

Delaware Winter Invitational, 2010
East Asia-themed packet by Rob Poirier
Tossups

1) **A member of the Asteraceae family, this plant has been shown to be useful in treating influenza and HIV-1. Along with the plum blossom, bamboo, and the orchid, this plant is one of the "Four Gentlemen" of Chinese arts. Ronald Reagan, Haile Selassie, and Nobusuke Kishi are all recipients of the Supreme Order of this flower, the highest award in Japan. The imperial flower of Japan, this is for ten points what plant which when paired with "the sword" describes a work by Ruth Benedict?**

ANSWER: Chrysanthemum (prompt on "mums")

2) **Chapters 36 through 43 in this novel discuss the exile and eventual rescue of the main character, who is based on an actual person active in the Huai River in the 12th Century. Other characters include the main antagonist Gao Qiu, a street urchin who rises to Prime Minister, and Hua Rong, an expert archer. After the emperor's forces are repelled at Liangshan Marsh, the namesake group becomes a military unit, defeating the Liao dynasty. Based on the bandit Song Jiang and his 36 companions, this is for ten points what classic novel of Chinese literature?**

ANSWER: Water Margin (accept Outlaws of the Marsh, All Men Are Brothers, or The Marshes of Mount Liang)

3) **The "tele" version of this device uses a feedback circuit to keep a mass steady, and the amount of force required can be used to measure location and strength. John Milne, Thomas Gray, and James Ewing created the first modern one of these devices while in Japan, and Zhang Heng built one during the Han dynasty. The design consisted of eight dragons holding brass marbles in their mouths. The dragon that dropped the ball would indicate the direction of the epicenter. For ten points, name these instruments used to detect seismic waves and earthquakes.**

ANSWER: Seismometer (Accept Seismoscope or Seismograph)

4) **This city became prominent under Gojoseon rule and in 427 AD it became the capital of the Goguryeo kingdom. Landmarks include the Arch of Triumph, the Mumsusan Memorial Palace, Juche Tower, and the unfinished Ryugyong Hotel. Sunan International Airport is located in this city, with regular flights from Moscow and Beijing. This city was captured in 1950, making it the only Communist capital city ever to fall in battle. Mangyongdae Hill and the Kim Il Sung Stadium can be found in, for ten points, what capital city of North Korea?**

ANSWER: Pyongyang

5) **She studied Economics at Harvard and International Relations at Oxford and served as a translator for Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Her grandfather was chairman of the company that caused the Minamata disease, which led to controversy during her courtship. She met her future husband at the University of Tokyo and they were wed in 1993, producing a daughter, Aiko, in 2001. Her failing health and retreat from the public eye is likely due to the pressures to produce a male heir. For ten points, name this wife of Crown Prince Naruhito, the Crown Princess of Japan.**

ANSWER: Crown Princess Masako

6) **In this people's creation myth, Kamui created the world on the back of a giant trout and land was created by a wagtail. These stories, the Yukar, were recounted in oral tradition, since this people's language has no native written form. Their language, now almost extinct, is a language isolate, though attempts have been made to tie it to Korean or a paleo-Siberian language. Unlike the Yamato, males grow full beards, women are heavily tattooed, and they have rounder eyes than their Japanese neighbors. Once believed to be of Caucasiuan background, this is for ten points what native people of Sakhalin, the Kuril islands, and Hokkaido.**

ANSWER: Ainu (accept Ezo)

7) **Type B treatment of this material leads to improved transparency while Type C helps dye it. Typically divided into nephrite and another form, common impostors of this material include aventurine quartz, grossularite, and serpentine. Ranging between 5.5 and 7.0 on the Mohs hardness scale, Burma and Guatemala are the primary sources of this material. Neolithic sources of it included Liaoning and the Yangtze river delta, and it has been considered the "imperial gem" since the Shang dynasty. For ten points, name this green gemstone important in Maori, Mesoamerican, and Chinese cultures.**

ANSWER: Jade (accept Nephrite before mentioned)

8) **This book opens by noting that only when one is free from desire can one understand the mystery. Ideas in this 81 paragraph book include taiji, sometimes translated as the "great ultimate", and weiwuwei or "acting without action." Legend says that the author of this work was the librarian of the Imperial Palace who abandoned urban culture to seek a more simple life. The central work of Taoism and Chinese Buddhism, this is for ten points what work of Chinese philosophy, written by Laozi?**

ANSWER: Dao De Jing (Accept Tao Te Ching)

9) **The earliest culture in this region was the Xinglongwa. The homeland of the Xianbei and Khitan people, during the 12th and 13th centuries the Liao and Jin dynasties ruled from this area and opposed the Song dynasty. The warlord Zhang Zuolin led this region from 1916 to 1928 until he was assassinated by the Japanese, who planted a bomb under his train. His death allowed the Japanese to invade in 1931 and to establish the puppet government under the last Qing emperor, Puyi. For ten points, name this strategically important north-east region of China.**

ANSWER: Manchuria

10) **An emergency appendectomy prevented him from boarding the *Kashmir Princess*, which was blown up in a CIA-backed assassination attempt. He represented his country at the Bandung Conference, and at the Geneva Conference, John Foster Dulles supposedly ignored his out-stretched hand. He introduced the Four Modernizations in 1975 at one of his last public appearances, and it was his successor, Deng Xiaoping, who was responsible for carrying them out. Name, for ten points, this First Premier of the People's Republic of China.**

ANSWER: Zhou Enlai

11) **They were first brought to Japan by emissaries from China though their current form was established in the Edo period. The Emperor Meiji outlawed their use by**

police, teachers, and railroad men, and a fire at a Shirokiya store in Nihombashi in 1932 is believed to have caused a decline in their use. All parts, including the ushiromigoro, okumi, and furi are made from a *tan* which measures 14 inches by 12 1/2 yards. The geta is the footwear traditionally worn with this though zori are more casual and resemble flip-flops. Literally meaning "thing to wear", for ten points, name this traditional clothing of Japan, typically worn by Geishas.

ANSWER: Kimono

12) The earliest evidence of this device comes from the *Book of The Devil Valley Master* where it was said to be useful to Jade hunters. In *The Dream Pool Essays* the Song scientist Shen Kuo described geomancers making one of these using silk, wax, and a bit of metal. In China, this device was used primarily for Feng Shui, and the earliest account of European sailors using them dates to 1190. The Qibla version is useful for Muslims as it helps determine the direction of Mecca. Useful for orienting a map, this is for ten points what device used to determine which direction is North?

ANSWER: Compass

13) The first were created by the Ming author Lai Zhide. It has appeared Roman and Celtic shields dating back to the 4th century AD, predating its modern version. It is said to represent the supreme ultimate and the original design consisted of two concentric circles with a line through the middle. A horizontal version without the two smaller circles and with blue and red replacing the two colors is seen on the Korean flag. The largest circle is seen as representing a whole, while the two main bodies represent the masculine and the feminine. For ten points, name this daoist symbol consisting a circle and two black and white shapes in an S pattern.

ANSWER: Taijitu (Accept Yin-Yang)

14) Known as the Hinomaru, it was first made official by Proclamation No. 57 in 1870. During times of war it is traditional for a soldier's loved ones to sign it and give it to him as a good luck charm. Initially proportioned at 7:10 ["seven to ten"] it was changed to 2:3 ["two to three"] in 1999. The original version used by the military included 16 rays, though the modern military variant consists of only eight rays. Officially the circle makes up three-fifths of the hoist length and the shade of red is not codified. Consisting of a red circle on a white field, this is for ten points, the flag of an East Asian island nation?

ANSWER: National Flag of Japan (accept equivalents)

15) Built in 1651, it was enlarged to over four times its original size in 1958. During the Second Opium war English soldiers considered burning this locale, but instead burned the Old Summer Palace. The Great Ming Gate once stood in the center of this place while modern locations within it include the Monument to the People's Heroes and the National Museum of China. Mao Zaedong used this location in 1949 to announce the creation of the People's Republic of China. The venue for a 1989 protest where an unknown rebel stood in front of a column of tanks, this is for ten points what Beijing locale?

ANSWER: Tiananmen Square

16) They were believed to be the reincarnations of a princess who was drowned by her family after refusing to marry. It was one of the animals that Mark Carwardine and Douglas Adams visited in *Last Chance to See*. A 1991-96 study of the Xinchang-Wuhan

area estimated less than 100 of the animals existed and ten years later none could be found. The first water mammal to go extinct since the 1950s, for ten points, name this fresh water cetacean formerly found in China's longest river.

ANSWER: **Baiji** (accept **Yangtze River Dolphin**)

17) **His son's brain damage has inspired works of his such as *The Waters are Come in unto My Soul* and *M/T and the Narrative About the Marvels of the Forest*. In 2005 he was sued for libel due to his work *Okinawa Notes* and the lawsuit kept him from writing for two years. His first novel, *Nip the Buds, Shoot the Kids* described five children abandoned in post-war Japan while *The Silent Cry* tells the story of Takashi and his older brother Mitsusaburo. For ten points, name this Nobel prize winning Japanese author of *Farewell, My Books!*, *The Time that I was Really Young*, and *How do we Kill the Tree?***

ANSWER: Kenzaburo **Oe**

18) **Arthur Bonifas and Mark Barrett were murdered with axes in this region in 1976 while trying to prune a tree. This region serves as a nature refuge for the endangered Amur leopard, red-crowned crane, and Asiatic black bear. The village of Kijong-dong in this region contains the world's largest flag pole and is believed to be an uninhabited. Tourists visiting this region can tour the third tunnel built under this area. Containing the Bridge of No Return, this is for ten points what heavily guarded border area between North and South Korea?**

ANSWER: Korean **Demilitarized Zone** (accept **DMZ**)

19) **His plays *The Primitive* and *The Other Shore* criticize the government and other works he wrote while at the Beijing People's Art Theatre include the absurdest dramas *Bus Stop* and *Signal Alarm*. Due to a reference to the Tiananmen Square incident in *Fugitives* his works are banned from being performed in China. His most famous work uses primarily pronouns and focuses on the protagonist's search for Lingshan. Inspired by his own 10 month travel from Sichuan province to the coast, this is for ten points, what Chinese author of *Soul Mountain*?**

ANSWER: **Gao** Xingjian

20) **It was fought near the mountains of Sasao, Matsuo, and Nangu and the fog on the morning of October 21st delayed the battle. During the battle the victor ordered gunners to fire blanks on the nephew of Toyotomi Hideyoshi. This action inspired Kobayakawa Hideaki to lead 15,000 troops against the western army. This betrayal led other samurai to defect and turn the tide of battle against Ishida Mitsunari. Fought in 1600 between the Western and Eastern armies, this is for ten points what Tokugawa Ieyasu battle that led to the founding of his namesake shogunate?**

ANSWER: Battle of **Sekigahara**

21) **Liancourt Rocks, the Oki islands, and Ulleung island are located in this body of water, which is bounded by the straits of Tartary, Le Perouse, Kanmon, Tsugaru, Korea, and Tshushima. This body of water has almost no tides, because it is nearly landlocked. Both North and South Korea have appealed to the United Nations to help rename this body of water, which they refer to as the East Sea. Bounded by the Korean Peninsula and Russia, this is for ten points what body of water north of Japan?**

ANSWER: Sea of Japan

22) **He founded the Department of Electrical Engineering at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. While at Standard Telecommunication Laboratories he worked with George Hockman and determined that** glass fibers were superior to contemporary mediums. He got the attention of Bell Laboratories when in 1968, along with M. W. Jones he determined that bulk-fused silica had an intrinsic loss of only 4 decibels per kilometer. Winner of the 2009 Nobel Prize in Physics this is for ten points what "Father of Fiber Optic Communications?"

ANSWER: Charles K (C.K.) Kao

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Bonuses

1) His most recent work, 2009's *IQ84*, has not yet been translated into English but his other works, like *Norwegian Wood*, have. For ten points each

[10] Name this Japanese author of *Hear the Wind Sing*.

ANSWER: Haruki **Murakami**

[10] This Murakami work, the third of the *Trilogy of the Rat*, tells the story of an unnamed protagonist and his encounters with a mysterious man who dresses as one of the namesake animals.

ANSWER: A **Wild Sheep Chase**

[10] Characters in this 1997 Murakami work include the passive Toru Okada, his cat Mackerel, and the school-girl May Kasahara.

ANSWER: The **Wind-Up Bird Chronicle**

2) Name these important cities on the Silk Road for ten points each.

[10] This city, famous for the terracotta soldiers, served as the Eastern terminus of the Silk Road

ANSWER: **Xian** (accept **Chang-an**)

[10] After the northern route splitted to pass the Takalman desert, the route reconnected in this city.

ANSWER: **Kashgar** (accept **Kashi**)

[10] Marco Polo described this city on the silk road as "very large and splendid." It is currently the second largest city in Uzbekistan.

ANSWER: **Samarkand**

3) In 2006 the Chinese Government added a 5% tax to these items to discourage their waste. For ten points each

[10] Name these Asian eating utensils.

ANSWER: **Chopsticks**

[10] The chahn and hoak are two utensils commonly used to cook with this large round-bottomed Chinese cooking dish.

ANSWER: **Wok**

[10] Mapo doufu and fuqi feipian are two dishes from this style of Chinese cooking known for its use of peppercorns, garlic, and chili peppers.

ANSWER: **Szechuan** cuisine

4) Answer these questions about the Chinese language for ten points each

[10] The earliest examples of Chinese language come from these, used for divination during the Shang dynasty.

ANSWER: **Oracle Bones**

[10] Consisting of eight main dialects, this form of Chinese is the most commonly spoken.

ANSWER: **Mandarin** Chinese

[10] Meaning "spelling sound" in Mandarin, this romanization system for Chinese was created in the 1950s.

ANSWER: Hanyu **Pinyin**

5) Its name consists of three kanji meaning sing, dance, and skill. For ten points each
[10] Name this style of heavily stylized Japanese theater that includes such plays as *Sugawara and the Secrets of Calligraphy* and *Treasury of Loyal Retainers*.

ANSWER: **Kabuki**

[10] This form of Chinese musical theatre, known as *jingju*, traditionally has four main roles, the sheng, dan, jing, and chou.

ANSWER: **Peking Opera** (Accept **Beijing Opera**)

[10] In this form of Japanese theatre, known for its elaborate masks, actors practice independently to keep any one actor from dominating the stage.

ANSWER: **Noh** (Accept **Nogaku**)

6) For ten points each, name these Chinese dynasties from their accomplishments.

[10] The creation of the Imperial Exams, the creation of the Equal-field system, and the construction of the Grand Canal.

ANSWER: **Sui** Dynasty

[10] The abolition of the Imperial Exams, the abolition of foot-binding, and expanding Chinese borders to their largest extent.

ANSWER: **Qing** Dynasty (accept the **Manchu** dynasty)

[10] The poetry of Li Bai, the painting of Zhou Fang, and the adoption of the chair.

ANSWER: **Tang** Dynasty

7) Name these sects Mahayana Buddhism, for ten points each.

[10] This sect maintains that the chanting of the Amitabha Buddha's name will result in being reborn in his presence and thus able to maintain nirvana.

ANSWER: **Pure Land** Buddhism

[10] Founded in the Shaolin temple by Bodhidharma, this sect rejects external knowledge and focuses on internal meditation and "turning the eye inward."

ANSWER: **Zen** Buddhism

[10] Based on Tendai Buddhism, this sect believes that one can attain personal enlightenment in this world through recitation of the Lotus Sutra and *Nam-Myōhō-Renge-Kyō*.

ANSWER: **Nichiren** Buddhism

8) The third is "Rainstorm Beneath the Summit," the thirteenth is "Sazai hall," and the sixteenth is "Watermill at Onden." For ten points each

[10] What is this series of thirty six woodblock prints, the most famous of which is *The Great Wave off Kanagawa*?

ANSWER: **Thirty-six Views of Mount Fuji**

[10] This Japanese artist was the creator of *Thirty-six Views of Mount Fuji*.

ANSWER: Katsushika **Hokusai**

[10] *Thirty-six Views of Mount Fuji* is done in this style, a style of woodblocks and paintings focusing on landscapes and nature.

ANSWER: **Ukiyo-e** (Accept **Ukiyo-e** or Pictures of the **Floating World**)

9) Name these autonomous regions of the People's Republic of China, for ten points each.

[10] With capital at Hohhot, this northern region's official languages include Standard Mandarin and Mongolian.

ANSWER: **Inner Mongolia**

[10] Following riots in July 2009, syringe attacks and unrest resulted in the deaths of five people and the beatings and arrests of Hong Kong journalists in this westernmost autonomous region of China.

ANSWER: **Xinjiang**

[10] With capital at Nanning, this region that borders Vietnam is comprised of 32% Zhuang Chinese.

ANSWER: **Guangxi**

10) His directorial debut was *Red Sorghum*, a film which won him the Golden Bear at the 1988 Berlin International Film Festival. For ten points each

[10] Name this Chinese director of *Curse of the Golden Flower* and *Not One Less*.

ANSWER: **Zhang Yimou**

[10] This *wuxia* film directed by Zhang Yimou, and starring Jet Li and Zhang Ziyi, tells the tale of a nameless assassin who attempts to kill the King of Qin.

ANSWER: **Hero**

[10] Zhang Yimou is known for working with this actress who appeared as Hatsumomo in *Memoirs of a Geisha* and Lady Murasaki Shikibu in *Hannibal Rising*.

ANSWER: **Gong Li**

11) Name these battles in the Russo-Japanese War, for ten points each.

[10] This May 1905 naval battle, fought in the eastern channel of the Korean strait, proved to be the decisive battle of the conflict.

ANSWER: The Battle of **Tsushima** Strait

[10] The last land engagement of the war was this battle, fought in February and March of 1905 near its namesake city, saw general Aleksey Kuropatkin defeated by Field Marshal Oyama Iwao.

ANSWER: The Battle of **Mukden**

[10] The siege of this port by the Japanese began the Russo-Japanese war and lasted seventeen months. The turning point in the siege came when General Nogi Maresuke realized that the key to success was the 203 Meter Hill.

ANSWER: Siege of **Port Arthur**

12) Left unattended they can grow to tree and at 4,900 feet these plants grow slowly but have their best flavor. For ten points

[10] Name this type of plant whose varieties include Green, Black, and Darjeeling.

ANSWER: **Tea** plants

[10] This black tea grows in Fujian in places inaccessible to humans. It was harvested by specially trained primates, from which it gets its name.

ANSWER: **Golden Monkey** tea

[10] The three Japanese "head houses" of tea originate from this man, who also established the wabi-cha.

ANSWER: **Sen no Rikyu** (Accept: **Sen Rikyu**)

13) Consisting of 54 chapters, it is often considered the world first novel. For ten points each

[10] Name this work by Murasaki Shikibu.

ANSWER: *The **Tale of Genji***

[10] This work, written by Sei Shonagon, includes poetry, events in court, and proper etiquette during one-night stands.

ANSWER: *The **Pillow Book***

[10] *The Tale of Genji* and *Pillow Book* were both written during this culturally significant period of Japanese history.

ANSWER: **Heian** Period

14) The earliest example dates back to the Tang Dynasty when Empress Wu Zeitan sent two to Japan but more recent examples include the gifting of Ling-Ling and Hsing-Hsing to the United States. For ten points each name

[10] This type of diplomacy, named for a rare Chinese mammal.

ANSWER: **Panda** Diplomacy

[10] As a result of the sending of Ling-Ling and Hsing Hsing, Nixon sent two of these arctic mammals to China. These bovids are named after the unique smell that males excrete during mating season.

ANSWER: **Muskox** (prompt on **ox** and **oxen**)

[10] In 2006 this former Deputy Secretary of State had his picture taken with panda cub, making many in China believe the United States was seeking closer political ties. In June 2007 he became the President of the World Bank, a position he has held since

ANSWER: Robert **Zoellick**

15) Name these companies that grew during post-war Japan, for ten points each.

[10] This company was responsible for the Crown, the first Japanese car released in the United States. This company is also responsible for the Tundra pickup and the Yaris.

ANSWER: **Toyota** Motor Corporation

[10] Although this company also produces machinery and architectural products, it is best known as the largest producer of zippers in the world.

ANSWER: **YKK** Group

[10] Celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2009, this company, responsible for the finepix line of cameras, is the world's largest photographic and imaging company.

ANSWER: **Fujifilm** Holdings Corporation

16) It was originally proposed by Sun Yat-Sen in 1919 but construction did not begin until 1994. For ten points each

[10] Name this large hydroelectric powerplant spanning the Yangtze river whose construction ended in 2008.

ANSWER: **Three Gorges Dam**

[10] The dam's construction required 1.2 million people from this province, with capital at Wuhan, to relocate.

ANSWER: **Hubei**

[10] The world's second largest hydroelectric power plant is the Itaipu plant that sits on the border of Brazil and Paraguay, on this river.

ANSWER: **Parana River**

17) After its publication, it was considered one of the Four Great Classical Novels of China, replacing *The Plum in the Golden Vase*. For ten points each

[10] Name this novel originally called *The Story of the Stone*.

ANSWER: ***Dream of the Red Chamber***

[10] Though originally published anonymously, *Dream of the Red Chamber* has been attributed to this Qing author.

ANSWER: **Cao Xueqin**

[10] The main male protagonist of *Dream of the Red Chamber* is heir apparent of the Rongguo line rejects traditional Chinese education and prefers to study *Zhuangzi*. His main love interest is Lin Daiyu, his first cousin.

ANSWER: **Jai Baoyu**

18) Written during the Spring and Autumn period, it is one of the first works of Chinese philosophy. For ten points each

[10] Name this work traditionally ascribed to Confucius.

ANSWER: The **Analects**

[10] One of this first opponents to Confucius was this man whose namesake religion advocates defensive warfare, denounces music, and worships a single deity similar to the Abrahamic God.

ANSWER: **Mozi** (accept **Mohism**, **Mo Di**, or **Mo Tzu**)

[10] This later Confucian compared human goodness to bamboo shoots, claimed that populations should overthrow failing leadership, and denounced the memorization of the classics.

ANSWER: **Mencius** (accept **Mengzi**)

19) Name some things about the work done by Japanese scientists who won a Nobel Prize, for ten points each.

[10] Makoto Kobayashi and Toshihide Maskawa won the 2008 prize for their discovery of the broken symmetry of these elementary particles with flavors.

ANSWER: **Quarks**

[10] In 2008, Osamu Shimomura won the chemistry prize for discovering and developing this protein which glows when exposed to blue light.

ANSWER: **Green fluorescent protein**

[10] Masatoshi Koshihara shared the 2002 physics prize with Raymond Davis for detecting the cosmic variety of these massless particles.

ANSWER: **Neutrinos**

20) In 1405 the Ming Emperor Yongle commissioned him to lead a fleet of 300 Treasure Ships to extend the Chinese maritime presence. For ten points each

[10] Name this Chinese eunuch admiral.

ANSWER: **Zheng He**

[10] This author wrote the work *1421: The Year China Discovered the World* which claims that during his voyages, Zheng He reached areas such as Greenland, North America, and the Falkland Islands.

ANSWER: Gavin **Menzies**

[10] In 1424 this short-lived successor to the Emperor Yongle cancelled Zheng He's voyages.

ANSWER: **Hongxi** Emperor

21) Name some things about Asian writing systems for ten points each

[10] This Japanese writing system is used most often to transliterate foreign words into the Japanese language.

ANSWER: **Katakana**

[10] Consisting of five vowels, 39 consonant-vowel combination, and a single consonant, this syllabary is used to write words for which there is no Kanji or for words that the kanji form is

not known.

ANSWER: **Hiragana**

[10] Both Kanji and this Korean writing system are derived from classical Chinese

ANSWER: **Hanja**

22) Made from a specific kind of steel called Tamahagane, modern creators of these are seen a "living national treasures" in Japan. For ten points each

[10] Name these traditional long swords of the Samurai.

ANSWER: **Katana**

[10] Meaning "side insertion" this short sword formed the "daisho" with the Katana.

ANSWER: **Wakizashi**

[10] The Wakizashi was frequently used to decapitate defeated enemies and to perform this ritual suicide of the Samurai.

ANSWER: **Seppuku** (accept **Harakiri**)