

Answer: glycolysis

LITERATURE - NON-EUROPEAN

10. Tossup: His family was so bilingual that for a long time as a child he did not know that English and Spanish were different languages. In one of his works, a secret society sets out to change the world by subsuming it in the mythical planet Tlon; in another, the Frenchman Pierre Menard sets out to rewrite Don Quixote, word for word. These are two short stories in the collection "Ficciones" by, FTP, what Argentinean author and poet?

Answer: Jorge Luis Borges

Bonus: Answer these questions on the works of Gabriel Garcia Marquez, FTPE.

A. [10] This novel tells the story of the rise and fall of a mythical town and its founders, the Buendia family.

Answer: One Hundred Years of Solitude (Cien anos de soledad)

B. [10] What is the name of the town of *One Hundred Years of Solitude*, which appears in other of Garcia Marquez's works?

Answer: Macondo

C. [10] Finally, what early Garcia Marquez story collection first introduced Macondo?

Answer: Leaf Storm and Other Stories (La hojarasca)

SOC. SCI. - ECONOMY/BUSINESS

11. Tossup: When he visited a phrenologist at age 11, this future Nobel laureate was told that he was clueless mathematically and had no respect for property rights.** In the 1930s, he used the idea of marketing costs to discuss Soviet economics, and at a 1960 dinner party, he famously convinced the entire University of Chicago economics faculty -- including Milton Friedman -- of the truth of his namesake theorem. FTP, name this man, whose theorem holds that if property rights are established, no government action is needed to deal with externalities.

Answer: Ronald Coase

Bonus: Name these terms from economics FTPE:

A. [10] This is the term for a state in which no individual can be made better off without making someone else worse off.

Answer: Pareto efficiency or Pareto optimality

B. [10] This diagram is used to depict the distribution of goods in a two-good, two-person world. Opposite corners represent the two people; the two axes represent the goods.

Answer: Edgeworth box

C. [10] On an Edgeworth box, these curves represent the preferences of the two people. More broadly, they represent the locus of consumption bundles that yield the same total utility.

Answer: indifference curves

SCIENCE - CHEMISTRY/PHYSICS

12. Tossup: During the First World War, Royal Navy gunners in the South Atlantic found that no matter how accurately they aimed their guns, the salvos routinely fell 100 yards to the left of their German counterparts. This was because the sighting mechanisms had been set for action in the Northern hemisphere, and not the Southern. It was realized that the deflection was equal to twice the effect expected in the Northern hemisphere, from, FTP, which fictional so-called force?

Answer: Coriolis force or effect

Bonus: Answer these questions about forces that aren't really forces FTPE.

A. [10] The Coriolis force helps describe motion in this sort of reference frame.

Answer: noninertial (accept rotating or equivalents)

B. [10] Introducing this "force," along with the Coriolis force, lets us use Newton's equations unmodified in a noninertial reference frame.

Answer: centrifugal force

C. [10] This "force" is usually just referred to by its initials, since it's actually a measure of electric potential.

Answer: emf or electromotive force

SCIENCE - ENGINEERING/TECH/MATH/COMP SCI

13. Tossup: This series is probably the best-known quasiperiodic pattern. Consecutive numbers in the series have a ratio that appears in nature in such things as seashells and sunflowers. FTP, name this series, posed by its namesake in a question about rabbits, whose famous ratio is expressed with a phi.

Answer: The Fibonacci Series

Bonus: Answer the following questions related to the Fibonacci series, 5-5-10-10.

A. [10] What is the first perfect cube after 1 to appear in the Fibonacci series?

Answer: 8

B. [10] What is the first square after one to appear in the Fibonacci series?

Answer: 144

C. [10] This related series begins 1, 3, 4, 7, 11, 18, and is named for a Cambridge mathematician who has a famous chair named for him.

Answer: the Lucas series

SOC. SCI. - GEOGRAPHY/DEMOGRAPHY

14. Tossup: Its first prime minister was forced to resign in November 1997, although it still has the same president as in 1993. Its monetary unit is the koruna; it rejected as impracticable a monetary union with a neighbor, whose currency has the same name. This landlocked Eastern European country is mountainous in the north and west, and flat in the central plain of Moravia. FTP, identify this former Soviet Bloc country, with major cities at Brno (BUR-no) and Ostrava, as well as Prague.

Answer: Czech Republic

Bonus: Identify the following about the Czech Republic under Nazi occupation for 10 points each.

A. [10] This region of the Czechoslovakia was given by Chamberlain to Hitler at the Munich Conference.

Answer: Sudetenland

B. [10] This region was granted sovereignty by Emil Hacha under pressure from the Nazis, though it was incorporated into Hungary after Hitler's takeover of Czechoslovakia.

Answer: Ruthenia

C. [10] Though the Nazis allowed Slovakia to be nominally independent, the Czech lands were incorporated into the Third Reich under this name.

Answer: Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia

HUMANITIES - MUSIC/DANCE

15 Tossup: Their characteristic performance occurs as part of a larger ceremony called the dhikr. They practice with the right hand pointed up and the left hand down, to symbolize both God and Earth and giving and taking. More properly known as the Mevlevis, FTP, name this Sufi order, founded by the Persian mystic Rumi, headquartered in Konya, Turkey, known for its members seeking ecstasy by spinning on one foot.

Answer: Whirling dervishes (accept Mevlevi dervishes before mention, prompt on early Sufi)

Bonus: Identify these musical instruments of East Asia, FTPE.

A. [10] These tack-headed barrel drums of Japan are played at festive occasions.

Answer: t(d)aiko

B. [10] Actually an orchestra and not a single instrument, this Javanese ensemble consists of gongs and xylophones. Often one will accompany a wayang show.

Answer: gamelan

C. [10] This Chinese fiddle consists of an unfretted neck with one string attached to a wooden drum.

Answer: erhu

HISTORY - EUROPEAN

16. Tossup: His wife, Polina Zhemchuzhina, was fired as fisheries commissar in 1938 and jailed as a Zionist ten years later, but he continued to hold high office until 1952. As head of Sovnarkom, the Council of People's Commissars, he was the USSR's de facto prime minister, and he then continued to serve as Stalin's deputy when he negotiated a non-aggression pact with Joachim Ribbentrop, the Nazi foreign minister. FTP, name this long-time Soviet foreign minister.

Answer: Vyacheslav Molotov (accept Vyacheslav Scriabin)

Bonus: The Ribbentrop-Molotov Pact was one effort to deal with the conflict between Fascism and Socialism in the 1930s—a conflict that led to proxy war in Spain. For 10 points each, name these groups and factions from the Spanish Civil War.

A. [10] This ultra-right faction, later known as the "National Movement," was the main Spanish Fascist group. Its military wing was famous for the blue shirts of its members.

Answer: the Falange or the Falangists

B. [10] This faction of beret-clad conservatives, which had fought for absolute monarchy in a 19th-century war with the Liberals, proposed a more moderate, clerical stance.

Answer: the Carlists

C. [10] The Republic was supported by regiments of foreign volunteers, many of them Communists and socialist sympathizers from abroad. The ones from America were named after this President.

Answer: the Abraham Lincoln Brigades

HUMANITIES - MYTHOLOGY/BIBLES

17. Tossup: His name means "God has healed," and he first appears in the Bible as "Azarias the son of the great Ananias." It becomes clear by the end of Tobit that he's not your average human. Commentators also associate him with the "angel of the Lord" mentioned in the Gospel of John, although he isn't named there. Patron of the blind, of happy meetings, of nurses, of physicians and of travelers, FTP, name this archangel, Catholic saint, and Ninja Turtle whose feast day is September 29th.

Answer: Raphael

Bonus: Answer these questions about the traditional Catholic hierarchy of angels FTPE.

A. [10] There are nine orders of angels, arranged in order of closeness to God. Name the two orders at the top of the hierarchy.

Answer (in no particular order): Cherubim and Seraphim

B. [10] Name the two orders lowest on the hierarchy:

Answer: Angels and Archangels

C. [10] Name any one of the other ranks according to Catholic tradition.

Answers: Powers, Thrones, Principalities, Dominions, or Virtues

MISCELLANEOUS - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

18. Tossup: Ben Stein's dad, the economist Herbert Stein, used to write this magazine's "Dear Prudence" advice column, which is now written by a daughter of Ann Landers. Scott Shuger writes a summary of the day's headlines called "Today's Papers." "The Breakfast Table" and "The Book Club," email dialogues between writers, help this magazine compete with its main online rival, Salon. FTP, name this Microsoft-owned web magazine.

Answer: Slate (grudgingly accept Slate.com)

Bonus: Slate's editor became widely known as a host of a public affairs debate show on CNN. FTPE, name:

A. [10] That editor, a liberal journalist who edited "The New Republic" for several years in the 1980s.

Answer: Michael Kinsley

B. [10] That TV show, currently hosted by Bill Press and Robert Novak.

Answer: Crossfire

C. [10] The Fox News show hosted by a glib conservative pundit who claims to have turned his program into a "spin-free zone," whose ratings success may lead to a revamping of Crossfire.

Answer: The O'Reilly Factor

MISCELLANEOUS - FRINGE CULTURE

19. Tossup: Although there is a movement to elect him president, he'd probably be incapable of assuming the office, seeing as how he's at the bottom of the Pacific Ocean. On the other hand, since he arrived here with the other Great Old Ones, like Dagon and Hastur, about 200 million years ago, he probably fulfills the age requirement. Also, he's kind of dead at the moment, but his dreams continue to inspire humans to form terrible cults and kill people. FTP, name this horrible elemental fear of humanity, created by H.P. Lovecraft.

Answer: Cthulhu (pronounced something like "kuh-THOO-loo")

Bonus: Answer these easy questions about locales of the Cthulhu Mythos FTPE.

A. [10] This fictional institution of higher learning in Massachusetts is a common source of Cthulhu investigators, who usually just end up being eaten.

Answer: Miskatonic University

B. [10] This sunken city or plain is where Cthulhu currently resides.

Answer: R'lyeh (pronunciation at moderator's discretion)

C. [10] The planet Yuggoth is usually identified in the Mythos with this outer planet, although sometimes Planet X is substituted.

Answer: Pluto

HISTORY - WORLD

20. Tossup: Many knights of this group served as mercenaries under the Byzantine Emperors in the 11th and 12th centuries. They also fought the Byzantines, eventually taking the city of Bari from them, and conquered Sicily from its Arab rulers. Descended from the followers of a leader named Rollo, this group settled in their namesake province in the early 10th century, and soon came to dominate Northern France. FTP, name this group, whose most famous member was William the Conqueror.

Answer: The Normans

Bonus: Answer the following questions on Persian History, FTPE.

A. [10] Members of this dynasty, such as Darius I and Xerxes, ruled an immense empire until its destruction by Alexander the Great.

Answer: the Acamenids

B. [10] This man founded the Acamenid Empire in the 6th Century BCE.

Answer: Cyrus I (accept Cyrus the Great)

C. [10] This dynasty fought several important wars with Rome and later Byzantium, and nearly defeated the Byzantines in the 620s, but they suffered defeat at the hands of Heraclius, and then were destroyed by the Moslem invasions of the 630s and 40s. They were the last Zoroastrian dynasty in Persia.

Answer: the Sassanids

EXTRAS

HUMANITIES - PHILOSOPHY/THEOLOGY/EDUCATION

Tossup: His followers, led by a blind general named Jan Zizka, revolted against the Holy Roman Empire, and dominated much of central Europe in the early 15th century using a type of war wagon. His execution led to the first important Defenestration of Prague. FTP, name this Czech burned as a heretic in 1415, whose calls for reform would a century later help to inspire the Reformation.

Answer: Jan Hus

Bonus: Answer these questions about the Reformation, FTPE.

A. [10] Luther's Ninety-Five Theses were concerned with these highly-abused remissions for temporal punishment due for sins. They were later strongly restricted by the Council of Trent.

Answer: indulgences

B. [10] Many members of this Protestant group, which held that baptism could only truly be applied to adults, were pacifists and refused to swear civil oaths. For a short time they took over the city of Muenster.

Answer: Anabaptists

C. [10] This ascetic Italian cardinal led the Roman Catholic theological response to the Reformation in his "Lectures Concerning the Controversies of the Christian Faith Against the Heretics of This Time."

Answer: St. Robert Bellarmino

LITERATURE - ENGLISH LANGUAGE (NON-US)

Tossup: He was fifty years old when he wrote his most famous work, and not much is known of his life before this. He was apprentice to London printer John Wilde, and later became quite successful in the Stationer's Company. He began writing in the 1730s, and was commissioned to write a collection of model letters that became known as "Familiar Letters on Important Occasions." Out of this work grew his famous epistolary novel. Sometimes considered the first novel in English. FTP, name the author of "Pamela."

Answer: Samuel Richardson

Bonus: Name the British play from plot description for 15 points each, or for 5 if you need the author.

A. [15] The main character is a novelist haunted by the ghost of his first wife Elvira. He hires a spiritualist, Madame Arcati, to exorcise her, but in the end his second wife dies and haunts him as well.

[5] The author is Noel Coward.

Answer: Blithe Spirit

B. [15] In this play, Lady Britomart reintroduces her children to her estranged husband Andrew Undershaft. Undershaft, impressed by the titular daughter's work for the Salvation Army, decides that her fiancée should run his ammunitions factory.

[5] The author is George Bernard Shaw.

Answer: Major Barbara

SOC. SCI. - SOCIOLOGY/ARCHAEOLOGY/ANTHRO/PSYCH/LING

Tossup: In 1895, his Freiburg address, built on five years of study of agrarian problems in eastern Germany, announced that the Junkers were obsolete. Later, he was instrumental in founding the German Democratic Party and helped draft the Weimar constitution. He is best known for his sociological studies of bureaucracy and the relationship of religion to economic progress. FTP, who is this author of "The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism"?

Answer: Max Weber

Bonus: Answer these questions about behaviorist psychology, for ten points each.

A. [10] He is best known for his "bobo doll studies," in which he filmed a young woman beating a bobo doll while shouting such violent things as "sockeroo." Showing this video to children, then giving them a bobo doll, led to violent behavior.

Answer: Albert Bandura

B. [10] This novel contains B.F. Skinner's vision of a utopia in which people are behaviorally programmed from childhood to encourage cooperation and happiness.

Answer: Walden Two

C. [10] This founder of behaviorism theorized that children have three basic emotional reactions (fear, rage, and love), and studied Little Albert to investigate this claim. After a scandal at Johns Hopkins, he went to work in the advertising industry.

Answer: John B. Watson

HUMANITIES - ART/ARCHITECTURE

Tossup: His sculpture became a symbol of the Florentine Republic, in conflict with more powerful enemies, yet favored by God. It was originally intended for the Palazzo Medici. It depicts a young man, crowned with leaves to celebrate a victory; at his feet is the head of his enemy, and in one hand is a sword. Made much earlier than Michelangelo's David, it has often been eclipsed by that more famous work. FTP, identify this sculptor of a statue of David in bronze, sculpted around 1430.

Answer: Donatello

Bonus: FTPE, identify the following Florentine art museums.

A. [10] Donatello's David is kept in this museum, originally built in 1255, which also holds the original template for Ghiberti's "Doors to Paradise."

Answer: Museo Nazionale del Bargello

B. [10] This is Florence's most famous gallery of paintings, containing altarpieces by Giotto and Botticelli's Venus.

Answer: Galleria degli Uffizi di Firenze

C. [10] This museum contains Michelangelo's David along with many other unfinished sculptures by the master.

Answer: Galleria dell' Accademia

MISCELLANEOUS - SPORTS/GAMES

Tossup: Whitey Herzog said this sport "has been good to me since I quit trying to play it." In fact many mediocre players of this game have gone on to be excellent coaches, including Earl Weaver, Alvin Dark, and Casey Stengel. These players were managers of teams playing, FTP, what game, which was also "very, very good" to Chico Escuela?

Answer: Baseball

Bonus: FTPE Identify the following national pastimes of other countries

[10] This game is the national pastime of both Britain and India.

Answer: cricket

[10] This game, the national pastime of France, is played with a metal ball called a petanque and several larger metal balls.

Answer: boules

[10] This national sport of Afghanistan, with a name that literally means "goat-grabbing," begins with the headless carcass of a goat in the center of a circle.

Answer: buzkashi

Bonus: 5-5-10-10, identify the constellations. We'll want the official names, so "Swan" will not be accepted for "Cygnus."

[5] The brightest star of the night sky is in this constellation.

Answer: Canis Major

[5] Aldebaran, the Crab Nebula, and the Pleiades can be found here.

Answer: Taurus

[10] This constellation is technically in the Zodiac, though it's not one of the traditional twelve signs.

Barnard's Star is in it, by the way.

Answer: Ophiuchus

[10] The only constellation to exist in two disconnected parts, it is split in half by Ophiuchus.

Answer: Serpens