

## 1997 Questions on the Crum

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1. The name is translated literally into English as high governor or whore. The people on this island require flappers, a bladder filled with dried peas, to help them retain their concentration in conversations. FTP, what is this flying island described by Jonathan Swift?

A: LAPUTA

2. Born to Dutch and English parents, this American poet began life as a carpenter, but eventually edited newspapers in order to support himself. He is known for "Vigil Strange I Kept on the Field One Night," "Beat! Beat! Drums," and "When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd," FTP, name this man whose most famous collection of poetry is "Leaves of Grass."

A: Walt WHITMAN

3. Santiago Nasar, his mother Placida Linero, Victoria Guzman, and Angela Vicario and her brothers are just a few of the strangely disjointed characters from what, FTP, 1981 true-to-life account by Gabriel Garcia Marquez, telling of a murder that all village-members except one knew would come that fateful Monday afternoon?

A: CHRONICLE OF A DEATH FORETOLD

4. 'The universality of things/draws me toward the candy/with melon flowers that open/about the edge of refuse/proclaiming with out accent/the quality of the farmer's/shoulders and his daughter's accidental skin.' FTP, name this William Carlos Williams poem.

A: THE EYEGLASSES

5. First identified by Barbara McClintock, they serve as a natural method to move genes to new locations on different chromosomes. FTP, identify these small bits of DNA, so named because they are able to insert themselves in many different parts of the chromosome.

A: TRANSPOSONS

6. This scientist's physicist daughter won the Nobel prize in 1935, and she herself won two Nobel Prizes in eight years for research with radioactive elements. FTP, name this Polish-born French physical chemist who discovered polonium and radium.

A: Marie CURIE

7. His invention used a jet of cold water to condense steam entering a cylinder, thus creating atmospheric pressure which drove a piston to produce power. FTP, name the man who invented this primitive steam engine which was used to pump water out of coal mines, a precursor to James Watt's engine.

A: Thomas NEWCOMEN

8. Describing any of the birds of the genus "apteryx", this term comes from Maori. There are three species of this brownish bird in existence, all of which are protected. FTP, name this flightless bird that shares its name with a fruit, and often used to describe New Zealanders.

A: KIWI

9. In 1624 he was appointed to the council of ministers and within a year he had become president of the council. By 1628, this man nicknamed The Red Eminence was first minister to the Crown. FTP, name this man in King Louis XIII government who succeeded in reducing the power of the French nobility.

A: Cardinal Armand-Jean du Plessis RICHELIEU

10. A murderous pirate with a prosthetic silver tongue, he once tried to kill George Washington, but luckily he failed. The nefarious Hans Sprungfeld however went on to pass himself off as a heroic trailblazer, found a city, and coin the phrase, 'A noble spirit embiggins us all.' FTP, name the alter ego of Hans Sprungfeld, and founder of the Simpsons' home town.

A: Jedediah SPRINGFIELD

11. On April 25, 1862 Confederate General Mansfield Lovell withdrew his troops from this city, yielding to both ground and naval Union forces, even though General Jackson had earlier won a great victory there. Of course, it was 50 years before, and not Stonewall, but Andrew Jackson who led the American forces against the British in the 1815 battle at, FTP, which Louisiana city?

A: NEW ORLEANS

12. In thirty-five panels, it contains a doubled picture of the streets of London, with enough space for a cut-in self-portrait of the photographers. FTP, name this hand-tinted, eight foot high work, the masterpiece of Gilbert and George.

A: BIBLE

13. Although it was a great honor, this man left his wife and four children at home for the ceremony at Buckingham Palace on March 21. Even though he is the only member of his band to receive knighthood, his fellows take it well in stride. FTP, name this rocker who was the baby-face of the "Fab Four."

A: Paul MCCARTNEY

14. Foul play has been ruled out as the injury appears to be a total accident. However, who's to know if this man wasn't secretly trying to avert the Helsinki Summit between President Clinton and Boris Yeltsin, and induced the President's knee injury in some covert manner. FTP, name this golf legend, known as 'The Shark,' at whose home Clinton slipped.

A: Greg NORMAN

15. Who said the British were stuffy? On March 14, this 'holiday,' organized by Comic Relief, was celebrated in England. First launched in 1988, the event has raised more than \$178 million for such charities as Oxfam and the Save the Children Fund. The proceeds come from the sale of the namesake items people are encouraged to wear. FTP, name this holiday that sounds like it should have Bozo as its spokesperson.

A: RED NOSE Day

16. At 25,236 feet, Tirich Mir is this range's highest point. From there, meltwater flows to feed the headstreams of the Amu Darya and Indus rivers. FTP, name this mountain system which stretches from Northern Pakistan to North Eastern Afghanistan.

A: HINDU KUSH

17. Though it is unclear whether or not he existed, he is known for saying things like, "He who arrives at the battlefield first, and awaits his opponent, lies at rest.", This military theorist also liked to describe when to give ground, when to attack, and how many li you should travel a day. FTP, name of this "philosopher," who said, "The best battle is the battle that is won without being fought."

A: SUN TZU (pronounced Sun Chu)

18. Tobit, Judith, Esther (Greek), Wisdom of Solomon, Sirach, Baruch, Letter of Jeremiah, Song of the Three Young Men, Susanna, Bel and the Dragon, 1 Maccabees, 1 Esdras, The Prayer of Manasseh. These books of the Bible are all from, FTP, what part of the Bible that was rejected by Protestants but embraced by Catholics at the Council of Trent and are the opposite of the "protocanonical" books.

A: DEUTEROCANONICAL books (prompt on apocrypha)

19. This economic theory goes beyond traditional charting techniques by providing an overall view of market movement. The three major parts of this analysis are pattern, time, and ratio. Each pattern consists of a 5 wave uptrend followed by a 3 wave correction. Each "leg" of a wave in turn consists of smaller waves. FTP, name this theory that shares its name with E.T.'s human friend.

A: ELLIOT wave theory

20. One of history's greatest pitchers, he won 300 games and struck out over 2200 batters in his 17 year career. Inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1947, he won the AL MVP with a 31-4 record for the 1931 Philadelphia Athletics. FTP, name this southpaw player who won 4 World Series with the Athletics.

A: Robert Moses 'Lefty' GROVE

21. This nineteenth century romantic musician studied with Czerny and influenced such composers as Wagner and Strauss. He wrote Les Preludes and Mazeppa in 1856. FTP, Name this composer who was born in Hungary in 1811 and was best known for his piano playing.

A: Franz LISZT

22. This mid 19th century French painter, who was at odds with aesthetic and political authority, tried to paint subjects from ordinary life. Among his works are 'Wounded Man', 'Stonebreakers', and 'The Artist's Studio.' FTP, name this French realist.

A: Gustave COURBET

23. It may sound like meaningless banter, but this language, developed at Xerox in 1972, gave life to Object-Oriented Programming and fueled interest in languages like C++ and Eiffel. FTP, name this computer language or type of chit-chat.

A: SMALLTALK

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1. Name the Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn work from a description, FTPE.

a) His first book, published in 1962, was a surprisingly upbeat description of life in a Soviet work camp.

A: a) ONE DAY IN THE LIFE OF IVAN DENISOVITCH

b) Published in 1968, this novel is set in a hospital in Soviet Central Asia. Although the main character is Oleg Kostoglotov and all the patients of Ward 13 all are from varying backgrounds, each is suffering from a similar form of disease.

b) THE CANCER WARD

c) Also published in 1968, this novel tells of life on a tiny island in Stalin's Gulag Archipelago, where scientists are allowed to do their research, but are otherwise cut off from the rest of the world. The novel examines the intrinsic values and morals of intellectual life.

c) THE FIRST CIRCLE

2. For five-ten-fifteen name these chess openings from their descriptions:

Reader: P-K4 means Pawn to King 4. PxP means Pawn takes Pawn. N means knight, QB means Queen's Bishop and so on. try your best.

(5) 1. P-K4, P-K4. 2. P-KB4, PxP. 3. N-KB3 ... Answer: KINGS GAMBIT

(10) 1. P-K4, P-K4. 2. N-KB3, N-QB3. 3. N-B3, N-B3 A: 4 KNIGHTS game

(15) 1. P-K4, P-K4. 2. N-KB3, N-QB3. 3. B-N5 Answer: RUY LOPEZ

3. FTPE, answer these questions concerning NHL netminders.

a) Now playing with the Reno Renegades of the WCHL, this goalie is probably best remembered for being the first female to start an NHL exhibition game in 1992 for Tampa Bay against St. Louis.

a) Manon RHEAUME

b) This surprising Penguins rookie started off his career this year with a 14-0-2 mark, surpassing Ken Dryden for the best start ever for an NHL netminder.

b) Patrick LALIME

c) During a game versus St. Louis in the 1988-89 season, this former Buffalo netminder suffered a slashed jugular due to the skate of Blue Steve Tuttle. Doctors managed to stitch the six inch gash and save his life.

c) Clint MALARCHUK

4. Space Ghost Coast To Coast (SGC2C) and its sister show Cartoon Planet are perhaps two of the funniest and well written shows in existence. The best parts though, usually revolve around Space Ghost's enemies/sidekicks. FTPE, identify these evil beings.

a) The evil mantis is the band leader on SGC2C, and also appears on Cartoon Planet. Often mistaken for a locust, he insults everyone as much as he can, and as a result, bears most of the brunt of SG's power bands.

a) ZORAK

b) The generally incoherent cohost of Cartoon Planet, this evildoer looks like some kind of mutated cat. He tends to scream nonsense quite a bit, and also likes to sing songs.

b) BRAK

c) The engineer of SGC2C, this helmeted villain has an inexplicable fascination with the TV show, 'CHiPS.' Once he removed his helmet to show Zorak what he looked like underneath, and caused the entire studio commissary to vomit.

c) MOLTAR

5. Name the assassins from the descriptions.

(10) A supporter of Emma Goldman, part socialist, and part anarchist, he killed William McKinley in Buffalo, NY.

b) Leon CZOLGOSZ (pronounced cholgosh)

(15) He killed the mayor of Miami, Florida in his attempt to kill President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

c) Giuseppe ZANGARA

6. 30-20-10 Name the entity

(30) Its possibility was disproved by the French physicist Leon Brillouine. (20) First imagined in 1871, it was designed to defy the second law of thermodynamics.

(20) The idea was to control the movement of particles of different speeds from one vessel to another joined by a small hole where this entity named for its creator sat and waited.

A: MAXWELL'S DEMON

7. Given the System International prefix, give the scientific notation exponent the prefix denotes. For example, if I said kilo, you'd say '3'. 5PE, bonus 5P for all correct

a) pico

b) giga

c) nano

d) femto

A: a) -12, b) 9, c) -9, d) -15

8. 30-20-10 name the artist:

(30) This French Impressionist was influenced by Camille Corot and an in-law also known for impressionism.

(20) Her technique was based on large touches of paint applied freely in every direction.

(10) She painted 'Madame Pontillon Seated on The Grass' and was sister-in-law to Eduard Manet. A: Berthe

(30) He refused the Order of the Bath on October 30, 1918, in an audience with George V, having exhausted and disillusioned himself earlier that month.

(20) He translated the Odyssey into English prose, and published "Revolt in the Desert" as an abridgment of his earlier autobiography

(10) A mythic figure in his own lifetime, an academy award winning movie tells of his guerrilla warfare and attempts to unite the Arabs in a rising against the Turks during WWI.

A: T.E. LAWRENCE

10. Watch much TV? If you do, you've noticed the new rating system now in place for most shows. I'll read a description of a rating, and you tell me what the corresponding ratings designation is, FTPE.

a) This program is suitable for all children.

b) This program may contain some material that some parents would find unsuitable for younger children... infrequent coarse language, limited violence, some suggestive sexual dialogue and situations.

c) This program may contain some material unsuitable for children.. such as sophisticated themes, strong language, more intense violence and sexual content.

A: a) TV-K, b) TV-PG, c) TV-14

11. F5PE, answer these African geography questions, with a bonus 5P for all correct.

a) Name this group of islands off the coast of Mozambique and between it and Madagascar that were formerly owned by Portugal.

a) The COMOROS Islands

b) This nation is totally engulfed by South Africa, and its capital is Maseru.

b) LESOTHO

c) While this country doesn't have the Serengeti National Park, it does have several famous natural land features, including a portion of Lake Victoria and Mount Kilimanjaro.

c) KENYA

12. 30-20-10 Name this historical personage.

(30) He used to weep whenever he heard that his father had conquered new lands. (20) Son of Philip II and Olympias, he was once a pupil of Aristotle.

(10) He conquered an area including Greece, Persia, Egypt, and part of India and died in 323 BC as king of Persia.

A: ALEXANDER THE GREAT

13. Given a description of a character from the Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy series, name that character FTP each.

a) He was an avid user of Bistromathics, the most powerful computational force known to parascience.

SLARTIBARTFAST

b) He created a cathedral of hate for his multiple-murderer, Arthur Dent. Unfortunately, he did it in vain--it was logically impossible for him to kill Arthur Dent at that time.

AGRAJAG

c) He condemned the people of Krikkit to live for perpetuity in an envelope of Slo-Time, until it was unlocked from the outside, using a wooden pillar, a steel pillar, and a Plexiglas (perspex) pillar, a golden bail, and a silver bail.

His High Judgemental Supremacy, Judiciary PAG, L.I.V.R.

(They only need to get PAG)

14. Have you been listening to the classical radio station lately? If so, these questions concerning famous composers should go quickly. From the work, name the composer F5PE, bonus 5P for all correct.

'Danse Macabre'

Answer: Camille SAINT-SAENS

'Symphony No. 9 "From the New World"  
No. 1 and 2'

Answer: Antonin DVORAK d) 'L'Arlesienne Suites

Answer: Georges BIZET

15. Do you read the phone book? I know I do. F10PE given the city, you supply the area code.



a) Green Bay, WI

b) Boise, ID

c) Buffalo, NY

A: a) 414, b) 208, c) 716

16. FTPE, Identify the song from Lyrics, You'll get 5PE if you need the group.

a) 'Show me, show me, show me how you do that trick/ 'The one that makes me scream,' she said'.

a) The Cure

b) ' the neighbors complain about the noises above/ but she only comes when she's on top.'

b) James

c) 'Snow can wait/ I forgot my mittens/ Wipe my nose/ Get my new boots on/ c) Tori Amos

A: a) 'JUST LIKE HEAVEN' b) 'LAID' c) 'WINTER'