

8th Annual Juan Carlos Viscerra tournament

Round N

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Toss-Up Questions

1. Named after the Austrian scientist who first reported it in 1872, its occurs in four varieties, the classic version being prevalent in older males of Italian or Jewish ancestry. Often treated with Vinblastine, an agent, which tends to weaken the immune system, its modern incidence is believed to be associated with human herpes virus 8. Characterized by red-purple or blue-brown lesions of the skin, FTP name this lethal cancer primarily associated with AIDS patients.

Answer: **Kaposi Sarcoma** (accept: idiopathic multiple pigmented hemorrhagic sarcoma)

2. Prompted in part by Rhode Island's Gaspee Affair, in March of 1773 Dabney Carr proposed the formation of a permanent one before the Virginia House of Burgesses. Samuel Adams organized the first group in 1772, and collectively they helped organize the constitutional convention. Formed to collect information about British colonial actions FTP, identify these bodies that maintained communication between the colonies before and during the American Revolution.

Answer: **Committees of Correspondence**

3. After finding a note from Norberg indicating that Mariana is a kept woman, he renounces poetry and drama to devote himself to his father's business, though he later follows a theatrical career. He is rescued by an Amazon woman, and after Mignon's death, he marries the Amazon, Natalia. These experiences serve as his apprenticeship for becoming a critic of art and life. FTP, name this title character of a 1796 novel by Goethe, the sequel to which involved his travels.

Answer: **Wilhelm Meister**

4. Taking place on January 11, 1987, it took 5 minutes and 1 second and sent the game into overtime. Taking 15 plays, it included 5 runs, 9 passes, 6 of which was completed, and 1 sack. Getting 6 first downs along the way, it covered 98 yards and sent the game into overtime where Rich Karlis sent the Denver Broncos to the Superbowl. FTP name the moniker of this ACF Championship clutch performance over the Cleveland Browns by John Elway.

Answer: The **Drive**

5. After he slew a Taliban fighter who challenged him, the man's brother returned the next day and lobbed a grenade at him, causing lameness and the loss of an eye. Arriving from West Germany 38 years ago, he had endured endless taunts in recent years by visitors to the Kabul Zoo. FTP, name this lion, whose name means "Coral" in Pashto, and who died on January 26.

Answer: **Marjan**

6. The sun's light contains all visible wavelengths. As it passes through the solar atmosphere, some of the colder gases absorb light at particular wavelengths. The result is a series of dark lines in the spectrum, which indicate the chemical nature of the cold gases that absorbed the light. Discovered and named after a German physicist who specialized in optics-FTP-what "lines" have come to mean any series of dark lines in a bright spectrum?

Answer: (Joseph von) **Fraunhofer** lines

7. Annulled by papal bulls in 1261 and 1262 and by Louis IX of France in the Mise of Amiens, it was first installed in the spring of 1258 by the Easter Parliament. Yielding control of reform to a 24-man council, half of which chosen by the king, the other half by the barons, in 1264 it was annulled for the last time by the Dictum of Kenilworth. Reluctantly agreed to by Henry III FTP name this set of actions which can be regarded as England's first written constitution.

Answer: **Provisions of Oxford**

8. The principal subjects are usually set in a corner or in the background. Human figures in strained poses are purposely (*) elongated and distorted, showing much emphasis on muscles. An insistent style for neurotic artist, this term was coined in the 20th century to describe the artistic movement of late 17th-century Italy. Applied to such masters as Michelangelo and Tintoretto, this is-FTP-what artistic style, a reaction against Renaissance?

Answer: **Mannerism**

9. Book II details the narrator's sixteenth year, including a famous episode where he and his friends rob a pear tree simply because it is forbidden. In Book III, the narrator reads Cicero's *Hortensius* and becomes involved with a sect founded by Mani. Book VIII recounts his conversion to Christianity, the religion of his mother Monica. Written from 397-401, FTP, identify this spiritual autobiography of Saint Augustine.

Answer: **Confessions**

10. Written in D minor, this piano sonata, Opus 31 Number 2, contains an unconventional first movement that includes episodes of slow, rolled chords marked Largo, suggesting shipwrecked people washing ashore. The second movement also opens with a slow, rolled chord and contains slow, broken octaves in the left hand, suggesting the calm in the eye of a storm. FTP, identify this sonata by Ludwig van Beethoven, a tribute to Shakespeare's final romance.

Answer: The **Tempest** Sonata

11. Named for a city of the Ancient Troad region in which Mithradates VI and Sulla signed a treaty in 85 BC, it was the setting of the Greek legend of Hero and Leander. Located between Gallipoli on the northwest and Anatolia on the southeast, strategically it has been important throughout history as the gateway to Istanbul and the Black Sea from the Mediterranean. Linking the Aegean Sea with the Sea of Marmara FTP name this Turkish strait formerly called the Hellespont.

Answer: **Dardanelles** (prompt: Hellespont) (Turkish: Çanakkale Bogazi)

12. Primarily focusing on the promiscuous Caddy, the story is told by four narrators. The second, Caddy's brother is shamed by her wantonness and commits suicide. The third, Caddy's uncle, spends his energy tormenting his niece. The fourth, Dilsey the family's maid, wraps up the story and in the end depicts, a pitiful Benjy and Jason, slouched in a carriage FTP name this novel focusing on the downfall of the Compson family, the work of William Faulkner.

Answer: *The Sound and the Fury*

13. With an alkene in the Simmons-Smith reaction. With an alcohol and strong base in the Williamson ether synthesis. With benzene and aluminum chloride in the Friedel-Crafts Reaction. With lithium and pentane to form a Gilman reagent and with magnesium and ether to form a Grignard reagent. The missing reagent in all of these reactions is a organic compound containing a parent alkane chain and one or more halogen substituents. FTP, identify this class of organic compounds of which contain chlorine, fluorine, bromine, or iodine.

Answer: **alkyl halides** (accept alkyl dihalide until after Williamson synthesis)

14. From its namesake lake, it flows around the north end of the Selkirk Mountains, then turns south and widens into Arrow Lake. After crossing the border, it forms a large westward curve called the Big Bend as it flows through Franklin D. Roosevelt Lake, then flows south to where it accepts the Snake River. FTP, name this river which enters the Pacific Ocean near Astoria and forms much of the Washington-Oregon boundary.

Answer: the **Columbia** river

15. His recent guest appearances on *The West Wing* and *The Practice* have led to concerns that these shows will be canceled, as he is the patron saint of the "Jump the Shark" website. He was Karl Reese on the *John Larroquette Show*, Roger on *Happy Days*, Ashley Covington Evans on *The Love Boat*, and Clay Fillmont on *Dynasty*. FTP, name this actor, featured in several *Revenge of the Nerds* films, who also played Jefferson D'Arcy on *Married With Children*.

Answer: Ted **McGinley**

16. In *A Madman's Diary*, he wrote "I loathe people who keep dogs. They are cowards who haven't got the guts to bite people themselves." After failing out of Uppsala University, he had three unsuccessful marriages and periods of severe persecution mania. He wrote the novel *The Red Room* and the play *Master Olof*, both historical works written in realistic and colloquial speech. FTP, name this Swedish playwright of *A Dream Play*, *The Father*, and *Miss Julie*.

Answer: August **Strindberg**

17. It has a range of 5 octaves and a diversity of tone color. Used by composer Edgard Varèse in the 1934 chamber composition, *Equatorial*, it was invented in 1920 in Russia by Lev Sergeyevich Termin. It has been used in movie soundtracks as well as in the music of the Beach Boys. Subject of a documentary film, FTP, name this electronic musical instrument, consisting of an upright sensitive "pole" that produces sound from the motion of the hand in space around it

Answer: Theremin or Thereminovox

18. A crewmember of the *Titanic* at age 20, it sinks and he journeys through the Orient. Finding a job once back in England through his aunt, he works for Belgian firm involved in the export trade in the Congo. A member of the crew of the *Patna* that was carrying Muslim immigrants, he testified for the captain who abandoned the vessel. Finally in the novel *Chance*, he attempts to rescue the story Flora de Barral. Featured in four Joseph Conrad works FTP name this character of *Lord Jim* and *Heart of Darkness*.

Answer: Charles Marlow

19. After accidentally killing his brother Deliades, to escape punishment he fled to Argos. Falsely accused of coming on to the King's wife, he was sent to Iobates, the king of Lycia, to be killed. Given a bridle by Athena before he killed his brother, he was able to tame Pegasus and used him in his most famous conquest. The son of Glaucus and husband of Philonoe FTP name this Greek hero who slayed the Chimera.

Answer: Bellerophon

20. Beginning with a game in which the two characters are flipping a coin, they are met by a troupe of actors who offer sexual favors. Transported to another location, Act II of the drama is interwoven with another drama from some 300 years earlier. Finding themselves a witness to a performance of the *Murder of Gonzago* they take a boat to England with the troupe, are ambushed by pirates and lose their prisoner before resigning themselves to fate. Ending with the 6 characters dead at Elsinore FTP name this absurdist play by Tom Stoppard that features two characters from Hamlet.

Answer: Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead

21. Its classic bands, such as J.E. Mainer's Mountaineers, consisted of four to seven musicians. With rhythm supplied by guitar and string bass, its performers used unamplified mandolin, (*) banjo, and fiddle. It became a sensation in 1945 when a banjo wiz named Earl Scruggs began broadcasting from Nashville's Grand Ole Opry. Famous for its "high, lonesome sound"-FTP-identify this style of Southern hill-country music, named after Bill Monroe's popular string band.

Answer: bluegrass

22. This man started a successful lumber company at the age of 17 and by age 27, he owned his father's bank. Allied with Henry Frick he founded Union Steel and Union Trust, and as Treasury Secretary under three presidents, he reformed the US tax structure during the 1920s. Later becoming ambassador to England, he endowed the National Gallery of Art. FTP name this man whose after whom humanities foundation and Pittsburgh university are named.

Answer: Andrew Mellon

23. Monomers of the compound are all in the beta configuration. The configuration flips every other molecule with respect to each other due to glycosidic linkages and chains to connect in parallel via hydrogen bonds. Lacking the enzyme to cleave the linkages, humans are unable to digest it and the length of the chain varies greatly, from a few hundred in wood to over 6000 in cotton. FTP name this polysaccharide the most

abundant organic compound on earth which comprises about one-third of all vegetable matter.

Answer: **Cellulose**

24. Buried at Gur-e Amir, he was originally from Transoxania and grew up in the Chagatai khanate. A rival of Tokhtamysh, leader of the Golden Horde, in 1391 he pursued him into the Russian steppes and defeated him. Defeating the Delhi sultan Mahmud Tughluq at Panipat his last quest was to revenge losses to the Mamluke sultan of Egypt and the Ottoman sultan Bayazid I. An ancestor of Mughal king Babur FTP name this Turkic Muslim conqueror featured in a Marlowe work.

Answer: **Tamerlane**

25. Set forth in 1954's *Motivation and Personality* and 1962's *Toward a Psychology of Being*, this concept was influenced by Gestalt psychology and later became the end goal of Carl Roger's Client Centered approach to Psychology. Citing the likes of: Abraham Lincoln, Albert Einstein, and Eleanor Roosevelt as examples, it became the pinnacle of its creator's Hierarchy of needs. A conjunction of self-exploration and action FTP identify this concept of Abraham Maslow that may be defined as the integration of the self.

Answer: **Self-Actualization** (prompt: Hierarchy of Needs before given)

26. Emerging approximately in 1st century AD, their precursor is considered to be Nagarjuna, who founded what is known as the Madhamika philosophy or Middle Path. As opposed to its rival sect, it's ideal goal is not to become an arhat, or perfected saint, but rather a bodhisattva, a person who has attained Enlightenment and works towards the salvation of others. Prevalent in China, Korea, Japan, and Tibet FTP name this form of Buddhism that takes its name from Sanskrit for Greater Vehicle.

Answer: **Mahayana**

27. Located on the southern side of a strait leading into the Ambracian Gulf from the Ionian Sea, the fleet was stationed in three divisions side by side to face their opponent's larger quinqueremes. Eventually it was won with Lucius Arruntius driving a gap that threw the opponents' forces into disarray and led to the retreat of Cleopatra. Fought off the coast of Greece BC FTP name this decisive naval victory of Octavian over Mark Antony.

Answer: **Actium**

28. Its last two parts are concerned with the Christian Commonwealth and the Kingdom of Darkness. It concludes that no church leader can rule over the sovereign, and it contends that religion is a result of man's ignorance and fear. It argues that men are created equal, in that their similar desires lead to a natural state of war. Also referring to life as "nasty, brutish, and short," FTP, name this Thomas Hobbes work, the title of which refers to the enormity of the state.

Answer: **Leviathan**

29. He was shot down in late 1915, but after the death of Manfred von Richtofen, he succeeded to command Richtofen's squadron. He found refuge in Austria after the Beer

Hall Putsch, but he became Reichstag president in 1932. He also masterminded the creation of the Gestapo and ordered construction of the first concentration camps, but he is best known for heading the Luftwaffe. FTP, name this Nazi, who committed suicide in 1946 before he could be hanged.

Answer: Hermann Goering

30. Born into a prosperous trade family, at age 16 he went to France in the Hundred Years War, but was captured and ransomed. His testimony in the Scrope-Grosvenor trial is the only existing scrap of autobiography of him, other than passages in works like *The House of Fame*. Most of his great poetry was written from 1370 to 1387, including *The Parliament of Fowls* and *Troilus and Cresidye*. FTP, name this author of *The Book of the Duchess* and *The Canterbury Tales*.

Answer: Geoffrey Chaucer

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Bonus Questions

1. Name these “standard” terms in science on a 5-10-15 basis:

A. These are, namely, zero degrees Celsius and one atmosphere.

Answer: Standard Temperature and Pressure

B. It is, approximately, 9.81 meters per second per second.

Answer: Standard Gravity

C. It is any of the three light intensities: A, B, or C. A stands for 2,848 Kelvin. B stands for noon sunlight. And C stands for normal daylight.

Answer: Standard Illuminant

2. Ignorant or not, authors often take poetic licenses in creating literature. For 10 points each:

A. In “On First Looking into Chapman’s Homer,” John Keats mistook Cortez for what man as the discoverer of the Pacific Ocean?

Answer: Vasco Núñez de Balboa

B. In *The Winter’s Tale*, William Shakespeare mistakenly gave this landlocked region of Europe a seacoast. What is this region, part of the Holy Roman Empire, centered around Prague?

Answer: Bohemia

C. Shakespeare is further guilty of giving Cleopatra an Elizabethan corset and Julius Caesar a “clock that strikes the hour.” What is this practice of placing an event or person or thing in the wrong historical time?

Answer: anachronism

3. Name the Shakespearean plays:

1. For 15 points, it is based on Diana by Jorge de Montemayor

For 5 points, its characters include Valentine and Proteus

Answer: **Two Gentlemen of Verona**

2. For 15 points, it is based on Pandosto by Robert Greene

For 5 points, its characters include Florizel, Perdita, and Leontes

Answer: **Winter's Tale**

4. Name these world leaders in the news on a 5-10-15 basis:

A. Leader of the Palestinians

Answer: Yasir **Arafat**

B. President of Pakistan

Answer: Gen. Pervez **Musharraf**

C. Prime Minister of India

Answer: Atal Behari **Vajpayee**

5. Answer the following about Ballets involving Vaslav Nijinsky:

1. Conceived by Théophile Gautier, it was created in honor of Carlotta Grisi. It was performed in the second season of the Ballet Russes. Nijinski caused a scandal when he refused to wear shorts over his tights.

Answer: **Giselle**

2. A 1913 ballet choreographed by Nijinsky, it portrayed prehistoric pagan Russian rituals and ignited a riot in Paris. When Nijinsky discovered that his sister, who was to dance the Sacrifice, was pregnant he became violent and nearly killed her husband, Alexander Kotchetovsky.

Answer: **Rite of Spring** (Le Sacre du printemps)

3. A ballet choreographed by Fokine with music by Weber, one legend tells of a dramatic leap Nijinsky made through an open window as he exited the stage.

Answer: The **Specter of the Rose** (Le Spectre de la rose)

6. 30-20-10-5 Name the American Novel:

30: In the opening scene, the protagonist exclaims, "Is it the part of the police department to harass me when this city is a flagrant vice capital of the civilized world."

20: Set in New Orleans, the protagonist leads workers from a jeans factory on a "Crusade for Moorish Dignity"

10: Its protagonist is Ignatius Reilly, an obese, self-important failed medieval scholar

05: The work of John Kennedy Toole, it won a Pulitzer Prize in 1981.

Answer: **A Confederacy of Dunces**

7. President Ulysses Grant saw much corruption during his administration. Name them, for 10 points each:

A. His secretary of war accepted bribes from corrupt agents involved in dealing with Indian affairs. He resigned to avoid impeachment. Name him.

Answer: W. W. **Belknap**

B. This fraud involved distillers and treasury officials who tried to defraud on excise tax. Grant himself was involved by accepting questionable gifts. Name this scandal.

Answer: **Whiskey Ring**

C. This large-scale scandal involved the Union Pacific Railroad using a dummy

construction company to rip off millions of dollars in government subsidies. Name this 1872 scandal.

Answer: **Credit Mobilier**

8. Answer the following about Physics:

1. First observed in mercury by Heike Onnes, this is the term used to describe the complete disappearance of electrical resistance in various solids when they are cooled below a characteristic temperature.

Answer: **Superconductivity**

2. This effect explains the expulsion of a magnetic field from the interior of a material that is in the process of becoming a superconductor.

Answer: **Meissner**

3. This effect explains the flow of electric current between two pieces of superconducting material separated by a thin layer of insulating material.

Answer: **Josephson**

9. Name these Romans, FTP each:

A. This Roman agrarian reformer tried to redistribute land as tribune, but was killed in 133 BC, as was his brother 12 years later.

Answer: **Tiberius Gracchus**

B. This general was dictator of Rome from 82-79 BC.

Answer: **Lucius Cornelius Sulla**

C. In 63 BC, this member of the First Triumvirate defeated Mithridates of Pontus and annexed Syria.

Answer: **Pompey** the Great, or Gnaeus Pompeius Magnus

10. Answer the following concerning fictional places from Literature:

1. Set in Ruritania this Anthony Hope work follows the adventures of Rudolf Rassendyll

Answer: **Prisoner of Zenda**

2. The fictional city of *One Hundred Years of Solitude* that was founded in the 1830's by the Buendia Family.

Answer: **Macondo**

3. In this novel Charles Gould runs a silver mine of national importance in the imaginary nation of Costaguana.

Answer: **Nostramo**

11. Take a car trip through America! Given three cities, identify the state for 10 points each:

A. Kennewick, Bellingham, Federal Way

Answer: **Washington**

B. Ponca City, Muskogee, Broken Arrow

Answer: **Oklahoma**

C. Coeur d'Alene, Caldwell, Moscow

Answer: **Idaho**

12. Name the following members of Bush's iron triangle, colorfully called the "Brain,

Brawn, and Bite"

1. The Brains, he current serves as White House Senior Advisor. A college drop-out, in the past he has taught political science at the University of Texas.

Answer: Karl **Rove**

2. The Bite, she currently serves as White House Counselor. Director of Communications during the campaign, she is a former news reporter.

Answer: Karen **Hughes**

3. The Brawn, he currently directs the Federal Emergency Management Agency. He served as campaign manager for Bush-Chaney 2000.

Answer: Joe M. **Allbaugh**

13. For ten points each identify each of these musical compositions for children.

1. These six pieces were written by Debussy for his daughter. Pieces include Jimbo's Lullaby, Serenade for the Doll, and Snow is Dancing.

Answer: The **Children's Corner**

2. These are a suite of 12 piano pieces for duet performance written by Bizet. Numbers 2, 3, 6, 11, and 12 were orchestrated in his Petite Suite.

Answer: **Jeux d'enfants** or Children's Games

3. Written by Benjamin Britten for an instructional film about the orchestra, it is sometimes known by its subtitle, Variations and Fugue on a Theme by Purcell.

Answer: The **Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra**

14. 2001 had some god-awful movies. Name these on a 5-10-15 basis:

A. In this movie, which takes place in LA over a period of 24 hours, Ethan Hawke is dragged into an elaborate scheme by the evil Denzel Washington. The movie shows gratuitous violence and contains an impossible coincidence.

Answer: **Training Day**

B. Despite a courageous performance by Martin Landau, this Jim Carrey vehicle has an awful third act that features TWO self-congratulatory standing ovations.

Answer: **The Majestic**

C. This horror movie opens promisingly on a highway in the middle of a deserted countryside, but as the two central characters make one stupid decision after another-including crawling through a rat-infested pipe to rescue a stranger-the audience is GLAD that one of them got skinned alive in the end of the movie.

Answer: **Jeepers Creepers**

15. Give these psychoanalytic terms, all of which begin with "a," FTP each:

A. The hypothesized inborn predispositions to behave and give meanings to experience in ways associated with the feminine.

Answer: **anima** (do not accept "animus")

B. The process of remembering a repressed experience and experience the strong feelings associated with it.

Answer: **abreaction**

C. A class of disorder characterized by abnormally intense alterations of moods of depression and/or mania.

Answer: **affective** disorder

16. Answer the following concerning the legal history of labor unions:

1. The alternate name of *Loewe vs. Lawlor*, in this case the Supreme Court held that labor unions were subject to anti-trust laws.

Answer: **Danbury Hatter's Case**

2. This act of 1947 preserved the right of unions to collectively bargain but restricted the use of strikes and union political contributions. It was amended in the Landrum-Griffin Act of 1959.

Answer: **Taft-Hartley Act**

3. Both the *Danbury Hatter's Case* and Taft-Hartley Act barred this process, an attempt to induce a third party to withhold patronage from a given entity.

Answer: **Secondary boycott**

17. Be a Renaissance Man and answer these questions about the Renaissance for 10 points each:

A. This collection of short stories by Boccaccio contains a hundred tales told by people at a retreat during the Black Death.

Answer: **Decameron**

B. This essay by Castiglione describes the ideal education, behavior, and lifestyle of the Renaissance Man.

Answer: **The Courtier**

C. Begun under Pope Sixtus IV, this house of worship in the Vatican contains frescoes by Botticelli and Ghirlandaio and the ceiling by Michelangelo.

Answer: **Sistine Chapel**

18. Name the constellation from clues, for 10 points each:

A. This zodiac constellation contains a pattern of stars called the Sickle. Its brightest star is Regulus, a star of first magnitude.

Answer: **Leo**

B. With a distinct W shape, this prominent constellation of the northern hemisphere contains one of the most powerful radio sources. It was named after the mother of Andromeda.

Answer: **Cassiopeia**

C. Marking the "sword" of this prominent constellation is a namesake nebula, whose center contains a group of hot young stars called the Trapezium. It contains Betelgeuse and Rigel.

Answer: **Orion**

19. Name the following African nations from their Despots:

1. In 1966 Jean-Bédel Bokassa led a coup against President David Dacko and became president. He was overthrown and Dacko was reinstated in 1979.

Answer: **Central African Republic**

2. This nation's dictator from 1982 to 1990 was Hissène Habré. He is in the midst of a legal struggle over issues similar to those of Pinochet.

Answer: **Chad**

3. Mengistu Haile Mariam ruled this nation from 1974 to 1991. His "Dergue" regime is believed responsible for thousands of murders.

Answer: Ethiopia

20. Identify the from college basketball:

1. The all-time leading scorer, in 3 years at LSU he scored 3667 points.

Answer: Pete Maravich

2. The all-time leading rebounder, in 4 years at Wake Forest he collected 1570.

Answer: Tim Duncan

3. The all-time leading assist man, in 4 years at Duke he had 1076 to players such as Christian Laetner and Grant Hill.

Answer: Bobby Hurley

21. Name these Russian pianist/composers, FTSNOP.

A. F5P, he is best known for the opera *Love for Three Oranges* and the orchestral piece *Peter and the Wolf*.

Answer: Sergei Prokofiev

B. F15P, the founder of the Conservatory in St. Petersburg, he composed several *Musical Portraits* and the symphony *The Ocean*.

Answer: Anton Rubenstein

C. FTP, emigrating to the U.S. at age 17, he wrote the tone poem *Isle of the Dead* and three challenging piano concertos.

Answer: Sergei Rachmaninoff

22. Let's turn back the clock to the 80's and answer these questions on NBA's Most Valuable Players for 10 points each:

A. These two players dominated the decade and each won three MVP awards. Name them both for 10 points.

Answer: Irvin "Magic" Johnson and Larry Bird

B. This player, nicknamed Dr. J, won the 1980-1981 MVP honors for the Philadelphia 76ers.

Answer: Julius Erving

C. This player, with an extended career, won the 1981-1982 award as a member of the Houston Rockets and the 1982-1983 award as a member of the Philadelphia 76ers.

Answer: Moses Malone

23. Name these legendary creatures in Chinese mythology on a 5-10-15 basis:

A. This legendary animal is deified by the Chinese for its ability to control the weather. It has been depicted as flying through the sky in its golden scales and a (very) lengthy body.

Answer: Long (accept "dragon" for a translation)

B. According to legend, this graceful animal danced along the Yellow River, leaving behind a trail of footprints that taught humans-of all things-numbers and arithmetic.

Answer: Chi-Lin

C. This rare monster is an amalgamation of all nightmares, but it is distinguished from others because it only has one leg and one foot. Its name is a homophone for "ghost" in Chinese.

Answer: Gui [pronounced gway]