

# Scobol Solo 2022

## Championship Tiebreakers

1. In a short story by this writer, a photographer walking around Paris sees a teenage boy who was afraid. When the photographer takes a picture in this writer's story, the woman with the boy demands the film, but the photographer keeps it and makes an enlarged picture. A novel by this author follows a group of people who sometimes get together at the apartment of Ronald and Babs and sometimes go to La Maga's apartment; the group is called the Serpent Club. This author designated the last 99 chapters of that novel as "expendable". Name this author of "Blow-Up" and *Hopscotch*.

Answer: Julio (Florencio) Cortázar [hoo-lee-oh kor-TAH-zar]

*Check the score.*

2. In the past decade, this country has received assistance from China to excavate its ancient city of Mingtepa. That site is near this modern-day country's city of Andijan, which was the birthplace of Babur, who founded India's Mughal [MOH-gull] dynasty. Babur's memoirs also mention this country's second-most populous city, Namangan [nam-an-gan]. This country contains the southern half of the Aralkum [uh-RAL-kum] Desert, which is where the Aral Sea used to be. This country is also the location of Timur's former capital, Samarkand. Name this country west of Kyrgyzstan [keerg-ih-STAN] and south of Kazakhstan whose capital is Tashkent.

Answer: (Republic of) Uzbekistan [or O'zbekiston (Respublikasi)]

*Check the score.*

3. This astronomer predicted that walking on the Moon would be like walking on crunchy snow, which was confirmed by Neil Armstrong. This person made incorrect predictions about the region named for him, believing that it would have few objects, and he ignored Kenneth Edgeworth's writings about that region. The region named for this person is the location of Haumea ["how-MAY-uh"] and Makemake [mah-kay-MAH-kay] and is the source of many short-period comets. Identify this Dutch-American astronomer who is the namesake of that region 30 to 50 astronomical units from the Sun that includes Pluto and which is called his "belt".

Answer: Gerard (Peter) Kuiper [KY-pur] [or Gerrit Pieter Kuiper]

*Check the score.*

4. The capture of this person was one of the goals of the Battle of Karameh, and the expulsion of this person was one of the goals of Black September. At the end of Bill Clinton's presidency, he tried to broker an agreement between this person and Ehud Barak, but those negotiations failed, contributing to the Second Intifada. This person, Yitzhak Rabin, and Shimon Peres shared a Nobel Peace Prize in 1994 for the Oslo Accords. Name this person who until his death in 2004 was the leader of Fatah and the Palestinian Liberation Organization.

Answer: Yasser Arafat [or Mohammed Abdel Rahman Abdel Raouf al-Qudwa al-Husseini or Abu Ammar]

**Check the score.**

11. This country has militia groups called Koglweogos [kohl-wee-OH-gohz], and Volunteers for the Defense of the Homeland often fights against Islamists in this country. This country's prime minister, Christophe Joseph Marie Dabiré [kree-stohff zhoh-seff mah-ree dah-bee-ray] was fired in late 2021 by President Roch [rohk] Marc Christian Kaboré [kah-bor-ay], who was removed from office in January 2022. In late September 2022 in this country, President Paul-Henri Damiba [deh-mee-bah] was replaced by Ibrahim Traoré [trah-uh-ree] in this country's second coup of the year. Name this country that has experienced violence caused in part by Islamist groups allied with the Islamic State or al-Qaeda in neighboring Niger [nee-ZHAIR] and Mali.

Answer: Burkina Faso

**Check the score.**

12. This person wrote that there is "a soul of truth in things erroneous" near the beginning of the multi-volume book *A System of Synthetic Philosophy*. This person warned about "the coming slavery" in the book *The Man Versus the State*. This writer's book *Social Statics* provided a phrase that was often used much later by Margaret Thatcher: "There is no alternative". This 19th-century Englishman often extended scientific principles into philosophy and sociology. Name this writer whose book *Principles of Biology* promoted social Darwinism with the phrase "survival of the fittest".

Answer: Herbert Spencer

**Check the score.**

13. One collection of poems by this writer states "Life grants nothing to us mortals without hard work." This writer began that collection by asking Maecenas [mih-SEE-nuss] why "no one alive is ever content with the lot he chose." That collection, written more than a decade before Juvenal, is this writer's *Satires*. Another collection by this writer says both "I have made a monument more lasting than bronze" and "We are but dust and shadow." Name this poet whose odes include quotes such as "It is sweet and honorable to die for one's country" and "Seize the day."

Answer: Horace [or Quintus Horatius Flaccus]

**Check the score.**

14. If a graph does not have any of these substructures of odd length, the graph is bi-partite. These constructs have a chord if there is an edge that is not part of this construct but connects two vertices in this construct. A tree is a connected graph without any of these constructs. If every vertex of a graph has even degree, the graph has one of these constructs that includes every edge once and is therefore Eulerian [oy-LAIR-ee-un]. Give this term for a path within a graph that starts and ends at the same vertex.

Answer: cycles [accept simple circuits]

**Check the score.**

21. Ganesha tricked this creature about the placement of Shiva's Atma-linga in Gokarna. This creature replaced his half-brother Kubara to become a king after receiving support from Brahma. This creature sang hymns to Shiva for a thousand years after Shiva trapped this creature under Mount Kailash. This creature's wife Mando-dari is praised for respecting and loving him even though this creature is evil. This creature had 10 heads and 20 arms, and he was the king of Lanka. This creature told a demon to take the form of a golden deer so that Sita could be captured. Name this demon who is attacked by Hanuman and killed by Rama in the *Ramayana*.

Answer: Ravana

***Check the score.***

22. In this opera, three girls sing the words "But youth, of course, must have its fling, so pardon us, so pardon us" in the song "So Please You Sir, We Much Regret". Earlier in this opera, those girls had gotten disapproval in reaction to the song "Filled to the brim with girlish glee, three little maids from school". The person the girls apologize to in this opera is the Lord High Everything Else. In this opera, the Lord High Executioner sings "As some day it may happen", which describes people who would not be missed and is also called "I've got a little list". This opera features the characters Pooh-Bah, Ko-Ko, and Yum-Yum. Name this opera by Arthur Sullivan and William Gilbert set in Japan.

Answer: *The Mikado*

***Check the score.***

23. This U.S. president signed the Gadsden Purchase, which had the support of his Secretary of War, Jefferson Davis. This president was heavily criticized when his Secretary of State, William Marcy, encouraged ministers to devise a plan for taking control of Cuba that became known as the Ostend Manifesto. This president lost much of his support by signing the Kansas-Nebraska Act, which is why Democrats did not re-nominate this incumbent in 1856. Name this president who served between Millard Fillmore and James Buchanan.

Answer: Franklin Pierce

***This is the end of the packet.***