Questions by Gaius Stern and John Nam for University of Maryland Team B

Tossups

T1. This Catholic order, founded in 1190 in Acre, moved to Europe in the 13th century, where it became a powerful force in Northern Europe. Through the 14th century, the order expanded its holdings and power and many of its cities became members of the Hanseatic League. It was not dissolved until 1525 by Grand Master Albert of Brandenburg, but its peak had passed after continued attacks on Lithuania and Poland led to its devastating defeat in the Battle of Tannenberg in 1410. FTP, name this order, which when defeated by Alexander Nevsky never again rose to be as powerful as it had been.

A: the <u>Teutonic Knights</u> or the <u>German Order</u>

T2. It occurs naturally only in foods of animal origin; many vegetables and fruits, however, particularly the green and yellow ones, contain a substance which the body can change into it. FTP, what vitamin, needed for normal growth and for normal vision in dim light can be produced from carotene in vegetables and fruits?

A: Vitamin A or retinol

T3. Their creation took place around the 14th or 15th centuries and Albus Manutius, a famous European publisher of the classics, is responsible for the first type. There were three phases of them; the first, during the 15th and 16th centuries was an elegant, aesthetic script and the modern is best described as a commercial script. FTP, what style of printing letters is this, in which the letters fall on a slope to the right? Hint: the name is derived from their country of origin.

A: italics (from Italy)

T4. Of all the Norse gods, he is neither Aesir nor Vanir; he is, however, Odin's blood brother and he originally held a prominent position among the other gods. It was through his ingenuity that the gods got walls built around Asgard for free; received six wondrous gifts from dwarven smiths, including Thor's hammer Mjolnir; got Mjolnir back from the giants when it was stolen; and retrieved Iduna and her apples. So the son of Lafri was not all bad, even though he is remembered as a god of fire, mischief, and destruction because of his role in the death of Baldur. FTP, who was this giant who slowly turned against the gods and died in killing his arch-enemy, Heimdall, at Ragnarok?

A: Loki

T5. Dallas 442, up from 356; New Orleans 306, up from 249; Milwaukee 165, up from 116; San Antonio 218, up from 159; and, of course, Washington D.C. 483, up from 434. FTP, what do these rising statistics represent?

A: rising number of <u>homicides in</u>
1990 over 1989

Toss. Ups

short story writer, but during World War I he began to write dramas in which he portrayed life as consisting merely of a succession of illusions which, put together, constitute what the ordinary person sees as reality. He won the 1934 Nobel Prize for Literature. FTP, name this author of It is So! (If You Think So) and Six Characters in Search of an Author.

A: Luigi <u>Pirandello</u>

T7. From the Italian meaning "preceding", it is a chord which is performed "spread out", i.e. the notes are not sounded simultaneously but in succession. Nearly always, the chord starts from the bottom and runs to the top, as normally on a harp. For ten well-deserved points, what is this musical term?

A: arpeggio

T8. It is a chemical element or compound in the body that, when dissolved, produces ions, conducts an electrical current, and is itself changed in the process. The proper amount and equilibrium of certain ones—for example, calcium, sodium, and potassium—in the body is essential for normal health and functioning. FTP, what are these chemicals which must be kept in equilibrium?

A: electrolytes

T9. Authored by Thomas Jefferson in 1799, they protested the passage of the Alien and Sedition Acts by the Federalists. They included support for the nullification theory—that the rightful remedy for disagreement with a federal law was to nullify it within one's jurisdiction based on congressional abuse of authority. FTP, what were these arguments, named after the fifteenth state?

A: Kentucky Resolutions

(Reader's note: If "Virginia and Kentucky Resolutions" given, ask answerer to pick one; if just "Virginia Resolution" is given, the answer is incorrect, since the Virginia Resolution was by James Madison and Thomas Jefferson in 1798)

T1C. It is a practice whereby the political party that wins an election removes officeholders identified with the opposition and replaces them with loyal supporters. The ability to discharge official responsibilities is given second, if any, consideration. FTP, what was this political practice which is clearly the opposite of hiring on the basis of merit?

A: spoils system

T11. E. B. White, Dorothy Parker, George S. Kaufman, Franklin P. Adams, Harpo Marx, Moss Hart, Ring Lardner, Edna Ferber, and Mark Connelly. These were all members, FTP, of what famous group of wits who met every now and again in a New York hotel to share their ideas and humor?

A: the Algonquin Round Table

T12. It is sometimes called a placid corner of Europe and this nation of 5 million has not fought in a war since 1866, if you discount resistance to the Nazi occupation. In this country, however, books cost \$30 or \$40 each on account of small book runs, and on New Year's Eve, 500 "troublemakers" went on a rampage in the capital, throwing rocks and bottles at passing cars. FTP, what Scandinavian nation is this, ruled by Margrethe II?

A: Denmark

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Lead by Patrick Henry Pearse, the rebellion broke and was suppressed only after bitter fighting in the streets. The subsequent execution of Pearse and others helped bring down the Asquith government and paved the way for the creation of the Irish Free State. FTP, what was this rebellion which broke out in Dublin in 1916?

A: the Easter Rebellion

T14. Considered one of Europe's most strategic straits, it controls access from the Baltic Sea to the North Sea and the Atlantic. Situated between Denmark and Norway/Sweden, FTP, what is this strait, out of which the Imperial German Navy rarely ventured during World War I?

A: the Skagerrak

T15. In tort law it is a wrong arising from unreasonable or unlawful use of property to the annoyance or damage of another or of the public. In fact, it is anything that disturbs the free use on one's property or that renders its ordinary use uncomfortable. FTP, what is the term for this sort of irritant?

A: <u>nuisance</u>

T16. It consists of a hair that controls the position of a needle against a scale. When humidity is high, the hair lengthens slightly. For a quick 10 points, what is this scientific instrument, used to measure relative humidity?

A: hygrometer

11. Born in 1547, he became a soldier and was captured by Turks and held in prison for 5 years. He was later imprisoned a second time in Seville, Spain, for deficits as a naval quartermaster. There, he started his masterpiece, a novel of romance, idealism, errant-knighthood, and chasing windmills. FTP, who was this author of <u>Don Quixote</u>, who died the same day as Shakespeare?

A: Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra

18. The first was 13 November 1887 in London, when police violently broke up a socialist meeting in Trafalgar Square. The second, and more famous, occurred on 22 January 1905 in St. Petersburg, when Grand Prince Vladimir, chief of the security police, ordered his police to fire upon the peaceful demonstration of workers. This massacre is generally considered the beginning of the Russian Revolution of 1905. FTP, give the name for both these days, a name which was borrowed by U-2 for a song on their War album.

A: Bloody Sunday

19. Derived from a Teutonic word meaning "border" or "anything joined on," according to Catholic theology, this is a resting place for souls excluded from heaven through no fault of their own. Included among these souls were those who died without baptism and thus in a state of original sin. FTP, where do these innocent sinners reside?

A: limbo

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The portrait of his stepbrother Henry Pelham, known as <u>The boy with the squirrel</u>, was the first painting produced in America to be exhibited in England. He painted in Boston from 1755 to 1774, then moved to London. He became a Royal Academician in 1779, but his popularity faded and he sold few works from 1800 until his death in 1815. FTP, name this American artist, best-known for his <u>Brook Watson and the shark</u> and considered by many to be the greatest 18th Century American painter.

A: John Singleton Copley

T21. Developed in the early 1960s by several computer manufacturers and the U.S. Department of Defense, statements in this language resemble English sentences, and the structure of the program requires that some documentation be included. The programs are thus long and wordy, but easy to receive. FTP, name this computer language, the main programming language for business data processing, which has an identification division, an environment division, a data division, and a procedure division.

A: COBOL

T22. She lived from about 978-1026. Although she wrote a very descriptive diary of historical and literary value from 1007-10:0 as a lady in the court of Empress Akiko, she is best-known as the author of the first Japanese novel, which depicts court society of her time. FTP, who was this author of The Tales of Genji?

A: Murasaki Shikibu

They are strict statutes or local ordinances most frequently enacted to preserve observances of the Sabbath by prohibiting commercial activities on Sundays. With increasing frequency, they are being abolished so that people may freely choose activities without regard to societal notions as to appropriate Sunday conduct. For 10 points, what are these codes which also prohibit the sale of alcohol after 10 P.M. in many states?

A: blue laws

T24. Concern that Caleb Daniel Hughes will not receive a fair trial in Fairfax, Virginia has both defense and prosecution worried due to the high level of publicity his case has received. Hughes is accused of abducting, FTP, what 5-year-old girl from a Christmas party in December of 1989?

A: Melissa Brannen

25. According to his song "Leningrad" on his latest effort, he "was born in forty-nine, a cold war kid in McCarthy time." If you believe his other song titles, he also drives "The Downeaster 'Alexa'", is "Shameless", and has had jobs as "The Entertainer" and as a "Piano Man." FTP, name this man, often known as Mr. Christie Brinkley.

A: Billy Joel

Penn Bowl I, 1 and 2 February, 1991 Questions by Gaius Stern and John Nam for University of Maryland Team B Bonuses

- (20) B1. The South Africa Act of 1910 created the Union of South Africa by uniting the four British possessions in that area. For 5 points each, by what names did the British call these four provinces?
 - A: <u>Cape Province</u>, <u>Natal</u>, <u>Transvaal</u>, and <u>Orange River</u>
- (30) B2. For 5 points each, given a ternary acid, provide its chemical formula. For example, if I said sulfuric, you'd reply "H₂SO₄".

1) Nitrous
2) Chloric
3) Perchloric
4) Boric
A: HNO,
A: HClO,
A: HClO,
A: H₀BO,

5) Acetic A: $\underline{HC_2H_2O_2}$ (or CH_2COOH) (accept equivalents)

6) Silicic A: H₂Šič

- (25) B3. For 5 points each, name the following boxers:
 - Champion from 1952-56, he retired undefeated and died in a plane crash.

A: Rocky <u>Marciano</u>

2) Champion from 1919-26, he lost his title to Gene Tunney. He fought 148 times, winning 108 by KO and losing only 5.

A: Jack <u>Dempsey</u>

- 3) Champ from 1937-50, he lost to Ezzard Charles by decision. He won 68 of his 71 fights.
 A: Joe Louis
- 4) Now in his 40s, he is still fighting. He beat Frazier in 1973 for the title, but lost it to Ali.
 A: George Foreman
- 5) He beat John L. Sullivan in 1892, but lost his title to Bob Fitzsimmons in 1897. A: "Gentleman" Jim <u>Corbett</u>
- (30) B4. Your bonus is on Arthurian legend. For 5 points each, name:
 - 1) Arthur's evil nephew who plotted to destroy the Round Table.

A: Mordred (or Modred)

- 2) Sometimes considered Arthur's second-best knight, he encountered the Green Knight.

 A: Gawaine
- 3) Arthur's evil half-sister, a sorceress, she aided her nephew Mordred in his nefarious plots.
 A: Morgan (or Morgiana) Le Fay
- 4) Tristan's beloved, she was also the wife of his uncle, King Mark.

A: <u>Isolde</u> (or Iseult)

5) Finally, for 10 points, name Lancelot's keep--his castle in France.

A: <u>Joyeux Garde</u>

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- (45) B5. It's time for bonuses around the world. Your country is Bulgaria. For 5 points each, name:
 - 1) Its Communist leader ousted in 1990.

A: Todor Zhivkov

Its capital.

A: Sofia

3) The 1878 treaty which created a huge Bulgarian state.

A: Treaty of San Stefano

4) 1981 Nobel Literature Prize winner for, among other works, Auto da Fe.

A: Elias Canetti

5) The dominant religion of Bulgaria.

A: <u>Eastern Orthodox</u>

- (30) B6. 30-20-10 Name this literary technique.
 - 30) A good example of this type of psychological prose can be found in Virginia Woolf's To the Lighthouse or in William Faulkner's The Sound and the Fury.
 - 20) It presents the inner thoughts of a character in an uneven endless flow of ideas and memories that simulates the character's thinking.
 - 10) Joyce made this style famous in <u>Ulysses</u> and <u>Portrait of the Artist as a Young</u> Man.

A: stream of consciousness

- (30) B7. For 10 points each, identify these three French artists.
 - 1) The founder of neoimpressionism, he invented the pointillist style and is most famous for <u>Sunday afternoon on the island of La Grande Jatte</u>.

A: Georges Seurat

- 2) This French painter was a leader of the primitive school of postimpressionism, a major influence on cubism. He painted <u>Child among the rocks</u> and <u>Landscape</u> with tree trunks.
 A: Henri <u>Rousseau</u>
- 3) This French printmaker was a forerunner of the impressionists. He painted Olympia and Dejeuner sur l'herbe.

A: Edouard Manet

- (30) BE. Given a brief resume, name the following Scottish scientists. 5 pts each:
 - 1) He discovered penicillin by accident in 1928.

A: Sir Alexander Fleming

2) He discovered argon, neon, krypton, xenon, and radon.

A: Sir William Ramsay

- 3) He lent Frederick Banting the lab in which insulin was discovered. Since he owned the lab, he co-accepted the 1923 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine with Banting.
 A: John MacLeod
- 4) He worked out the first table of logarithms and introduced the use of the decimal point.
 A: John Napier
- 5) He founded the science of geology and formulated the principle of "uniformitarianism."

 A: James <u>Hutton</u>
- 6) He verified and popularized Hutton's work on "uniformitarianism".

A: Charles Lyell

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- (50) B9. Unusual fates of body parts is the subject of this bonus. FTP each, name the person whose body part suffered this unusual fate:
 - 1) Buried in 1658, his body was disinterred in 1660, hanged and later beheaded, at which time the head was impaled on a spike for 24 years, then hidden in a chimney from 1685-1710. The head then travelled around in freak shows for most of the next hundred years.

A: Oliver Cromwell

- 2) First molten gold was poured down his throat, then he was beheaded and his head was used as a stage prop in the staging of Euripides' <u>Bacchae</u> for the king of Parthia in 53 BC.
 A: Marcus Licinius Crassus
- 3) In Nikolai Gogol's bizarre short story, this organ detaches itself from the face of Major Kozatzov. A: the nose
- (25) B10. It is a practice of withholding consent to Presidential appointments to federal positions in the state if members of the President's party object to the appointees. Consent may also be denied or withheld if the nominee is from the same state as the Senator. For 25 points, what is this rarely exercised practice whereby a Senator may obstruct the President's appointment of a candidate?

A: Senatorial courtesy

- (30) B11. For 5 points each, identify the Greek tragedians who wrote the following:
 - 1) The Eumenides
 2) Antigone
 3) Medea
 4) Iphegenia in Tauris
 5) Prometheus Bound
 6) Ajax
 A: Aeschylus
 A: Sophocles
 A: Euripides
 A: Euripides
 A: Aeschylus
 A: Sophocles
- (20) B12. Time once again for bonuses around the world. This time, your bonus is on Nigeria. For 5 points each, name:
 - Nigeria's capital.
 A: <u>Lagos</u>
 - 2) European nation which colonized Nigeria.

A: England

3) Rebellious "country" which tried to secede from Nigeria.

A: Biafra

4) Nigeria's 1986 Nobel Prize winner in Literature.

A: Wole Soyinka

- (25) B13. For 5 points each, given a pair of presidential candidates, tell me which got a larger percentage of the popular/electoral vote. In all cases, the right answer did both. You'll get a five point bonus for all 4 correct. So who did better?
 - 1) Harding 1920 or Coolidge 1924? A: Harding
 - 2) Roosevelt 1912 or Taft 1912? A: Roosevelt
 - 3) FDR in 1940 or FDR in 1932? A: FDR in 1932
 - 4) William Jennings Bryan in 1896 or in 1900?

A: <u>1896</u>

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- (45) B14. Again, here's a bonus around the world. This time, your bonus is on Taiwan. For 5 points each, name:
 - Taiwan's capital.
 - The Generalissimo who fled to Taiwan in 1949.

A: Chiang Kai Shek

The island on which Taiwan is located.

A: Formosa

- 4) The two Taiwanese islands which were an issue in the 1960 Presidential race (five points each). A: Quemoy and Matsu
- (20) B15. Your bonus is on Star Trek characters, both the 1960s classic and the 1990s Next Generation. For 5 points each, give the alien heritage of the following Star Trek characters who have walked the decks of the Enterprise.
 - 1) Worf

2) Saavik

A: half-Vulcan, half-Romulan (accept equivalents)

Troi

half-Human, half-Betazoid (accept equivalents)

4) Sarek

Vulcan

- (25) B16. Your bonus is on radioisotopes. Given a nuclide and its half-life, tell whether its particle emission is an electron, a positron, or an alpha particle.
 - 1) Carbon-14, 5730 years

A: electron

- 2) Uranium-235, 710 million years
- A: alpha particle
- 3) Francium-220, 27.5 seconds
- A: alpha particle
- 4) Hydrogen-3, 12.26 years
- A:
- 5) Potassium-40, 1.28 billion years A: positron
- (30) But. It is India's most popular and best-loved book of devotions. In form a dialogue DVPE between a warrior, Arjuna, and the god Krishna, who is disguised as Arjuna's charioteer, it emphasizes faith or devotion as a way of salvation open to all. For 30 points, what is this sacred Hindu writing?

A: Bhagavid Gita

- (30) B18. 30-20-10 Name the American political figure.
 - 30) Speaker of the House for 6 years, he was the only man to be unanimously selected by a state legislature to serve on the Senate.
 - 20) After twice narrowly missing the Republican presidential nomination, he was finally nominated, only to lose the general election by 1,150 votes on account of the comments of Dr. Burchard.
 - 10) He was nicknamed "The Plumed Knight" and served as Secretary of State under Garfield in 1881 and Harrison from 1889-92.

A: James G. Blaine

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(23) B19. This Phoenician prince was ordered to search for his sister and not return without her. He came to Greece, where a dragon ate his men. He slew the dragon and, obeying the gods, sowed its teeth in a field from which sprang an army of men. The army fell to slaughtering one another and the five survivors joined him. For 25 points, who founded Thebes and also supposedly introduced the alphabet to Greece?

A: Cadmus

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(30) B20. Given the name of a painting, name its Dutch artist. To make it easier, I will list the artists. The artists are: Peter Breughel, Hieronymous Bosch, Jan Vermeer, Franz Hals, Rembrandt van Rijn, and Peter-Paul Rubens.

> A: Hieronymous Bosch Garden of earthly delights

2) The anatomy lesson of Dr. Tulp A: Rembrandt

Peasant Dance A: Peter Breughel

A: Peter-Paul Rubens

4) The rape of the Sabines5) Girl with a Red Hat A: Jan Vermeer A: Franz Hals

6) The Laughing Cavalier

(30) B20. For 5 points each, name the 6 elements in column 2 of the periodic table, all of which are in the II-A series.

> A: beryllium, magnesium, calcium, strontium, barium, and radium

(^^ B21. 30-20-10 Name the literary dude.

30) Born in 1759, many consider him Germany's most important playwright. He is well-known for the tragedies Don Carlos and Wallenstein.

20) He also wrote plays about Mary Stuart, William Tell, and Joan of Arc; works of history, works of philosophy, and poems.

10) Academic bowl players know him as the author of "Ode to Joy" in 1785.

A: Friedrich Schiller

- (30) B22. Napoleon put a slew of his relatives on various thrones of Europe. For 5 points each, identify the following Bonapartes and Bonaparte in-laws who wore some of Europe's crowns, given the domain they ruled and the dates of rulership.
 - 1) Naples, 1806-08; Spain 1808-13 A: Joseph
 - 2) Holland 1806-10 A: Louis
 - Westphalia, 1807-14 A: Jerome 4) Queen of Naples, 1808-15 A: Caroline
 - 5) Caroline's husband, King of Naples, 1808-15

A: Joachim Murat

6) Sweden 1818-44 A: Jean Bernadotte

(reader's note: Bernadotte married Joseph's sister-in-law, Julie, and his son married Napoleon's step-daughter)

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- (--) B23. Your bonus may sound like something from the \$25,000 Pyramid. Your category is Things Which Are Blue. For 5 points each, name these things or people, all of which are somehow related to "blue". Ready, go!
 - Infamous French noble who murdered his many wives when they opened a forbidden door.
 A: <u>Bluebeard</u>
 - Film directed by Josef von Sternberg, the first starring role of Marlene Dietrich.
 A: The Blue Angel
 - 3) Statutes enacted to protect purchasers of stocks and bonds from fraud.

A: Blue Sky Laws

4) The symbol of the National Recovery Act.

A: a blue eagle

5) He painted Blue boy. A: Thomas Gainsborough

6) Common name for plants of the genus Endymion of family Liliaceae.

A: bluebell

(20) B28. Your bonus is on one particularly lousy movie. This stinker was a Howard Hughes production, 1965, starring John Wayne in probably his least-memorable role, as Genghis Khan. It bombed. Its most (least?) memorable line has "The Duke" say, "I feel this Tartar woman is for me and my blood says, 'Take her!' For 20 points, what was this cinematic disaster?

A: The Conqueror