

Technophobia 2000
Questions by Matt Bruce
Tossups

1. He was admitted to the bar in 1949, 25 years before his disbarment. In 1961 he became chief executive of Baltimore County, six years before his election as governor of Maryland. Accused of accepting bribes, he ultimately pled no contest to federal tax evasion charges. Known for supporting law and order but opposing "nattering nabobs of negativism," this is--for 10 points--what Vice President under Richard Nixon?

answer: Spiro T(theodore) **_Agnew_**

2. Birds do it late in the summer and sometimes also a second time in the spring. Amphibians and snakes do it several times a year. Arthropods do it whenever the need to grow, and even secrete a special digestive fluid to help them get the job done. For 10 points--name the process in which skin, fur, feathers or exoskeletons are shed and renewed.

answer: **_molt_ing**

3. This Indiana alumnus threw for 3,441 yards and 23 touchdowns for the Redskins in 1998, then signed with the St. Louis Rams. A late hit in a pre-season game caused him to miss the season with torn ligaments in his left knee. For 10 points--name this onetime backup to Kurt Warner, who recently got a chance to start again when Warner broke his pinky.

answer: Trent **_Green_**

4. The protagonist is unable to recruit a man named Obstinate. His neighbor, Pliable, does join him for a while, but turns back when they reach the Sloughs of Despond. Goodwill, whom the hero meets at the gate, chastises Pliable, but the hero admits that he himself had joined Mr. Worldly Wiseman in the ways of death. For 10 points--name this story of Fletcher Christian, an allegory by John Bunyan.

answer: The **_Pilgrim's Progress_** From This World to That Which is to Come, Delivered Under the Similitude of a Dream

5. The left background shows a castle on a hill; the right shows a city under a blue sky. The baby in the middle is flanked by two women: A fully dressed blonde with flower petals in her lap, and a redhead whose only clothes are a white cloth across her pelvis and red tunic hanging off her back. For 10 points--name this painting by Titian about two different kinds of affinity.

answer: **_Sacred and Profane Love_**

6. Its mass is about five times that of a proton, making it nearly 30 times lighter than its analog. First discovered at Fermi laboratory in 1977, it combines with its own antimatter to form the Upsilon particle. For 10 points--name this quark, which like the down and strange quarks has a charge of -1/3.

answer: **_b_** quark or **_bottom_** quark or **_beauty_** quark

7. Two answers required. "The truth is this: I, Richard Wallace, stabbed and killed a muted Nicole Brown in cold blood, severing her throat with my trusty shiv's strokes. I set up Orenthal James Simpson, who is utterly innocent of this murder. P.S. I also wrote Shakespeare's sonnets, and a lot of Francis Bacon's works too." That is one anagram of the first lines of the book in which Richard Wallace himself uses anagrams to suggest that--for 10 points--what infamous killer was actually what children's author?

answer: **_Jack the Ripper_**, Lewis **_Carroll_** or Charles **_Dodgson_**

8. Wilderness areas include the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness Area. Other scenic places include the Sawtooth Mountains, Salmon River Mountains, Upper Priest Lake, Craters of

the Moon National Monument, and Hells Canyon. For 10 points--name this U.S. state, whose largest cities are Pocatello and Boise.

answer: Idaho

9. He gained the throne under the regent Bairam Khan, but dismissed his regent in 1560. He defeated the Rajputs but gave their chiefs high positions in his army and twice married a Rajput princess. He was illiterate, yet his courts at Delhi, Agra, and Fatehpur Sikri were centers of learning. For 10 points--name this father of Jahangir and son of Humayun, the greatest of the Mughal emperors.

answer: Akbar

10. While in Louisville, she dresses in white, drives a little white roadster, and listens to the phone ring all day as officers from Camp Taylor demand to monopolize her for the night. In New York she is a married woman with an infant child and a voice that is once described as "full of money." For 10 points--name this wife of a bigoted rich man, the title character's love interest in F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*.

answer: Daisy Buchanan

11. An eighteen percent pay raise over five years, an extra hour in the workday, and the elimination of a stipend for coaches and activity leaders were some provisions imposed upon this city's teachers in September 2000 by Mayor John Street. Since a quarter of the city's polling places are in public schools, the ensuing strike threatened to disrupt voting on Election Day in--for 10 points--what city, site of the August 2000 Republican Convention?

answer: Philadelphia

12. He pushes the sun towards the ocean at sunset and guards it through its perilous night journey. Sometimes depicted as a man with a dog's head, this lord of the evening star and personification of Venus also helps guide the dead to Mictlan. For 10 points--name this twin brother of Quetzalcoatl, an Aztec god not to be confused with a certain salamander.

answer: Xolotl

13. This daughter of an heiress and a Grateful Dead groupie became a stripper at age 14. Her acting career began with a bit part in the film *Sid and Nancy*, five years before her band released its debut album, *Pretty on the Inside*. In 1993 her band released "Beautiful Son," a song she wrote about her husband only months before he killed himself. For 10 points--name this widow of Kurt Cobain and lead singer of Hole.

answer: Courtney Love or Courtney Michelle Harrison

14. Novas were observed in this constellation in 389, 1899 and 1918, the latter being the brightest ever seen. Found partly in the Milky Way, just north of Sagittarius, it soars to its highest point in the evening sky in late August. For 10 points--name this equatorial constellation, whose brightest star is Altair and whose name is Latin for eagle.

answer: Aquila

15. The front line was just 2,000 yards wide and the defending side had triple the forces of the aggressors, yet the smaller army occupying the top of a gentle ridge, posted stunning victory in this battle. Nearly half a million arrows were shot in an eight-hour period on August 26, 1346, as the English defeated the French in--for 10 points--what early skirmish of the Hundred Years War?

answer: Battle of Crecy or Cressy

16. "Who's a friend to the king of all the monkeys? Who's a pal to the duck who won't fly south? Who's the buddy of the Bible-quoting aardvark? Who's the chum of the cat inside your mouth?" For 10 points--name this Master of Tao and symbol of corporate excess, the bovine idol of the movie *Dogma*.

answer: **_Mooby_ Cow**

17. This Sanskrit term describes a principle of ethics that became influential in India after 600 B.C., contributing to the spread of vegetarianism. Its strictest adherents cover their mouths in fabric to protect small creatures from their breath; a milder version led to Mohandas Ghandi's movement of nonviolence. For 10 points--name this principle of avoiding all harm.

answer: **_ahimsa_**

18. You might not have thought of your elementary school music teacher as a genius, but this man composed songs in his spare time while teaching at his father's school from 1814-1816. He used the lyrics of Goethe, Schiller and Heine, though it was the poet Wilhelm Mueller who inspired the song cycle *Die Winterreise*. For 10 points--name this Romantic composer of *Death and the Maiden*, *Trout Quintet*, and an *Unfinished Symphony*.

answer: Franz Peter **_Schubert_**

19. The first "ghost scene" in extant drama occurs in this play, the second earliest of the surviving works of its author. Featuring a battle in which the author and his brother both fought, its characters include the widow Atossa, a messenger, the Ghost of Darius, and Xerxes. For 10 points--what tragedy by Aeschylus takes its name from the nationality of its characters?

answer: The **_Persians_**

20. Its only overloaded method is wait, which can be called with a long, a long and an integer, or no input at all. Its other methods are clone, equals, finalize, getClass, hashCode, notify, notifyAll, and toString. For 10 points--name this Java class, the root of Java's class hierarchy.

answer: **_Object_**

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Bonuses

1. "Those are the heavy seven. Those are the ones that will affect your soul, curve your spine and keep the country from winning the war." For 5 points each--name any six of these "seven dirty words" from a George Carlin routine. Be careful: A miss stops you.

answer: shit, piss, fuck, cunt, cocksucker, motherfucker, and tits

2. Name these French novels for 15 points each--5 points if you need the author:

A. (15 points) Michel gives up his wife and his job when he discovers his homosexuality, but the true title character may be Melanque, who espouses life in the present by claiming, "every moment should take away with it every thing it brings."

(5 points) Andre Gide.

answer: The Immoralist or L'Immoraliste

B. (15 points) The title character says of his girlfriend: "She wanted to know if I loved her. I answered the same way I had the last time, that it didn't mean anything but that I probably didn't."

(5 points) Albert Camus

answer: The Stranger or L'Etranger

3. For 10 points each--name these Russian monarchs from the years of their reign:

A. 1598 to 1605

answer: Boris Godunov

B. 1682 to 1725

answer: Peter I or Peter the Great

C. 1801 to 1825

answer: Alexander I

4. Name these structurally similar metallic elements, for 10 points each:

A. Yellow, green and blue pigments can be made from this element, which is also an important part of the diet of sheep. Often part of alloys, it is rarely found by itself except in meteoric material.

answer: cobalt

B. Its primary production source is from nickel sulfide refining near Sudbury, Ontario. Because of its brilliance and its resistance to tarnish, it is used to plate jewelry and searchlights.

answer: rhodium

C. In the same column as cobalt and rhodium lies this hard, brittle metal, often used in surgical tools. It and osmium are the two densest elements.

answer: iridium

[Sources conflict as to whether osmium is denser than iridium or vice versa.]

5. Alma Schindler had nothing on this French painter, who romanced banker Paul Moussis and artist Andre Utter, gave birth to the Cubist Maurice Utrillo, and even produced some memorable art of her own. For 10 points each-- name:

A. This former acrobat, whose works include *The Blue Room* and *The Abandoned Doll*.

answer: Suzanne **Valadon**

B. The composer of *Gymnopedies* and *Three Pieces in the Shape of a Pear*, with whom Valadon had a brief affair.

answer: Erik **Satie**

C. The painter for whom Valadon posed in such works as *City Dance* and *Girl Braiding Her Hair*.

answer: Pierre-Auguste **Renoir**

6. It is a fear of being in situations where escape is either difficult or embarrassing. For 10 points each-- A. Name this phobia.

answer: **agoraphobia**

(do not accept "claustrophobia")

B. Agoraphobia is often a side effect of what disorder, whose symptoms include sweating, pounding heart, trembling and shortness of breath?

answer: **panic** disorder

C. Other than anti-depressants, the medicine most commonly prescribed for agoraphobia or panic disorder is *alprazolam*, sold under what brand name?

answer: **Xanax**

7. Name these plays for 15 points each--5 points if you need the author:

A. (15 points) A cowboy, a nightclub singer, the local sheriff, a college professor, and a teenaged waitress are all stranded in a roadside diner during a Kansas snowstorm.

(5 points) William Inge

answer: **Bus Stop**

B. (15 points) Written a year after a New York cabdriver's strike, it features five scenes in support of the strike, plus vignettes in condemnation of capitalism.

(5 points) Clifford Odets

answer: **Waiting for Lefty**

8. For 10 points each--name these people and places associated with the Battle of Shiloh:

A. The state in which it occurred.

answer: **Tennessee**

B. The place where five divisions under U.S. Grant were attacked by Confederate forces, also the southern name for the battle.

answer: Pittsburg Landing

C. Either the Confederate general who led the initial charge or the man who replaced him upon his death.

answer: Albert Sidney Johnston or Pierre Gustave Toutant Beauregard

9. Pencil and paper ready. Consider the number 111,111,111 ["one hundred eleven million, one hundred eleven thousand, one hundred eleven"]. Raise it to the ninth power. Now, you'll get five seconds per part:

A. For 5 points--what is the last digit, in the one's place, of the result?

answer: 1

B. For 10 points--what is the penultimate digit, in the ten's place, of the result?

answer: 2

C. For 15 points--what is the antepenultimate digit, in the hundred's place, of the result?

answer: 5

[The final digit always stays at 1, the next-to-last keeps incrementing by the last, and the third-from-last keeps incrementing by the sum of the final two.]

10. For 10 points each--name these Minor Prophets from the contents of their Old Testament books:

A. He tells the Israelites that they haven't met their obligations if they don't give more to the poor, but his book is more famous for a Messianic passage quoted in the Gospels of Matthew and John.

answer: Micah

B. He remarries the unfaithful prostitute Gomer to turn his own life into an allegory of God's love for unthankful humanity.

answer: Hosea or Hoshea

C. Sometimes called the "prophet of Pentecost," this early prophet writes during a plague of locusts, urging Israelites to repent in anticipation of the "day of the Lord."

answer: Joel

11. Answer these questions about the world's highest waterfalls, for 10 points each:

A. Eight of the 20 highest are in which country?

answer: Kingdom of Norway

B. At 3,212 feet, which waterfall is the highest?

answer: Angel Falls or Salto Angel

C. Tugela, the second highest, is in which country?

answer: Republic of South Africa

12. For 10 points each--name these people involved in *Encyclopedia Brown and The Case of the Missing Olympic Magic*, as featured on ModernHumorist.com:

A. Encyclopedia Brown takes the case from this broadcaster, "a small man wearing a muted plaid sport coat and

tasteful burgundy tie." Encyclopedia later teaches him about "such things as the Earth's rotation, human nature and sports news on the Internet."

answer: Bob Costas

B. Once they arrive in Sidney, this sidekick of Encyclopedia rushes to the locker room of the women's softball team. Encyclopedia later loses track of her in a cloud of cigar smoke on the team bus.

answer: Sally Kimble

C. The detectives find this Russian gymnast holding Bugs Meany in a headlock. She later sighs, gets angry, cries, smiles, waves, cries again, hugs everyone, blows kisses, cries, grows pensive, smiles and gets angry again.

answer: Svetlana Khorkina

13. Name these poems from lines, for 10 points each:

A. "Of man's first disobedience and the fruit of that forbidden tree whose mortal taste brought death unto the world and all our woe"

answer: Paradise Lost (by John Milton)

B. "But at my back I always hear time's winged chariot drawing near."

answer: To His Coy Mistress (by Andrew Marvell)

C. "What dire offense from amorous causes springs. What mighty contests rise from trivial things."

answer: The Rape of the Lock (by Alexander Pope)

14. For 10 points each--name these moons of Neptune: A. This largest moon of Neptune was discovered barely a month after the discovery of Neptune itself.

answer: Triton (do not accept "Titan")

B. With the most eccentric orbit of any moon in the Solar System, it is so far from Neptune that a single orbit takes 360 days.

answer: Nereid

C. The largest of six satellites discovered in 1989, it has been called "dark as soot" because it reflects only 6% of the sunlight that strikes it. At 250 miles in diameter, it is larger than Nereid but is so close to Neptune that the sunlight reflected off of Neptune obscures it.

answer: Proteus

15. Given the year of the award and the nationality of the recipient, name these female winners of the Nobel Peace Prize:

A. 1931, U.S.

answer: Jane Addams

B. 1979, Albania

answer: Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu or Mother Teresa

C. 1997, U.S.

answer: Jody **Williams**

16. In 1804 it became the second nation in the Western Hemisphere to win complete independence from European imperial powers. For 10 points each--name:

A. This country.

answer: Republic of **Haiti** (prompt on "Hispaniola")

B. The former slave who became an officer in the French army before leading the independence movement.

answer: Toussaint **L'Ouverture**

C. The dictator who took power in Haiti in 1971 but fled fifteen years later.

answer: **Jean-Claude Duvalier**

(accept "**Baby Doc**" **Duvalier** but prompt on "Duvalier")

17. For 10 points each--name these great Boston Celtics of the 1980s, none of whom is Larry Bird:

A. Drafted a year behind Bird, this blue-collar player wore the #32 and put up big points with his drop step and hook shot.

answer: Kevin **McHale**

B. Known as "the Chief," he was acquired from Golden State in the same deal that gave Boston the rights to Larry Bird. He wore a double zero and excelled at blocking shots.

answer: Robert **Parrish**

C. Once a third baseman in the Toronto Blue Jays organization, he wore #44 and gained fame for his tenacious, often dirty, defense.

answer: Danny **Ainge**

18. Name the Baroque artists and musicians behind these works, for 10 points each:

A. The elliptical plaza in front of St. Peter's in Rome.

answer: Giovanni Lorenzo **Bernini**

B. The *Blacksmith Variations* and *Israel in Egypt*.

answer: Georg Friedrich **Handel**

C. Such paintings as *The Milkmaid*, *Young Girl With a Water Jug* and *Young Girl With a Flute*.

answer: Jan **Vermeer** or Johannes **Vermeer**

19. For 10 points each--name these novels by John Updike:

A. This sequel shows the former star athlete Harry Angstrom in his 30s, trying to deal with the infidelity of his wife Janice.

answer: **Rabbit Redux**

B. Ten years later, Angstrom is now the Chief Sales Representative of Springer Motors, a Toyota dealership in Brewer, Pennsylvania.

answer: **Rabbit is Rich**

C. Ten years later still, Angstrom worries about his son's addiction to cocaine and about his own mortality.

answer: **Rabbit at Rest**

20. It was fate that gave you this bonus. For 5 points per answer--name:

A. The Three Fates, in Greek mythology.

answer: **Clotho, Lachesis, Atropos**

B. The Norns, in Norse mythology.

answer: **Urth or Urdor, Verthandi or Verdandi, Skuld**