

College regs-ish difficulty  
 Bible/Quran- 2.5/2.5 (2/3)  
 Christianity- 2/2 (2/2)  
 Judaism- 1/1 (1/1)  
 Islam- 1/1 (1/1)  
 Other Abrahamic .5/.5 (1/0)  
 Other Middle Eastern .5/.5 (0/1)  
 Greco-Roman- 3/3 (3/3)  
 Norse- 1/1 (1/1)  
 Celtic- .5/.5 (1/0)  
 Egyptian- 1/1 (1/1)  
 Indigenous Americas- 1.5/1.5 (1/2)  
 Folklore- 1/1 (1/1)  
 Hinduism- 2/2 (2/2)  
 Buddhism- 1/1 (1/1)  
 Other Indian- .5/.5 (1/0)  
 Japanese- .5/.5 (0/1)  
 Chinese- .5/.5 (1/0)  
 African- 1/1 (1/1)  
 Miscellaneous/Cross-Cultural- 3/3 (3/3)  
 Total- 24/24 (24/24)

Tossups:

1. Georges Dumézil proposed that these people had a “tripartite ideology” that influenced their religion. In one myth of these people, Triton gets his cattle back from a three-headed serpent who stole them. These people likely worshipped the dawn goddess Héusos. In another myth of these people, the first human sacrifices his twin, Yemo, oftentimes along with a cow. (\*) Marija Gimbutas identified the decline of goddess-worship with the movement of these people in the Kurgan hypothesis. Dyeūs Phtēr was worshipped by these people. For 10 points, name these people whose mythology is reconstructed based on Greek, Nordic, and Vedic sources.

ANSWER: Proto-**Indo-Europeans** ACCEPT: **Kurgans** before read

2. The book of Enoch claims that the place Azazel where a goat is sent in this book is the name of a fallen angel; that goat from this book is the origin of the English term scapegoat. In this book, because they tried to burn their offerings with profane fire, the older brothers of Eleazar and Ithamar are killed by God’s fire; they are named (\*) Nadab and Abihu. Chapters 18 and 20 of this book list supposed Biblical injunctions about homosexuality as part of its Holiness Code, in addition to its Priestly Code. For 10 points, name this Biblical book that takes place before the Israelites leave Mt. Sinai but after the Tabernacle is built, the third book of the Torah.

ANSWER: **Leviticus** ACCEPT: **Vayikra**

*Description acceptable*

3. The phrase “I have not learnt that which is not” begins the action that immediately precedes this action. According to one legend, people who failed in this action were eaten by a deity that was part crocodile, hippopotamus, and lion. Generally, before one may have this action done to them, they must recite the (\*) Negative Confession before forty-two judges. This was the last action done to a person before they could enter the Field of

Reeds. In this action, a body part is measured to determine if it is lighter than the feather of Maat. For 10 points, name this action that gave the Ancient Egyptian dead entry to Osiris's underworld.

ANSWER: **weighing the heart** ACCEPT: *equivalent descriptions, including **showing yourself free of sin** or **judging the dead*** PROMPT: **entering the underworld** or **dying** or similar more general processes or **Negative Confession** before it is read

4. Members of this religion are believed to have signed the Pact of Time Custodian in their past lives. This religion is represented by a five-colored symbol depicting their idea of the relationship between the mind and the soul. Members of this religion who do not have access to the sacred texts are called The Ignorant Ones, in contrast to the (\*) Knowledgeable Initiates. This religion identifies Shuayb with its chief prophet Jethro. Its holy text is the Epistles of Wisdom, showing its descent from Ismaili Islam. For 10 points, name this Middle Eastern religion with the five pointed multi-colored star as a symbol, found in Syria, Israel, and Lebanon.

ANSWER: **Druze**. ACCEPT: **Al-Muwahhidun**

5. A form of this god who gained power over everything by performing a sacrifice for five nights is often worshipped by people who perform five-fold duties. A mark that resembles an elongated U, often with a red vertical line inside it, is often worn by devotees of this god. The Warkari movement worships this god in the form of Vithoba. (\*) Alvars wrote songs for the worship of this god. Because one of this god's avatars grew up there, Vrindavan is a site for the worship of this god. The Sri form of the worship of this god, which built the Srirangam temple, focuses on his wife Lakshmi also. For 10 points, name this god who is often worshipped in the form of his avatars Krishna and Rama.

ANSWER: **Vishnu** ACCEPT: **Vaishnavism**

6. Diodorus Siculus unusually claimed that this man had honoured his grandson as an appearance of Osiris. According to Pausanias, this man bought an animal from Pelagon with a mark the shape of a moon and followed it until it laid down. Herodotus claimed that this man and his companions introduced the (\*) Phoenician alphabet to Greece. At this man's wedding to his wife, she was given a necklace by Hephaestus that brought misfortune on all who wore it. This king slayed a dragon that killed his comrades at a well, after which he planted its teeth in the ground and people sprung up from them. For 10 points, name this king who founded Thebes.

ANSWER: **Cadmus**

*Description acceptable*

7. A Congregationalist church in South Butler, New York, became known for hosting the first instance of this practice in America. The papal encyclical *Inter Insigniores* set out reasons why the Catholic church is opposed to this practice, citing an argument about who Paul addressed as "God's fellow workers". Continuing Anglican churches split after a dispute over this practice. The role of (\*) Junia in the early church is generally debated in the context of this practice. Antoinette Brown Blackwell was the first person to take part in this practice in America. For 10 points, name this practice in which people who are not male become priests or ministers.

ANSWER: **ordination of women** ACCEPT: **ordaining women** or **female ordination** or **ordaining female** priests or **non-male ordination** or anything else along those lines PROMPT: **ordination** DO NOT ACCEPT: **woman deaconesses** or anything else along those lines

8. These people's creation myth describes how Water Buffalo causes a flood after her children are stolen. In that same myth of these people, a locust climbs a reed and drives away four water birds by demonstrating his magic, after which a badger tells that there is solid earth in our current world, the fifth. Witches called (\*) skin-walkers are traditional to the culture of these people. These people's traditional homeland is bounded by four mountains from their creation myth, each with a different colour; that myth also features First Angry, a coyote. For 10 points, name this largest federally recognized tribe, whose members mostly live in Arizona and New Mexico.

ANSWER: **Navajo** people ACCEPT: **Diné** people

9. During a ritual generally involving one of these animals, “this is my exchange, this is my substitute, this is my atonement” is said. The use of the word geber to refer to one of these non-human animals may have inspired a practice of atoning for sins using one of these animals. Roman alectryomancy most commonly takes the form of observing this animal eating. (\*) Money in a handkerchief often replaces this animal nowadays in one ritual. Traditional kapparot before Yom Kippur involves swinging one of these animals around one’s head three times. For 10 points, name these animals often depicted on church weathervanes, one of which crowed after Peter denied Jesus thrice.

ANSWER: **chicken** ACCEPT: **cockerel** or **rooster** or **hen** PROMPT: **fowl**

10. The motto “sic itur ad astra” was addressed towards this character in its first known appearance. After Numanus mocks an enemy force, this character kills Numanus. This character is made to sleep in Idalia when he is planning to present a golden cloak. This character kills a stag that leads to a war because of the influence of Allecto. (\*) Cupid imitates this character to charm a queen on the orders of Venus. This character’s hair is licked by fire in an omen from Jupiter, prompting Anchises to accept that he must leave. For 10 points, name this character who founded Alba Longa, a son of Creusa who accompanies his father Aeneas in the Aeneid.

ANSWER: **Ascanius** ACCEPT: **Iulus**

11. A small section of soil is placed on one shrine of these people in order to honour their god Lebe, who is believed to have led them to their current home. Marcel Griaule recorded what he had learned of the religion of these people from Ogotemmeli in the book Dieu D’Eau. One festival of these people called sigi occurs every 60 years based on when a star is visible between two mountain peaks. These people believe that the creator god (\*) Amma created the water spirit Nommo. Many conspiracy theories center around a myth of these people that Nommo came from a star system that they supposedly knew was binary. For 10 points, name this Malian ethnic group that may have a myth about Sirius.

ANSWER: **Dogon** people

12. This man takes a stick for Joseph and a stick for Judah and makes them like one. This man’s namesake bread is made using wheat, lentils, barley, beans, fitches, and millet. Palm trees and cherubim are alternated in one architectural plan seen by this man, who saw a (\*) “Likeness of Man” on a sapphire throne in one vision. Gog was first prophesied to come by this figure, who saw angels with the heads of a man, lion, ox or cherub, and eagle, in addition to angels forming wheels inside of wheels. This man sees dry bones that God tells him are the Israelites in exile. For 10 points, name this Old Testament prophet of the Babylonian exile who saw a chariot made of angels, sometimes called his namesake wheel.

ANSWER: **Ezekiel**

13. An argument that this action should be done equally to eight groups of recipients was advanced by Shafi’i. Although the Ridda Wars stemmed from preëxisting tensions, disagreement on how to perform this action started them. A smaller form of this action is traditionally done a few days before (\*) Eid al-Fitr. People who do not have nisab are not obligated to perform this action. Sadaqat, while similar to this action, differs from it in that it is not mandatory to perform. The results of this action are collected by the state in Saudi Arabia, among other countries. For 10 points, name this action, one of the pillars of Islam, that involves giving money to those who need it.

ANSWER: **zakat** ACCEPT: **almsgiving** or **donation** to charity or other descriptive equivalents PROMPT: **help** or **aid** or **charity**

14. These people listen to recitations of the rules that they are supposed to follow on days determined by the phases of the moon. The Eight Heavy Rules regulate how some of these people behave in reference to others. These people

are given cloth during the Kathina festival. Samaneras are people who are training to become these people. These people are supposed to not travel during the (\*) Vassa period. The Vinaya regulates the behavior of these people. The colour of these people's robes often indicates their geographic region or sect. For 10 points, name these non-laypeople who make up the sangha, according to the Theravada school.

ANSWER: **bhikkus** ACCEPT: **Buddhist monks** and nuns PROMPT: **monks** with "of what religion?"

15. These people practiced a custom in which a mix of straw and canvas was formed into the shape of a horse and then dragged around, often accompanied by a fire. Klabautermänner are believed to become visible to these people when they are at risk of dying. St. Clement is the patron saint of these people. Many of these people take part in (\*) line-crossing ceremonies. These people may have created a myth against harming albatrosses. These people referred to people believed to be bringing bad luck as "jonahs", because the Biblical Jonah brought some of these people bad luck. For 10 points, name these people, who take warning at a red sky in the morning when on a ship.

ANSWER: **sailors** ACCEPT: **mariners**

16. This specific feature is urged to "come and prosper" in a hymn to it that claims there is "no dwelling which may contain" it. The Hereford Mappa Mundi places both the Blemmyes and Troglodites along this geographic feature. In Greek mythology, the member of the Potamoi representing this river was the father of Chione. (\*) Sopdet became associated with this river because the heliacal rising of Sirius preceded a seasonal change in it. The sistrum was shaken to avert the flooding of this river plied by the Neshmet, whose flooding was sometimes believed to come from Isis's tears for Osiris. Hapi was the god of the flooding of, for 10 points, what river responsible for flooding fields in Ancient Egypt.

ANSWER: **Nile** River

17. This man once complained that the bread, butter, and meat he was supposed to be given were the size of a small bird, berry, and leaf, though he then finds much larger versions of those objects. This man did not know his father because his mother was turned back into a deer after this man, who rules a region called (\*) The Land of the Young, was born. In one account, this man's downfall comes when he tried to help people move a stone but fell off his horse, since he aged rapidly as soon as he touched the soil of the world when this man came back from Tir na Nog, where he had ruled with Niamh. For 10 points, name this poet son of Fionn mac Cumhaill.

ANSWER: **Oisín**

18. The religious use of this object was supposedly moved back to later in the day because it had once alarmed enemies that it might be the beginning of a war. In the Bible, Gideon gives one of these objects along with a clay jar to each of his 300 men that he uses to drive back the Midianite army. This object is used every day during the month of (\*) Elul except for on the Sabbaths, because one may accidentally violate halakha by carrying it then. Three possible uses of this object are called the *tekiah*, *shevarim*, and *teruah*. After the Israelites had marched around the walls, priests blew some of these objects at the battle of Jericho. For 10 points, name this ram's horn traditionally played on Rosh Hashanah.

ANSWER: **shofar** PROMPT: **trumpet** or **horn**

19. Rudolf Aquaviva gave one holder of this title a Polyglot Bible; that took place at the Ibadan Khana that that holder of this title built, where he discussed the concept of sulh-i-kul. The Roshaniya religious movement was suppressed by holders of this title. Very hot sand was reportedly poured onto Arjan on the orders of both a holder of this title and Chandu Shah; another holder of this title also ordered the killing of (\*) Tegh Bahadur. One holder of this title created the religion of Din-i Ilahi after discussions between Hindus, Zoroastrians, and members of other religions at Fatehpur Sikri. For ten points, name this title held by Aurangzeb and Akbar, rulers of a certain Indian empire.

ANSWER: **Mughal emperor** ACCEPT: **Mughal shah**anshah or anything with Moghul instead of Mughal.

PROMPT: **emperor** or **shah**anshah or **Mughal**

20. One figure who died in the making of this substance was claimed to have died because no one could ask him intelligent questions. This substance changed hands after the death by drowning of Gilling. Nine slaves kill each other with newly sharpened scythes during a quest for this substance. One figure uses the form of a snake to enter (\*) Gunnlod's room in a quest for this substance. Fjalar and Galarr produced this substance after they killed Kvasir. Two figures took the shape of eagles in a chase based on a dispute around this substance. Bölverk stole some of this substance from Baugi's brother Suttingr. For 10 points, name this beverage, which Odin stole and used to give poetic inspiration.

ANSWER: **mead of poetry** PROMPT: **mead**

21. The fire and the sun are described as the endpoints of the arrow made of aether that killed this figure. That arrow that killed this figure was given to his killer by the sage Agastya. This figure once tried to shake Mount Kailash, but was then trapped under it by Shiva and not released for 1000 years. This figure overthrew his half-brother (\*) Kubera, while his sister Surpanakha started the conflict that led to this king's death. This king's magician Maricha also catalyzed that conflict by creating a beautiful deer that his antagonist then chased after. For 10 points, name this king of Lanka who captured Sita, the antagonist of the Ramayana.

ANSWER: **Ravana**

22. This goddess is called polyolbos, or rich in blessings, on a Byzantine tapestry in which she wears a halo. A sculpture named for Giustiniani is generally thought to be one of the few surviving statues of this goddess. The prytaneion was sacred to this goddess. Both Apollo and Poseidon wished to wed this goddess, but she took an oath of virginity. This goddess was generally the first to receive any (\*) sacrifice or libation, as decreed by Zeus. This goddess, who was the eldest daughter of Kronos and Rhea, alternates with Dionysus in her placement in one group. For 10 points, name this Greek goddess of the hearth, sometimes considered one of the Twelve Olympians.

ANSWER: **Hestia** ACCEPT: **Vesta**

23. The Plane Compertum Est papal decree permitted an image of this person to be present in Catholic schools. Two very large "Demon-exterminating swords" were mostly metaphorically directed at the symbols of this person's teachings. One figure claimed to see a vision of his father instructing angels to bring back this person and whip them. Part of the (\*) Chinese Rites controversy dealt with whether rites for this specific figure were permissible for Christians. Hong Xiuquan converted to Christianity after failing civil service examinations based on the work of this philosopher. For 10 points, name this Chinese philosopher who wrote the Analects.

ANSWER: **Confucius** ACCEPT: **Kong** Fuzi

24. While it's not tithing, the Catholic Church views an action of Melchizedek as an important precursor of this practice. The Wittenberg Concord represented an attempt to merge many Protestant views about how to carry out this practice. This is the most common practice in which an epiclesis invokes the Holy Spirit. Receptionism and (\*) memorialism are two views about what is theologically occurring in this practice. The doctrine of transubstantiation concerns this practice. This practice is based on a time when Jesus said "This is my body" and "This is my blood." For 10 points, name this Christian rite that involves sacramental bread and wine.

ANSWER: The **Eucharist** ACCEPT: Holy **Communion** or **Lord's Supper** or any descriptions like taking the **communion**

Boni:

1. Answer some questions about West Virginia folklore, for 10 points each,

[E] This “steel-driving man” died after he beat a steam drill in a race to build a tunnel somewhere in West Virginia.

ANSWER: **John Henry**

[H] This “king of the keelboaters”, who presumably went through West Virginia on some of his Ohio River trips, claimed he could “out-run, out-hop, out-jump, throw-down, drag out, and lick any man in the country” and was mythologized as a foil of Davy Crockett.

ANSWER: Mike **Fink**

[M] This creature, which resembles a large bird or insect with red eyes, was first seen in Point Pleasant, West Virginia, where it was claimed to have foreshadowed the Silver Bridge collapse in a book of its prophecies.

ANSWER: **Mothman**

2. Per Mark, this man wears camel hair clothes and eats locusts and wild honey. For 10 points each,

[E] This precursor figure to Jesus, whom he is said to have baptized, is killed in one version when Salome demands his head.

ANSWER: **John the Baptist**. PROMPT: **John**

[M] John’s mother is this figure, a relative of Jesus’s mother Mary, who visits this figure in the Visitation and tells her the Magnificat prayer. She was considered too old to conceive before the birth of John.

ANSWER: **Elizabeth**

[H] After John the Baptist was born, his father Zechariah uttered this text. It begins “Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, he has come to his people and set them free.”

ANSWER: **Benedictus**

3. A statue of this deity in Chatham County, North Carolina is planned to be the tallest in the world when fully built. For 10 points each:

[H] Name this Tamil deity. He is honored in the Thaipusam festival, which commemorates when this figure received a lance from his mother. In Tamil Hinduism, Korravai is said to be this god’s mother.

ANSWER: **Murugan** PROMPT: Anything that’s an answer to the second part with “What is the Tamil name?”

[M] Murugan is often treated as the same as this Hindu deity. The Pleiades nursed this god, a son of Shiva after he grew six heads. This god killed the demon Tarakasura.

ANSWER: **Kartikeya** ACCEPT: **Skanda** or **Kumara** or **Subrahmanya**

[E] Both Kartikeya and Murugan are said to be the brother of this god. This elephant-headed son of Shiva is called a god of beginning and a remover of obstacles.

ANSWER: **Ganesha** ACCEPT: **Ganapati**

4. In one telling, this character demands to only marry someone who knows no fear after she is punished by Odin for supporting Agnar. For 10 points each:

[M] Name this character who is taken out of a ring of fire by someone pretending to be Gunnar, whom she later marries. She later argues with her sister-in-law Gudrun.

ANSWER: **Brynhild** ACCEPT: **Brünnhilde** or **Brunhild** or **Brynhildr** or **Brunhilde** or **Brunhilda**

[E] Per the Völsung saga, Brynhild is removed from the ring of fire by this hero, who also appears in Wagner’s Ring Cycle. He is later murdered by Gunnar on the orders of Brynhild as a result of her quarrel with Gudrun.

ANSWER: **Sigurd** ACCEPT: **Siegfried** or **Sigurðr** or **Sivrit** or **Sivard**

[H] Birds inform Sigurd of this man’s plan to kill him after the death of Fafnir, per the Völsung saga. This foster-father of Sigurd reforged the sword Gram for him, which Sigurd uses to kill Fafnir.

ANSWER: **Reginn** ACCEPT: **Regan**

5. One distinctive feature of this author is consistently referring to a figure otherwise called Jethro as Reuel. For 10 points each:

[H] Name this purported author of the second creation story in the Bible. This author, who is generally referred to by their name for God, is merged with the Elohist in some newer versions of the documentary hypothesis.

ANSWER: **Jahwist** ACCEPT: **Yahwist**

[M] The Jahwist wrote very little of this book of the Bible, which the documentary hypothesis mostly ascribes to its namesake author. This book describes the death of Moses on Mount Nebo.

ANSWER: **Deuteronomy** ACCEPT: **Devarim**

[E] One possible distinguishing feature between the Jahwist and the Elohist is the name for this mountain, which the Elohist calls Horeb. Moses received the Ten Commandments on this mount on the Israelites' trip out of Egypt.

ANSWER: Mount **Sinai**

6. In images of this scene, the central figure is flanked by the torchbearers Cautes and Cautopates. For 10 points each,

[H] A sheaf of corn takes the place of a tail in many depictions of this scene, whose central figure wears Persian dress as a dog jumps up to lick an animal's wounds.

ANSWER: **tauroctony** PROMPT: anything about **bull-slaying**

[E] This god kills the bull in the tauroctony, making it a crucial scene in the cult surrounding this god with Iranian origins, who was popular among soldiers.

ANSWER: **Mithras**

[M] The tauroctony has some similarities to the taurobolium, in which adherents of this goddess were showered in bull's blood. This goddess, who likely has Phrygian origins, was accompanied by Attis.

ANSWER: **Cybele** ACCEPT: **Magna Mater**

7. David Flattery claimed that this substance may have been prepared by mixing ephedras and mountain rue. For 10 points each:

[H] In the Ab-Zohr rite, this substance is pounded and strained before some is poured into a body of water as an offering, after which some is often given to babies and those who are dying.

ANSWER: **haoma**

[E] The Zoroastrian haoma is related to this drink consumed by Indra and Agni in Hindu myth. It gives its name to a drug in Aldous Huxley's book Brave New World.

ANSWER: **soma**

[M] R. Gordon Wasson proposed that soma was derived from the fly-agaric type of this substance, which is also used by Siberian shamans to enter trances.

ANSWER: **mushrooms** PROMPT: **fungi**

8. Oomoto, a new religious movement notable for advocating Esperanto, sprung up in this country. For 10 points each,

[E] Name this country, where many of its new religions, such as Tenrikyo, developed from Sect Shinto before eventually becoming its own religion.

ANSWER: **Japan** ACCEPT: **Nippon** or **Nihon**

[M] Another Japanese religion is this one, which was established by Shoko Asahara. They were also accused of testing and possibly exploding weapons at their Banjawarn Station in Australia.

ANSWER: **Aum** Shinrikyo ACCEPT: **Aleph**

[H] Yet another Japanese new religious movement is this one, which was based on the teachings of Nichiren and focuses on the Lotus Sutra. It formed the Komeito political party.

ANSWER: **Soka Gakkai** International

9. Enriqueta Romero established one of the first public sites for the worship of this figure in the neighbourhood of Tepito. For 10 points each,

[H] Name this figure, the worship of whom Andrew Chesnut and Kate Kingsbury have called the “fastest growing new religious movement in the West.” This figure has attracted many adherents among both sides of the drug war.

ANSWER: **Santa Muerte** ACCEPT: **Santisima Muerte** or **Holy Death** or **Saint Death** or **Most Holy Death** or **Most Sainly Death** or **La Flaquita** or **La Huesuda** or **La Niña Blanca** or **La Hermana Blanca** or **La Niña Bonita** or **La Dama Poderosa** or **Señora de las Sombras** or **Señora Blanca** or **Señora Negra** or **Niña Santa**

[M] Some researchers have suggested that Santa Muerte was influenced by the rulers of this underworld, which Xolotl takes souls to. One alternative to this underworld was Tlalocan, for people who had drowned.

ANSWER: **Mictlan**

[E] Santa Muerte is influenced by but distinct from this Mexican holiday, which is held on the same days as All Saints’ and All Souls’ Day. La Calavera Catrina, a possible influence on Santa Muerte, is a symbol of this holiday.

ANSWER: **Día de Los Muertos** ACCEPT: **Dia de Muertos**

10. This book’s 5 sections each end with a doxology. For 10 points each,

[E] This grouping of generally 150 songs and poems contains many apocryphally attributed to David. It includes By the Rivers of Babylon.

ANSWER: Book of **Psalms**. ACCEPT: **Psalter**

[M] This psalm describes God as one who “leadeth me beside still waters,” and it discusses walking through the valley of the shadow of death.

ANSWER: The **Lord is my Shepherd**. ACCEPT: Psalm **23** OR **Dominus reget me**

[H] This prayer in Judaism consists of psalms 113 to 118, although it has a “half” version that leaves out some verses. It is traditionally recited on Jewish holidays, including Passover.

ANSWER: Egyptian **Hallel**

11. For 10 points each, answer some questions about controversies over the role that dark-skinned and Black people played in Greek history and mythology:

[H] Name this academic, who is best known for creating the much-debated Black Athena theory, which claims that Greek civilization ultimately took much of its culture from Egypt and Phoenicia.

ANSWER: Martin **Bernal**

[M] One less controversial example of an Ancient Greek figure who was from Africa and had dark skin was this Ethiopian king, a son of Eos and Tithonus who fought on the Trojan side during the Trojan War.

ANSWER: **Memnon**

[E] Another controversy about whether Ancient Greek figures can be considered either Black or dark-skinned emerged during a recent television depiction of this hero of the Trojan War, who was invulnerable except for a heel.

ANSWER: **Achilles**

12. Answer some questions on the architecture of mosques, for 10 points each:

[E] Many mosques contain these high towers, from which the call to prayer, or adhan, is generally issued. One mosque in Samarra has a notable spiral form of this structure.

ANSWER: **minaret**

[M] This decorated notch in the wall is used to indicate the qibla, or direction people should face to pray towards Mecca.

ANSWER: **mihrab**

[H] Mihrabs are often found in these spaces used for prayer, which often are open to the air. This general class of space for prayer sometimes is considered to include masjids.

ANSWER: **musalla**

13. Not all saints practiced the religion in which they became a saint. For 10 points each:



[E] Despite not actually being a Christian, a Christian saint called Josaphat was based on this man, who taught that reincarnation ends in Nirvana.

ANSWER: The **Buddha**. ACCEPT: **Siddhartha** Gautama

[M] Many novelists found a place in the pantheon of saints of Cao Dai. One of the most important is this author, who took up séances when in exile in Guernsey, the setting of his novel *Toilers of the Sea*.

ANSWER: Victor-Marie **Hugo**

[H] The African Orthodox Church recognizes this musician as a saint after a San Francisco congregation that was founded by Franco and Marina King and based around this man's music joined their denomination.

ANSWER: John William **Coltrane**

14. Porphyry claimed that this practice was only able to purify the lower soul, in contrast to some later advocates. For 10 points each:

[H] Name this practice notably advocated for by Iamblichus, who discussed it as a step that humans could do to become more godlike, in accordance with the will of the gods.

ANSWER: **theurgy** ACCEPT: **theourgia**

[E] Iamblichus was part of a school named for being a "neo-" form of the thought of this philosopher, who discussed his own views on the soul and religion in such dialogues as *Timaeus* and *Meno*, which features Socrates.

ANSWER: **Plato** ACCEPT: **Platon** OR **Aristocles**

[M] Both the neoplatonists and Plato believed in a form of this figure, who fashions the world on the basis of Ideas, but is distinct from the One. Plotinus and others often identified this figure, which is also found in gnosticism, with Zeus.

ANSWER: **demiurge** ACCEPT: **demiurgos**

15. This goddess is often depicted with a seven-pointed headdress above her head, and wearing a leopard skin. For 10 points each:

[H] Name this goddess of writing. She was responsible for inscribing the amount of time that a pharaoh would live on a leaf or branch, and played a role in a ceremony that stretched a cord around where a temple would be built.

ANSWER: **Seshat** ACCEPT: **Sefkhet-Abwy**

[E] Seshet may be either the wife or daughter of this god, who also is an Egyptian god of writing. Hermopolis was his main cult centre, and he sometimes had the head of a baboon or ibis.

ANSWER: **Thoth** ACCEPT: **Djehuty**

[M] Seshat was also sometimes treated as a form of or associate of this other goddess, a member of the Ennead. This sister of Isis was generally the wife of Set and sometimes the mother of Anubis.

ANSWER: **Nephthys** ACCEPT: **Nebet-Het**

16. Some Islamic scholars identify this figure with Iblis, since both refused to bow to Adam, although believers in this figure think it was a test from God. For 10 points each:

[H] This chief angel of Yazidism is often depicted as a peacock.

ANSWER: **Melek Taus** ACCEPT: **Tawuse Melek** PROMPT: **Peacock Angel**

[M] Much like the angels of Yazidism, these six or seven Zoroastrian beings are also emanations from a chief god and are contrasted with evil beings called the daevas. They include Vohu Manah and Kšathra Vairya.

ANSWER: **Amesha Spenta**

[E] The Amesha Spenta are emanations from this chief god of Zoroastrianism, who will eventually defeat Angra Mainyu and the daevas.

ANSWER: **Ahura Mazda**

17. This pastor defended his statement that people cannot serve both God and the military by citing "no one can serve two masters", from the Book of Matthew. For 10 points each,

[M] Name this current pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church, who was also criticized for defending Jeremiah Wright's rhetoric about America.

ANSWER: Raphael **Warnock**

[E] Ebenezer Baptist Church was also home to this minister known for delivering the "I Have a Dream" speech, who led the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

ANSWER: Dr. Martin Luther **King** Jr. ACCEPT: **MLK** Jr.

[H] Warnock has also been connected to this Methodist theologian who advocates for Black Liberation theology, who also attracted criticism for his arguments that traditionally white denominations have betrayed the message of Jesus.

ANSWER: James Hal **Cone**

18. The Mahatmya of this figure describes how one form of this figure slew the buffalo demon Mahishasura. For 10 points each,

[H] Name this figure. During Navratri, tales from this figure's Mahatmya are recited, where she takes such forms as Mahakali and Kaushiki. Her namesake upanishad is attached to the Atharvaveda.

ANSWER: **Devi**

[M] Devi is particularly worshipped by this tradition of Hinduism, which worships its namesake goddess, often as a consort of Shiva. Of the three major forms of Hinduism, it is the only one to focus on a goddess.

ANSWER: **Shaktism**

[E] For Shakti practitioners, Devi is regarded as being identical to this core principle of Hinduism, which is considered both infinite and omnipresent. It has a similar name to one member of the Trimurti.

ANSWER: **Brahman**

19. The Holy of Holies was separated by a curtain, not a wall, when in this building. For 10 points each,

[E] Titus destroyed this building renovated by Herod, where sacrifices were performed after the Babylonian exile. It replaced an earlier building that had been destroyed. ANSWER: **Second Temple** PROMPT: **Temple**

[H] The Second Temple's building was probably started by this governor, Jeconiah's grandson, who may have been Sheshbazzar. He led some Jews returning from the Babylonian captivity.

ANSWER: **Zerubbabel**

[M] The destructions of both the First and Second Temple are commemorated on this holiday, where prayers of lament called kinnot are recited. ANSWER: **Tisha B'Av**

20. Answer some questions about the activities of Inca priests, for 10 points each:

[E] Incan priests performed a version of this practice, the qhapaq hucha, occasionally. The Maya and Aztec often performed this ritual practice, which for the Aztecs generally involved stabbing the victim with a flint knife.

ANSWER: **human sacrifice** ACCEPT: *descriptions such as* **killing people ritually** PROMPT: **sacrifice**

[H] A priest might work at this Incan temple complex in Cuzco, which was especially dedicated to Inti. It was located at the tail in the panther design of Cuzco, and held many mummies of Incan ancestors.

ANSWER: **Coricancha** ACCEPT: **Qorikancha**

[M] Priests, including those at Coricancha, could also have worked at temples for this god, whose worship likely developed out of the pre-Incan Staff God. He legendarily sailed West into the Pacific Ocean, leaving other gods to rule the Inca.

ANSWER: **Viracocha** ACCEPT: **Kon-Tiki** OR **Wiraqutra**

21. Barlaam the Calabrian criticized adherents of this practice as "omphalopsychoi" after Gregory Palamas defended this practice. For 10 points each,

[M] This Orthodox practice involves solitarily reciting the Jesus Prayer, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me" in an attempt to see the divine light of Christ's Transfiguration.

ANSWER: **Hesychasm**

[H] The site of the Transfiguration is typically identified with this location, making this location a pilgrimage destination. It was also the site of an Old Testament battle that Sisera's Canaanites lost.

ANSWER: **Mt Tabor**

[E] Mark, Matthew, and Luke, the Synoptic Gospels, all directly discuss the Transfiguration, but this only non-Synoptic gospel does not.

ANSWER: Gospel of **John**

22. Answer some questions about orishas, for 10 points each,

[E] Orishas are worshipped in many religious traditions influenced by the Yoruba, including the religion of Candomble, which originated in this country, also the site of a large Christ the Redeemer statue in Rio de Janeiro.

ANSWER: Federative Republic of **Brazil**. ACCEPT: República Federativa do **Brasil**

[H] To the Yoruba, this omnipotent god created all life. The peacock Oshun, who became a vulture, is the only orisha allowed to communicate with this god.

ANSWER: **Olodumare**. ACCEPT: **Olorun**

[M] In Vodou, these spirits serve a similar role to and are sometimes equated with orishas. These spirits serve to go between people and Bondye, the supreme god. Examples include Maman Brigitte and Baron Samedi.

ANSWER: **loas** ACCEPT: **lwas**

23. Answer some questions about Christian influence on Norse mythology, for 10 points each,

[H] Snorri Sturluson bizarrely claims in the Prose Edda that the Norse deities were mortals who left this place, based on a false etymology of Aesir.

ANSWER: **Troy** PROMPT: **Asia** Minor

[E] Accounts of Thor's slaying of the Midgard serpent have parallels to this literary figure slaying a dragon and then dying, after he already killed Grendel and his mother, although this figure's writer was likely a Christian.

ANSWER: **Beowulf**

[M] The seeress who narrates the Voluspa, part of the Poetic Edda, has often been said to have been influenced by one of these figures who created books bought by Tarquin and used for divination in Rome.

ANSWER: Cumaean **Sibyl**

24. Drakpa Gyeltsen has been claimed to have appeared as this deity, although the account is disputed. For 10 points each,

[H] Name this spirit in Tibetan Buddhism, whose followers believe that, per the Yellow Book, he works against Gelugpa school members who incorporate Red Hat ideas in their practice.

ANSWER: **Dorje Shugden**

[E] Followers of Dorje Shugden have often protested international visits made by the current holder of this title, the head of Tibetan Buddhism.

ANSWER: **Dalai Lama** PROMPT: **Lama**

[M] Both mainstream Tibetan Buddhism and Dorje Shugden followers fall under the umbrella of this type of Buddhism, which heavily uses tantra and also includes the Newar Buddhists.

ANSWER: **Vajrayana** Buddhism