

"Stand-Up and Be Counted"

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Subject: This packet contains questions about famous stand-up and sketch comedians as well as their bodies of work.

Toss-Ups

1. This former roommate of Andrew Dice Clay isn't really funny(*), but thank God that doesn't matter when you've found a niche. Though his performances may have been overshadowed by—well—better actors in *Brewster's Millions* and *The Money Pit*, he still performs at his own 1400-seat theatre in Branson, Missouri for hundreds of thousands—of people—a year. FTP, name this "What A Country!" comedian.

Answer: Yakov Smirnoff

2. A Playboy Mansion parking valet, a rib joint customer, Deke Anthony, Yuck Mouth, Detective Lee Butters (*), Jake Hayes AND Kevin Pope, Chaka Luther King, Bony T, Charles Wellington The Third, Pootie's Father, and—the author of this packet's personal favorite—Pookie. FTP, these have all been characters played by what *Down To Earth*, *Bigger and Blacker* SNL alum?

Answer: Chris Rock

3. In the 1930s he was emceeing in mob-owned speakeasies where he became Al Capone's protégé. Capone set him up with his own club (*) where he performed backed by jazz musicians. His first mainstream album was called "Poppin' Daddies, Knock Me Your Lobes," but—FTP—name this comedian better known for his challengingly funny back-to-back albums "Euphoria" and "Euphoria, Vol. II."

Answer: Lord (or Richard M.) Buckley

4. He holds the unofficial record for playing the same character in the most television series. He settled his \$5 million lawsuit against Terry Bollea (*) out of court, his book "UFO's, JFK, and Elvis: Conspiracies You Don't Have To Be Crazy To Believe" became a top seller, and he even got cast for the role of the President in *Species 2*. FTP, identify this paranoid comedian who loves playing the well-read Detective John Munch.

Answer: Richard Belzer

5. This show aired in 1992 on Saturday nights. The skits revolved around a central theme, like dealing with the first day of high school (*) or being the new kid in town. Sadly, Nickelodeon didn't think the show worked, and instead ran an extra episode of "Are You Afraid of The Dark?" in place of it when Snick started its second season the next year. FTP, name this teen-cast sketch comedy show targeted towards adolescents, who—if they listen to the theme song—know they can always "go down to" here.

Answer: The Round House

6. What a *Million Dollar Rip Off!* The son of a Hungarian Jew and a Puerto Rican(*), he would have turned 49 on June 22nd, 2003. His son—who jokes that he should've been named Chico—would have been 27 on that same day, which is five years older than his father was when he died. FTP, name this suicidal stand-up that fathered his now-famous son with wife Katherine Elaine Cochrane.

Answer: Freddie Prinze (accept Freddie Prinze, Sr.; DO NOT accept Freddie Prinze, Jr.)

7. He was briefly engaged to Lark Voorhies of *Saved by the Bell* fame.(*). You could ring in now; *What's the Worst That Can Happen?* Or, you can wait till the end of the question, because you'll have *Nothing To Lose*. Either way, *You So Crazy*. FTP, *Do the Right Thing* and name this *Black Knight* who can talk a *Blue Streak*, often considered one of comedy's *Bad Boys*.

Answer: Martin Lawrence

8. She toured with the 1999 Lilith Fair as the only comedienne, played the voice of God in *One Hell of a Guy* (*), and gave one of the few redeeming performances in the movie *Hudson Hawk*. To many couch potatoes, however, she is best remembered for her roles as the voice of Cassandra in Disney's *Hercules* and Nancy on *Roseanne*. FTP, name this actress/stand-up with her own one-woman show.

Answer: Sandra Bernhard

9. Lord Nikidik, the voice of Sir Quigley Broken Bottom, Professor Clobb, Officer Norman Jones, Jasper Lynch, Jerry Klay, General Billy Joe Hallson (*), H.S. and Harvey Tilson, the voices of Molester and Porky Pine, Coach Cadaver, the voice of Wade Pig, Wainwright Barth, and W. D. Westmoreland. FTP, these roles have all been played by what famous comic who also starred as Gunny Davis in the sitcom *Davis Rules*?

Answer: Jonathan Winters III

10. This sitcom offers three well-known stand-ups in its opening credits. Perhaps the most famous of the three plays the character Arthur Spooner (*), the father-in-law of the title character (played by the second comedian), Doug Heffernan. Patton Oswald is the third comedian, yet he's the only one of the three who has had an HBO comedy special. FTP, name this CBS show that also stars the gorgeous Leah Remini as the wife of series star Kevin James.

Answer: The King of Queens

11. Artie went on to do a movie and an ABC show with his friend, and also to work with Howard Stern. Phil's had a few good roles, but does more voiceover work than acting. Then there's Bob Marley, but not the one you're thinking of (*). Andrew was in the movie *Evolution*, but that was mostly because Orlando pulled some strings. There have been some others, but—FTP—these are some of the most famous ex-cast members of what FOX sketch-comedy show?

Answer: Mad TV

12. After she played Lorena Bobbit in Weird Al's "Headline News" video (*), Al gave her the spot of the psychic on his TV series. Too bad she didn't predict it would be cancelled after just 12 shows. FTP, name this woman, the ex-wife of Emo Philips and self-proclaimed Goddess of the Galaxy with a penchant for the accordion.

Answer: Judy Tenuta

13. He played a Mexican bandit in *The Three Amigos*, but his scenes were deleted (*). At one point in his life he was a Baptist preacher who traveled the country doing tent revivals, and he also starred in the short-lived FOX sitcom "Charlie Hoover". FTP, name this screamin' demon who wasn't too fond of religion, women, or world hunger.

Answer: Sam Kinison

14. "You aren't famous until my mother has heard of you." That may be true, but before this south-paw comedian (*) hit it big, he performed in clubs more than 300 nights a year for over five straight years. He still holds the record for most appearances by a comedian on *Late Night with David Letterman*, but he's not in much danger of being invited back. No loss, because—FTP—this man has his own "Tonight Show".

Answer: Jay Leno

15. Among his wives are Flynn BeLaine, Jennifer Lee, Deborah McGuire, Shelly Bonus, Patricia Price, and Jennifer Lee (again) (*). He's better known, however, for his 1999 Kennedy Center Mark Twain Prize, threatening to shoot a black man on screen, and a suicide attempt that was covered up by his publicist as a free-basing accident. FTP, name this stand-up who now can't because of his Multiple Sclerosis.

Answer: Richard Pryor

16. A lot of people haven't seen *Johnny Mnemonic*, which is too bad considering the amazing performance this man gave in that movie (*). Though not really a true stand-up, he has been lumped into the comedian community by his many fans due to his spoken word performances. Those performances have netted him a Grammy and the hosting gig for TLC's *Full Metal Challenge*. FTP, name this man famous for once fronting the band Black Flag.

Answer: Henry Rollins

17. Madylin, Sawyer, and Sullivan Sweeten play the roles of Alexandra, Jeffrey, and Michael Barone. (*) That marks one of the few times in television history that three siblings have actually played three siblings. However, this show's drawing power comes not from the child actors, but from the supporting cast of Doris Roberts, Peter Doyle, and Brad Garret. FTP, name this CBS comedy based on the observational family humor of a Mr. Romano.

Answer: Everybody Loves Raymond

18. This sketch comedy offering has thus far produced two spin-offs. The first was another sketch comedy show starring the attractive, young Amanda Bynes. (*) The second spin-off was a sitcom starring the young African-American comedy team who fronted many of the sketches on the original show. FTP, name this Nickelodeon answer to SNL which also spawned the sub-par movie *Good Burger*.

Answer: All That

19. He spent 5 years as a forest ranger while developing his own sense of humor in stand-up comedy. He has also written and illustrated a series of children's books (*) about a brontosaurus named Lickety Split. Furthermore he is the cousin of the Barenaked Ladies' Kevin Hearn. FTP, name this *Half-Baked* comedian that knows many things the government doesn't want you to know.

Answer: Harland Williams

20. She made two appearances on Dolly Parton's 1987 variety show, *Dolly*. The first was her stand-up comedy act; the second was a comedy skit with Dolly. This vegetarian (*) is the eldest of five sisters, and she worked for years as a cocktail waitress in comedy clubs before breaking through as a performer. FTP, name this comedian, whose drinking problems in past years haven't displayed much *Grace Under Fire*.

Answer: Brett Butler

21. "In Los Angeles this week, the defense suffered a setback in the second O.J. trial when Simpson was ordered to turn over a secret videotape which lawyers say contains proof of his guilt(*). What's on the tape? The first O.J. trial." FTP, this incendiary quote (which may have resulted in its originator's termination) was from which host of SNL's "Weekend Update"?

Answer: Norm MacDonald

Bonuses

1. The bedroom isn't the only place a foursome makes things more enjoyable. Answer these related questions about stand-up cinema FSNP.

(5) For five, name any two of the four *Original Kings of Comedy*.

ANSWERS: Steve Harvey, D.L. Hughley, Cedric the Entertainer, and Bernie Mac

(10) For ten, name any two of the four stand-ups who were the focus of the pseudo-documentary *Blue Collar Comedy Tour*.

ANSWERS: Jeff Foxworthy, Bill Engvall, Ron White, and Larry The Cable Guy

(15) Finally, for fifteen, name any two of the four comediennes who starred in the far less successful follow-up to "Kings", *The Original Queens of Comedy*.

ANSWERS: Adele Givens, "Miss" Laura Hayes, Mo'Nique, and Sommere

2. 30-20-10-5; Name the comedian from his/her oft-used catch phrases.

(30) "F*** you; get a climate."

(20) The "...Tigris and Euphrates..." of something.

(10) "But hey, that's just my opinion; I could be wrong."

(5) "I don't want to get off on a rant here..."

Answer: Dennis Miller

3. Given the famous routines, name the comedian or comedians who made them so FSNP.

(5) Who's on First?

Answer: Abbot and Costello

(10) Football and Baseball

Answer: George Carlin

(15) I Can't Stop My Leg

Answer: Robert Klein

4. Answer the following questions FTPE:

Though it had something of a sporadic three-year run for HBO, 30 episodes were made of this program, which then netted four Emmy nominations (none of which went to Jack Black).

Answer: Mr. Show or Mr. Show with Bob and David

For the remaining 20 points (10 for one; 20 for both), name the two stand-ups who headed Mr. Show.

Answers: David Cross and Bob Odenkirk

5. Not all comedians are illiterate. OK; most are, but some have actually written books! Given the title of book, name the author for 15 points. You'll get 10 if you need a synopsis of the story 5 if you need the title of a second book by the same author.

(15) "True Story: A Comic Novel"

(10) Five comedians suffering through the stand-up boom in early 80's New York.

(5) "Spin This!: All the Ways We Don't Tell the Truth."

Answer: Bill Maher

6. (15) "Why Not Me?"

(10) A look at the presidential campaign and subsequent 144 days in office of an SNL alum.

(5) "Rush Limbaugh is a Big Fat Idiot: And Other Observations"

Answer: Al Franken

7. Well, you've made it as a stand-up; all those years of hard work have finally paid off. But can you act? Given the show, name the comedian who was a title character FSNP.

(5) *The Jackie Thomas Show*

Answer: Tom Arnold

(10) *Wilde Again* (The show later changed names several times.)

Answer: Tea Leoni

(15) *Charlie & Co.*

Answer: Flip Wilson

8. Think you're pretty bright, huh? See if you can name the show given its lesser-known comedian cast FSNP.

(5) Alexandra Wentworth, Marc Wilmore, Carol Rosenthal, and Steve Park.

Answer: In Living Color

(10) Andy Dick, Bob Odenkirk, Janeane Garofalo, and John F. Donahue.

Answer: The Ben Stiller Show

(15) Dave Sheridan, Travis Draft, and Frank Hudetz (HINT: Think MTV).

Answer: Buzzkill

9. Magic and comedy. They go together like honey and poo. Still, some funnymen have been able to sustain decent careers as magical comedians (or comedic magicians); name them FSNP.

(5) These two men had their own *Sin City Spectacular* for one unwatchable season.

Answer: Penn Jillette and Raymond Teller

(10) More of a prop comic than a true magician, he is famous for his trademark headband wearing and "pencil up the nose and out the ear" gag.

Answer: The Amazing Johnathan

(15) On the night of April 15, 1984, on the stage of Her Majesty's Theatre in London, he suffered a heart attack in front of millions of television viewers.

Answer: Tommy Cooper

10. See if you can name the Bill Engvall comedy album from the namesake quote FTPE.

(10) "He caught me on a corndog. I was swimming underneath the ocean, and I said, 'what's a corndog doing underneath the ocean?'"

Answer: "Dorkfish"

(10) "...And he farts. I'm laughing. And my wife looked at him and says, 'Travis.' And he turns to his momma and says, 'My compliments to the chef.'"

Answer: "Now That's Awesome"

(10) "He went, 'Tire go flat?' I couldn't resist; I said, 'Nope, I was driving around and those other three just swelled right up on me.'"

Answer: "Here's Your Sign"

11. Answer these questions about the legendary Buddy Hackett FTPE.

(10) Buddy played Benjy Benjamin in this 1963 Spencer Tracy flick.

Answer: It's a Mad Mad Mad Mad World

(10) Buddy played himself on 'A&E Biography: Nina van Horn' on a 2000 episode of this NBC sitcom.

Answer: Just Shoot Me

(10) Buddy played Uncle Lonnie on this short-lived FOX Jay Mohr series.

Answer: Action

12. Can you name the character Rodney Dangerfield played in the given movie FTPE?

(10) *Little Nicky*

Answer: Lucifer (do not accept Satan or The Devil)

(10) *Back To School*

Answer: Thornton Melon

(10) *Caddyshack*

Answer: Al Czervik

13 Name the famous female comedian from one of her trademarks FTPE.

(10) She likes to mention her fictional husband "Fang" in her routines.

Answer: Phyllis Diller

(10) She tugs on her left earring during on-camera appearances as a way of saying "Hello" to her deceased Grandmother.

Answer: Carol Burnett

(10) She is known for her "Laugh-In" characters Edith Ann and Ernestine the phone operator.

Answer: Lily Tomlin

14. Newheart, you poor, neglected man. See if you can name the show Bob captained given the years of its run FTPE.

1992-1994

Answer: Bob

1972-1978

Answer: The Bob Newheart Show

1982-1990

Answer: Newheart

15. Do you have a Grammy? Some comedians do. See if you can answer these questions about winners of the Best Comedy Recording Grammy FTPE.

Many people thought this comedian was all out of material after he won the Grammy in 1988. They were wrong; he won it again the very next year.

Answer: Robin Williams

Back to back wins are cool, but not as cool as the three-peat that this man accomplished from 1974 to 1976.

Answer: Richard Pryor

Think a three-peat is something special? How about six-in-a-row? This man won the Grammy every year from 1964 to 1969.

Answer: Bill Cosby

16. One might think a good vocational choice for a stand-up would be talk show host. But it doesn't always work out for the best. See if you can answer these questions related to that topic FSNP.

(5) This former VH-1 VJ got her own talk show in 1996.

Answer: Rosie O'Donnell

(10) This stand-up took over hosting duties for Rosie sometime in 2001.

Answer: Caroline Rhea

(15) This SNL alum got his show in 1993. You might have seen it; unless you weren't home that night.

Answer: Chevy Chase

17. Anthony Clarke. You might not know him by name, but chances are you've seen him. Answer these Clarke queries FTP.

Clarke played an overprotective Virginian brother of his college-aged sister in this 1996 sitcom. Incest jokes abounded.

Answer: Boston Common

Clarke was brought in to breathe life into this failing Dan Akroyd sitcom. The cancellation monster still claimed it, however.

Answer: Soul Man

Name this movie Clarke was in from the quote: "I never saw you throw that gentleman off the balcony. All I care about is are you happy with your haircut."

Answer: The Rock

18. David Spade used to be one of the most highly respected young comedians in Hollywood. Too bad he lived in New York. Answer these related questions FSNP.

(5) Spade starred in this movie with the simple tagline "Dig It."

Answer: Joe Dirt

(10) Spade played a twerp named Rand McPherson in this 1994 Jeremy Piven movie.

Answer: PCU

(15) You might have missed Spade in this Willem Dafoe/Susan Sarandon movie in which he was billed simply as "Theological Cokehead."

Answer: Light Sleepers

19. Can you answer these questions about the career of Jerry Stiller FSNP?

(5) Jerry played Maury Ballstein in what 2001 comedy film?

Answer: Zoolander

(10) This is the first and last name of the character Jerry played on *Seinfeld* for six seasons.

Answer: Frank Costanza

(10) Stiller was one half of what comedy team with his wife?

Answer: Stiller & Meara

(5) What was Meara's first name?

Answer: Anne

20. 30-20-10-5, name the character from the clues.

(30) He's played and voiced by a real Einstein of a stand-up comedian.

(20) He had his own animated nighttime talk show.

(10) His partner and promoter's name is Fuji.

(5) He's a "stuntman".

Answer: "Super" Dave Osborn (DO NOT accept Bob Einstein, the actor's name)

21. Dustin Diamond is now working as a stand-up comedian. Answer these questions that led up to that vocational decision FSNP.

(5) Dustin started his role as Screech on this show.

Answer: Good Morning Miss Bliss OR Saved by the Bell: The Junior High Years

(10) Double-D was also in this 1988 Paul Reubens, Kris Kristofferson, Penelope Ann Miller movie.

Answer Big Top Pee-Wee

(15) Diamond was in this 1988 movie about an old novelty song that also starred a younger Neil Patrick Harris.

Answer: Purple People Eater

22. There have been some very successful handicapped comedians over the years. Name them FSNP.

(10) The newest kid in South Park's Mountain Scout Troop, he prefers the term "Handi-Capable." Too bad Timmy had to kick his crippled butt.

Answer: Jimmy

(20) She still remains one of the only comedians with cerebral palsy to ever have a recurring role on a TV series, having played—what else—a comedian with cerebral palsy for four years on *The Facts of Life*.

Answer: Geri Jewell or Geri Tyler