

Basque Tossups,

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1. (239) 4. He was nicknamed "Old Ironpants" after leading his B-17 unit through heavy fire on daylight raids in World War II. At 37 he became the Air Force's youngest general. From China he directed B-29 raids on Japanese munitions factories. In 1948 he organized the Berlin Airlift. He proposed bombing Vietnam back to the Stone Age in the early 1960s, making him ideal as George Wallace's running mate in 1968. FTP Who is this member of the Aviation Hall of Fame?

Answer: Curtis Emerson Lemay

2. (302) 6. Published in 1925, this book is about the complex life of NYC. Including characters Bud Korpenning, Joe Harland, Gus McNeil, Joe O'Keefe, Ellen Thatcher Oglethope, and Congo Jake, FTP what John Dos Passos work traces the careers of a dozen representative citizens?

Answer: Manhattan Transfer

3. (238) 16. He got his biggest idea as a fur trader in Labrador. This inventor developed an infrared heat lamp, a recoilless harpoon gun for hunting whales, and the anhydrous method of removing water from food. FTP What man in 1924 helped to found General Seafoods Co., and five years later he began selling his quick frozen foods?

Answer: Clarence Birdseye

4. (161) 6. "What do we do now Charlie?" Rose Sayer, the sister of a Methodist missionary on the Dark Continent, says to her future husband Charlie Allnut. Written for the movies by James Agee and directed by John Huston, FTP what is this E. M. Forster novel w starring Kate Hepburn and Humphrey Bogart?

Answer: The African Queen

5. (294) 10. His last work "Remarks on Color" was written to see if his pupils would notice if he gave them a series of writings on a trivial subject that were more or less complete nonsense. His pupils didn't notice. FTP Who is this author of Tractatus Logico Philosophicus?

Answer: Ludwig Wittgenstein

6. (224) 18. Born on July 3, 1738 in Boston, he learned to paint and engrave from his stepfather. A loyalist, he went to Italy and England during the colonial disturbances. His works were usually of biblical and historical scenes and include: "The Death of Lord Chatham" and "The Seige of Gibraltar". FTP Who is this first great American painter, whose first work of note was "The Boy with the Squirrel"?

Answer: John Singleton Copley

7. (330) 15. In his middle age, he was visisted by the Angel Gabriel, who called him to be a prophet. He imparted from time to time to his disciples the revelations he received which became part of the holy scriptures. He beleived himself to be a messenger of God, sent ot

confirm the scriptures of the Jews. FTP Who preached the importance of submission to God?

Answer: Mohammad

8. (179) 19. Created by rich Rubber Plantation owners, its most noted feature was that in 1896 it opened a \$5,000,000 opera house that ballerina Anna Pavlova and Milan's Teatro alla Scala appeared at. FTP What is this town located 700 miles up the Amazon?

Answer: Manaus

9. (322) 14. Some of the best were Hartmann von Aue, Wolfram von Eschenbach, and Gottlieb von Strassburg. Flourishing in the period called the Blutezeit c. 1200, they corresponded to the French Troubadours. FTP Who are these German lyric poets whose name means "love singer"?

Answer: Minnesingers

10. (335) 17. Inducted into the German army in 1939, he was wounded on the Russian front, and eventually captured on the Western Front in France. After the war he worked as a carpenter, statistician and novelist, where he wrote "The Train was on Time", "Adam Where Art Thou?", "Billiards at Half-Past Nine", and the clown. FTP Who won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1972?

Answer: Heinrich Boll

11. (330) 8. In his 1678 paper, he said "as the pull, so the stretch." Or as we now say, the elongation of a material is proportional to the load. FTP Who developed this law upon which the modern theories of elasticity are based?

Answer: Robert Hooke

12. (320) 18. Reported in milligrams per liter, it is the amount of oxygen that would be consumed if all of the organisms in one liter of polluted water were oxidized by bacteria and protozoa. FTP What is this term for a measure useful in predicting how quickly a river will regain its oxygen level after a discharge?

Answer: Biochemical (or Biological) Oxygen Demand or BOD

13. (339) 9. This Greek tragedy deals with Creon, King of Thebes, and with one of those who tries to unseat him. Creon forbids the burial of Polyneices, and the sister who tries to bury Polyneices is ordered shut up alive in a vault. FTP what is this play about the conflict of public and private duty written by Sophocles and re-examined by Jean Anouilh?

Answer: Antigone

14. (343) 14. The typical landscape of a limestone region in a humid climate, with decaying vegetation producing acid, the groundwater here can dissolve the limestone. While the drainage system in this landscape is completely underground. FTP name this topography with underground rivers, sinkholes, natural bridges, and large underground caverns?

Answer: Karst Topography

15. (376) 18. In Italian, this expression means in chapel style because in times past, religious music composed for use in organless chapels was for voices only. FTP What is Choral singing performed without instrumentation?

Answer: A Capella

16. (201) 10. Like the word "government", it is derived from the Greek for "Steersman", but unlike "government", it was coined by mathematician Norbert Weiner. FTP what term describes the theoretical study of control processes in biological, electronic, and mechanical systems, and follows from information theory and systems engineering approach.

Answer: Cybernetics

17. (285) 10. The widowed American Adam Verver is in Europe with Daughter Maggie. Maggie tries to find her father a wife. The title object is used to symbolize the relationship between the characters. FTP What is this last Henry James novel published in 1904 that sounds like the prize Academic Buzzer Competitors should really receive?

Answer: The Golden Bowl

18. (372) 17. He published research into the homing habits of sand wasps, the sex life of Grayling butterflies, and the antics of arctic foxes. His studies led him to believe that man's aggressive nature could never be eliminated, but could be redirected. FTP What ethologist, for his work in the "organization and elicitation of individual and social behavior patterns" was corecipient of the 1973 NP in Physiology and Medicine?

Answer: Dr. Nikolas Tinbergen

19. (354) 18. By his speeches called "Phillipics", he warned the people of Athens against Philip of Macedon, who was becoming a threat to their liberty. Later he struggled against the pro-Macedonian Faction in Athens. FTP Who was this Greek orator living until 322 BCE who learned to talk with stones in his mouth?

Answer: Demosthenes

20. (282) 14. The year is the same. Richard Sheridan pens "The School for Scandal", Joseph Priestly publishes "Disquisition Relating to Matter and Spirit", Gainsborough paints "The Watering Place", David Bushnell invents the torpedo, Lavoisier proves that air consists mainly of oxygen and nitrogen, and The British fall at Freeman Farm and Bemis Heights, better known as the Battles of Saratoga. FTP Give the common year.

Answer: 1777

21. (362) 8. They were forced to turn their lands over to the Emperor in 1869, and had been brought under the Shogunates as early as 1603. FTP What is the title of the great feudal lords that controlled most of Japan by the 16th Century?

Answer: Daimyo

22. (287) 13. In 1818 a Congress here allowed France to be a Great Power again. In 1668 a Treaty here ended the war between the Triple Alliance of England Holland and Sweden against France and preserved the independence of the Low Countries. In 1748 another Treaty ended the War of Austrian Succession. What is this French site?

Answer: Aix la Chappelle

23. (301) 15. Her "A Critical Fable" is patterned after a relative's "A Fable for Critics". Her collections include "Sword Blades and Poppy Seeds", "Men Women and Ghosts", "Can Grande's Castle", "Pictures of a Floating World" and "Legends". FTP What imagist wrote "Lilacs" and "Patterns"?

Answer: Amy Lowell

1. BONUS: Fashion is an underrepresented category in academic competition. No, I won't ask you to name the supermodel of the week. Rather, you will need to identify the designer from a brief description (15 ea):

(a) Called the "Dean of Fashion Design", his work was influenced by his Spanish Basque origins. He established his shop Elsa in San Sabastian and later other cities. His work was characterized by a bold sense of color, use of much black, and strong and stiff fabrics.

Answer: Cristobal BALENCIAGA (1895-1972)

(b) Founded by an Italian leatherworker born in 1881, the firm produced saddles, then luggage. The monogram logo and decorative motif of red and green stripes make this firm's designs identifiable

Answer: GUCCI (founded by Guccio Gucci 1881-1953)

2. BONUS Name the African country given the name of its first leader(s), 10 pts each (hint, the nations all have a G as a prominent letter in their name):

(a) Ahmed Sekou Toure

Answer: Guinea

(b) Amilcar Cabral

Answer: Guinea-Bissau

(c) Dr. Kwame Nkrumah

Answer: Ghana

3. BONUS Identify these Latin American writers from a list of their works: (10 points each), (a writer may be used more than once)

(a) Martin Fierro

Answer: Jose Hernandez

(b) Verses Unadorned and Verses Free

Answer: Jose Marti

(c) Love in the Time of Cholera  
Marquez

Answer: Gabriel Garcia

4. BONUS In ye olde England, money was not as it is. Answer these questions (10 ea.):

(a) How many shillings in guinea

Answer: 21

(b) What fraction of penny was a farthing

Answer: 1/4

(c) What fraction of a farthing was a mite

Answer: 1/2

5. BONUS Identify these kinds of energy from a brief description (ten each):

(a) Energy transferred from one system to another because of temperature differential

Answer: Heat Energy

(b) Energy stored by changing the state of a system

Answer: Potential Energy

(c) Energy such as light and infrared rays that warm the earth

Answer: Electromagnetic Energy

6. BONUS As Mikhail Gorbachev proved, the days of the empire are ending. For ten points each, who was the last:

(a) Vietnamese Emperor Answer: Bao Dai

(b) Emperor of China Answer: P'u Yi

(c) King of Rome Answer: Tarquinius Superbus

7. BONUS In what year did the following events of Nazi Germany take place:

(a) Hitler purged his rivals in the "Night of the Long Knives" Answer: 1934

(b) The Wannsee Conference proposes "The final solution" Answer: 1942

(c) Germany occupies the Rheinland Answer: 1936

8. BONUS Cartoon have become a major artform. Who created the following cartoon characters for ten points each:

(a) Daffy Duck Answer: Tex AVERY

(b) Fred Flintstone Answer: HANNA-BARBERA (Joseph and William)

(c) Bugs Bunny Answer: Ben HARDAWAY

9. BONUS Identify the following biblical foods:

(a) These foods form the poetic name for the promised land

Answer: The land of milk and honey

(b) This was the main dish of the special meal before the exodus

Answer: roasted lamb

(c) This animal was killed for the celebration upon the return of the Prodigal son

Answer: the fatted calf

10. BONUS Identify the following photographers from a brief description

(a) With Stieglitz he founded Gallery 291 and created "Photo-Succession"

Answer: Edward STEICHEN

(b) A Member of the Lost Generation and friend of Marcel Duchamp, he invented a process named for himself

Answer: Man RAY

(c) She took pictures for Life magazine and was married to Erskine Caldwell

Answer: Margaret BOURKE-WHITE

11. BONUS Psychology has given us a number of new phrases in the 20th century. Who is most associated with delivering the following:

(a) Collective Unconscious

Answer: Carl JUNG

(b) Multiple Intelligences

Answer: Howard GARDINER

(c) Sometimes a cigar is just a cigar

Answer: Sigmund FREUD

12. BONUS Identify these historians or history books from a description

(a) A student of Bede, he helped Charlemagne set up schools

Answer: ALCUIN

(b) This History Book was written under the reign of Alfred

Answer: ANGLO SAXON CHRONICLE

(c) This book recorded all sorts of details about England around the time of William the Conqueror

Answer: DOMESDAY Book

13. BONUS Jews have been characters in literature written by pagans (er, gentiles). Give the characters described below:

(a) He is the scholar and title of a Robert Browning poem

Answer: RABBI BEN EZRA

(b) He is an unpleasant character in Oliver Twist by Dickens

Answer: FAGIN

(c) The plot of Ulysses follows Stephan Dedalus and this character wandering through Dublin

Answer: Leopold BLOOM

14. BONUS Who created the following detectives (or detective like characters) ten each

(a) Nick Charles

Answer: Dashiell HAMMETT

(b) Nancy Drew

Answer: Edward STRATEMEYER



(c) Sgt. Cuff

Answer: Willkie COLLINS

15. BONUS Who composed the following operas or tone poems

(a) Orfeo

Answer: GLUCK (b. 1714)

(b) Casi Fan Tutte

Answer: MOZART (b. 1756)

(c) Turandot

Answer: PUCCINI (b. 1858)

16. **BONUS** You may think your reader is full of hot air, but he or she is no God of hot air. Are you? Aeolus is the Greek God of the winds, but each wind has had his own. Identify the Greek Gods of the following:

### (a) The East Wind

Answer: Eurys

### (b) The Northwest Wind

Answer: Caurus

### (c) The Southwest Wind

Answer: Afer

17. BONUS The Soviet Union had many secret police organizations in its sordid history. Identify the organization (by abbreviation) when given the translation of its name into English (15 each)

(a) People's Commissariat of Internal Affairs, founded 1934

Answer: NKVD

(b) State Political Administration Soviet Secret Service, founded 1922 name changed slightly in 1924

Answer: GPU or OGPU

18. BONUS ACF does not provide much outlet for the legitimate study of popular culture. Television from the 1970's may be the pinnacle of this form. John Ritter and Joyce DeWitt lasted for the entirety of Three's Company, but their roommate changed twice. For ten points each, name the actresses who played their three roommates.

**Answer:** Suzanne Somers, Jennilee Harrison, Priscilla Barnes

19. BONUS In what books of the bible would you find the following phrases:

(a) "Thou shalt give life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot"

Answer: Exodus

(b) "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days"

Answer: Ecclesiastes

(c) "In the beginning was the Word"

**Answer:** The Gospel of John



20. BONUS Identify the works from which the following quotes come:

(a) All is for the best in this best of all possible worlds

Answer:       Candide

(b) Happy families are all alike; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way

Answer:       Anna Karenina

(b) Founded by an Italian leatherworker born in 1881, the firm produced saddles, then luggage. The monogram logo and decorative motif of red and green stripes make this firm's designs identifiable

Answer: GUCCI (founded by Guccio Gucci 1881-1953)

27) Thanks to the Cartoon Network and MTV this cartoon has regained its following. Yes, it is time for Speed Racer! Given the description of the character give the name. Go Speed Racer Go!

a) Girlfriend to our hero, Speed Racer, she is 17, brave, accomplished and has saved Speed more than a few times. Name this proto-feminist of Japanimation.

ans: TRIXIE

b) An undercover agent of Interpol known as Agent 9 this man is Speed's main rival in many races. Stylish and cool he is Speed's older brother who was disowned and broke away from the family. Give us the real name of Racer X.

ans: REX

c) Every hero needs a soundtrack and an annoying sidekick and Speed is not exempt from this rule. This character is Speed's younger brother who always stows away in the ultra cool Mach 5 with his best friend the monkey, Chim Chim. Name this holy terror.

ans: SPRIDLE