## TOSSUPS – SHOOTOUT #2 CENTER OF THE KNOWN UNIVERSE OPEN 2002 -- UT-CHATTANOOGA Questions by various contributors to COTKU, Deep Bench, and Rollapalooza

1. He was born near Winnfield, Louisiana in 1893, and was elected governor of that state in 1928. He began using state funds for such things as hospitals and roads, for which he was promptly impeached, although acquitted, by the state legislature. In 1930, he became a U.S. Senator, but didn't resign his governor's seat until 1932. However, his great power ended at the Louisiana state capitol on September 8, 1935, when he was assassinated by Carl Weiss. FTP, name this politician, famous for his slogan, "Every Man A King."

Answer:

Huey P. Long

2. The mascot of this university is a white dog in a red sweater, and the current mascot is the sixth of the same name. Apparently he is lucky, as his team is off to a 6-0 start with victories over SEC rivals Alabama and Tennessee under second year coach Mark Richt. FTP, identify this college football team, which plays its home games between the hedges at Sanford stadium and has produced such NFL players as Quincy Carter and Herschel Walker.

Answer:

University of Georgia (or UGA)

3. Annoyed by the tale of the Summoner, he tells a tale of another summoner who swears his friendship with the devil and engages in conversation about various forms of extortion. The two pass a man who is cursing, which would normally give him over to the Devil, but the Devil explains that he will not take the man, as he does not really mean what he says. FTP, this recounts which of Geoffrey Chaucer's Canterbury Tales?

Answer:

The Friar's Tale

4. His second wife, an artist with the pseudonym Valetta Swann, was largely responsible for publishing posthumous works such as Scientific Theory of Culture. Although originally a mathematician, his discovery of Frazer's Golden Bough began an anthropological career which culminated with such works as Crime and Custom in Savage Society; Dynamics of Cultural Change; and Magic, Science, and Religion. FTP name this anthropologist who studied the Kula ring exchange of the Trobriand islanders and wrote Argonauts of the Western Pacific.

Answer:

Bronislaw Malinowski

5. To synthesize this compound, one must react safrole with hydrobromic acid to give 3,4-methylenedi- oxyphenyl-2-bromopropane, which is then reacted with methylamine. Some of its effects are similar to those of amphetamine, but it also exerts a strong effect of relaxation. Its effects are reduced by SSRIs such as Prozac and Paxil, and it may cause selective damage to serotonin axons and axon terminals. Because serotonin is depleted during its use, it can cause a "serotonin crash" from several days to two weeks after use. FTP, name this drug, whose street name is Ecstasy.

Answer: **MDMA** or **methylenedioxy-n-methylamphetamine** (accept **ecstasy** until it is read. MDA is not acceptable, as the synthesis is different)

6. The property of being a cat is not itself a cat, while the property of being a property is itself a property. Consider the property that something has just in case it is a property that does not apply to itself. All you have to do is ask yourself: Does this property apply to itself? If you figure out the answer, you will have solved one of these. FTP, what is this philosophical conundrum, named for one of the authors of Principia Mathematica?

Answer:

Russell's Paradox

7. Tayama Dosen is its Superior, and it sits near Otani University. Kashiwagi thinks the edifice is a hollow shell. Mizoguchi is haunted by its overwhelming beauty, but he decides that the most beautiful things must be ephemeral & sets fire to it on July 2, 1950. FTP, name this titular building of a 1959 novel by Mishima Yukio.

Answer:

Kinkakuji or The Temple of the Golden Pavilion

8. The phosphate berlinite shares this mineral's structure, though it is not a silicate. It is composed of a trigonal crystal system that involves helical chains of silicon tetrahedrons. Examples of this mineral include amazonite and tournaline, and various genetone varieties include citrine, amethyst, and the smoky and rose types. Composed entirely of silicon dioxide, this mineral is the most abundant mineral on earth. FTP, identify this mineral that rates a seven on the Mohl's hardness scale and tends to be a clear crystal.

Answer:

quartz

9. This strongpoint on the Gustav Line delayed the Allies for some five months in 1944 and four battles were fought for possession of it, though the German commander, a Benedictine, didn't station troops within it until after it was leveled by American bombers. FTP, name this Italian monastery eventually captured by the combined efforts of French Moroccan and Polish troops, which was not used by either side for gambling.

Answer:

Monte Cassino

10. It is formed by a large indentation in the Earth's surface that extends inland to the Coachella Valley. It gets progressively deeper going south along its 700 mile length. It is rich with oysters and sponges that along with tourism are staples of the local area's economy. Major cities along its coastline include Guaymas, La Paz, and Mazatlan. FTP identify this body of water in northwestern Mexico, also known as the Sea of Cortes, that shares its name with one of the United States.

Answer:

Gulf of California (accept Sea of Cortes before it is mentioned)

11. His wife was Jewish, so he found an unusual way to defect: he went to Stockholm to claim his Nobel Prize and never returned to Italy. In 1934, he began bombarding elements with slow neutrons, effectively being the first scientist to perform nuclear fission. FTP, name this Italian physicist who conducted the first controlled nuclear chain reaction at the University of Chicago in 1942.

Answer:

Enrico Fermi

12. His royal symbol was the porcupine, which can be seen decorating the wing he had built at the castle of Blois. He had three wives, Jeanne de France, the daughter of a former king, Marie, the sister of Henry VIII of England, and Anne of Brittany, the widow of his predecessor Charles VIII. He continued Charles' campaigns in Italy where he was opposed by the Holy League. FTP, name this French king who was succeeded by his cousin, Francis I.

Answer:

Louis XII (Prompt on "Louis")

13. A sailor has tossed a rope to the nude youth, but he cannot reach it. Two others strain over the side of the boat, attempting a rescue, while the elder boatswain grasps his companion's shirt to keep him on board. The terrified oarsmen row furiously, and the man standing in the prow has his hook poised. This piece depicts a real 1749 attack that occurred in a Havana harbor, but it is obvious the artist never saw such a creature, since the one in this painting has lips. FTP, what is this painting by John Singleton Copley?

Answer:

Watson and the Shark

14. Early in his reign, he was involved in a bloody struggle to conquer the Kalinga region on the east coast. After this, he renounced the violence of his youth and advocated "conquering by *dharma*." He was the last major ruler of the Maurya dynasty. India's national emblem is based on the lion on the pillar he had constructed at Sarnath. FTP, name this leader, who ordered the Rock Edicts and Pillar Edicts to be set up bearing Buddhist scriptures.

Answer:

Ashoka

15. Editor of the American Men of Letters Series, with others he compiled a multi-volume *Library of the World's Best Literature*. He was a longtime contributor to *Harper's Monthly*, in which serially appeared *The Golden House*, *A Little Journey in the World* and *Their Pilgrimage*, while his first major work was his 1871 book *My Summer in a Garden*. For ten points, name this 19<sup>th</sup> century American author perhaps best known for collaborating with Mark Twain on *The Gilded Age*.

Answer:

Charles Dudley Warner

16. He wrote "Our Penal Machinery and its Victims", sympathizing with the poor. He is himself the subject of Vachel Lindsay's poem "The Eagle that is Forgotten" and Howard Fast's novel "The American". For ten points name this man, who committed political suicide when as Governor of Illinois he pardoned those convicted of inciting the Haymarket Riots.

Answer:

John Peter Altgeld

17. This is one of the most popular tropical fish kept in the home aquarium today. Due to the fact that it comes from oxygen-deprived waters such as the rice paddies of Southeast Asia, it has a special organ, known as a labyrinth organ, that lets it breathe oxygen directly from the air. For ten points, name this bright-colored, long-finned species of fish, the males of which are very intolerant of their own kind.

Answer: Betta Splendens or Siamese Fighting Fish

18. In June about 150 members were refused entry to planes in Copenhagen, Baltimore, and Boston, and another 65 were detained upon their arrival at Keflavik airport. Literally meaning Law Wheel, tt was founded by Li Hongzhi. They were all on a watch list set up by the Icelandic government in anticipation of the arrival of Chinese Premier Jiang Zemin for a summit in Reykjavik. FTP, name the "spiritual exercise movement" outlawed in China to which these people belong?

Answer: Falun Gong

19. When the idea was proposed to him, the author of this work said, "Oh no! I've already composed one of those. Can't you write a script about Ellis Island?" Given the provisional title "The Courting at Burnt Ranch," it was first performed at the Metropolitan Opera House in October 1942, and was a great success. The composer adapted American folk songs including "Old Paint" for the work. With choreography and story by Agnes Demille, FTP this is what ballet by Aaron Copland, perhaps now best known for its Hoedown section, used in a series of ads for the American Beef Council?

Answer:

Rodeo

20. One character is Sammy Singer, a friend of the main character of the author's most famous work. The returning characters are aging or dead. The president (who, the author noted, is based on Dan Quayle) is immature, plays video games, and is known as "the little prick." Gaffney, a private eye, is a near-omniscient character. It is still the proprietor of M and M Enterprises and Associates, John Yossarian, that steals the show. FTP, what is this Joseph Heller novel, the sequel to Catch-22?

Answer:

**Closing Time** 

21. In his youth, this artist was trained in the traditions of Late Byzantine mosiacs and frescoes; early works include Dormition of the Virgin. Later, he moved to Venice, where he became influenced by Titian and Tintoretto and painted Purification of the Temple and the portrait of Giulio Clovio. In 1577, this artist received a commission for of the church of Santo Domingo el Antiguo, and so emigrated to Spain, where he did his most famous work. FTP, name this artist, originally from Crete, painter of The Burial of Count Orgaz and View of Toledo.

Answer:

El Greco or Domenikos Theotocopoulos

22. This element is widely used in the electronics industry, often as filaments in vacuum tubes and fluorescent lights. Its alloy with carbon is often used in high speed cutting tools and in mining tools, and when alloyed with steel, makes steel stronger and more elastic. FTP, identify this element, number 74, that has the highest melting point of all metals, and is often found in wolframite.

Answer:

Tungsten

23. It followed the Yayoi period, and saw the beginning of the imperial dynasty. Also known as the Kofun period, it saw the introduction of Buddhism from the mainland, and its end is marked by the rise of the Fujiwara clan. An older name for the region of the modern-day Nara Prefecture, it also names the sister ship of the Musashi. FTP, give this name of one of the largest battleships ever built, which saw action in the battle of Leyte Gulf.

Answer:

Yamato period (accept Kofun period before mention in the question)