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QUESTIONS FOR EUGENE OROWITZ

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TOSS-UPS

1. He stuttered, he had a club foot and he was believed to be a half-wit. He also was a historian, the great-great-great-nephew of Julius Caesar, and became emperor of Rome in 41 C.E. after the violent reign of Caligula. FTP, name him.

A: Claudius

2. You know, of course, that Leningrad has changed its name back to St. Petersburg in honor of the tsar who founded it. The city of Sverdlovsk (SVAIRD-loffsk) is also considering changing back to its original name, which was also in honor of one of Russia's royal Romanovs. FTP, what was the name?

A: Ekaterinburg (Yeh-kat-er-EEN-boorg) (for Catherine the Great)

3. The cortex of the adrenal gland is well known for the secretion of hormones such as cortisone, corticosterone, and corticotropin. FTP, give the name of the other important part of the adrenal gland, a name it shares with a part of the central nervous system found at the base of the skull.

A: Medulla

4. Harvard University wasn't always on the cutting edge of academic thought. As late as 1636, Harvard taught that the earth was the center of the universe and the sun revolved around it. What was the name of this system, which Harvard (and everyone else) finally replaced with the Copernican?

A: the Ptolemaic (Tahl-uh-MAY-ick)

5. Speaking of cutting edges, if you shaved this morning, you're in the right spirit to answer this question. A philosopher in the Middle Ages came up with the rule that the simplest of two competing theories is preferable. What is the two-word name for this sharp insight and cutting statement that entities ought not to be multiplied, except from necessity?

A: Occam's Razor (for William of Occam, OCK-um)

6. The Chicago Bears' dominating defense of the mid-eighties can be attributed to the performance of key personnel, including innovative defensive coordinator Buddy Ryan, brilliant middle linebacker Mike Singletary, and overrated stiffes like Dan Hampton and Richard Dent. But the defense took its numerical name from the jersey number of another player, a safety known more for his reputation as a cheap-shot artist than for his marginal playing ability. I'm sure you're "bored" with this question by now, but, FTP, who this player, the "namesake" of the famous "46" defense?

A: Doug Planck

7. The American Indian Movement has returned to the public eye with its protests over Atlanta's Tomahawk Chop. FTP, name the former AIM leader now serving time in Leavenworth, some say falsely, for the killing of two FBI agents.

A: Leonard Peltier

8. In the 1890's, a Shakespeare fan decided to bring to America every bird that the Bard ever mentioned in a play. The skylark and the nightingale didn't make it, but unfortunately this bird, mentioned in Henry IV, thrived. Name this dark-colored pest of the family Sturnidae.

A: The starling

9. His men mutinied when they found out that their next opponent would have 10 times more elephants than the one they had just defeated. Besides, they were tired; they had walked for more than two years to reach the Indus Valley, with side trips to conquer Egypt and Central Asia on the way. Still, this student of Aristotle managed to found what is today the third largest city in Africa, spread Greek culture as far as Afghanistan, and generally put Macedonia on the map. FTP, name this empire-builder of the 4th century B.C.E.

A: Alexander the Great

10. Only 11% of the officers of the U.S. Army graduated from the military academy at West Point, but its alumni make up a disproportionate number of Army generals. Is the percentage of West Point graduates among Army generals closest to 20%, 35%, 50%, or 65%?

A: 35% (the actual figure is 34%)

11. The Pyrenees separate Spain from France. FAQTP, what mountain range forms the border between Norway and Sweden?

A: the Kjoelen (CHOE-len)

12. In a normal distribution, approximately 68% of the numbers will fall within this distance above or below the mean. Double the figure and you'll include about 95% of the numbers in the data set. It's basically the average distance from the mean of all the numbers in the set, and because it tells whether data are concentrated or dispersed, you'll usually find it accompanying the mean in data compiled by a good statistician. FTP, give the two-word name for this statistical measure of variation.

A: Standard deviation

13. Warning: This question is not as easy as it originally sounds! Boy, October, War, The Unforgettable Fire, The Joshua Tree, Rattle and Hum. U2 has a tendency to give its albums rather weighty titles--or did until it came up with the semi-German name for its soon-to-be-released seventh album. FTP, give the attention-getting title.

A: Achtung, Baby

14. A CAT scan is normally used to detect cancerous tumors, but a music-loving doctor recently found a novel use for it by using one to analyze the construction of a violin. This was the latest in centuries of attempts to account for the superior sound of the creations of, FTP, what legendary instrument maker?

A: Stradivari (Accept Stradivarius)

15. Referring to a lizard or a snake as "cold-blooded" might be enough for most people, but not for a zoologist or, in this case, a college bowler. FTP, what is the scientific name for the temperature regulation scheme of these creatures?

A: Poikilothermic or ectothermic (do not accept "exothermic")

16. What do Henry VIII and the Great Lakes have in common? King Henry was fatally stricken at the dinner table while eating a certain type of primitive fish. These same fish almost wiped out the native fish population when they made their way into the Great Lakes several decades ago. FTP, what is the name of this jawless, eel-like fish that was deadly to Kings and Lakes alike?

A: The lamprey

17. Located near present-day Shiraz in southern Iran, it was the capital of Cyrus the Great's empire and gave his country a name that foreigners would use for centuries. Name this city, which Alexander the Great burned after taking the treasure of Darius III.

A: Persepolis

18. It's not as hard as it sounds. FAQTP, what is the state flower of Massachusetts?

A: The mayflower

19. Gail Wynand is a millionaire who works himself up from the ghetto by selling tabloid newspapers. Dominique Francon is the daughter of a famous architect who marries Wynand to avoid her true lover. Ellsworth Toohey is a hypocritical intellectual who organizes talentless authors, playwrights and architects into politicized guilds. Howard Roark is an individualistic architect who dynamites a housing project when the builders tamper with his design. FTP, these are characters from what philosophical novel by Ayn Rand?

A: The Fountainhead

20. FAQTP, in music, how many half-steps are in an augmented fourth?

A: Six

21. Though the Arabs living west of the Jordan prefer being called "Palestineans" as opposed to, say, "Israelis," they actually have no "P" sound in their language. FTP, give the name the Arabs use for this land, a name known to ancient history buffs as belonging to a famous maritime trading culture of the area.

A: Filistin (Fill-iss-TEEN) or Philistine

22. Russia had Peter and Catherine, Prussia had Frederick, and Greece, for about the tenth time this packet, had Alexander. But FTP, who was the only king of England to bear the title, "the Great?"

A: Alfred the Great

23. When there was nobody to play baseball with, you've probably practiced by trying to hit a ball you tossed into the air yourself. What you might not have known is that this practice has a name. FTP, what is it?

A: Fungo (accept "fungoes" or "hitting fungoes")

24. They were the first Indian tribe that Columbus encountered, and perhaps consequently, there are none left to tell the tale. Name these original inhabitants of Hispaniola.

A: the Arawaks

25. Ralph Nader started it all when he gave a speech describing a model of activism for college campuses. Students in Minnesota and Oregon organized around his model, 24 other states followed, and the entire movement is celebrating its 20th anniversary in 1991. FTP, name this network of student-directed environmental, consumer and social justice organizations.

A: The Public Interest Research Groups or PIRGs

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BONI

1. (25) When the United Nations opened for business this fall, it had seven new members. You'll get 5 points for naming three of them, 15 for 5, and 25 for all 7.

A: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, the Marshall Islands, Micronesia, North Korea and South Korea.

2. (30-20-10). "It was a good year for bad ideas." For 30 points after one clue, 20 after 2, or 10 if it takes all three, name the year in which these events occurred.

(30) United States currency ceases to be convertible into gold coinage; all gold coinage is transferred to vaults in Kentucky.

(20) President Franklin Roosevelt declares a bank holiday.

(10) Adolf Hitler is elected chancellor of Germany.

A: 1933

3. (30) What's your opinion on congressional term limits? It might be affected by your views on the six current U.S. Senators who have been serving since before 1965. Anyway, you'll get five points each for naming these five Democrats and one Republican, two from New England, two from the South, one from the Midwest and one from the West.

A: Strom Thurmond (R-SC, elected in 1956)
Robert Byrd (D-WV, 1959)
Quentin Burdick (D-ND, 1960)
Claiborne Pell (D-RI, 1961)
Edward or Ted Kennedy (D-MA, 1962)
Daniel Inouye (D-HI, 1963)

4. (30) Rock stars like to give their albums memorable titles, but it's not always easy coming up with a song to go with the chosen title. I'll name six albums of the sort that college students are supposed to like. For five points apiece, tell me if the name comes from the title of a song on the album, a line from a song on the album, or neither. In the interest of a kinder, gentler College Bowl, I'll warn you that one of these has a trick answer.

1. Kate Bush's <u>Sensual World</u> .	A: <u>Song title</u>
2. Midnight Oil's <u>Diesel and Dust</u> .	A: <u>Line</u>
3. U2's <u>Rattle and Hum</u> .	A: <u>Line</u>
4. 10,000 Maniacs' <u>In My Tribe</u> .	A: <u>Neither</u>
5. Paul Simon's <u>Rhythm of the Saints</u> .	A: <u>Song title</u>
6. Sinéad O'Connor's <u>Lion & the Cobra</u> .	A: <u>Line</u>

Note: The last one is the trick; the title appears, but only in Gaelic. It's part of the chant on "Never Get Old." This fact is known only by Ben Weiss.

5. (30) For 5 points apiece, match each common weed with the well-known vegetable from the same botanical family. (Host Note: Cut them some slack and read these slowly!) The weeds are: morning glory, dandelion, nightshade, lambsquarters, wild mustard, and Queen Anne's Lace. The veggies are: lettuce, broccoli, spinach, eggplant, celery, sweet potato.

A: Morning glory - sweet potato
dandelion - lettuce
nightshade - eggplant
lambsquarters - spinach
wild mustard - broccoli
Queen Anne's Lace - celery

6. (25) A shot heard around the world occurred in Sarajevo on June 28, 1914, when Archduke Franz Ferdinand, the heir to the Austrian throne, was assassinated, igniting World War I. Let's see how much you know about this event; you'll get 5 points for each correct answer.

Name the Archduke's wife, who was also killed.

A: Sophie (Do not accept "Mrs. F. Hapsburg")

Name the Austrian emperor.

A: Franz Josef or Francis Joseph

Name the assassin.

A: Gavrilo Princip

Name the terrorist organization to which Gavrilo Princip belonged.

A: the Black Hand

Name the Serbian head of military intelligence who headed the Black Hand.

A: Col. Dragutin Demitrijevic

(Probably pronounced Deh-MEET-ree-ye-vich, but I wouldn't worry too much about it)

7. (30) Another assassination question. Lee Harvey Oswald was said to be a "lone nut," but John Wilkes Booth had accomplices in his attack on Lincoln. For 10 points apiece, name Booth's three co-conspirators. Do not include John and Mary Surratt, whose complicity is uncertain.

A: Louis Paine, David Harold and George Atzerodt.

8. (30) In preparation for next year's Theodore Geisel Memorial Invitational, I'll give you what may be the easiest complete-the-quotation bonus you've ever had; at least, if you can regress to childhood on demand. I'll give you three Dr. Seuss quotes, and for 10 points apiece, you complete the couplets.

1. "Yes, that's what I'd do," said young Gerald McGrew,...

A: "I'd make a few changes if I ran the zoo."

2. "I meant what I said and I said what I meant..."

A: "An elephant faithful, one hundred percent."

3. "I dreamed I was sleeping in Solla Sollew

On the banks of the beautiful river Wah-Hoo..."

A: "Where they never have troubles. At least, very few."

(From If I Ran the Zoo, Horton Hatches the Egg, and I Had Trouble In Getting to Solla Sollew, respectively.)

9. (30-20-10) Once again, it's time to name a year.

(30) China explodes its first hydrogen bomb.

(20) Dr. Christian Barnard performs the first human heart transplant.

(10) Israel fights the Six Day War with its Arab neighbors.

A: 1967

10. (25) Sometimes truth is stranger than fiction--at least, when it comes to place names. I'll give you five names, and you'll get 5 points for correctly identifying each as belonging to a real or a fictional place.

1. Prolgu

A: Fictional

2. Xingu

A: Real

3. Pechora

A: Real

4. Tazenda

A: Fictional

5. Dzungaria

A: Real

(Note: Prolgu is a city in David Eddings' Belgariad, the Xingu is a tributary of the Amazon River, the Pechora is a river in the Soviet Union, Tazenda is a planet in Isaac Asimov's Second Foundation, and Dzungaria is a region of northwestern China.)

11. (30) Nordoff and Hall wrote three books dealing with Fletcher Christian's seizure of Captain Bligh's ship, the Bounty, and with the aftermath of the mutiny. For 10 points apiece, name the books of the Bounty Trilogy from the following descriptions.

1. The book dealing with Christian's takeover of the ship.

A: Mutiny on the Bounty

2. The book describing Captain Bligh's open boat voyage to safety.

A: Men Against the Sea

3. The book describing where Christian and the remaining mutineers hid.

A: Pitcairn's Island

12. (20) Whoever is the geography buff on your team may have a few more capitals to memorize in the coming years. In the name of preparation, you'll get 5 points apiece for naming the capitals of some countries that may or may not remain republics of Yugoslavia.

1. Croatia

A: Zagreb

2. Bosnia-Herzegovina

A: Sarajevo

3. Slovenia

A: Ljubljana

4. Macedonia

A: Skopje

(The last two are pronounced Lyoob-LYAH-nah and SCOPE-yeh)

13. (20) A disproportionate number of rock stars seem to be named "Ian." For 5 points each and a 5 point bonus for all three, when I give the band, name the lead singer.

1. the Cult

A: Ian Astbury

2. Jethro Tull

A: Ian Anderson

3. Echo & the Bunnymen

A: Ian McCulloch

14. (25) Fats, oils and fatty acids have made the news recently due to connections with heart disease and arteriosclerosis. As you know, polyunsaturated fatty acids are the "good guys," while saturated ones are "bad guys." For 5 points each, I'll name five common fatty acids, and you tell me whether they're saturated, polyunsaturated, or monounsaturated.

1. stearic

A: saturated

2. linolenic

A: polyunsaturated

3. palmitic

A: saturated

4. linoleic

A: polyunsaturated

5. oleic

A: monounsaturated

15. (25) I'll give you the names of five battles. For 5 points apiece, tell me if these battles occurred during the Korean War or the Vietnam War.

1. Pork Chop Hill

A: Korea

2. Hamburger Hill

A: Vietnam

3. Battle Mountain

A: Korea

4. Black Virgin Mountain

A: Vietnam

5. Koji Do (KO-jee dough) Prison Uprising

A: Korea

16. (30-VISUAL) It's a rock & roll cliché that to be a great guitarist, you only need to know three chords. So you could gain fame and fortune, as well as 10 points for each correct answer, if you can name these three guitar chords from their outlines. (Host: Show them the picture!)

A: #1 is G7 (say "G 7th"), #2 is D, #3 is E minor

17. (20) For 10 points, name the Roman historian who wrote The Twelve Caesars.

A: Suetonius

For 10 more points, name the author of the historical novel I, Caesar, which was based on Suetonius' work.

A: Robert Graves

18. (25) Despite their differences, the Jews and Arabs share a common Semitic heritage, reflected in the Hebrew and Arabic languages. For the stated number of points, answer these questions about Hebrew and Arabic words.

1. The word for "peace" is used as a greeting in both languages. For 5 points, give both words.

A: Shalom (Hebrew) and salaam (Arabic)

2. The respective words for "house" are often found in Hebrew and Arabic place names. For 5 points, give the Arabic word, which is part of the name of an African capital whose name means "house of peace."

A: Dar

3. For 5 points, give the Hebrew word, which is found in the names of several famous Israeli towns and shares a name with the second letter of the Hebrew alphabet.

A: Beth (BET or BAIT)

4. For 10 points, give the Hebrew word for "town," which is part of the name of several controversial Jewish settlements on the West Bank.

A: Kiriyat or Kirjath (Kee-ree-YAHT)

19. (20) We know you can name the main character of Moby Dick, since the book begins with the line, "Call me Ishmael." Let's see what other names from the book you can remember, for 5 points each and a 5 point bonus for all three.

1. Ahab's ship.

A: the Pequod.

2. The ship that rescued Ishmael.

A: the Rachel.

3. The first mate.

A: Starbuck.

20. (30) Whether or not you believe the current cast of Saturday Night Live is up to the level of its predecessors, you'll have to admit that they've created some popular characters. For 5 points apiece, given the character(s), name the cast member(s) who portrays him, her or it.

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| 1. Wayne Campbell | A: Mike <u>Myers</u> |
| 2. Richard (a.k.a. the Rich-meister) | A: Rod <u>Schneider</u> |
| 3. Pat | A: Julia <u>Sweeney</u> |
| 4. Stuart Smalley | A: Al <u>Franken</u> |
| 5. Hans und Franz | A: Dana <u>Carvey</u> & Kevin <u>Nealon</u> |
| 6. George Bush | A: Dana <u>Carvey</u> |

21. (30) In 1884 and '85, the British government sent a general to the Sudan to evacuate their Egyptian garrisons before they were slaughtered by rebels. For 10 points, name the Bible-reading general that Prime Minister William Gladstone sent.

A: Charles Gordon

For another 10 points, name the city on the Nile where Charles Gordon was sent.

A: Khartoum

For a final 10 points, name the rebel leader who was told by Allah that he had to pray in the mosques at Kharthoum, Constantinople, Jerusalem, Damascus and Mecca.

A: Mohammed Ahmed or the Mahdi

22. (20) If two lines intersect, they can be described by one of two words that begin with the letter "o." One of the words describes lines that intersect at right angles; the other covers everything else. For 10 points apiece, give these words.

A: Oblique and orthogonal

23. (30) Fantasia is regarded as a classic because of its combination of gifted animation and classical music. For 10 points, give the year it was released (5 points if you're within 3).

A: 1940 (5 for 1937 to 1943)

For another 10 points, name the orchestra that provided the music.

A: the Philadelphia Orchestra

For a final 10 points, name the conductor of the Philadelphia Orchestra who, with the help of Walt Disney, chose the music.

A: Leopold Stokowski

24. (25) For 20 points, all or nothing, name the eight colleges that comprise the Ivy League, with an extra five points if you name them in alphabetical order. (Hint: "University" starts with "U".)

A: Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Harvard, Princeton, the University of Pennsylvania and Yale.

25. (25) It's probably the world's most landlocked river, rising in the Pamirs north of Afghanistan and flowing over 1300 miles through the desert to vanish into a tiny salt lake called the Lop Nur, thousands of miles from the nearest ocean. It was a lifeline for travelers on the Silk Road, forming several oases on the fearsome Takla Makan desert. FTP, name this major river of the Sinkiang (or, to be PC, Xinjiang [Zin-JAHNG]) province of western China.

A: the Tarim (accept Tarim Ho or Tarim He)