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Tossups

1. In 415 his tomb was discovered when a priest named Lucian had a vision where this man told him to go to Caphar Gamala. It is said that this man, often cited as the patron of casket makers and stone masons, had a face of an angel as he defended his preaching before the Sanhedrin. The first of seven men listed in the Acts of the Apostles as chosen to oversee the distribution of alms, he was watched by Paul as a mob killed him at the Lion's Gate in Jerusalem. FTP, name this saint who was stoned to death, thus becoming the first Christian martyr.

ANSWER: Saint Stephen

- 2. The thin interstitial tissue layer between them becomes inflamed in cases of Hamman-Rich syndrome, and fibroblasts there begin producing scar tissue. In premature babies, they can be damaged by Hyaline Membrane Disease, where their Type II epithelial cells fail to sufficiently reduce surface tension from the water lining their walls because they cannot produce enough surfactant. As a result, their ability to take in oxygen decreases because they keep collapsing during respiration. FTP, name these sites of oxygen and carbon dioxide exchange, a cluster of small grape-like sacs in the lungs.
- ANSWER: <u>alveoli</u> (accept <u>alveolus</u>)
- 3. A son of the protagonist of this work announces plans to travel to the fair to sell horses, distressing her so much, she lets him leave without her blessing. Meanwhile, her daughters Cathleen and Nora hide a shirt and stockings found on a dead man in Donegal, but identify it as their work from its four stitches. The protagonist then tells of a fatal vision of Michael on the grey pony following the red mare Bartley is on, and her suspicions are confirmed when some keening women enter the house and Bartley's body is brought inside, making him the sixth man that Maurya has lost to the water. FTP, name this one act play by John Millington Synge.

ANSWER: Riders to the Sea

4. Grossman and Hart labeled its occurrence among shareholders as a source of failure during corporate takeovers. One possible solution to it is to provide solidary incentives, such as a sense of belonging or companionship derived from participation, and another solution is for groups to offer exclusive goods and services to members. It affects the distribution of public goods; an example being national defense, where even pacifists unwilling to support the military still receive protection from it. FTP, name this economic problem that occurs when individuals benefit from a non-exclusive good without paying their fair share of its cost.

ANSWER: free rider problem

- 5. He taught Carl Czerny, Johann Hummel, and Ignaz Moscheles, and he himself learned from Florian Gassmann, one of his predecessors as court Kapellmeister. His orchestral music includes a *Birthday Symphony*, a triple concerto for violin, cello, and oboe, and a set of variations on *The Folly of Spain*. His first operatic success was 1771's *Armida*, and though *Palmira*, *Queen of Persia* was his most popular opera internationally, he is probably better known for 1787's *Tarare*. FTP name this composer who also taught Beethoven, Schubert, and one of Mozart's sons, infamously remembered as a rival of Mozart. ANSWER: Antonio Salieri
- 6. This thinker argued that time was not measurable by an objective standard in *Duration and Simultaneity*, a failed attempt to challenge Einstein's theory of relativity. He inspired Arthur Koestler's *The Act of Creation* and Freud's *Wit and its Relations to the Unconscious* with his 1900 essay on comedy, *Laughter*. Though he eventually became a Christian, this author of *The Two Sources of Morality and Religion* and *Time and Free Will* had his writings condemned by the Catholic Church after the 1914 publication of his most famous work. FTP, name this 1927 Nobel Literature laureate and French philosopher whose *Creative Evolution* introduced his concept of a force of creative energy, the *élan vital*.

ANSWER: Henri Bergson

7. Pliny the Elder described them as "native(s) of Cyrenaica, not more than twelve inches long," and told a story of a man on horseback who killed one with a spear, but died when its poison infected him through the spear. In the middle ages it was merged with a biblical creature mentioned in Isaiah and other books, and the Protestants used it to represent the papacy. It was said that weasels were immune to their presence, and would eat rue plant to counteract being bitten by one; while classical myth held that a person could frighten one to death with a mirror. FTP, name this snake-like creature that was often depicted with a cock's head, and had the power to kill with its gaze.

ANSWER: basilisk or cockatrice

ANSWER: Elbridge Gerry

- 8. He replaced Thomas Cushing in the Continental Congress in February 1776, and though he voted for the Declaration of Independence, he was not present on the day it was issued, signing it several months later. In 1800, he was defeated by Caleb Strong in a gubernatorial election, but in 1810 and 1811 he finally won two terms as governor of Massachusetts. Famous for being an American delegate during the XYZ affair and following George Clinton as the second vice president to die in office, FTP, who was this politician whose name is now attached to oddly-shaped electoral districts?
- 9. He described a journey from Europe to the Orient in A Poet's Bazaar, and dedicated his poetry collection, A Poet's Day Dreams, to Charles Dickens. As a novelist, he penned such works as O.T., Only a Fiddler, and Lucky Peer, the last of which was written a year before the 1871 revision of his autobiography, The Story of my Life. Today, his legacy survives in the form of eponymous literary awards that were first given in 1956 and often are called the "Little Nobel Prizes of Children's Literature." FTP, name this author of such short folk tales as "The Princess and the Pea" and "The Ugly Duckling," a native of Denmark. ANSWER: Hans Christian Andersen
- 10. By some accounts, he inspired the pendulum clock by suggesting it to Hugyens as a timing device. His own works include *The Universal Harmony* in 1636 and *Cogitata Physico-Mathematica* in 1644, and he taught philosophy at the Minim convent at Nevers but then moved to Paris. A correspondent with Gassendi and Hobbes, he published a 1634 version of Galileo's lectures on mechanics. He was wrong about five cases of his most famous result: as 61, 67, 89, 107, and 257 are valid solutions. FTP name this Frenchmen associated with the prime numbers he studied.

ANSWER: Marin Mersenne

11. Their fall occurred several years after the Taft-Katsura Memorandum recognized a foreign power as ruler of the country, and their final ruler, Sunjong, was on the throne for only 24 days. The grandson of this dynasty's founder, Sejong, instituted Confucian values into the government and sponsored the creation of the Hangul phonetic alphabet. This dynasty began when the Supreme Council declared that the Koryo Dynasty had come to an end, and Song-gye took the title of King T'aejo and moved the capital to Hanyang. FTP, name this Korean dynasty lasting from 1392 until 1910.

ANSWER: Yi or Choson or Joseon Dynasty

- 12. The final two are often called Anacreontic works and are unusual in that they contain allusions to classical myth, namely a story about some nymphs who steal Cupid's torch and try to put it out with water. Another important selection is the procreation series, which urges William Herbert to marry, and consists of the first seventeen parts. The collection primarily focuses on three characters: the Fair Youth, the Rival Poet, and the Dark Lady, who makes her first appearance in number 127. FTP, what is this collection of verse, whose most famous member begins, "Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?" ANSWER: Shakespearean Sonnets
- 13. Its protagonist makes a blind man dump his ugly girlfriend, takes a hooker to a baseball game, gets caught checking out Mugsy Bogues' penis, and steals a golf club at the funeral of Leo Funkhouser. The main story arc for its current season revolves around a tenth year anniversary present that allows the protagonist to sleep with another woman, as well as his lead role with David Schwimmer in *The Producers*,

whose premiere is attended by the protagonist's his manager Jeff Green, and his wife Cheryl. FTP, name this HBO comedy that follows the social gaffes of *Seinfield* creator Larry David.

ANSWER: Curb Your Enthusiasm

- 14. The presence of ammonium in the Strecker Synthesis will lead to the production of the analogous alpha-amino variety of this functional group. Generally highly flammable and tending to produce very toxic fumes when heated to decomposition, they can be hydrolyzed to carboxylic acids, and they produce ketones when reacted with Grignard or organolithium reagents. Peroxides can be used to convert them to amides, and boiling them with an acid or alkaline generally produces a carboxylic acid with ammonia as a byproduct. FTP, name this class of organic compounds characterized by a cyanide, or CN, radical. ANSWER: nitriles (prompt on "cyanides" until it is mentioned)
- 15. A proposal for an alliance to evict the French from Mexico was the basis for this event, which was initiated by Francis Preston Blair, and also informed participants of Congress' recent passage of the Thirteenth Amendment. Robert Hunter, John Campbell, and William Seward were among those present near Fort Monroe on the anchored "River Queen," and the discussion was led by Alexander Stephens and Abraham Lincoln. FTP, name this February 1865 conference that failed to end the Civil War. ANSWER: Hampton Roads Conference
- 16. The top floor consists of a series of round windows surrounded by an interlinked pattern of circular ornaments. A series of uninterrupted vertical columns with decorated horizontal spandrels placed under the windows in between them makes up the next seven stories. Another horizontal band cuts off the two top sections from the two lowest floors, which are left undecorated except for their large windows. Built of steel in 1891 and clad in red stone, this leading landmark of Chicago School architecture stands out against the backdrop of the Gateway Mall. FTP, name this St. Louis landmark designed by Louis Sullivan. ANSWER: Wainwright Building
- 17. Its central character ran away from home at the age of 14, and by the age of 20 had learned French and was working in the West Indies. His life ends when he is killed by a rusted scythe, soon after which his child and the child's mother Milly have their throats slit. Its events begin in 1833 and end in 1909 with the burning of the Hundred, caused by Clytie at the sight of an ambulance. Much of the story is related to Shreve McCannon, including the murder of Charles Bon by his half-brother Henry. FTP, name this tragic tale of Thomas Sutpen by William Faulkner.

ANSWER: Absalom, Absalom!

18. The log of this quantity equals the quantity of a scalar representing the stiffness of a polymer chain times the log of the molecular weight, plus the log of a constant K, according to the Mark-Houwink equation. Boltzman's constant, temperature, and several other constants can be used to solve for it in the Eyring equation, though it also equals the quantity of pi times the drop in pressure, radius squared, and time divided by the quantity of eight times the volume of a liquid and the length of a capillary tube, according to the Hagen-Poiseuille equation. FTP name this property that is measured in poises and represents a fluid's resistance to flow.

ANSWER: viscosity

- 19. He lived at a house called Youlbury on Boars Hill from 1894 until his death, and wrote a text about the Jarn Mound that he preserved due to its association with Matthew Arnold's poetry. As a journalist for the Manchester Guardian in the Balkans, he had sympathized with those against the Ottomans, lost his job, and was accused of spying. He refused to wear glasses for his microscopic vision and used it to find a linear script on an antique in Athens in 1893. Knighted by George V in 1911, FTP, who is this Curator of the Ashmolean Museum at Oxford, whose most famous work dealt with the palace of Knossos at Crete? ANSWER: Sir Arthur Evans
- 20. Meetings at Blackheath and Mile End failed, so the participants executed John Legge, Archbishop Simon Sudbury, and the treasurer, Sir Roger Hales, at Tower Hill. It began when individuals lied about the number of family members to avoid paying the poll tax, and after the population seemed to "fall" by half in some areas, the government applied stricter enforcement. The first outbreak occurred at Brentwood in

Essex County and unrest spread to Kent, eventually going to London where the leader fought Mayor William Walworth. FTP, name this uprising against Richard II led by John Ball and Wat Tyler in 1381. ANSWER: Peasant's Revolt

21. In 1899 the Condominium Agreement provided for two separate ruling powers in this nation. March 27 was celebrated as National Unity Day here, as its north-south Civil War was ended by the Addis Ababa accords on that date in 1972. However, the war resumed when Gafar Nimeiri instituted Islamic law in 1983, which did not appease the Azande, Dinka, and Nuer peoples in its southern provinces. FTP, name this country that achieved independence in 1956 after being jointly ruled by Britain and Egypt, and who has its capital at Khartoum.

ANSWER: The Republic of the Sudan

- 21. Name the principal designer, or designers, of the first of these vehicles to carry men aloft:
- A. For 5 points—the airplane, in 1903

answer: Orville (or Wilbur) Wright (accept equivalents)

B. For 10 points—helicopters, in 1939

answer: Igor (Ivan) Sikorsky

C. For 15 points—hot-air balloons, in 1783

answer: Joseph (or Étienne) Montgolfier [mont-GAWL-fee-AY] (accept equivalents)

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- 22. Name these things with something in common, for 10 points each:
- A. This external territory of Australia lying 224 miles south of Java was named on December 25, 1643, by Captain William Mynors of the British East India Company.

answer: (Territory of) Christmas Island

B. This British actor and playwright well known for Private Lives was born on December 16 and named for an upcoming holiday.

answer: Noël (Pierce) Coward

C. This smallest of the four traditional provinces of South Africa was named on December 25 by Vasco da Gama to commemorate the birth of the Christ.

answer: Natal or Terra Natalis

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- 23. Name these operas by Gian Carlo Menotti, for 10 points each:
- The idea for this opera came from a séance Menotti attended.

answer: The Medium

B. In this one-act opera Ben competes with the title object for Lucy's attention. He ends up using it to propose to her.

answer: The <u>Telephone</u>

C. After seeing a brilliant star, the title character in this first opera written for television meets Melchior, Kasper, and Baltharzar.

answer: Amahl and the Night Visitors

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- 24. It is set during Scotland's Porteous Riots of 1736. For 10 points each—
- A. Name this book, whose characters include Madge Wildfire, Effie Deans, and Queen Caroline.

answer: The Heart of Midlothian

B. Who wrote The Heart of Midlothian?

answer: Sir Walter Scott

C. The title refers to Edinburgh's "Old Tolbooth," which is one of these.

answer: a prison (accept equivalents)

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Bonuses

- 1. Answer the following about cold helium FTPE:
- (10) There are two types of helium: He 3 and He 4. The difference in total spin means that only He 4 can form this state, where all the atoms occupy the same lowest energy state.

ANSWER: Bose-Einstein Condensate or BEC

(10) For He 4, this happens at 2.2 Kelvin; for He 3, this occurs in the milli-Kelvin range. In this phase, helium exhibits the fountain effect.

ANSWER: superfluidity

(10) This is the phase transition from normal fluid to superfluid, so named because the shape of specific heat vs. temperature curve resembles the namesake Greek letter.

ANSWER: lambda transition

- 2. ANSWER: these questions about a deity, FTPE.
- (10) He lost his nuts after seducing Gautama's wife Ahalya, wielded a thunderbolt in battle, and rode on the giant white elephant Airavata.

ANSWER: Indra

(10) Before battle Indra would drink large quantities of this pressed juice, the ambrosia of the gods, to give him strength, causing his body to swell to giant proportions.

ANSWER: soma

(10) In the Rig Veda, Indra had an epic battle with this demonic creature, who took the form of giant snake and stole all the water in the world, thus causing a total drought.

ANSWER: Vritra

- 3. There were three Seminole Wars between 1817 and 1858. FTPE:
- (10) The Seminoles were originally members of this Confederacy, whose members mostly spoke Muskogee or Hitchiti. They were responsible for the 1813 attack on Fort Mims.

ANSWER: Creek

(10) The Spanish capital, this city in western Florida was captured by Andrew Jackson in 1814 and again three years later in conjunction with his war campaign.

ANSWER: Pensacola

(10) The second war broke out upon the capture of this chief in 1837.

ANSWER: Osceola

- 4. Wagner operas from plots, FTPE.
- (10) The titular minstrel leaves the realm of Venus and returns to Wartburg to pursue Elisabeth.

ANSWER: Tannhauser

(10) The unnamed title character sails into port to find love and dispel a curse. He falls in love with Senta, who is torn between him and Erik. Senta kills herself when he goes back to the sea, and the two ascend to heaven.

ANSWER: The Flying Dutchman or Der Fliegende Hollander

(10) Farzana and Zemina, and Ada, who is actually half-mortal, are among the title characters. Ada marries Arindal, King of Tramond, but disappears in a puff of smoke when he asks her about her past.

ANSWER: The Fairies or Die Feen

- 5. "The curfew tolls the knell of parting day / The lowing herd wind slowly o'er the lea / The plowman homeward plods his weary way / And leave the world of darkness and to me." FTPE:
- (10) This is the first quatrain of what 1750 poem?

ANSWER: "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard"

(10) Gray's elegy was published on the advice of what friend and author of *The Castle of Otranto*? ANSWER: Horace Walpole

(10) A line from the elegy became the title of this 19th Century novel featuring Gabriel Oak and Sergeant Troy.

ANSWER: Far from the Madding Crowd

6. Answer these questions about a Central American country, FTSNOP.

(10) What country's islands include Coiba Island, which is used as a penitentiary, and the Pearl Islands, which provided treasures sought by Henry Morgan and others?

ANSWER: Republic of Panama

(5, 5) Panama connects Central and South America and lies between these two countries. Name them for five each.

ANSWER: Costa Rica and Colombia

(10) This port city on the Pacific entrance of the Panama Canal shares its name with the nation's currency and a Spanish explorer.

ANSWER: Balboa

7. Religious terms that all begin with the same letter, FTPE.

(10) The 5th Century monk Bohidharma founded this religious school, whose three major sects are the Rinzai, Soto, and Obaku.

ANSWER: Zen Buddhism

(10) This term describes the Islamic pillar of faith mandating annual almsgiving.

ANSWER: Zakat

(10) The central Jewish text of cabalistic knowledge, it is a mystical commentary on the Torah dating in written form from the late thirteenth century.

ANSWER: Zohar

8. Name these Mexican cultures, FTPE:

(10) Calling themselves Zi (SHI), they lived around present-day Tabasco and Veracruz, and were known for their giant stone heads. Their center at San Lorenzo was destroyed around 900.

ANSWER: Olmec

(10) Believing themselves descended from jaguars, they were centered around Oaxaca and Tehuantepec. Their king Cosijoeza maintained political autonomy from the Aztecs.

ANSWER: Zapotecs

(10) In Nahuatl their name means "master builders". They conquered some lands of the Maya but were in turn defeated by Chichimec people around the 13^{th} century.

ANSWER: Toltec

9. Name the following about Turing Award Winners, FTPE.

(10) In 1997 Douglas Engelbart won for his development at Xerox of this type of interaction software. Examples include NeXTSTEP and X-Windows.

ANSWER: Graphical User Interfaces or GUI

(10) In 1981 Edgar Codd won the award for his development of the theory of relational databases. Larry Ellison used his theory as the cornerstone of this most widely used database system.

ANSWER: ORACLE

(10) In 1974 Donald Knuth won for his contributions like the concept of literate programming. His ideas were published in this multivolume tome of computer science.

ANSWER: The Art of Computer Programming

10. Name these Caribbean authors, FTPE:

(10) This Antiguan was originally christened Elaine Potter Richardson. Her works include At the Bottom of the River, Lucy, and My Brother.

ANSWER: Jamaica Kincaid

(10) The recipient of the 1992 Nobel for literature, this author from St. Lucia wrote such plays as *Henri Christophe*, *Remembrance* and *Pantomime*.

ANSWER: Derek Walcott

(10) The Tragedy of King Christophe, A Season in the Congo, and an adaptation of The Tempest were plays authored by this native of Martinique and coiner of the term "Negritude."

ANSWER: Aime Cesaire

11. Answer these questions related to Italy and the 1848 revolution, FTPE.

(10) The father of Victor Emmanuel II, he abdicated the Sardinian throne in 1849.

ANSWER: Charles Albert

(10) The pope during the First Vatican Council, he fled to Naples during the Revolution.

ANSWER: Pius IX or Giovanni Maria Mastai-Ferretti

(10) The publisher of the newspaper, *Risorgimento*, he became the Sardinian prime minister in 1852 and is credited with the diplomatic efforts that unified Italy after his 1861 death.

ANSWER: Camillo Benso, Conte di Cavour

12. Name these terms related to light transmission and scattering, FTPE:

(10) Its namesake observed the spectrum of scattered light contains frequencies not present in the exciting light. This effect says light undergoes a wavelength change and the scattered light has no phase relationship with the incident light.

ANSWER: Raman effect

(10) It states that intensity is proportional to incident intensity, the square of volume of particles and inversely to wavelength to the fourth power. It, along with the Tyndall effect, explains why the sky is blue. ANSWER: Rayleigh scattering law

(10) Combing two laws, it states that intensity after transmission is related to intensity before transmission through concentration and the length of cells.

ANSWER: Beer-Lambert Law

13. For obvious personal reasons, Leo Wolpert is very concerned with the legal jurisprudence surrounding gay rights. Humor Leo and ANSWER: the following, FTPE.

(10) Leo breathed a sigh of relief after *Lawrence v. Texas* overturned this 1986 Supreme Court case that upheld laws criminalizing homosexual sodomy.

ANSWER: Bowers v. Hardwick (accept either)

(10) Leo pranced around joyfully after hearing of this 1996 decision that struck down an amendment in Colorado's state constitution denying equal protection to gays there.

ANSWER: Romer v. Evans (accept either)

(10) In arguing for gay marriage, Leo and many others have cited this clause in Article IV, Section 1, requiring each State to honor the records and judicial proceedings of every other state. The claim is that the proposed Defense of Marriage Act violates it.

ANSWER: full faith and credit

14. Name these paintings by Brueghel the Elder, for 10 points each:

(10) On the right is a crowd of people in the distance skating on a frozen pond, while on the left are dogs following some men carrying spears.

ANSWER: Hunters in the Snow or Return of the Hunters

(10) The foreground features a farmer plowing his field by the sea, oblivious to the titular event of this mythologically-inspired painting, where the title figure plunges into the waves with only his feet protruding from them.

ANSWER: Landscape with the Fall of Icarus

(10) Brueghel depicts Coliseum-inspired arches in this 1563 piece. The outer structure of the titular building has six levels. Its sections are unfinished, and clouds cover part of its top.

ANSWER: The Tower of Babel

15. Answer these questions about an American thinker, FTPE:

(10) Considered the founder of pragmatism, he proposed in an 1878 paper that the application of knowledge influenced the understanding of terms.

ANSWER: Charles Sanders Peirce

(10) This was the title of Peirce's paper credited with outlining the doctrine of pragmatism. Its purpose was to establish a method for elucidating one's thoughts.

ANSWER: "How to Make Our Ideas Clear"

(10) As noted in the book by Louis Menand of the same name, Peirce was involved in what gatherings of late 19th Century group of intellectuals that included James and Holmes?

ANSWER: The Metaphysical Club

16. Answer these questions about events and people from the Reagan administration, FTPE:

(10) Blamed partially on trade policy, this October 19, 1987 stock market crash saw the Dow Jones lose twenty-two percent of its value.

ANSWER: Black Monday

(10) This conservative judge carried out Nixon's order to fire Archibald Cox during Watergate, and in 1987 the Senate rejected his nomination to the Supreme Court after a series of fierce confirmation hearings.

ANSWER: Robert Bork

(10) He succeeded Robert McFarlane as National Security advisor, and as the supervisor of Oliver North, he was among those charged in the Iran-Contra affair.

ANSWER: John Poindexter

17. Answer these questions about Petrarch, FTPE.

(10) Petrarch's sonnets primarily were addressed to this woman.

ANSWER: Laura

(10) Petrarch wrote an epic poem called Africa, which focused on the exploits of this Roman general.

ANSWER: Scipio Africanus

(10) A canonical example of humanism is Petrarch's passionate account of his ascent of this Provencal mountain.

ANSWER: Mount Ventoux

18. Name these things about tumor-causing viruses, FTSNOP:

(10) Most tumor viruses have this type of gene, which causes a normal cell to become cancerous. The *src* (sark) gene is an example.

ANSWER: oncogene (accept proto-oncogene)

(15) This first tumor virus was discovered more than 80 years ago in chickens, where it causes connective-tissue tumors.

ANSWER: RSV or Rous sarcoma virus

(5) RSV is an example of this type of virus, which use an RNA template to synthesize DNA.

ANSWER: retrovirus

19. Name these characters in One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, FTPE:

(10) This rowdy scoundrel takes the institution by storm, throwing drunken parties with the inmates and getting them to stand up to Nurse Ratched. When he attacks Nurse Ratched, he gets sent to electroshock and becomes a vegetable and a Christ-like martyr.

ANSWER: Randle Patrick McMurphy

(10) Though college-educated and intelligent, he is preoccupied with fear over his effeminate hands and behavior. Dominated by his wife, he is likely a homosexual.

ANSWER: Dale Harding

(10) A stuttering 31 year old mama's boy, he loses his virginity to the prostitute Candy, then kills himself when Nurse Ratched finds out and threatens to tell his mother.

ANSWER: Billy Bibbit (accept either)

20. Name these leaders of Brazil, FTPE:

(10) The final emperor of Brazil, he ruled from 1831 until 1889.

ANSWER: Pedro II

(10) Coming to power in 1930, he ruled some times as dictator and others as elected President. Facing a second deposal by the military, this man committed suicide in 1954.

ANSWER: Getúlio Dornelles Vargas

(10) This leftist defeated Jose Serra in October 2002, and is the current Brazilian President.

ANSWER: Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva