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Tossups  
Round Eight

1. You may not care whether sunfish that drink tequila are more aggressive than sunfish that drink gin, but the U.S. government spent \$103,000 to answer just that question. It also awarded \$78,000 to an agency to find out why people fall in love. Such government largesse makes the senior senator from Wisconsin angry. For 10 points--name William Proxmire's award for government waste.

Answer: Golden Fleece Award

2. Reports of precisely what he ate vary, but, according to the traditional account, he wolfed down a large bowl of cherries and a pitcher of ice milk. Later that day he developed severe cramps, then died. Earlier that day he had presided over the foundation ceremony for the Washington Monument. For 10 points--name this Whig president of the U.S. who was succeeded by Millard Fillmore in 1850.

Answer: Zachary Taylor

3. It generally refers to water mixed with honey. It specifically refers to water impounded by Hoover Dam on the Colorado River. For 10 points--what word is both a fermented drink and a reservoir near Las Vegas?

Answer: Mead

4. According to Isaac Newton, mass times acceleration equals force. For 10 points--what quantity in physics does mass times velocity equal?

Answer: Momentum (not kinetic energy, that's  $1/2 mv^2$ )

5. He was born in Motihari, India in 1903. During the 1920's he worked for the Imperial Police in Burma. In the 1930's he fought in the Spanish Civil War, but became disillusioned with his Communist allies. After that point, his writings were directed against totalitarianism in all forms, especially Stalinism. FTP--name this British author whose real name was Eric Blair.

Answer: George Orwell

6. In August 1831 he took a solar eclipse as a sign from God and murdered Joseph Travis, his owner, before leading what came to be called the Southampton Insurrection. For 10 points--name this leader of a most famous slave revolt.

Answer: Nat Turner

7. Mrs. Bardell, Sergeant Buzfuz, Alfred Jingle, Augustus Snodgrass, Nathaniel Winkle, Job Trotter, and Sam Weller are just a few of the well-known characters in this 1836 work. But it is the chief character and chairman of the club who has lent his name to this serial novel. For 10 points--supply the alliterative title of this work, published under the pseudonym Boz, by Charles Dickens.

Answer: The Posthumous Papers of the Pickwick Club or The Pickwick Papers

8. This word has been applied to stock market gyrations in the past year. In chemistry it refers to the tendency of a liquid to pass into the vapor state. For 10 points--what's the word?

Answer: Volatility or Volatile

9. He finally got so fed up with all the fuss that he took to telling his supporters: "Shut up, all of you, or I'll confess" and "I've never had a moment's peace since leaving Devil's Island." For 10 points--who was this French army officer who was a cause célèbre ninety years ago.

Answer: Alfred Dreyfus

10. In England it was commonly known as Grenville's Act, but the American colonists of 1765 used another name for this tax on almanacs, newspapers, and all legal documents. For 10 points--what is this American name?

Answer: Stamp Act

11. The western half is located on the far southeastern corner of Asia while the eastern half is on the island of Borneo. For 10 points--name this strangely-shaped nation whose capital is Kuala Lumpur.

Answer: Malaysia

12. The Duke of Medina Sidonia protested to his king: "From my experience of the water, I know that I am always seasick. The commander of such a vast, vitally important expedition ought to understand navigation and naval warfare; I know nothing of either." King Philip II refused, however, to listen and sent off the poor duke in 1588 as commander, for 10 points, of what?

Answer: Spanish Armada

13. It is the large, stone-traceried circular window which traditionally appears over the west front of Gothic cathedrals. This window's shape suggests and takes its name from, for 10 points, what flower?

Answer: Rose Window

14. The Dutch called it the "Nauseous bird" because, no matter how you cooked it, it tasted just awful. Indeed, chefs may be the only ones who don't lament its extinction in 1681. FTP--what was this strange, flightless bird of the island of Mauritius (maw-RISH-is)?

Answer: Dodo

15. You lie on your back, have someone grasp your feet, lower your torso backwards with your hands holding parallel vertical bars until your head is perpendicular to your legs. Then and only then can your lips meet the object which can give them the gift of eloquence. For 10 points--you have just kissed what?

Answer: The Blarney Stone

16. The July 1845 edition of the *United States Magazine and Democratic Review* contained an article by John O'Sullivan about the preordained role of Americans "to overspread this continent allotted by Providence." For 10 points--what two-word phrase did Mr. O'Sullivan coin for this providential role?

Answer: Manifest Destiny

17. He had a unique act and publicity stunt during the mid-nineteenth century: he would hoist himself up in an open-air elevator and then calmly cut the cable. What happened next (which was absolutely nothing) sold his "safety elevators" everywhere he went. For 10 points--who was this inventor?

Answer: Elisha Otis

18. It is the smallest integer whose cube is the sum of three other cubes and the smallest number which is the sum of all its divisors. For 10 points--what is this "perfect" number?

Answer: Six ( $3^3 + 4^3 + 5^3 = 6^3$  and  $1 + 2 + 3 = 6$ )

19. The First Estate, the Second Estate, the Third Estate, or the Fourth Estate? For 10 points--which one triumphed on July 14, 1789 in Paris?

Answer: The Third Estate (the common people)

20. He steadfastly refused to write his memoirs or even to grant any newspaper interviews because he would then "be trading on the blood of my men." Instead, after the war, he became president of Washington University in Virginia--a university later half-named for him. For 10 points--who was he?

Answer: Robert E. Lee



10. (20 points) The Lost Colony is the evocative name given to a settlement of about 100 Englishmen who disappeared in North Carolina between 1587 and 1590. For 10 points apiece:

a. On what island was it located?

Answer: Roanoke

b. What cryptic word carved on a tree was the only clue as to what might have happened to these settlers?

Answer: Croatan or Cro (be lenient)

11. (25 points) "First in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countrymen."

a. For 10 points--about what American was this 1799 eulogy spoken?

Answer: George Washington

b. For 15 points--whose father delivered this eulogy to George Washington?

Answer: Robert E. Lee

12. (30-20-10) Thirty points are yours for identifying this book after the first clue; 20 after the second; or 10 after all three.

a. It was published in 1605 as a supposed translation from the Arabic of Cid Hamel Ben Engeli.

b. Its minor characters include the Knight of the White Moon and Aldonza Lorenzo.

c. It inspired the Broadway musical which gave us the song "The Impossible Dream."

Answer: Don Quixote de La Mancha

13. (20 points) Great strides were made in American education in the nineteenth century. For 10 points each--identify:

a. the Ohio teacher whose grade school readers taught lessons in morality and patriotism and sold 122 million copies.

Answer: William McGuffey

b. the Connecticut educator, known as the "Schoolmaster of the Republic," whose 1828 dictionary helped standardize the American language.

Answer: Noah Webster

14. (30 points) Calder Hall was the world's first nuclear power plant. FTP each, name the world's first nuclear-powered:

a. Merchant ship

Answer: Savannah

b. Submarine

Answer: Nautilus

c. Aircraft carrier

Answer: Enterprise

15. (30 points) Japan may have overtaken American in many money-making activities, but the USA overwhelmingly leads the world in earnings from tourism. The next six countries in this field are all European. For 5 points each--name them.

Answer: Italy, Spain, France, UK or Great Britain or England, Austria, Germany

16. (20 points) Many common English words have particularly bizarre origins. FTP--what words are named for:

a. A small Islamic sect which engaged in secret murders in the twelfth century. Their name is derived from a drug made from hemp, with which they were rewarded.

Answer: Assassins (from hashish)

b. A member of a religious body of northern India who worshiped Kali and strangled his victims.

Answer: Thug or Thuggee

17. (30 points) France got rid of much of its nobility in 1789 or thereabout, but England is still preoccupied with hers. For 5 points each--name the five titles of male nobility in England. You will receive an additional 5 points if you name them from highest to lowest.

Answer: Duke, Marquesse, Earl, Viscount, Baron

18. (30 points) South Africa is, of course, the most southerly African nation. FTP each--which African nation is farthest:

a. east

Answer: Somalia

b. north

Answer: Tunisia

c. west

Answer: Senegal or Cape Verde

19. (30 points) Three times in our nation's history, a presidential election has been thrown into the House of Representatives. For 10 points each, I'll supply the candidates, you tell me the years of these "deadlocked" elections.

a. Aaron Burr and Thomas Jefferson

Answer: 1800

b. John Quincy Adams and Andrew Jackson

Answer: 1824

c. Samuel Tilden and Rutherford Hayes

Answer: 1876

20. (20 Points) Twenty points are yours for filling in the blank in the title of this 1798 publication before I tell you its author's name; or 10 points after I reveal that name.

a. "An Essay on the Principle of \_\_\_\_ As It Affects the Future Improvement of Society, with Remarks on the Speculations of Mr. Godwin, Monsieur Condorcet (con-door-SAY) and other Writers."

b. By Thomas Robert Malthus

Answer: Population