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Tossups

1. One character in this novel cites *The Rise of the Colored Empires* by Goddard as evidence for the necessity of white supremacy. An associate in this novel wears cufflinks of human teeth and fixed a baseball series. The title character dropped out of St. Olaf's and worked as a janitor before meeting Dan Cody. The eyes of (*) Dr. T.J. Eckleburg look over the Valley of Ashes as Daisy runs over the George Wilson's wife Myrtle in this novel about a resident of West Egg. For 10 points, name this novel by Scott F. Fitzgerald narrated by Nick Carraway about James Gatz.

Answer: The Great Gatsby

2. This thinker debated John Wallis after convincing himself that he wrote a correct proof for squaring the circle in *De Corpore*. His magnum opus has a frontispiece showing a giant man wielding a sword and a bishop's staff. This tutor of Charles II wrote that work after being influenced by exiled royalists in Paris during the English Civil War. This man said that life is (*) "war of all against all" and "solitary, poor, brutish, nasty, and short" in the state of nature. This man argued that the people should submit to an absolute sovereign. For 10 points, name this English political philosopher who wrote *Leviathan*.

Answer: Thomas Hobbes of Malmesbury

3. This woman's sister Salome married Zebedee and vouched for the promotion of her sons by their cousin or this woman's son. The prophet Simeon predicts this woman's troubles in a temple. This daughter of St. Anne sings the Magnificat or Canticle while visiting her cousin (*) Elizabeth. This woman allegedly taught the rosary to shepherds in Fatima. According to the Gospel of John, Jesus said that John would be this woman's son while on the cross. An angel in a dream saves this woman's engagement to Joseph. For 10 points, name this virgin mother of Jesus.

Answer: St. Mary (do not accept or prompt on Mary Magdalene)

4. The countercurrent version of this technique uses a liquid held in place by centrifugal force. The eluotropic series is used to rank substances by their efficacy in this technique. The retention factor can be calculated using the distance that the solvent front has migrated. Other versions of this technique are called (*) thin-layer and gas. This technique uses mobile and stationary phases in order to separate compounds by their affinity for one of the phases. For 10 points, name this technique that can be used to separate dyes along a roll of paper.

Answer: chromatography

5. Though not Matisse, this artist was inspired while staying in Morocco to create *The Jewish Wedding* and *The Entourage*. This artist showed two human pyramids and a turban-wearing man on a horse in *Massacre at Chios*. Green tinted water appears in this artist's *Barque of Dante* while a bright red fabric covers an elephant amidst chaotic bodies in this man's *Death of* (*) *Sardanapalus*. In his most famous work, a bare breasted woman wears a Phrygian cap next to a boy with two pistols and a man with a top hat and a rifle. For 10 points, name this French Romantic artist of *Liberty Leading the People*.

Answer: Eugene Delacroix

6. The "New Fire Ceremony" called the Binding of the Years was celebrated every 52 years by these people. One of its kings personally designed an aqueduct and wrote poetry that appears on modern currency. The Florentine Codex was a compilation of cultural information about these people. These people waged (*) Flower Wars against their neighbors for human sacrifices and tributes and formed a Triple Alliance with Texcoco and Tlacopan from their massive capital of Tenochtitlan. For 10 points, name this Mesoamerican empire led by Montezuma II which was swiftly conquered by Hernan Cortes.

Answer: Aztec Empire or Aztecs

- 7. The Pound-Rebka experiment is considered to be one of the first experiments to quantitatively test this theory. This theory explains the precession of Mercury's perihelion. The prediction of certain waves by this theory has been supported by observations at LIGO. This theory helps explain why massless particles like light experience (*) gravity. This theory explains that idea by defining gravity as the curvature of spacetime. Therefore every single object in the universe will experience gravity. For 10 points, name this theory formulated by Albert Einstein, contrasted with its similarly named "special" kind. Answer: general relativity (prompt on relativity until "special"; do not prompt on or accept special relativity)
- 8. In one of this writer's works, Hermes tells Trygaeus that Peace is trapped in a cave, and all the other gods have left. In another play, King Tereus, now a hoopoe (hoo-poo), calls together all of his kind and starves the gods while the Chorus threatens to defecate on the judges if the play doesn't win. Pisthetaerus builds (*) Cloud Cuckoo Land in that play. The Chorus also harasses the audience while the formerly horse crazed Pheidippides beats his father Strepsiades and Socrates' Thinkery is burned down. For 10 points, name this Greek playwright who fathered comedy in *Lysistrata*, *The Frogs, The Birds*, and *The Clouds*.

Answer: Aristophanes

- 9. This god has to use gauntlets called Jarngreipr (Yarn-grai-puhr) because a gadfly bit Brokkr. This god's daughter Thrud lost her fiance after this god asked riddles and kept the dwarf Alviss awake till dawn. After eating marrow from one of this god's animals, Thialfi became his servant. Grid helped this god defeat (*) Geirrod. This god's chariot is drawn by "tooth-barer" and "tooth-grinder", who are goats. This god has a gold haired wife named Sif. This god dressed as the goddess Freya in a fake wedding with Thrym to retrieve his hammer, Mjollnir (mYohl-neer). For 10 points, name this Norse god of thunder. Answer: Thor
- 10. This ruler formed an alliance with Philip IV of France and was almost usurped by his brother Arigboge. This successor of Mongke mandated the use of paper money, and he divided his empire into four social classes. After defeating the Jin people, he completed his conquest of the (*) Song Dynasty. This man was visited by Marco Polo, and this Chinese Emperor's invasion of Japan was twice foiled by the kamikaze or "divine wind". For 10 points, name this Mongol ruler and founder of the Yuan dynasty, a grandson of Genghis Khan.

Answer: **Kublai Khan** (prompt on partial answer)

11. Table Mountain is a flat-topped tourist attraction near False Bay in this country. The foreign capital city of Maseru is entirely within this country's borders. A chief seaport on the Indian Ocean is in this country's KwaZulu-Natal province. Many of this country's major cities are located in the Gauteng (Gow-teng) province, part of the former (*) Transvaal province. Gauteng's largest city houses the South West Township, abbreviated as Soweto. For 10 points, name this country, which despite having capitals at Bloemfontein (bloom-fon-Tayn), Pretoria, and Cape Town has its largest city in Johannesburg.

Answer: Republic of South Africa

12. A manual and a copy of the complete works of Shakespeare are used to teach the main character of this novel to read. Instead of Anno Domini, years in this novel are numbered from the production of the first Model T. After attacking a desirable woman with a whip, a man from a New Mexico reservation hangs himself at a lighthouse. A drug called (*) soma controls this novel's society, which is organized into a caste system with the "alphas" running society. John is transported to this novel's title location by Bernard Marx. For 10 points, name this book by Aldous Huxley.

Answer: Brave New World

- 13. In this composer's "My Man's Gone Now", the pious Serena mourns the gambling death of her husband Robbins. Robbins' killer left his own wife who receives Happy Dust from Sportin' Life. Nadine Boulanger rejected this composer's request to study classical music. Despite that rejection, this composer included taxi horns in An (*) American in Paris. Dubose Heyward and this composer's brother, Ira, wrote the libretto for an opera by this composer. The song "Summertime" is part of that opera, Porgy and Bess. For 10 points, name this American composer of Cuban Overture and Rhapsody in Blue. Answer: George Gershwin
- 14. Anton's syndrome is an extremely rare syndrome affecting this structure which often causes people to confabulate sensory information. This structure houses Brodmann area 17, which receives signals from the lateral geniculate nucleus in the thalamus. In addition to Brodmann area 17, this structure also contains Brodmann areas 18 and 19, which contain (*) visual cortexes V2 through V6. This lobe is the smallest of the four major lobes and is also the rearmost lobe. For 10 points, name this lobe of the brain concerned with sight and spatial recognition.

Answer: occipital lobe

15. Following this war, Moro insurgents and the Katipunan society plagued American colonization attempts under their leader Emilio Aguinaldo. In this war, Henry Glass took Guam with little resistance. The American Anti-Imperialist League was formed in response to this war, which saw victories at Santiago and El (*) Caney. Commodore George Dewey may have said "You may fire when ready, Gridley" at Manila Bay. At Kettle Hill, Teddy Roosevelt charged with the Rough Riders. For 10 points, name this "splendid little war" that began when the USS Maine exploded in Havana Harbor.

Answer: Spanish-American War

- 16. During a Harvard commencement address, this person advised students to visit at the Great Western if they knew "how to get someone off a charge of possession." In one of his film clips, this actor asks a grocer to identify some grocery items, all of which are cheese. In one interview, he says that he plays cards with (*) Rick Santorum, despite Rick's "liberal views." As the same character, he spilled an urn of ashes on Ryan Seacrest. This man got a Georgia lawmaker to resign after that man ran around yelling the N-word. For 10 points, name this British comedian behind *Bruno*, *Da Ali G. Show*, and *Who is America?* Answer: Sacha Noam Baron Cohen (prompt on Cohen)
- 17. This country's WH Group purchased the world's largest pork producer, Smithfield Foods. This country is leasing a port in Sri Lanka for 99 years. Project Dragonfly is Google's alleged censored search engine for this country, but its current equivalent is called Baidu. Dolce and Gabbana created a controversial ad in this country showing a woman trying to eat Italian food like pizza with (*) chopsticks. Its foreign investments are part of the One Belt One Road initiative. Pony Ma runs this

country's Tencent Games. For 10 points, President Trump has discussed imposing a 25% tariff on what country with its capital in Beijing.

Answer: People's Republic of China (or Zhong Guo)

18. One of these geographic features in Iceland stopped air travel in the region in 2011. Indonesia is known for an abundance of these entities. The tallest one of these geographic features in the Solar System is on the planet (*) Mars. There are about 1900 of these features active around the globe, ninety percent of which can be found in the "Ring of Fire" around the Pacific Ocean. These features can be classified as composite, shield, or cinder cone, among other varieties. For 10 points, name these geographic features that spew out lava, an example of which is Mount Fuji.

Answer: volcanos

19. Diamonds left behind by the losing commander of this battle were used in Prussia's crown jewels. Although historians are unsure, it is likely this battle began at Hougoumont. Its winning side faced heavy cavalry losses, especially from the Scots Greys. Pivotal reinforcements were stalled at Wavre by (*) Blücher. The winning commander referred to this battle as "the nearest run thing you ever saw". After this final loss, the defeated emperor was exiled to St. Helena and replaced by Louis XVIII. For 10 points, name this 1815 battle in which the Duke of Wellington crushed the forces of Napoleon.

Answer: Battle of Waterloo

20. One building by this architect was a brick cylinder with slits for lighting. In addition to the Chapel, this architect recreated floating clouds in another building at MIT. Like other constructions by this man, that building had a thin concrete shell and was shaped like one eighth of a sphere. This designer of (*) Kresge Auditorium created a whale-like ice rink for Yale, Ingalls Rink. This man's most famous work is an inverted catenary, and that work represents western expansion. For 10 points, name this Finnish architect of St. Louis's Gateway Arch.

Answer: Eero Saarinen (do not accept or prompt on Eliel Saarinen)

21. Upon arrival to Buna, the main character works in an electrical fittings factory. The foreman later forces him to pry his gold tooth out with a rusty spoon. After declining an offer of protection from a former servant named Martha, the narrator's family is removed from Sighet's (*) ghettos. This memoir tells of the author's appalling journey to Buchenwald from Auschwitz, where his father dies. After his tutor Moshe the Beadle is deported, Eliezer can no longer study the Torah. For 10 points, name this novel by Elie Wiesel about his tragic experiences during the Holocaust.

Answer: Night (or La Nuit)

Bonuses

- 1. The National Geographic show *Genius* follows the life of Pablo Picasso. For 10 points each:
 - a. This Cubist work shows the monk, Pierrot, and Harlequin. Those figures hold instruments in front of a brown background in this Picasso painting.

Answer: *Three Musicians*

b. This African period work shows five nude prostitutes and a basket of fruit.

Answer: *Les Demoiselles d'Avignon* (lay day-mwah-Zel da-vee-Nyon)

c. This Blue period work shows a sad woman with a glass. In addition to Degas' painting of this name, a Manet work of this name shows a man in a top hat.

Answer: The Absinthe Drinker

- 2. In the early 20th century, Ernest Rutherford led a series of experiments concerning the atomic model. For 10 points each:
 - a. Rutherford fired these particles, the equivalent of helium nuclei, at a thin gold foil.

Answer: alpha particles

b. In reality, the experiment was performed by this man and Ernest Marsden. Nowadays he is known for his namesake counter, a machine which detects radiation.

Answer: Hans Geiger

c. Regardless of who performed the experiment, the experiment helped to disprove this prevailing atomic theory at the time. It was named for its resemblance to a certain Christmas dessert.

Answer: plum pudding model

- 3. Name the following Reconstruction politicians. For 10 points each:
 - a. Known as the "dictator of Congress", this man was the Chairman of both the Ways and Means and Appropriations Committees as well as a leader of the radical Republicans.

Answer: Thaddeus Stevens

b. This American President and successor to Abraham Lincoln was almost impeached by the efforts of Thaddeus Stevens.

Answer: Andrew Johnson

c. This Mississippian was the first black member of the House of Representatives. He later served as the first president of Alcorn State University.

Answer: Hiram Rhodes Revels

- 4. Dystopias come in all shapes and sizes. For 10 points each:
 - a. This author wrote the Gregor the Overlander series but is best known for the Hunger Games trilogy.

Answer: Suzanne Collins

b. This author's popular book about a girl who does not fit into the Abnegation, Erudite, or Dauntless groups in her society was recently made into a film.

Answer: Veronica Roth

c. This author wrote a book about a boy named Thomas who wakes up to find himself in the Glade. That book was part of the Maze Runner series by this author.

Answer: James <u>Dashner</u>

- 5. Famous players have moved from European clubs to the MLS. For 10 points each:
 - a. This English player played for Manchester United and Real Madrid before moving to the LA Galaxy in 2007. Known for his good looks, he was People Magazine's 2015 Sexiest Man Alive.

Answer: David Beckham

b. This German player played for Bayern Munich and won the 2014 World Cup before moving to the Chicago Fire in 2017.

Answer: Bastian Schweinsteiger

c. This Irish player played for many English teams including Leeds United, Tottenham Hotspurs, and Liverpool F.C.; he moved to the LA Galaxy 2011, won two MLS Cups, and league MVP in 2014.

Answer: Robert David Keane (accept Robbie Keane)

- 6. Many think Saudi Arabia is modernizing around Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman. For 10 points each:
 - a. This movie was the first movie to be shown in Saudi Arabia in 35 years. It follows the rise of T'Challa in the fictional African kingdom of Wakanda.

Answer: **Black Panther**

b. Saudi Arabia's reform movement came under global scrutiny after the death of this Turkish journalist who spoke out against the government.

Answer: Jamal Ahmad Khashoggi

c. A Saudi woman named Leesa A made a viral video performing this activity while driving, which she had recently been allowed to do. Qusai (Kuh-zai) is another Saudi known for this action.

Answer: **rapping** (prompt on **singing**)

- 7. Name these primordial consorts. For 10 points each:
 - a. This Egyptian pair was created by Ra. They represent air and moisture.

Answer: **Shu** and **Tefnut** (both parts are required; order does not matter)

b. This Japanese pair were created by the first two gods. They made the first land on Earth with a spear by churning the sea.

Answer: **Izanagi** and **Izanami** (both parts are required; order does not matter)

c. This Greek pair were the first beings. The mother deity created herself and the male figure before bearing the Titans.

Answer: Uranus and Gaea (or Ge) (both parts are required; order does not matter)

- 8. Answer some questions about cancer. For 10 points each:
 - a. Cancer often occurs when this process fails to occur. This process is programmed cell death.

Answer: apoptosis

b. This term is often used when a malignant tumor spreads and forms a secondary malignant tumor with this name at a different site in the body.

Answer: <u>metastasis</u> or <u>metastatic</u> tumor (accept word forms like <u>metastasize</u>)

c. This type of cancer occurs when tumors develop in the pigment-producing cells of skin.

Answer: melanoma

- 9. Name the following British colonial wars. For 10 points each:
 - a. This mid 18th century war against Spain ended with the Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle. It is named for a body part of the captain of the HMS Rebecca.

Answer: War of Jenkin's Ear

b. Tacky's War was fought against rebelling slaves on this Caribbean Island taken from Spain under William Penn. It obtained its independence in 1962 and has its capital at Kingston.

Answer: Jamaica

c. Britain fought this empire under Shaka for the first time at the battle of Isandlwana. They were crushed at Ulundi and annexed into South Africa.

Answer: **Zulu Empire** (accept **Zulus**)

- 10. For millennia, China has been known for its infrastructure. For 10 points each:
 - a. This structure's construction began during the Qin dynasty as a unification of many individual barriers, but its best known portion was built by the Ming.

Answer: **Great Wall** (or **Chang Cheng**)

b. This structure was built by the Sui (Sway) to connect the Yangtze and Yellow Rivers. One of its names refers to how it links Beijing (bay-Jing) and Hangzhou (Hang-joh)

Answer: **Grand Canal** (or **Da Yunhe** or **Jing-Hang Yunhe**)

c. This structure was rebuilt for the Dowager Empress Cixi (chi-Shee). It is preserved in a park in Beijing's Haidian district, and its beautiful Kunming Lake features the Seventeen Arch Bridge.

Answer: <u>Summer Palace</u> (or <u>Yiheyuan</u>) (prompt on <u>Imperial Garden</u>) [great place for paddle boating]

- 11. John Steinbeck was one of the greatest twentieth-century American authors. For 10 points each:
 - a. This novella by Steinbeck features George and Lennie, two migrant ranch workers in California, attempting to find jobs during the Great Depression.

Answer: Of Mice and Men

b. This Steinbeck novel tells the tale of Danny, Pilon, Pablo, and Jesus Maria enjoying life in Monterey, California after World War I.

Answer: *Tortilla Flat*

c. This Steinbeck novella follows a Native American diver named Kino from La Paz, Mexico. Kino gains wealth after discovering the title object.

Answer: The Pearl

- 12. Some cities in Asia can get very cold. For 10 points each:
 - a. This northern Chinese city in Heilongjiang (Hay-long-jyang) province hosts an annual ice festival. It was originally built along the Trans-Siberian Railway and still has some Russian influence.

Answer: **Harbin** or **Ha'erbin**

b. This largest city and capital of Hokkaido also hosts an annual ice festival. This city hosted the 1972 Winter Olympics.

Answer: **Sapporo**

c. This South Korean city in Gangwon province was one of the coldest cities to ever host the Winter Olympics. It did so in 2018.

Answer: **Pyeongchang** (be very cautious about whether the answer given is Pyeongchang or Pyongyang)

- 13. There are many syncretic religions around the world. For 10 points each:
 - a. This religion with West African and Christian influences is practiced in Haiti. This religion is known for its namesake dolls.

Answer: Voodoo or Vodun

b. This religion with Yoruban and Catholic influences is practiced in Cuba. In this religion, animals like chickens are sacrificed to appease spirits known as orishas.

Answer: Santeria

c. This other religion with Yoruban and Catholic influences is practiced in Brazil. Its people are called the people of the saint, and its name refers to the ritualist dance performed for the gods.

Answer: Candomble

- 14. Metals can mix. For 10 points each:
 - a. When mixing one metal with another metal or certain nonmetals, you can form one of these. They exhibit metallic bonding character, and their properties differ from their constituent parts'.

Answer: alloys

b. This is the name given to a group of nonspecific alloys with the only condition being that they contain mercury. A silver one of these is commonly used in dentistry.

Answer: amalgam

c. While alloys are specific to metals, these materials are made of any two different substances that combine to form a new material with different properties. It is easy to distinguish the different components in this type of material.

Answer: composite materials (or composition materials)

- 15. The performance of this piece caused a 3 hour traffic jam on the London Bridge. For 10 points each:
 - a. Name this work which includes movements like "La Paix" and "La Réjouissance".

Answer: Music for the Royal Fireworks

b. Music from Royal Fireworks is by this German composer who included the Hallelujah chorus in *Messiah*.

Answer: **George Frideric Handel**

c. Since the time of George II, Handel's *Zadok the Priest* has been played at every one of these events in Britain. *Zadok the Priest* mentions this event in Solomon's life.

Answer: **coronation** (accept descriptions mentioning crown)

- 16. Name the following German territories. For 10 points each:
 - a. This old island city on the Trave and Elbe rivers was the center of the Hanseatic league. This city dominated Baltic trade for centuries.

Answer: Lübeck

b. This central German duchy's King August the Strong funded research that resulted in Meissner porcelain and led Poland to war with Denmark in the Great Northern War.

Answer: Saxony

c. This contested land in modern day France contains the cities of Nancy and Metz, and the northern portion contains a mostly German speaking population. It should not be confused with a neighboring region which has its capital at Strasbourg.

Answer: Lorraine (do not accept or prompt on Alsace or Alsace-Lorraine)

- 17. This man did not actually use a bell in his experiments. For 10 points each:
 - a. Name this Russian psychologist who pioneered classical conditioning by experimenting on dogs.

Answer: Ivan Petrovich Pavlov

b. After some time, Pavlov's dogs had this reaction when hearing the stimulus with food. This action is the unconditioned response of Pavlov's experiments.

Answer: **salivating** (accept appropriate descriptions and obvious equivalents like **drooling**)

c. Pavlov also researched this condition where a subject reacts less to an overwhelming stimulus. An abbreviation is fine.

Answer: transmarginal inhibition (or TMI)

- 18. Pencil and paper ready. You will have 10 seconds per bonus. In the 2019 offseason, Thomas Edward Patrick Brady, Jr., the greatest quarterback of all time, will look at rookie Lamar Jackson and realize that he must also unleash his ability to run the football. However, Tom, being the machine he is, will only run for 5 or 7 yards at a time. For 10 points each:
 - a. This is the fewest number of plays it will take for the GOAT Tom to rush for at least 10 yards and earn a first down.

Answer: **2** or **two plays** [Using larger number 7, 10 divided by 7 rounds up to 2.]

b. Given that the GOAT Tom must rush at least once for 5 yards and once for 7 yards, Tom could use what combination of plays to rush for 75 yards? Give your answer as 2 numbers: the first being the number of 5 yard plays and the second the number of 7 yard plays.

Answer: <u>8 and 5</u> or <u>1 and 10</u> [Consider the case for only 5 yard plays, then change seven 5 yards plays to five 7 yard plays. Repeating will yield another combination. 5s/7s: 15/0 8/5 1/10]

c. This is the greatest number of yards that the GOAT Tom cannot rush for with a combination of 5 and 7 yard rushes. Consider using the Chicken McNugget theorem.

Answer: 23 yd. or twenty-three yards [By Chicken McNugget Theorem, (ab-a-b): (5·7)-5-7=23]

- 19. This work details the journeys of Redcrosse and Britomart. For 10 points each:
 - a. Name this epic poem by Edmund Spenser, in which Redcrosse kills a dragon to help the princess Una.

Answer: *The Faerie Queene*

b. The story was written in admiration of this English queen at the time of its first publication in 1590

Answer: Elizabeth I

c. The poem is written in this unstressed-stressed rhythm pattern.

Answer: **<u>iamb</u>s**

- 20. The bluest planet in our solar system has some interesting features surrounding it. For 10 points each:
 - a. Neptune has one of these collections of dust and ice particles. Saturn has a more prominent one of these structures.

Answer: ring system or rings

b. This is Neptune's largest moon. This moon is named after a messenger of the sea.

Answer: **Triton**

c. Triton orbits Neptune in a direction opposite to that of its spin. The orbit is described by this word, contrasted with prograde orbit.

Answer: retrograde orbit

- 21. Answer these questions about the Four Classic Novels. For 10 points each:
 - a. This classic by Luo Guanzhong (Lwo-gwan-Jong) details the feud between the title states of Wei, Wu, and Shu towards the end of the Han dynasty. It includes the Oath of the Peach Garden.

Answer: Romance of the Three Kingdoms or San Guo Yan Yi

b. This work by Cao Xueqin (Tchow-Shway-chin) was adapted into dramas by CCTV twice. This work named for a certain colored room features a love triangle influenced by the protagonist Jia Baoyu's grandmother.

Answer: <u>Dream of</u> the <u>Red Chamber</u> or <u>Hong Lou Meng</u> (or The <u>Story of</u> the <u>Stone</u>)

c. 108 bandits called the Stars of Destiny are led by Song Jiang from a base in Mount Liang in this novel written during the Song dynasty.

Answer: <u>Water Margin</u> or <u>Shuihu Zhuan</u> (shWay-hoo Jwan) (or <u>Outlaws of the Marsh</u>, <u>Tale of the Marshes</u>, <u>All Men Are Brothers</u>, <u>Men of the Marshes</u> or <u>The Marshes of Mount Liang</u>)