

Terrapin Invitational Tournament  
 Questions by Dickinson College  
Tossups

- T1. Seatbelts are not just a subject of concern of recent years. In the 1960's the title hero of one television series drove off without fastening his seatbelt. In response to a congressional complaint, the hero, in a later episode, lectured his sidekick about fastening seatbelts. Who, FTP, was this safety-conscious caped crusader?

Batman

- T2. The War of the Spanish Succession was one of the European struggles that followed from Louis XIV's policy of French aggrandizement. FTP, whose death was it after that the succession to the throne of Spain was in question?

Carlos II or Charles II

- T3. The Latin word 'crusta' for shell gives rise to the term 'crustacean' as well as to the word crust in English. Some people enjoy bread crusts and others do not, but for a quick ten points what is the most common metallic element in the Earth's crust?

aluminum

- T4. It was founded in Germany in 1849 and moved to London 2 years later. Today it is a trust owned mainly by the British press. FTP, name this Britain-based international news agency.

Reuters (pro. Roy-ters)

- T5. We all remember that the U.S. took third place in last year's Olympic basketball tournament, while the Soviet Union took first. On the women's side, the U.S. took first while the U.S.S.R. placed third. FTP, what country finished second in both events?

Yugoslavia

- T6. Presidents are often remembered for their Supreme Court appointments they leave behind them. Although both Nixon and Reagan encountered congressional opposition to some of their candidates, appointees of both continue to affect major Court decisions. Who was the only president in this century, FTP, not to have made any appointments to the Supreme Court?

Jimmy Carter

- T7. It started off as a short story entitled "Portrait of a Girl in Glass." It then proceeded to become a screenplay entitled "The Gentleman Caller." Finally, it became a play, which enjoyed a great deal of success. For 10 points, what was the final title of this Tennessee Williams work?

The Glass Menagerie

- T8. A symbol of atomic power stands on the place at the University of Chicago where man experimented with the control of atomic energy. FTP, name the sculptor of this monument; among his other works are Family Group and Reclining Figure.

Henry Moore

T9. The Marshalsea prison in London has had a long history in British law and literature. It figures at length in Charles Dickens' The Pickwick Papers. FTP, to what sort of criminal was Marshalsea largely restricted?

debtors

T10. Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo are among the names of U.S. missions to outer space. Vostok and Soyuz are among the names of Soviet missions. FTP, give the name and number of the mission in which the world's first "space walk" took place.

Voskhod 2

T11. Soviet troops successfully repelled the Polish invasion in the immediate aftermath of World War I and pursued the Polish army back over the border. The Polish army was led by the President of the new Polish republic. After the successful expulsion of the Soviets, he proclaimed himself Marshal for life in 1926. FTP, name this Polish leader, whose death released a spate of anti-Semitism.

Pilsudski

T12. Of the 3 sons of Noah, which, for a quick 10 points, was the ancestor of Abraham?

Shem

T13. It is handy to remember that an inch is 2.54 centimeters or that you convert from Fahrenheit to Celsius by subtracting 32 and multiplying by 5/9. Other units are already so ridiculously large that it is hard to take larger ones seriously. FTP, and to the nearest hundredth, how many light-years are there in a parsec?

3.26

T14. We are accustomed to saffron robes associated with eastern cults, but at the rites of one goddess in the Olympian pantheon, girls wore saffron robes and pretended to be bears. FTP, who was the goddess worshipped at this ceremony?

Artemis or Diana

T15. 'P.T.' are the initials of the showman Barnum and also the abbreviation for platinum. 'Pd.' is a common abbreviation to stamp on bills that have been paid. It is also, FTP, the abbreviation of what element?

palladium

T16. Edmund Burke was the author of Reflections on the Revolution in France. Burke and Hare formed a grave-robbing partnership. FTP, in what park in Ireland was Thomas Henry Burke murdered, a park which shares its name with the legendary bird that rises out of its own ashes?

Phoenix Park

T17. She was the sister of Kezia and Keren-happuch. She was one of the daughters of Job born after the restoration of his wealth. Prefixed by 'aunt', her name is used as a brand name of pancake mix and syrup. FTP, name her.

Jemima

T18. Chippendale furniture is one of the best-known products of the eighteenth century's useful and decorative arts. FTP, what was the principal wood used by Chippendale?

Mahogany

T19. After the fire in Rome, during which Nero may or may not have been performing on what was certainly not a fiddle, the architect Severus was largely responsible for rebuilding the city. For a quick ten points, who played the same role in London after the Great Fire of 1666?

Sir Christopher Wren

T20. John Sevier was the first governor of Tennessee. Before he occupied that position he had been the head of a state named after one of the colonial leaders. Name this state, FTP, which disappeared from the map within a decade.

Franklin

T21. What is the element, FTP, which does not belong in the following list: sodium, lithium, barium, potassium, and cesium?

barium (it is an alkaline earth and the others are alkalis)

T22. Picasso's Guernica was a protest about the bombing by Spanish planes of a village. FTP, name the year in which the painting-inspiring bombing took place.

1937

T23. "The better part of valour is discretion." It certainly sounds like Shakespeare. Can you remember, FTP, which Shakespearean King said this?

Henry IV

Bonuses-Dickinson

(30) B1. The recent death of Graham Chapman has broken up the ensemble responsible for Monty Python. For ten points each, identify which members of that ensemble appeared in each of the following films.

1. Time Bandits John Cleese and Michael Palin
2. Brazil Michael Palin
3. The Adventures of Baron Munchausen Eric Idle

(30) B2. For ten points each, identify the following novelists from the translated titles of their works.

1. Fictions, Labyrinths Jorge Luis Borges
2. Mr. Palomar, The Castle of Crossed Destinies Italo Calvino
3. Life: A User's Manual Georges Perec

(30) B3. Three New York Yankees have been Most Valuable Players two years in a row. For ten points each, name them. (Hint: Joe DiMaggio is not one of them)

Yogi Berra, Mickey Mantle,  
and Roger Maris

(20) B4. Give the following stars in order of increasing distance from the solar system: Alpha Centauri, Sigma Draconis, Tau Ceti, and Beta Hydri. Each answer is worth five points, but you get nothing if you don't get the first one right.

Alpha Centauri, Tau Ceti,  
Sigma Draconis, Beta Hydri

(20) B5. The ratio of lateral strain (measured by the decrease in width per unit width) to longitudinal strain is called Poisson's ratio. Give the following substances in order of increasing value of Poisson's ratio, for five points each: glass, aluminum, cadmium, gold.

glass, cadmium, aluminum, gold

(20) B6. Two recent disciples of Freud died in 1981. For ten points each, identify them from a brief description.

1. Born in 1901, he wrote Stade de Miroir Lacan X
2. Born in 1913, he wrote The Analysis of the Self and was president of the American Psychoanalytic Association. Kohut X

(20) B7. In 1945 a Tatar autonomous republic was dissolved and the Tartars living there deported to Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan for collaboration with the Germans. For twenty points, name this former republic.

Crimea

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(30) B8. Identify these Greek islands for ten points each.

1. One of the Cyclades, its chief town is Plaka, but it is most famous as the site of the discovery of a statue. Milos or Melos X
2. A mountainous island in the northeast Aegean, it is the site of a famous marble statue commemorating a naval victory. Samothrace X
3. About 110 square miles in area, it is off the Peloponnese and was formerly famous for its cult of Aphrodite. Cythera X

(20) B9. Abbie Hoffman's death during the past year reminds us of the Chicago 7 trial. Bobby Seale was originally part of the Chicago 8, but his case was separated from that of the others. For 5 points each, name any four of Hoffman's co-defendants in the Chicago 7 trial.

David Dellinger, Rennie Davis,  
✓ Tom Hayden, Jerry Rubin,  
John Froines, Lee Weiner X

(30) B10. For 5 points each and a ten point bonus for all four, given the year in which a theoretical heavyweight title bout was fought, you name the defending champion of that year. For example, if I say 1948, you'd reply "Joe Louis."

1. 1950 Ezzard Charles X
2. 1956 Floyd Patterson X
3. 1923 Jack Dempsey ✓
4. 1926 Gene Tunney X

(25) B11. Rank the following liquids in decreasing order of viscosity for 5 points each: benzene, treacle, pitch, mercury, olive oil.

pitch, treacle, olive oil, mercury,  
benzene

(30) B12. Rome was ruled by triumverates in both 60 and 43 B.C. For 15 points each, name the members of both the First and Second Triumverates, but be careful: you have to get all three members of a triumverate right to get any points.

First Triumverate: Julius Caesar, Pompey, Crassus  
Second Triumverate: Octavian or Augustus, Lepidus,  
Marc Anthony

(30) B13. For five points each and an additional five for getting them in the right order, list the following authors in chronological order of the years of their deaths from earliest to latest: Raymond Chandler, F. Scott Fitzgerald, W. Somerset Maugham, J. R. R. Tolkein, Katharine Anne Porter.

Fitzgerald, Chandler, Maugham,  
Tolkein, Porter

- (30) B14. We all know that Asgard is the home of the Norse Gods. Let's see whether the finer points of Norse mythology are equally familiar. For ten points each:
1. What was the name of Thor's hammer? Mjollnir
  2. Whom did Hothur slay? Baldur
  3. Who kicked Litur into the fire at Baldur's Death? Thor
- (30) B15. Huxley has been a distinguished name in British intellectual history. For 5 points each and an additional five for getting all of them, give the first name of the following Huxleys:
1. "Darwin's bulldog", coined term "agnostic" Thomas
  2. biographer of Thomas Huxley Leonard
  3. winner of the 1963 Nobel Prize for Physiology for his work with Hodgkin on nerve impulse transmission Andrew
  4. author of Brave New World Aldous
  5. the biologist/ecologist of this century Julian
- (25) B16. Give, for five points each, the centuries in which the following Greek thinkers and writers lived most of their lives.
1. Anaxagoras 5th century B.C.
  2. Demosthenes 4th century B.C.
  3. Sophocles 5th century B.C.
  4. Empedocles 5th century B.C.
  5. Pythagoras 6th century B.C.
- (30) B17. French republics have had their ups and downs. For 10 points each and an additional ten points for getting both, name the two presidents of France during the Fourth Republic.
- Vincent Auriol and Rene Coty
- (30) B18. We are familiar with the names of the founding fathers of this country, but can we remember where they put their signatures? For five points each, tell me whether each of the following signed the Declaration of Independence or not.
1. Ben Franklin yes
  2. Alexander Hamilton no
  3. James Madison no
  4. Thomas Paine no

5. George Washington no

6. Samuel Adams yes

(25) B19. Of the seven wise men of Greece, Solon and Thales are the best known. The other five were Pittaccus, Bias, Chilo, Cleobulus, and Periander. For 5 points each and an additional five for getting all correct, identify which of these five came from the following.

1. Sparta Chilo

2. Corinth Periander

3. Lindus Cleobulus

4. Mitylene Pittaccus

(30) B20. Rank the following islands in increasing order of size, for 5 points each: Tasmania, Cuba, Newfoundland, Ireland, Honshu, and Java.

Tasmania, Ireland, Newfoundland,  
Cuba, Java, and Honshu

(30) B21. Who killed each of the following warriors at the seige of Troy? You'll receive 5 points for each correct answer with a 5 points bonus for all five.

1. Achilles Paris

2. Ajax himself

3. Paris Philoctetes

4. Patroclus Hector

5. Priam Neoptolemus