

College Bowl Match

(University of Wisconsin questions. Used in N.I.T., April 9, 1983)

1. It was a standard word in the late Jimmy Durante's vocabulary. It can be a vine or a tree also known as Lagenaria siceraria which bears a hard-shelled gourd-shaped fruit. The word can also be used to describe utensils or smoking pipes made from the gourd. For 10 points, what is the word?
Answer: calabash
2. She was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee in 1894, and started performing not ~~xx~~ long after the turn of the century. One of the all-time great blues singers, she not only performed but wrote such standards as "Shipwreck Blues," "Long Road," and "Blue Blues." For 10 points, who was this celebrated chanteuse, who died in an auto accident in 1937 and is mentioned in the title of an Edward Albee play?
Answer: Bessie Smith
3. She abdicated her throne in 1654, leaving the country in male disguise. At Innsbruck, she converted to Roman Catholicism. She tried twice to regain her throne, but failed both times, in 1660 and 1667. A lavish patron of the arts while queen, she attracted many renowned scholars to court, including Descartes. For 10 points, who was this monarch, the successor to Gustavus Adolphus?
Answer: Queen Christina
4. This Sicilian philosopher was a Pythagorean who lived from about 490 to 430 BC. He is said to have been the first to propose that matter consists of four elements--air, earth, fire, and water; that blood ebbs and flows from the heart; and that health results from maintaining a balance among the four bodily humors. For 10 points, name this philosopher.
Answer: Empedocles
5. Encompassing a grand total of some 164,000 square miles, it is the sixth largest island on this lovely ~~xx~~ planet. It is part of the nation of Indonesia, and is the setting of one of Sherlock Holmes' most tantalizingly named, but unfortunately unreported cases. For 10 points, name this island.
Answer: Sumatra
6. It is May 3, 1960. You are at the Sullivan Street Theater in Manhattan. You have come to see the first run of a play in which a character known as El Gallo (El GUY o) sings about an abduction he is to perform in a variation on the old Romeo and Juliet theme. Little do you realize that over 22 years later the play will still be running, setting an off-Broadway record. Name, for 10 points, this popular musical written by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt.
Answer: The Fantasticks
7. This war was fought between Paraguay and Bolivia from 1932-35.

Over 100,000 casualties were suffered before the war was finally settled by arbitration, mostly in favor of Paraguay. The name of the war is derived from the region over which it was fought. For 10 points, name the war.

Answer: Chaco War or War of the Gran Chaco

8. With the exception of Ulysses, he was the last of the Hellenic veterans of the Trojan conflict to return home. For 10 points, who was this hero, the younger brother of Agamemnon?

Answer: Menelaus

9. Carbonyl chloride is a colorless, reactive gas hydrolyzed by water. It is formed by the catalytic combination of carbon monoxide and chlorine. It is used in making resins and dyes, but was also used during World War I as a poison gas. For 10 points, by what other name is it commonly known?

Answer: phosgene (do not accept "mustard gas")

10. By profession a professor of literature, she writes books of a quasi-mystical/religious bent. Among her works are Holy the Firm and Pilgrim at Tinker Creek, for which she won the Pulitzer Prize for general nonfiction in 1975. For 10 points, name this American author.

Answer: Annie Dillard

11. The case of Griswold v. Connecticut was adjudicated by the US Supreme Court in 1965. Under the penumbra of the right to privacy as reasoned by Justice Douglas, the decision invalidated laws restricting a certain practice. For 10 points, what practice?

Answer: birth control (do not accept "abortion")

12. Despite their different interpretations of radical politics, the young men Stavrogin and Verhovensky combine fanaticism, treachery, and self-contradiction to incite an entire town to pillage, arson, and slaughter. For 10 points, what is the name of the Dostoevsky novel?

Answer: The Possessed or The Devils

13. Known as the Babe Ruth of Negro baseball, this man played for the Homestead Grays from the 1920s through the 1940s. He is believed to have hit about 800 home runs and was finally admitted to baseball's Hall of Fame in the 1970s. For 10 points, name him.

Answer: Josh Gibson

14. Political corruption is not unique to the U.S. Eight years ago a Japanese prime minister was forced to resign on account of his involvement with the Lockheed bribery scandal. In March, 1983, his trial was still going on, and he faced a possible prison sentence, despite the fact that he still is a member of Parliament. For 10 points, name this Japanese politician.

Answer: Makuei Tanaka

15. In 1896 he discovered natural radioactivity in a uranium salt. On account of this achievement he shared the 1903 Nobel Prize in physics with the Curies. For 10 points, name him.
Answer: Antoine Henri Becquerel
16. He was the German commander at the Battle of Liege in World War I. Dismissed after failing to conclude the German offensive of 1918, he later became a Nazi, joined in the Beer Hall putsch, and served in the Reichstag from 1924 to 1928. For 10 points, who was he?
Answer: Erich von Ludendorff
17. He wrote 33 plays, some of them verse dramas based on historical characters' lives. Among his works are Anne of the Thousand Days, Knickerbocker Holiday, Key Largo, Winterset, and High Tor. For 10 points, name this Pulitzer Prize winning playwright.
Answer: Maxwell Anderson
18. His uncle was Pericles. He was a brilliant general for the Athenians during the Peloponnesian Wars, and saved the life of Socrates at the battle of Delium in 424 BC. Later, he had a change of heart and went to fight for Sparta, then later, for Persia, and again came back to Athens. Eventually, he was exiled from Athens and was assassinated on his way back to Persia. For 10 points, who was this much-traveled man of arms?
Answer: Alcibiades
19. In the late 1940s, Daryl F. Zanuck shot the movie Prince of Foxes on located in this European country. It was founded in the 4th-century AD by a stonecutter who later became a saint. The nation is named after him. For 10 points, name this country of some 20,000 souls.
Answer: San Marino
20. The characters in this play are Joseph Garcin, a pacifist journalist; Estelle Rigault, an infanticide; and Inez Serrano, a lesbian postal clerk. They are trapped in a room and must suffer each other's company for eternity. For 10 points, name this 1944 play.
Answer: No Exit or Huis Clos or In Camera
21. It is composed of the provinces of Bari, Brindisi, Foggia, Lecce, and Taranto. It is the general name for the southeastern region which forms the heel of the boot of Italy. For 10 points, what is the name of this region?
Answer: Apulia
22. Active in the Spanish Civil War and the French Resistance during World War II, she converted from Judaism to Christianity about the year 1940. She wrote the book Oppression and Liberty. For 10 points, who was this heroic 20th-century philosopher?
Answer: Simone Weil (Vil)
23. In 1883 she was appointed special commissioner to inquire into the conditions of Mission Indians in California. A champion of Indian rights, she wrote the books A Century of Dishonor and Glories of Three Casts and her most famous novel Ramona. For 10 points, name her.
Answer: Helen Hunt Jackson

Bonuses. (Univ. of Wisconsin)

1. (30 points) Identify the following American Communists or Socialists for 10 points each.
 - a. He was the first man to be elected to the U.S. Congress as a Socialist (1911-13), from Wisconsin.
Answer: Victor Louis Berger
 - b. U.S. Communist leader who organized the 1919 steel strike and ran for U.S. president in 1924, 1928, and 1932.
Answer: William Z. Foster
 - c. He was a New-York-based Marxist and friend of John Reed. He wrote Marxism, Is It a Science? and Stalin's Russia.
Answer: Max Eastman
2. (20 points) Identify the composers of the following musicals. Note: only give the composer; if, for instance, Rodgers and Hart collaborated, only give the one who wrote the music. You get 5 points for each correct answer.
 - a. Sweeney Todd and A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum.
Answer: Stephen Sondheim
 - b. Evita and Cats. Answer: Andrew Lloyd Webber
 - c. Camelot and Brigadoon. Answer: Frederick ~~Lox~~ Loewe
 - d. Godspell. Answer: Stephen Schwartz
3. (30 points) For 5 points each, name the 6 nations which share a border with the African country Cameroon.
Answer: Equatorial Guinea Gabon Congo Chad Nigeria Central African Republic
4. (25 points) For 5 points each, name the directors of the following movies.
 - a. Cabaret and All That Jazz.
Answer: Bob Fosse
 - b. It Happened One Night and You Can't Take it With You.
Answer: Frank Capra
 - c. The Sting and The World According to Garp.
Answer: George Hill
 - d. Veronika Voss and The Marriage of Maria Braun.
Answer: Rainer Werner Fassbinder
 - e. Romeo and Juliet and The Taming of the Shrew & Endless Love.
Answer: Franco Zeffereilli
5. (30 points) My kind of town, Augsburg is. For 10 points each, answer the following questions somehow relating to Augsburg.
 - a. What treaty ended the War of the League of Augsburg in 1697?
Answer: Treaty of Ryswick
 - b. Within 5 years, in what year was the Peace of Augsburg, agreed to between Ferdinand and the German princes, ratified?
Answer: 1555 accept between 1550-1560
 - c. Who was the principal author of the Augsburg Confession in 1530?
Answer: Philip Melanchthon (or Melanthon or Schwartzert)

6. (30 points) For 5 points each, identify the playwrights who wrote the following works.
- a. Sticks and Bones. Answer: David Rabe
 - b. The Duck Variations and Sexual Perversity in Chicago. Answer: David Hamet
 - c. John Gabriel Borkman and When We Dead Awaken. Answer: Henrik Iosen
 - d. The Quare Fellow. Answer: Brendan Behan
 - e. The Milk Train Doesn't Stop Here Any More. Answer: Tennessee Williams
 - f. Amadeus. Answer: Peter Shaffer
7. (20 points) Identify these economists for 10 points apiece.
- a. The pseudonym of popular economics writer George Goodman, who has written the best sellers Paper Money and Supermoney. Answer: Adam Smith
 - b. The popular economics writer, author of The Worldly Philosophers and The Limits of American Capitalism. Answer: Robert Heilbroner
8. (30 points) The following people are all named Walton, though you won't find Izaak and Bill among them. Give their first names for 10 points apiece.
- a. The Irish physicist who shared the 1951 Nobel Prize with J.D. Cockcroft. Answer: Ernest
 - b. The U.S. Senator from Georgia who signed both the Declaration of Independence and the Articles of Confederation. Answer: George
 - c. The British composer who died recently and was known for such works as "Belshazzar's Feast," the opera Troilus and Cressida, as well as the film music for Hamlet and Henry V. Answer: William
9. (25 points) Answer the following questions about Martin Luther for 5 points each, and a 10 point bonus for answering all 3.
- a. To what order of monks did he belong? Answer: Augustinians
 - b. What pope excommunicated him in 1520? Answer: Leo X
 - c. What year did he post his 95 theses? Answer: 1517
10. (25 points) An American, he wrote a famous adagio for strings that was played on national radio following the death of FDR. He also wrote three Essays for orchestra, one completed not long before his death in 1981, and also set to music works by Kierkegaard and James Joyce. He wrote the famous Overture to the School for Scandal at the age of 22 and collaborated with Giancarlo Menotti on an opera. For 25 points, name this musician.
- Answer: Samuel Barber

11. (30 points) Give the chemical formulas for the following compounds for 10 points each.
 - a. saltpeter. Answer: KNO_3
 - b. potash. Answer: K_2CO_3
 - c. caustic soda. Answer: NaOH
12. (25 points) Seven men have held the office of Secretary of States in the United States from 1963 to 1983. For 10 points, name any 6 of the 7; for 25 points, name all 7.

Answer: Dean Rusk William Rodgers Henry Kissinger
Cyrus Vance Edmund Muskie Alex. Haig George Hultz
13. (25 points) Everyone knows that the five Marx Brothers were Groucho, Harpo, Chico, Gummo, and Zeppo. For 5 points each, give the correct first name of each of the Marx Brothers. ~~XX You do not have to match the names with the nicknames.~~

Answer: Groucho---Julius Harpo--Arthur
Chico--- Leonard Gummo--Milton Zeppo--Herbert
(or Adolph - was changed)
14. (20 points) Answer the following questions about the city and battle of Poltava for 5 points each.
 - a. In which Soviet Republic is the city of Poltava?
Answer: Ukraine
 - b. Within 2 years, give the year of the Battle of Poltava.
Answer: 1709 accept 1707-1711
 - c. Name the Swedish king whose troops went into battle there.
Answer: Charles XII
 - d. Name the 1721 treaty that ended the war in which the Battle of Poltava took place.
~~Max~~ Answer: Treaty of Nysted
15. (30 points) Answer the following questions about Swiss Literature for 10 points apiece.
 - a. the author of Heidi.
Answer: Johanna Spyri
 - b. The author of Swiss Family Robinson
Answer: Johann Wyss
 - c. the author of The Physicists and The Visit.
Answer: Friedrich Durrenmatt
16. (30 points) Answer the following questions on obscure units of measure for 10 points each:
 - a. to the nearest whole number, how many English leagues make up one statute mile?
Answer: 3 (precisely 3.4524)
 - b. within two, how many yards make up one Gunter's Chain or Surveyor's Chain?
Answer: 22 accept 20-24
 - c. within two, how many grains make up one pennyweight?
Answer: 24 accept 22-26
17. (30 points) Answer the following questions about Czechoslovakia presidents for 10 points apiece.

- a. Who was the first president of Czechoslovakia in 1918?
Answer: Thomas Masaryk
- b. Who was the president of Czechoslovakia in 1935 who resigned and went into exile after the Munich Pact?
Answer: Eduard Benes
- c. What man is the current president and General Secretary of the Communist party of Czechoslovakia?
Answer: Gustav Husak
18. (25 points) In September, 1960, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries was formed. Originally, there were 5 member nations. For 10 points, name any 3 of these original members; for 15 points, name 4; for 25 points, name all 5.
Answer: Saudi Arabia Iran Iraq Kuwait Venezuela
19. (20 points) For 5 points each, name both teams that participated in the following Super Bowls.
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| a. Super Bowl XI. | Answer: <u>Oakland</u> and <u>Minnesota</u> |
| b. Super Bowl IV. | Answer: <u>Kansas City</u> and <u>Minnesota</u> |
| c. Super Bowl XII. | Answer: <u>Dallas</u> and <u>Denver</u> |
| d. Super Bowl VIII. | Answer: <u>Miami</u> and <u>Minnesota</u> |
20. (25 points) For 5 points each, given a state, give its official nickname.
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| a. New Hampshire. | Answer: <u>Granite State</u> |
| b. Connecticut. | Answer: <u>Constitution State</u> |
| c. Arkansas. | Answer: <u>Land of Opportunity</u> |
| d. Nevada. | Answer: <u>Silver State</u> |
| e. North Dakota. | Answer: <u>Sioux State</u> or <u>Flickertail State</u> |