

**TOSSUPS – YOUR GENIAL BLIND ROUND Center of the Known Universe Open 2006 -- UT-Chattanooga**  
**Questions by Charlie Steinhice**

*AUTHOR'S NOTE: In the process of moving this month, your genial quizmaster found a computer disk with practice questions he wrote back in 1993. This round is updated from those questions, although the boni had to be overhauled to 21<sup>st</sup> century standards – there were long 6-parters, variable value bonuses, and way too many 30-20-10's.*

1. Neurologist Donald Lewis reviewed the literature and concluded that this person suffered from distal renal tubular acidosis. It would have made him frail and sickly, but could be treated with an antacid by the top 19th century doctors. Thus it was plausible that the unexpected financial support from his father's employer would indeed provide him a cure. FTP name this fictional child, whose well-being became a major concern for that employer, Ebenezer Scrooge.

Answer: Tiny Tim; accept Tim Cratchit but prompt on Cratchit

2. 5000 years ago the ancient Egyptians venerated the star Thuban in the constellation we call Draco. Thuban will resume its place of distinction around the year A.D. 22,000; Vega will have similar significance around A.D. 14,000. For now, because of the conic path traced by the earth's celestial path, this is the observable star closest to the North Celestial Pole. FTP name this star in Ursa Minor.

Answer: Polaris or Alpha Ursae Minoris; if North Star, ask for more

3. According to a now-discredited tradition, popularized in one of Francois Villon's ballads, he was the lover of the Queen of France and when caught was thrown into the Seine in a sack. Even though he studied under William of Ockham, he held to the conservative wing that rejected much of Ockham's teachings. He wrote on the relationship of will and reason; it was probably in a refutation by another scholar that the famous sophism that bears his name was first used to illustrate that relationship. FTP name this 12th century French scholar, whose ass is still famous today.

Answer: Jean Buridan

4. The 2nd had only half the casualties of the 1<sup>st</sup>, but still cost an astounding 300,000 lives – on each side. Both featured Sir Douglas Haig as the British commander. Both were tactically indecisive but hurt the Germans more, especially the second one, a major offensive designed to break the Allies before American troops arrived. FTP name these battles from June-Nov. 1916 and Mar.-Apr. 1918, named for the nearby river in NW France.

Answer: Battle of the Somme

5. The libretto by Francesco Piave is based on a play by Angel de Saveria Ramirez de Banquedano as well as one scene from Schiller's drama *Wallensteins Lager*. Don Alvaro accidentally kills the Marquis of Calatrava, father of his beloved Leonora. Cursed by her dying father, she seeks refuge in a monastery, while her brother Don Carlo devotes his life to pursuing Don Alvaro for vengeance. Unlike the other principals, Don Alvaro is alive at the end. FTP name this 1862 opera by Giuseppe Verdi.

Answer: La Forza del Destino

6. He was associated with the futurist movement of the 1920's and with the modernist poets Mayakovsky and Esenin. His verse collections included *The Twin in the Clouds* and *My Sister Life*; he also wrote the narrative poems *Spektorsky* and *The Year 1905* and an autobiography ironically titled *Safe Conduct*. FTP name this Russian, who initially accepted, then regretfully rejected, the 1958 Nobel Prize for Literature.

Answer: Boris Pasternak

7. Most historians believe he died in exile in Yucatan around 1826. He'd burned Campeach, the town he ruled on Galveston Island, and fled a punitive U.S. naval expedition. He'd moved to Galveston Island after the destruction of his prior base on Grande Terre Island in Baratavia Bay. Ironically, that base was destroyed by his American allies during the New Orleans campaign. FTP name this smuggler, pirate, & folk hero of the War of 1812.

Answer: Jean Lafitte

8. Much of his most important research paralleled unfinished work by John Michell and unpublished papers by Henry Cavendish. In the 1770's he invented a torsion balance for use in his electrical studies. In a 1787 paper he posed that the force between two charged particles varies directly with the product of the two charges, and inversely with the square of the distance between them. FTP name this physicist, namesake of the SI unit of electric charge.

Answer: Charles **Coulomb**

9. It's where you'd find Scotty's Castle. Also Mahogany Flat, Ubehebe Crater, Funeral Peak, Aguerreberry Point, Dante's View, Stovepipe Wells, and the Devil's Golf Course. It sits between the Panamint Range and the Amargosa Range in east central California. FTP name this National Monument, site of the lowest point in the U.S.

Answer: **Death Valley**

10. They survive today as the Church of the East, which celebrates the sign of the cross and the holy leaven as two of the sacraments and uses a liturgy in Aramaic which they say was written by St. Thaddeus. They shifted their missionary efforts to Persia, India, and even China after they were condemned in A.D. 431 at the 3rd Council at Ephesus. FTP name this 5th century Christian tradition, named for the patriarch of Constantinople who maintained that God's divine nature dwelt in, but was separable from, Christ's earthly form.

Answer: **Nestorians**

11. Among his last great works were several portraits of the insane, including *The Madwoman*. This onetime pupil of Antoine Vernet and Pierre Guerin died at 32 of complications from a riding accident, ironic given his penchant for painting horses fighting against their human handlers. His equestrian-themed works include *Epsom Downs Derby* and *The Race of the Riderless Horses*. FTP name this short-lived French painter of *The Raft of the Medusa*.

Answer: (Jean Louis Andre) Theodore **Gericault** [pronounced Jericho, but accept plausible attempts]

12. A cavalry officer in the 13th Hussars, he first gained fame as the defender of Mafeking in the Boer War. This by itself wasn't enough to earn him the peerage he was granted in 1929, nor did it explain why Cecil B. DeMille just before his own death was preparing to film this man's life story. But it gave this Briton, dubbed by biographer Tim Jeal "the Boy-Man," credibility to back his work with youth. FTP name the author of *Scouting for Boys*, the founder of the Boy Scouts.

Answer: Robert **Baden-Powell**

13. The case *Special Counsel v. Davis and Sims*, still pending in the courts, may become a test of its applicability to usage of government e-mail. Its namesake, a Senator from New Mexico, sponsored it in response to ethical violations by members of his own party. Despite the popular name, it actually consists of 2 separate statutes; the second, passed in 1940, extended the provisions of the first to positions in state employment with Federal financing. FTP give the popular name for these Federal statutes restricting the political activities of virtually all Federal employees.

Answer: **Hatch Act**

14. He directed his own films *Things Change* (co-written with Shel Silverstein) and *House of Games*. He wrote the screenplay for the remake of *The Postman Always Rings Twice* and the one-act plays *A Life in the Theater*, *Duck Variations*, and *Sexual Perversity in Chicago*. FTP name the playwright who wrote *American Buffalo*, *Speed-the-Plow*, and *Glengarry Glen Ross*.

Answer: David **Mamet**

15. Portuguese physician Egas Moniz shared the 1949 Nobel in Physiology and Medicine for his research using a technique he first tested on humans in 1935. It has since been discredited; in fact, one of Moniz' own patients went berserk and shot the doctor. Still, thousands of patients, especially emotionally battered World War II veterans, were rendered docile by Moniz' methods. FTP name this surgical procedure in which the frontal lobes are disconnected from the brain.

Answer: **lobotomy**

16. Along with producer Samuel D. Pollard, he got an Oscar nomination for his 1997 documentary on the Birmingham church bombings, *Four Little Girls*. After such amateur efforts as *Last Hustle to Brooklyn*, he earned artistic recognition for a graduation project titled *Joe's Bed-Stuy Barbershop: We Cut Heads*. His given name is Shelton, and he once told Mickey Rourke to shave and take a shower. FTP name the director of *School Daze*, *Jungle Fever*, and *Malcolm X*, whose only other Oscar nomination to date was for Original Screenplay for *Do the Right Thing*.

Answer: Spike Lee

17. If you treat barium peroxide (BaO<sub>2</sub>) with sulfuric acid (H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), you get the insoluble barium sulfate (BaSO<sub>4</sub>) plus this compound, discovered in 1818 by L.J. Thenard. You can also obtain it (with acetone) by oxidation of isopropanol. It contains 94.1% oxygen, a larger proportion than any other impure compound. Concentrated forms were used during World War II as a fuel, while dilute forms are widely used today as disinfectants and bleaching agents. FTP name this compound.

Answer: hydrogen peroxide; accept H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

18. Unlike most compromise candidates, he proved a very able leader. As first cousin of the head of the house of Welf, he was an acceptable choice to those key rivals of his house, the Hohenstaufens. Rather than reasserting power in the semi-independent duchies still nominally ruled by his line, he carefully gave each roughly the same power to offset each other and instead expanded his own rule into Burgundy and Italy. His rule ended with his last bath, in the Calycadnus River in 1190. FTP name this Holy Roman Emperor.

Answer: Frederick Barbarossa or Frederick I

19. He drew much of his personal philosophy and his literary technique from his godfather, Gustave Flaubert. Before he went mad, he wrote travel sketches and plays, and had some success with his novels such as *A Woman's Life*, *Bel-Ami*, and *Pierre and Jean*. But he is better remembered for about 250 short stories, including "The Umbrella," "The Piece of String," and "Ball of Fat." FTP name this French author of "The Necklace."

Answer: Guy de Maupassant

20. Its creation and marketing was the subject of Rosemarie Bria's 1991 doctoral dissertation. Peter Cooper, the locomotive designer, invented and patented the process in 1845, but it was over 50 years before Pearl B. Waite started marketing a commercially viable version named by his wife. A neighbor, Orator F. Woodward, bought the Waites out and formed the Genesee Pure Food Co. For its centennial in 1997, current owner Kraft General Foods opened a museum honoring it in Leroy, N.Y. Its 92% brand name recognition may be the highest in the U.S., and over 60% of U.S. households will sometimes watch it wiggle and see it jiggle. FTP name this popular dessert mix.

Answer: Jell-o

*AUTHOR'S EDITORIAL COMMENT: Back when these questions were written, the consensus on the circuit was that Charlie's questions were too long and too hard. My, how times have changed.*

21. Count Folke Bernadotte is assassinated. Alan Paton publishes *Cry, the Beloved Country*. The 200-inch reflecting telescope is dedicated at Mt. Palomar. Babe Ruth and Orville Wright die. Cleveland wins the World Series... really, no joke. Congress passes the Marshall Plan. Gandhi is assassinated. And Harry Truman upsets Tom Dewey. FTP name the year.

Answer: 1948

22. In 47 B.C., Julius Caesar led 3 legions and whipped Pharnaces, king of the Bosphorus, in only 5 days. The brief campaign culminated with the bloody battle of Zela. Plautus said Caesar related this to his friend Amantius; Merivale said he announced it to the Roman Senate. Either way, his description of the battle was ever briefer than the campaign. FTP give Caesar's famed 3-word Latin statement.

Answer: "Veni, vidi, vici"; accept "I came, I saw, I conquered" before "3-word"

23. Some of the roughly 150 women who survived built a new village by the same name near the original site. The other 50 women and nearly all the children died in concentration camps. The 180 men had all been shot and the village itself demolished as retaliation for the assassination of high-ranking Nazi Reinhard Heydrich. FTP name this Czech town, which became an international symbol for the brutality of the Nazis before the world knew of the Holocaust.

Answer: Lidice

**BONI – YOUR GENIAL BLIND ROUND**      **Center of the Known Universe Open 2006 -- UT-Chattanooga**  
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1. Okay, just ONE six-part bonus. Back in the day, we wrote more interdisciplinary questions that don't really have a niche in today's packet distribution guidelines. In homage to a classic Robert Trent bonus, give the taxonomic order of these mammals:

(a) Moby Dick

Answer:      Cetacea

(d) Rikki-Tikki-Tavi

Answer:      Carnivora

(b) Bambi

Answer:      Artiodactyla

(e) Bigwig & General Woundwort

Answer:      Lagomorpha

(c) Rociante

Answer:      Perissodactyla

(f) Reepicheep

Answer:      Rodentia

2. Name this historical figure, 30-20-10:

(30) His father was district attorney of Los Angeles County; his maternal grandfather was mayor of L.A. An outstanding polo player, he placed 5th in the 1912 Olympics in the military pentathlon.

(20) While an aide to Pershing, he killed 3 of Pancho Villa's bodyguards in a tough gunfight and led a motorized patrol believed to be the first combat use of an auto by the U.S. Army.

(10) After the defeat at Kasserine in 1943 he took command of the U.S. 1st Corps in Tunisia and later led the 7th Army in the invasion of Sicily. In his last dramatic command, he led the 3rd Army's rapid advance which beat the German counteroffensive in the Battle of the Bulge.

Answer:      George S. Patton, Jr.

3. Here's how old Charlie is: When he first started following the Academy Awards, only one film had ever won the Oscars for both Best Actor and Best Actress. Now there are seven, although only 3 of them also won Best Picture. For 5 pts. each, name any six of the seven films to cop both top acting awards.

Answer:      any six of It Happened One Night, One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, Network, Coming Home, On Golden Pond, The Silence of the Lambs, and As Good As It Gets

4. The following compounds have common household uses and thus widely known by a layman's name. FTPE give the better-known name. For example, if I said  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ , sodium bicarbonate, you'd say baking soda.

(a)  $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$  -- magnesium hydroxide

Answer:      milk of magnesia

(b)  $(\text{CaSO}_4)_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  -- calcium sulfate

Answer:      plaster of Paris

(c)  $\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$  -- magnesium sulfate

Answer:      Epsom salts

5. When this was written it qualified as "The Newly Dead Game." FTPE name these literary casualties of 1993:

(a) This Chinese-born American wrote the nonfiction classic *Hiroshima* and won a Pulitzer in 1945 for the novel *A Bell for Adano*.

Answer:      John Hersey

(b) Such novels as *The Box Man* and *Woman in the Dunes* earned this Japanese author frequent comparisons with Kafka.

Answer:      Kobo Abe

(c) His later novels, such as *Rite of Passage*, *The Spire*, and *Fire Down Below*, were generally well received but never matched the critical or financial success of his first, *Lord of the Flies*.

Answer:      William Golding

6. From 987, when Hugh Capet took the throne, to the death of Charles IV in 1328, the senior branch of the Capetian family produced 14 Kings of France. FTPE which Capetian king:

(a) Was canonized?

Answer: Louis IX; naturally, "St. Louis" ain't enough

(b) Took the cross for the 3rd Crusade?

Answer: Philip II or Philip Augustus

(c) Moved the papacy to Avignon and presided over the destruction of the Knights Templars?

Answer: Philip IV or Philip the Fair

7. It's a good thing Heracles completed his twelve labors before passage of the Endangered Species Act. FTPE:

(a) He enlisted his friend Iolaus to burn the stumps on this before any new heads could grow back.

Answer: Hydra

(b) After killing this beast, Heracles wore his skin.

Answer: the Nemean Lion

(c) He used a bronze rattle to flush these out one by one, then shot 'em with a bow and arrow.

Answer: the Stymphalian Birds

8. FTPE, name the Nobel winner in chemistry from the year and the substance mentioned in the citation:

(a) 1958, insulin

Answer: Frederick Sanger

(b) 1960, carbon-14

Answer: Willard Libby

(c) 1934, "heavy hydrogen" [AKA deuterium]

Answer: Harold Urey

9. Given a list of characters, name the Thomas Hardy novel FTPE:

(a) Donald Farfrae, Michael Henchard

Answer: The Mayor of Casterbridge

(b) Clym Yeobright, Damon Wildeve, Diggory Venn, & Eustacia Vye

Answer: The Return of the Native

(c) Sue Bridehead, Arabella Donn, Richard Phillotson, & Drusilla Fawley

Answer: Jude the Obscure

10. FTPE, give the popular nickname of these symphonies:

(a) Mahler's 2nd in C minor

Answer: Resurrection

(b) Mozart's 41st in C major

Answer: Jupiter

(c) Haydn's 45th in F-sharp major, which concludes with two solo violins

Answer: Farewell

11. 5-10-20-30, given the definition, give the genetics term:

(a) A fertilized ovum; the cellular product of the union of gametes

Answer: zygote

(b) Total appearance of an organism, determined by interaction during development between its genetic constituents

Answer: phenotype

(c) A pair of genes, located at the same sites on paired chromosomes, that determine specific characteristics

Answer: allele

(d) In modern usage, a bud formed on a sponge that may break free and form a new individual. In early genetic theory it was a tiny particle thought to contain miniature copies of all parts of the body, from which they would all develop.

Answer: gemmule

12. FTPE, name these Army buddies who all served together in the same unit of the Signal Corps in World War II:
- (a) The creator of the cartoon "Archie".  
Answer: Bob Montana
- (b) Perhaps the least likely cartoonist to team up with Montana, he earned fame for his macabre New Yorker cartoons featuring, among others, Gomez and Morticia.  
Answer: Charles Addams
- (c) In his mid-'30's, in a mid-life crisis, the already-famous William Saroyan unexpectedly enlisted as a private. Perhaps because of their common Armenian heritage, this future record producer and creator of the Chipmunks shows up in some of Saroyan's snapshots from the war. We'll accept either his real name or stage name.  
Answer: Ross Bagdasarian or David Seville
13. If Hillary Clinton becomes President, what will Bill's new title be? 5-10-20-30, name the only U.S. President who...
- (a) Was later appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court  
Answer: William Howard Taft
- (b) Was later elected to the U.S. Senate  
Answer: Andrew Johnson
- (c) Was later elected to the U.S. House of Representatives  
Answer: John Quincy Adams
- (d) Was later elected to the *Confederate* House of Representatives  
Answer: John Tyler [who died before he could take his seat]
14. Given a work used to illustrate the article on painting in the *World Book Encyclopedia*, name the Italian Renaissance painter FTPE:
- (a) The Battle of San Romano  
Answer: Paolo Uccello
- (b) Madonna of the Goldfinch  
Answer: Raphael
- (c) The Tribute Money  
Answer: Massacio
15. Given a list of characters, FTPE name the novel by Toni Morrison:
- (a) Sethe, Denver, & Baby Suggs  
Answer: Beloved
- (b) Claudia McTeer & Pecola Breedlove  
Answer: The Bluest Eye
- (c) Macon Dead III (AKA "Milkman") & Guitar Baines  
Answer: Song of Solomon
16. I deleted one part with Zaire as the answer. Given some 20th century leaders, name the African nation FTPE:
- (a) Menelik II, Haile Selassie, Mengistu Haile Mariam  
Answer: Ethiopia
- (b) William R. Tolbert, Samuel K. Doe, William V.S. Tubman, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf  
Answer: Liberia
- (c) David Dacko, Jean-Bedel Bokassa, Andre Kolinga  
Answer: Central African Republic
17. Name the Continental authors of the following plays FTPE:
- (a) *The Misanthrope* and *The Imaginary Invalid*  
Answer: Jean Baptiste Poquelin de Moliere
- (b) *The Man Damned by Jealousy*, *The Love Rogue*, and *The Seducer of Seville*, which introduced the character Don Juan  
Answer: Tirso de Molina [or Gabriel Tellez]
- (c) *Hernani* and *Le roi s'amuse*, the latter being the source for Verdi's opera *Rigoletto*  
Answer: Victor Hugo

18. **NAME THAT -ISM!** Your category is physics. 10 pts. per answer.

(a) The phenomena of a class of substances, including copper and bismuth, which, when magnetized and freely suspended, take a position at right angles to the magnetic meridian.

Answer: **diamagnetism**

(b) Property of a material whose magnetic permeability is greater than unity. Its origin lies in unbalanced electron spins.

Answer: **paramagnetism**

(c) A refractive defect of a lens that presents focusing of sharp, distinct images.

Answer: **astigmatism**

19. Name this American, 30-20-10:

(a) He served as a Senator from CT from 1925 to 1933, but he didn't run again after his censure for letting a paid lobbyist draft legislation for him. From 1950 to 1953, as head of the Civil Service Commission's Loyalty Review Board, he zealously ferreted out suspected Commie sympathizers.

(b) In 1905 he traced the route of Simon Bolivar from Caracas to Bogota, and in 1908-1909 he followed the old Spanish trade route from Buenos Aires to Lima. His next expedition, in 1911, set out to climb Mt. Coropuna.

(c) A secondary goal of that 1911 expedition was to seek the legendary city of Vilcalamba. The climb of Mt. Coropuna was a bit anticlimactic once he found the ruins of Machu Picchu.

Answer: Hiram **Bingham**

20. Get these right and you earn a gold star -- one with six points. For 10 points each (not six), name the following:

(a) This 20th century theologian wrote *I and Thou*.

Answer: Martin **Buber**

(b) An early Zionist immigrant to Palestine, he was a leading scholarly authority in the field of Jewish mysticism and the Kabbalah. His works, logically enough, include *Major Trends in Jewish Mysticism* and *The Kabbalah*.

Answer: Gershon **Scholem**

(c) Both Buber and Scholem are mentioned in "Galilee Shore," a poem by this author of *Empty Mirror* and *Kaddish and Other Poems*.

Answer: Allen **Ginsberg**

21. FTPE name the Tennyson poems from whence come these quotes:

(a) "For men may come and men may go, but I go on forever"

Answer: The **Brook**

(b) "Twilight and evening bell, and after that the dark! And may there be no sadness of farewell, when I embark"

Answer: **Crossing the Bar**

(c) "He clasps to the crag with crooked hands"

Answer: The **Eagle**

22. FTPE name the authors of the following:

(a) Language, Thought, & Reality

Answer: Benjamin **Whorf**

(b) Language and Mind

Answer: Noam **Chomsky**

(c) The Silent Language

Answer: Edward **Hall**