

George Washington Un. Round for 1988 Masters

1. "It was easy to get elected---everybody thought I was an Italian." So commented this Jewish jurist when elected to the New York Court of Appeals. While on that highest New York court, he wrote the Court's opinion in Palsgraf v. Long Island Rail Road, a case which determined the course of tort law. In 1932, at age 62, he was appointed to the Supreme Court by President Hoover, making him one of the oldest appointees in history. FTP, name this judge, for whom a New York City law school is named.
(Benjamin Cardozo)

2. Their heyday was in Metastasian opera seria; they were less in demand for comic opera. As much admired for their virtuosity as they were detested for their vanity and touchiness, their performance in church was justified by the Biblical injunction that "women should keep silent in church." FTP, identify the term by which these musical performers, whose parts in revivals are now played by counter-tenors or women, are known.
(Castratos. Accept castrati, or eviratos (evirati). Accept also eunuchs [see O.E.D. (eunuch)])

3. In 1774, the Dawes, Groves, Mousely Grubbs Fidelity Fiduciary Bank sustained a run on the bank as a result of loans defaulted on because of the Boston Tea Party. In 1910, the London bank sustained a second run as a result of a panic caused by the demand of one of its employees' children for the return of his deposit. FTP, in what classic musical movie will you find the latter event?
(Mary Poppins)

4. Michelson stellar, Fizeau, Mach-Zehnder, Twyman-Green, holographic and speckle are all varieties of this instrument used to perform deformation, vibration and contour measurements of diffuse objects. For 10 pts. name it.

ANS. Interferometer

5. Often called the "father of the drama", this Greek had the idea of varying the choral groups which originally dominated Greek plays with individual actors. In recognition, a term for "actors" or "performers" is derived from his name. His name also serves as the title of the first Gilbert & Sullivan operetta, to which the music is now lost. FTP, name him.

Ans. Thespis (Don't accept Thesbian)

His National Front urges the deportation of millions of Algerians and West Indians who came to France in the Fifties and Sixties. In the April 1988 first round of the French Presidential election, he stunned observers by capturing a surprising 15% of the vote. FTP, name him.
(Jean Marie Le Pen)

7. A metal alloy of tin, copper and antimony having a relatively low coefficient of friction; and a middle-aged realtor, booster, and joiner from Zenith. For 10 pts. what name do these two items share?

ANS. Babbit (metal and George)

8. This term is used to describe works of art in which reality is distorted in order to depict the artist's emotions or inner vision. The works of El Greco are sometimes described by this term, though it is usually reserved for works of the past century--notably those of Van Gogh. FTP, what is this term?

(Expression)

9. George Bush may or may not have it--but Ronald Reagan certainly does. From the Greek for "gift of grace", sociologist Max Weber defined the word as denoting an "extraordinary quality", possessed by persons or objects, giving them a unique, magical quality. FTP, what is this word?

(charisma)

10. Constructed by Dr. James Lovell in 1824, it was purchased by the father of Abraham Lincoln's Postmaster General in 1836. Purchased by the Federal Government in 1942, it's become the traditional housing for visiting dignitaries and heads of state. FTP, identify this structure, best known as the home of President Truman for three years while the White House underwent restoration.

(The Blair House)

11. It closed on May 17, 1988, after only five Broadway performances. With a cast of sixty and a production budget of over \$8 million, it may well be Broadway's biggest flop. FTP, identify this musical, based on a Stephen King novel of the same name.

(Carrie)

12. It has only one living relative--the lungfish. Bearing its young alive, this fish is also unusual in that its fins have independent skeletal and muscular systems. It was believed 60 million years extinct--until one was caught in a South African fisherman's net in 1938. FTP, identify this "living fossil."

(The coelacanth)

3. Believe it or not, a sequel to Gone With the Wind is being written. The sequel, to be published in 1990, recently won a multi-million dollar advance. FTP, name the author of Charleston who is writing the sequel.
(Alexandra Ripley)

14. On May 6, 1882, the British Secretary of Ireland, Lord Frederick Cavendish, and his undersecretary, Thomas Burke, were murdered in this Dublin locale. The Invincibles, a terrorist branch of the Fenians, claimed responsibility, but the murders were never solved--although Charles Parnell was cleared of involvement. FTP, identify this Dublin park.
(Phoenix Park)

15. His poem "Christabel" was actually left unfinished, with only two of its five parts completed. Scholars are split on whether his better-known "unfinished" poem was actually incomplete. FTP, identify this Romantic poet, whose dream was allegedly interrupted by the infamous "Person from Porlock".
(Samuel Coleridge)

16. It sounds like a slang term for a intergalactic nightclub, but in actuality, it is a linkage, used in machinery and automobiles. For 10 pts. name this item that transmits rotation between two shafts whose axes are coplanar but not coinciding.

ANS. Universal joint

17. Both Friedrich Hebbel and Jean Giradoux adapted the story of this Jewish heroine of Bethulia who delivers her native city from the onslaught of Holofernes by killing him while he sleeps. For 10 pts. name this woman who gave her name to a book of the Apocrypha.

ANS. Judith

18. Founded in 1855 by German Pietests who emigrated to escape persecution, these seven villages along the Iowa River are noted for their crafts, as well as for the kitchen appliance company communally owned by the villagers. FTP, by what name are these Iowan villages known?
(The Amana Colonies)

19. Ferdinand De Saussure, Claude Levi-Strauss, Michel Foucault, and Umberto Eco. None of them built anything, but you'll build ten points onto your score for telling me the common name for the school of thought they shared.
(Structuralism)

20. The soil beneath the road, rather than foundations, takes the load, the road being waterproofed and well-drained to keep the soil dry. FTP, identify this system of road-building, named for the Scottish engineer who devised it.
(Macadam)

21. In his memoirs, he ~~has~~ noted, "In the course of writing this book I have come to appreciate the frailty of memory." So has the world. FTP, identify the European national leader who is the author of the 1985 book, In the Eye of the Storm.
(Kurt Waldheim)

22. It is perhaps the most complete national monopoly. FTP, what country produces almost all of the world's supply of helium?
(United States)

Geog Washington Bonuses

1. (25 pts.) For 25 pts., identify the world capital by the following quotation:

"[T]he plain, old canal town chosen as the nation's compromise capital by a queen named Victoria who never saw the country, remains a plain, old canal town . . . [with] one old industry, a frustrated federal government isolated from the country by geography and its own sense of self-importance."

(Ottawa)

[Source: Andrew Malcolm, The Canadians]

2. (30 pts.) The U.S. is constantly outvoted in the United Nations General Assembly. In fact, of the 159 U.N. members, only 16 members voted with the U.S. over 50% of the time during the 1987 General Assembly session--and of these, 12 are members of NATO (including France). The thirteenth was Dominica--which voted only twice, but who voted with the U.S. both times. For 10 pts. each, name the three other non-NATO countries who voted with the U.S. more than 50% of the time.

(Israel (80.0%), Japan (60.0%), Australia (51.7%))

(Readers note: on average, only 18.6% of UN members voted with the U.S. on a vote.)

3. (20 pts.) The problem of how the pteronodons, with a mass much greater than modern birds, could fly may have been solved. Scientists have discovered samples of Cretaceous air which have been analyzed to show that the air 80 million years ago may have contained up to 30% oxygen. For 20 pts., what fossil is the source of these air samples?

(Amber)

4. (20 pts.) The term comes from the Latin word for "cradle", and refers to the earliest of printed books--those printed before 1500, including the works of Gutenberg and Caxton. For 20 pts., what is this term?

(Incunabula)

5. (20 pts.) The United States' performance at the 1988 Winter Olympics was so poor that it looked like U.S. athletes were shooting b.b. guns to their opponents' machine guns. Appropriately enough, the two U.S. gold medallists both had the initials "B.B." FTP each, ~~and please give me the full names of the gold medallists.~~ give me the full names of the gold medallists.

(Brian Boitano, Bonnie Blair)

6. (30 pts.) Rudolf Hess' lengthy imprisonment at Spandau prison ended last year with his death. Six other war criminals were sentenced to share Hess' imprisonment, but have long since died or been released. FTP each, name any three of them.
(Walter Funk, Eric Raeder, Baldur von Schirach, Albert Speer, Constantin von Neurath, Karl Doenitz)

7. BONUS 30 PTS.

Many operas are based on famed works of literature. Given an opera, name the composer of the opera for 5 pts. and the author of the work of literature it is based on for another 5 pts.

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| 1. <u>Werther</u> | ANS. Composer is <u>Jules Massenet</u>
Author is <u>Johann von Goethe</u> |
| 2. <u>Boris Godunov</u> | ANS. Composer is <u>Modest Mussorgsky</u>
Author is <u>Alexander Pushkin</u> |
| 3. <u>Salome</u> | ANS. Composer is <u>Richard Strauss</u>
Author is <u>Oscar Wilde</u> |

8. BONUS 20 PTS.

Given the phyla Agnatha, Aves, Mammalia, Coelenterata, Arthropoda, Chondrichthyes and osteichthyes, tell what each of the following animals is.

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| 1. Pangolin | ANS. <u>Mammalia</u> |
| 2. Quetzal | ANS. <u>Aves</u> |
| 3. Manta | ANS. <u>Chondrichthyes</u> |
| 4. Jellyfish | ANS. <u>Coelenterata</u> |

9. BONUS 25 PTS.

Many books, of course, have a title character, however, the title is not always the name of the character. Given a character, name the book's title, 5 pt each.

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| 1. Bigger Thomas | ANS. <u>Native Son</u> |
| 2. Dolores Haze | ANS. <u>Lolita</u> |
| 3. Joseph Knecht | ANS. <u>Magister Ludi</u> |
| 4. Willoughby Patterne | ANS. <u>The Egoist</u> |
| 5. Edmond Dantes | ANS. <u>The Count of Monte Cristo</u> |

10. (30 pts.) Nine men have received Presidential electoral votes in three or more elections. For 5 pts. each, name any six of them.

(Thomas Jefferson, John Quincy Adams, Henry Clay, Andrew Jackson, Grover Cleveland, William Jennings Bryan, Franklin Roosevelt, Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan)

11. (25 pts.) In Celtic myth, he was the son of Lugh, the Sun God, and Dechtire. He was nephew to Conchobar of Ulster. He singlehandedly defended Ulster against the forces of Maeble of Connaught. For 25 pts., identify this legendary Irish hero.

(Cuchulain)

12. (25 pts.) Maine is the only state to border on exactly one other state. Four states have land or water boundaries with exactly two states each. For 5 pts. each, and a 5 pt. bonus for all four, name them.

(Rhode Island, Florida, South Carolina, Washington)

(Do not accept Delaware or New Jersey, which have a water boundary with each other)

13. (25 pts.) The drive to make Born to Run the state song of New Jersey dead-ended once legislators took a close look at the lyrics. But, for 5 pts. each, name the state songs of the following states.

- ✓ Oklahoma (Oklahoma!)
- ✓ New York (I Love New York)
- ✓ Maryland (Maryland, My Maryland)
- ✓ Virginia (Carry Me Back to Old Virginia)
- ✓ Connecticut (Yankee Doodle Dandy)

14. BONUS 25 PTS.

Does your team have enough "backbone" to answer this bonus dealing with the human spine? Answer the following, 5 pts. each.

1. How many vertebrae do humans have? ANS. 33
2. There are 7 cervical vertebrae. What are the first two called?
ANS. Atlas & Axis
3. There are exactly the same number of lumbar and sacral vertebrae and nerves. How many?
ANS. Five
4. Provide the name for the last spinal nerve also the collective name of the last 4 vertebrae.
ANS. Coccygeal or Caudal

15. (20 pts.) The name's the same. A first century C.E. Pharisee rabbi who, according to Acts, taught St. Paul and advised against persecuting the apostles, and the middle name of a twentieth-century Republican President. For 20 pts., what's the common name?
(Gamaliel)

16. (25 pts.) Once again, you had too much to drink last night, and awaken all alone in an isolated wilderness. As you heave your guts out, a National Park Service Ranger comes up to you, and cites you for littering. You read the citation to learn where you are. For 5 pts. each, tell me what state you'd be in if you were in the following National Parks.

- ✓ Kings Canyon National Park (California)
- ✓ North Cascades National Park (Washington)
- ✓ Voyageurs National Park (Minnesota)
- ✓ Big Bend National Park (Texas)
- ✓ Hot Springs National Park (Arkansas)

17. (30 pts.) Queen Sophia of Great Britain? So she would have been if she had managed to hang on to life a few months longer and outlive her distant relative, Queen Anne.

- ✓ FTP, identify her son, who gained the British Throne (George I)
- ✓ FTP, Sophia was Electress of what German state? (Hanover)
- ✓ FTP, identify the 1701 Parliamentary act which made her heiress presumptive to the British throne. (Act of Settlement)

18. (30-20-10). Author by his works.

1. Pentagon
2. The Hill of Summer and its sequel, The Roads of Earth
3. Advise and Consent, which won a Pulitzer Prize.
(Allen Drury)

19. (20 pts.) Sometimes, there are some contests you don't want to win. After this mythological character beat Athena in a weaving contest, her work was destroyed, she hung herself, and was promptly changed into a spider, and her rope into a web. For 20 pts., name her.

(Arachne)

20. (20 pts.) During his lifetime, this eighteenth-century French astronomer discovered 21 comets--none of which are of any importance. He published a list of 102 objects which were commonly confused with comets--including M-13, now known to be a huge cluster of stars, and M-31, one of the largest galaxies. For 20 pts., name him.

(Charles Messier)