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Questions for the 1991 Sunshine State Invitational
Questions written by New York University
TOSSUPS

1. Put your hand on your head, put your foot in the air, then you hop around the room in your underwear. FTP what dance, "there ain't never been nothin' quite like, are you doing?"

A: Wilbury Twist

2. Although he was not an alcoholic, he had been drinking to ease the pain of a bout with typhoid fever and was drunk when he took the oath of office as vice-president. His bizarre inauguration speech caused the New York World to prophetically write: "And think that one frail life stands between this insolent, clownish creature and the presidency. May God bless and spare Abraham Lincoln." FTP name him.

A: Andrew Johnson

3. This British colony was granted representative government in 1832, parliamentary government in 1855 and attained dominion status in 1926. It voluntarily gave up its independence, becoming the first state to withdraw from the British Commonwealth and reverted back to colonial status in 1934 due to serious economic difficulties. In 1949, it joined Canada becoming its tenth and easternmost province. FTP name it?

A: Newfoundland

4. In 1912, an airman landed on a volcanic island in Indonesia, and brought back incredible stories of monstrous creatures that ate goats, pigs and attacked horses. No one believed him until live specimens, up to 12 feet long and weighing over 350 pounds, were caught. FTP name this largest living lizard

A: Komodo Dragon

5. The year 2000 is fast approaching and it will be a leap year. For a quick ten points, what was the last year ending in two zeroes that was also a leap year?

A: 1600

6. The name's the same: a prestigious Manhattan restaurant, a popular 1950's singing group, an Alan Alda film, and a major work by Vivaldi. FTP what's the common name?

A: Four Seasons

7.

A game over 5000 years old, the ancient Romans knew it as tabulae where it was used to play a form of strip poker. The game was so popular among the Crusaders in the 12th century, that the kings of France and England issued a joint edict against it. It really took off in the 17th century when a roll of doubles enabled the player to play the roll twice. FTP name this classic board game?

A: Backgammon

8.

In the early 17th century in an inn in Cambridge, England when a guest asked for a horse, the innkeeper would escort the guest to the stable where he could choose any horse he wanted, except that the guest must choose the horse standing nearest the door. The innkeeper thus lent his name to a term which refers to a choice that offers no alternative. FTP name it?

A: Hobson's Choice

9.

It is most likely the top rated show on Public Access Channel 10 in Aurora, Illinois, and certainly the only show on public access cable TV to feature Aerosmith as a guest. FTP name this totally excellent show co-hosted by Garth and hosted by the excellent Wayne Campbell?

A: Wayne's World

10.

It should never be carried flat or horizontally or used as a drapery of any sort. It should never be used to cover a ceiling or as a receptacle for carrying anything. It should never be used for advertising purposes, or used as a costume or athletic uniform. But it is legal to burn it as a sign of political protest. FTP name it?

A: U.S. Flag

11.

During WWII, a noted scientist developed a serum to make men stronger. As luck would have it, the scientist was murdered by a German infiltrator just seconds after giving the experimental drug to volunteer Steve Rogers. Steve killed the German with one punch and the formula remained a secret. Steve used his new found strength against the axis powers. FTP name this patriotic superhero who debuted 50 years ago?

A: Captain America

12.

The phrase "three, two, one, lift off" was not coined by astronauts, but by a film maker in his 1929 film *Die Frau in Mond*, or *The Woman on the Moon*. FTP name this German director, who also made *The Big Heat*, *M*, and *Metropolis*?

A: Fritz Lang

13.

At the foot of the Mount of Olives, this garden marks the sight of the agony and betrayal of Jesus. FTP name this Jerusalem site, where Jesus is said to have made his last earthly appearance?

A: Garden of Gethsemane

14. In Greek mythology there were two of him, the Telamonian one and the Locrian one. FTP name this figure who was both the hero of the Trojan war and rescuer of Achilles corpse. The other violated Cassandra, shipwrecked by Athena but only temporarily saved by Poseidon?

A: Ajax

15. A leader of modern functional architecture, his works can be found across Europe. FTP name this German-born architect who also taught at Harvard and who is best known as the reorganizer of the Bauhaus school in 1918?

A: Walter Gropius

16. The son of a rich Italian merchant, he refused his inheritance to spend his life serving the poor. He loved all living creatures so much that he would throw caught fish back into the water and would clear worms from his path. He was not a vegetarian, however, and relished pigs knuckles and chicken legs. FTP name this saint who received the stigmata in 1224?

A: St. Francis of Assisi

17. A Greek poet and farmer, his *Works and Days* is full of maxims for farmers to inculcate righteousness and efficiency. FTP name this eighth century BC figure who also wrote *Theogony*, a genealogy of the gods, and who along with Homer codified much of Greek myth.

A: Hesiod

18. It generally refers to hydrous aluminum and potassium silicate minerals. Its most commercially important forms are muscovite and phlogopite. FTP name this substance used in insulation, acoustic devices as well as in wallpaper, ornamental tile and Christmas-tree snow?

A: Mica

19. She spent her childhood at Blickling Hall in Norfolk, England and her ghost is said to return every year on May 19, the anniversary of her execution in 1536. When she appears, she sits in a coach drawn by four headless horses and driven by a headless coachman and she carries her own head on her knees. FTP name this woman who also haunts the Tower of London?

A: Anne Boleyn

20. In thermodynamics, it is the degree to which a given quantity of thermal energy is available for doing useful work. In other areas of science it refers to the amount of disorder or randomness in a system. FTP name this principle?

A: Entropy

21. Seven thousand years ago, Mazama, a 9,900 foot high volcano erupted violently ejecting ash over the entire northwestern United States. During the eruption, the top of the mountain collapsed, leaving a caldera 6 miles across and half a mile deep, which filled with rain water. FTP by what name do we know the resulting lake in Oregon?

A: Crater Lake

22. A lipogram is a written work that deliberately omits a certain letter of the alphabet. In 1939, Ernest Vincent Wright wrote *Gadsby*, a 50,000 word novel lipogram just to prove that such a feat could be accomplished. The letter he chose to omit made his task even harder, since it is the most frequently used letter of the English alphabet. FTP name it?

A: E

23. Fossils of Hominids, human predecessors from 1.8 million years ago were found by Louis and Mary Leakey in which 295 foot deep ravine in northern Tanzania at the edge of Great Rift Valley?

A: Olduvai Gorge

24. First a Phoenician town, then a Carthaginian base, it was later ruled by the Romans, Byzantines, and Muslims. It is noted for its textiles and ships. FTP name this capital and largest city on Sicily?

A: Palermo

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BONUSES

1. (20 points) Those wacky Wilburys. They go straight from Volume 1 to Volume 3, Roy dies, and to top it all off, they changed their names. For five points each, which rock star is currently known by the following Wilbury moniker?

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| 1. Spike | Answer: <u>George Harrison</u> |
| 2. Muddy | Answer: <u>Tom Petty</u> |
| 3. Clayton | Answer: <u>Jeff Lynde</u> |
| 4. Boo | Answer: <u>Bob Dylan</u> |

2. (25 points) Atlanta, Baltimore, Chicago, and Detroit. These are the most heavily populated U.S. cities beginning with the letters A,B,C, and D. For 5 pts each name the most populous city beginning with the following letters:

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| 1. E | Answer: <u>El Paso</u> |
| 2. L | Answer: <u>Los Angeles</u> |
| 3. M | Answer: <u>Memphis</u> |
| 4. K | Answer: <u>Kansas City</u> |
| 5. O | Answer: <u>Oklahoma City</u> |

3. (20 points) Of the various forms of Oriental drama, this form is the oldest. Written for the aristocracy, these plays involve music, dance and highly stylized costumes. The language alternates between prose and lyric poetry. few examples of the genre survive. Bhasa is the earliest known playwright and among its most renowned works are *Kalidasa*, and *Harsha*. For 20 pts name this dramatic form?

A: Sanskrit

4. (30 points) You'll earn 5 points for naming 4, 10 for 5, 15 for 6, 20 for 7, 25 for 8 and 30 points if you can name all nine Popes that have led the Catholic Church during this century.

A: Leo 13, St. Pius 10, Benedict 15, Pius 11, Pius 12, John 23, Paul 6, John Paul 1, John Paul 2

5. (30 points) The noted Japanese filmmaker Akira Kurosawa has made several memorable films adapted from Western sources. FTP each, given the name of the film, give its Western source.

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| 1. Ran | Answer: <u>King Lear</u> |
| 2. Throne of Blood | Answer: <u>Macbeth</u> |
| 3. Hakuchi | Answer: <u>The Idiot</u> |

6. (30 points) Evander Holyfield is the new heavyweight champion. But there are other weight classes besides heavyweight. List the following weight classes in order from heaviest to lightest. The weight classes are bantam, cruiser, feather, light, middle and welter weight.

A: Cruiser, Middle, Welter, Light, Feather, Bantam

7. (20 points) By now you're probably familiar, and quite sick of, the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. You probably also know that these annoying idols of teens everywhere are named after four Renaissance artists. For 5 points apiece, I'll name a work of art and you name the Turtle responsible for it.

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| 1. The Last Judgment | A: <u>Michelangelo</u> |
| 2. The Annunciation | A: <u>Leonardo da Vinci</u> |
| 3. Triumph of Religion | A: <u>Raphael</u> |
| 4. Gattamelata | A: <u>Donatello</u> |

8. (25 points) If, for some reason, you reminded me of a cow, I'd call you bovine. If you resembled a horse, I'd call you equine. What animal are you like if I call you the following?

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| 1. Ovine | A: <u>Sheep</u> |
| 2. Ursine | A: <u>Bear</u> |
| 3. Leonine | A: <u>Lion</u> |
| 4. Piscine | A: <u>Fish</u> |
| 5. Vulpine | A: <u>Fox</u> |

9. (20 points) When is your birthday? Before you answer, bear in mind that who you are could determine when your birthday is celebrated, regardless of when you were actually born. In what month would your birthday be celebrated if you were:

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| 1. A racehorse | A: <u>January</u> |
| 2. A member of Britain's royal family | A: <u>June</u> |

10. (30 points) What College Bowl round would be complete without an Oscar question? Ten actresses have won more than one best actress award but only five actors have accomplished this feat. 5 points are yours for each actor plus a 5 point bonus are yours for naming them all correct?

A: Marlon Brando (1954,72), Gary Cooper (1941,52), Dustin Hoffman (1977,88), Frederic March (1931-32,46), and Spencer Tracy (1937,38)

11. (25 points) Ronald Reagan was the first divorced man to be U.S. President. But he was not the first president to have a second wife. Five other U.S. Presidents have been married twice, all because they outlived their first wives. For 5 points apiece name them:

A: Millard Fillmore, Benjamin Harrison, Theodore Roosevelt, John Tyler, Woodrow Wilson

Note: Roosevelt remarried before becoming President, Tyler and Wilson during their terms and Fillmore and Harrison after leaving office.

12. (25 points) Many of the more familiar constellations are named for animals such as Aries the Ram and Pisces the Fish--but so are some of the less familiar constellations. For five points apiece, match these constellations with their celestial animal names. The constellations are: Cetus, Corvus, Dorado, Lacerta and Musca. The animals are: the Fly, Lizard, Raven, Swordfish and Whale?

A: Cetus - Whale
Corvus - Raven
Dorado - Swordfish
Lacerta - Lizard
Musca - Fly

13. (25 points) You've probably all heard, at one time or another, a version of Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*. But how well do you recall which instruments represent which characters? 5 points each, I'll name the character, you name the instrument?

1. The Bird	A: <u>Flute</u>
2. The Duck	A: <u>Oboe</u>
3. The Cat	A: <u>Clarinet</u>
4. The Grandfather	A: <u>Bassoon</u>
5. The Wolf	A: <u>French Horn</u>

14. (30 points) Many great fictional characters have been inspired by actual people. I'll describe an actual person, and you tell me the character he inspired.

1. Alexander Selkirk, a seaman who lived alone on a desert island.
2. Joseph Bell, a medical instructor who, after looking at a stranger, could discern many of his habits.
3. William Brodie, a respected cabinet maker by day and leader of a gang of thieves by night.

Answer: 1. Robinson Crusoe 2. Sherlock Holmes
3. Dr. Jekyll or Mr. Hyde

15. (25 points) While most of Shakespeare's works are classified as tragedies, histories or comedies, four of his latter plays are considered by some scholars to be tragicomedies since the plays have full tragic potential but have an harmonious resolution achieved through the intervention of grace. For 5 points apiece and a 5 point bonus for all correct, name these four plays written between 1608 and 1611.

A: Pericles, Cymbeline, The Winter's Tale, The Tempest

16. (20 points) For 5 points apiece and 5 more for getting all three, of the over 1.5 million American Indians in the U.S., fifty percent reside in what three states.

A: Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma

17. (25 points) We've all heard the expression, "Blood is thicker than water" so answer the following questions about blood?
1. For 5 points, what vitamin is essential for blood clotting?
 2. For 10 points, how many quarts of blood does the average adult have?
 3. And, for a final 10 points, just how many times thicker than water is blood?

Answer: 1. Vitamin K 2. 6 Quarts 3. 6 times

18. (30 points) During this century the name Dewey has featured prominently in various fields. No I'm not talking about Donald Duck's nephew but rather the unrelated Dewey's that made an imprint on American history. I'll describe three accomplishments and you tell me who was responsible for each.
1. The governor of New York and two time Republican Presidential candidate.
 2. The philosopher and educator who taught that truth is an instrument to solve problems and rejected authoritarian teaching methods.
 3. The librarian and founder of library schools who developed the classification system bearing his name.

Answer: 1. Thomas 2. John 3. Melvil

19. (20 points) During the late 18th to mid-19th century it was the popular name for a small clique of wealthy men who dominated Upper Canada. They controlled the government, monopolized political offices and strongly influenced banking, education and Anglican Church affairs. New settlers denied political opportunity formed the opposition Reform party. For 20 points name this powerful group.

A: Family Compact

20. (25 points) For 5 points apiece tell me in which state you would find the following National Parks?

1. Acadia	Answer: <u>Maine</u>
2. Mammoth Cave	Answer: <u>Kentucky</u>
3. Badlands	Answer: <u>South Dakota</u>
4. Theodore Roosevelt	Answer: <u>North Dakota</u>
5. Hot Springs	Answer: <u>Arkansas</u>

21. (25 points) It seems that we remember national holidays and commemorative days only if a vacation day is attached to them. So for five points apiece tell me in what month do we observe the following commemorative days:

1. Bill of Rights Day	Answer: <u>December</u> 15
2. Susan B. Anthony Day	Answer: <u>February</u> 15
3. National Freedom Day	Answer: <u>February</u> 1
4. United Nations Day	Answer: <u>October</u> 24
5. Armed Forces Day	Answer: <u>May</u> 19

22. (30 Points) 30-20-10 Name this composer.
- 30) This 18th century composer was the piano teacher of Beethoven but argued with him and left his training.
 - 20) His works, which include 80 string quartets and over 50 piano sonatas would take 340 hours to play.
 - 10) This composer of many symphonies including *The Clock Symphony*, wrote *The Seasons* when he was 69 years old.

A: Franz Joseph Haydn