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TOSS_UP QUESTIONS

- 1) What is the smallest atomic number among the transuranium elements?
A. 93
- 2) Henry Ford founded the Ford company. Who started Standard Oil?
A) John D. Rockefeller
- 3) Having already written The Respectful Prostitute, this eccentric ^{writer} ~~writer~~ was awarded the Nobel Prize, which he declined. Name this author of the more recent study, The Family Idiot.
A) Jean Paul Sartre
- 4) He called his operas "music dramas" to stress their unity of text and music. Who also wrote The Flying Dutchman?
A) Richard Wagner
- 5) "Home is the place where, when you/ have to go there/ They have to take you in," wrote this poet in his "The Death of a Hired Man." Name this modern American poet.
A) Robert Frost
- 6) What was the name given to a group of English writers and artists who frequently met in the early 1900's at the houses of Clive and Vanessa Bell, and of Vanessa's sister, Virginia Woolf?
A) The Bloomsbury Group
- 7) When the 1948 Democratic Convention adopted a pro-civil rights plank, a group of Southern Democrats bolted and formed their own party, popularly known as the Dixiecrats. Who was their Presidential nominee?
A) Governor Strom Thurmond
- 8) Because of their conservative views in the 1930's, Franklin D. Roosevelt called the Justices of the Supreme Court "Nine Old Men." How many justices were there on the first Supreme Court in 1789?
A) Six

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- 9) The first President born in New York, he played a key role in organizing the Democratic party. Name this 8th President.
A) Martin Van Buren
- 10) Was it Alexander the first, second, or third who was known as Alexander the Great?
A) Alexander the Third
- 11) Name the 19th century English economist who postulated that population increases by a geometric ratio, and the means of subsistence by arithmetic ratio.
A) Thomas R. Malthus
- 12) There are many venomous snakes in the world, but only two venomous lizards. Name either one.
A) Gila Monster or Mexican Beaded Lizard
- 13) A layer of the sun, this solar sphere radiates with a continuous bright spectrum, at a temperature about 5750 degrees Kelvin. On it, sunspots appear dark. What is this solar layer called?
A) Photosphere
- 14) In what country are 72% of the doctors women?
A) USSR or Russia
- 15) The Beatles had many hits. Which was their top selling single?
A) Hey Jude
- 16) It was also an antiquated fort and an arms depot. What prison was almost empty when it was attacked and captured on July 14, 1789?
A) Bastille
- 17) Matthew wrote the First Gospel. Who penned Revelations?
A) John

TOSS-UP QUESTIONS

- 18) Maple sugar is made from maple tree sap. Common turpentine is made with resins obtained from what kind of tree?
A) Pine, or Conifer, or Fir
- 19) Nob Hill is in San Francisco. In what city will you find the Capitoline Hill?
A) Rome
- 20) Mosquitos transmit malaria. What disease is carried by the African tsetse fly?
A) African Sleeping Sickness or Encephalitis
- 21) He ruled England from 1714 to 1727 but never learned to speak English. Who was this first Hanoverian King of England?
A) George I
- 22) We usually think of the process of pasteurization as applied to milk. To what beverage did Pasteur first apply his principle?
A) Wine or Beer
- 23) Although it was once known as "the hospitable sea", our name for it comes from the Turks, who feared its open stormy expanse. This inland sea is bounded by the USSR, Romania, Bulgaria, and Turkey. Which sea is it?
A) Black Sea
- 24) What is the reciprocal of fluidity?
A) Viscosity
- 25) Some scholars claim this is the constellation referred to in the Book of Job and the Illiad. What Northern Hemisphere constellation contains the pole star, Polaris?
A) Ursa Major or The Great Bear

TOSS-UP QUESTIONS

26) What is it that can be Abyssinian, Burmese, Russian, Blue, Rex, Himalayan, Manx, or Siamese?

A) Cats

27) "I think therefore I am" was Descartes's first step. What Frenchman summarized politics in the statement, "I am the state?"

A) Louis XIV

28) Machito, Eddie Palmieri, and Tito Puente. For what hot rock / jazz / Latin fusion are all these artists known?

A) SALSA

29) The Indy 500 is auto racing's premier event. In exactly what kind of racing is the year's top contest called the Hambletonian?

A) Trotting or Harness Racing or Pacing

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BONUS QUESTIONS

1) Dante wrote the Divine Comedy , but for 25 points---what was the name of the Armenian-American author of the novel The Human Comedy, and the Pulitzer Prize winning play The Time of Your Life.

A. William Saroyan

2) Along with their own peculiar brand of English, the US military has favored us with a series of popular abbreviations. For 5 points apiece--tell me what each of the following stands for:

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| A) ICBM | ANSWER: Intercontinental Ballistic Missile |
| B) SAM | ANSWER: Surface to Air Missile |
| C) MIRV | ANSWER: multiple, Independantly targeted Re-entry Vehicle |
| D) ABM | ANSWER: Anti-Ballistic Missile |

3) Many families have achieved widespread fame. You'll earn 10 points apiece for each of the following fictional families you can name from a list of their first names.

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| 1) Jo, Beth, Amy, and Meg | A) March |
| 2) Willie, Linda, Happy, and Biff | A) Loman |
| 3) Amanda, Tom, and Laura | A) Wingfield |

4) 14 Men in the history of our country have served as Vice President and later become President of the United States. 5 points apiece for naming any six.

- A) John Adams Thomas Jefferson Martin Van Buren John Tyler
Millard Fillmore Andrew Johnson Chester Arthur T. Roosevelt
Calvin Coolidge Harry Truman Lyndon Johnson Richard Nixon
Gerald Ford George Bush

5) While this man was President, the Missouri Compromise was passed, and Florida was acquired from Spain. For 20 points--who was he?

A) James Monroe

BONUS QUESTIONS

6) Laser beams are coherent, meaning that their waves are in phase. For 20 points -- are laser beams mono-, di-, or polychromatic?

A) monochromatic

7) For 25 points -- what national crown have Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, and Bing Crosby's son all won?

A) The U.S. Amateur Golf Championship

8) Elizabeth Blackwell was the first American doctor; Martha Washington was the first "first lady". For 10 points each -- identify these famous first females:

1) The first woman cabinet member

A) Frances Perkins

2) The first woman presidential candidate

A) Victoria Woodhull

3) First woman member of congress

A) Jeanette Rankin

9) I'll give you the name of a movie; you tell me if it won the Academy Award for best picture. 5 points for each correct answer.

1) Casablanca

A) Yes (1943)

2) Citizen Kane

A) No

3) Goodbye, Mr. Chips

A) No

4) An American in Paris

A) Yes (1951)

5) My Fair Lady

A) Yes (1964)

10) Some musical works have called for some unusual sound effects. For 20 points -- in what work did Tchaikovsky call for the use of a cannon?

A) "The 1812 Overture"

11) The Americans claim baseball, the English rugby. For twenty points -- what sport, popular in Florida and Latin America was invented by the Basques?

A) Jai Alai (hi-li) or Pelota Unscá

BONUS QUESTIONS

12) Henry James created a new style of writing. For 30 points -- his brother William was a leader of what philosophical movement?

A) Pragmatism

13) Transits and occultations have nothing to do with buses or ghosts. For 25 points -- they are, in fact, specific forms of what kind of astronomical event?

A) Eclipse

14) The starfish and the sea urchin are both members of the phylum echinodermata, which is Latin for "spiny-skinned". For 25 points -- of what mineral are the skeletons of Echinodermata composed?

A) Calcium Carbonate or Calcite

15) One of his uncles was a student of economics and invented the term "Industrial Revolution". He was author of a 12-volume Study of History which established him as the foremost historian of the 20th century. For 20 points -- name him.

A) Arnold Toynbee

16) For 25 points -- what kind of number is an expression of the form $a + bi$, where a and b are arbitrary real numbers and i is an imaginary unit?

A) a complex number

17) The 1469 marriage of King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, both monarchs in their own right, united the two most important Spanish kingdoms -- for 15 points apiece -- give me the names of those kingdoms.

A) Castille and Aragon

18) Many have speculated on the fate of the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel. But what about the two tribes who were never lost? For 15 points apiece -- what tribes are these?

A) Judah and Benjamin

BONUS QUESTIONS

19) Since the release of Star Wars, Harrison Ford has become, as they say, a "major star". For 5 points each -- what role -- first and last name, please -- did Harrison Ford play in each of these "major movies":

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| 1) <u>Star Wars</u> | A) <u>Han Solo</u> |
| 2) <u>Raiders of the Lost Ark</u> | A) <u>Indiana Jones</u> |
| 3) <u>Bladerunner</u> | A) <u>Rick Deckard</u> |
| 4) <u>Witness</u> | A) <u>John Book</u> |

20) This Father of the early Christian church argued vehemently against the Pelagian Heresy, and is best known for a theological treatise, The City of God, and his autobiography, The Confessions. For 25 points -- name him.

A) St. Augustine

21) In 1962, a Black student set out to break the color barrier at the University of Mississippi by enrolling there. His admission was blocked, and the ensuing riots had to be put down by federal troops. For 25 points -- what was the now-famous student's name?

A) James Meredith

22) It was a nightly attraction at the Cafe Flore (Flore-a) in Paris in the late 1940's when two contentious and cantankerous philosophers sat down at their regular table to debate the human condition. Ultimately, both won the Nobel Prize in literature. For 10 points each -- name them.

A) Albert Camus (Kah-moo) and
Jean-Paul Sartre (Sart)

23) Bite into this question carefully: for twenty points, how many teeth to turtles usually have?

A) None

BONUS QUESTIONS

24) The equation runs composer plus author equals musical; I'll give you the work, for ten points each, give me the team that produced it:

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| 1) "South Pacific" | A) <u>Rodgers and Hammerstein</u> |
| 2) "Iolanthe" | A) <u>Gilbert and Sullivan</u> |
| 3) "Pal Joey" | A) <u>Rodgers and Hart</u> |

25) Each chemical element has its atomic number. For 5 points each -- I'll give you the atomic number of five common elements and you supply their names:

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| 1) 11 | A) <u>Sodium</u> |
| 2) 15 | A) <u>Phosphorus</u> |
| 3) 36 26 | A) <u>Iron</u> |
| 4) 50 | A) <u>Tin</u> |
| 5) 82 | A) <u>Lead</u> |

26) The theme of this bonus is "The ⁿame's the same". For 10 Points each -- identify the common name in each case:

1) A famous French political writer, and a very large steak served with potatoes and sauce. What's the name?

A) Chateaubriand

2) It's a brown leather used for men's shoes, and an adjective using the name of a town in Spain. What's the name?

A) Cordovan

(Town in Spain is Cordoba)

27) In poker, there are four royal flushes in a standard deck. For 20 points -- how many other straight flushes are there in that deck?

A) 36

(9 straight flushes/suit x 4 suits)

28) Henry VIII worried for years about fathering and heir, yet in the end, three of his children occupied the throne. For 5 points each and a 10 point bonus for all three -- name them.

A) Edward VI, Mary I and Elizabeth I

BONUS QUESTIONS

29) The North Atlantic Treaty Organization Pact was signed on April 4, 1949.

1) For 5 points -- How many nations signed it?

A) 12

2) For 5 points each -- name any 5 of the 12.

A) Belgium, Denmark, France, Great Britain, or United Kingdom,
or England, Italy, Iceland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway,
Portugal, and the United States or America

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