

Williams College Bowl
Questions for University of Pennsylvania Tournament
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Sorry about the lateness. Please feel free to change the order of the questions to get a better mix of subjects. Some of the best questions are at the end, and I didn't have time to change the ordering.

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TOSS-UPS

1. It's the only municipally-owned franchise in major-league sports. This fact, along with the team's history of success, may explain how it has survived in the least-populated metropolitan area in major league sports. For ten points, name the NFL team from "Title Town."

Answer: Green Bay Packers

2. According to the 1989 Places Rated Almanac, it's the best metropolitan area in the nation to live in. For ten points, name this western city known for the symbol of its 1962 World's Fair--the Space Needle.

Answer: Seattle, Washington

3. His so-called "last theorem," which states that $x^n + y^n = z^n$ has only trivial solutions for n greater than 2, has yet to be proven. For ten points, name the mathematician.

Answer: Pierre Fermat

4. For a quick ten points, name the Lorraine Hansberry play that takes its title from the poem "A Dream Deferred" by Langston Hughes.

Answer: A Raisin in the Sun

5. You are in Las Vegas, playing Craps. For ten points: assuming the dice aren't loaded, what's the probability your next roll will be a seven?

Answer: 1/6 (One sixth)

6. Cary Grant took this airline from Chicago to Rapid City, South Dakota in a classic Hitchcock movie, and appropriately enough a shortened form of the airline's name appeared in the movie's title. For ten points, name the airline, whose publicity has been more negative of late.

Answer: Northwest or Northwest Orient (accept either)

7. The smallest particle known to man is the quark. Quarks get together, have a party, and form electrons. For ten points, what brand of athletic shoes does Jerry Rice wear?

Answer: Nike

8. Between 1899 and 1905, the U.S.A. was involved in a brutal war, using 70 thousand troops, to crush an guerilla uprising there. For ten points, name the archipelago that became an independent nation on July 4, 1946.

Answer: Philippines

9. For ten points, what drink would you be making if you stirred whiskey, sweet vermouth, and a dash of angostura bitters together over cracked ice in your Park Avenue penthouse?

Answer: Manhattan

10. The General in his Labvrinth, Gabriel Garcia Marquez's recent novel, is based on his life. For ten points, name this independence fighter for whom a South American country is named.

Answer: Simon Bolivar

11. The first indoor baseball game in major league history was played April 9, 1965 in the brand-new Houston Astrodome. However, I don't think that's what William the Conqueror had in mind in 1085, when he took his census of England. For ten points, by what name do we know the surviving record of this census?

Answer: The Domesday Book

12. In the movie "Batman," the Joker says, "I have given a name to my pain." This is a direct quote from "The Gay Science," a work by an influential and eminently quotable German philosopher. For ten points, name him.

Answer: Friedrich Nietzsche

13. For ten points, name the former Nixon advisor--not hit by Watergate--who made a big splash in 1990 with his criticism of 80's economic policy in The Politics of Rich and Poor.

Answer: Kevin Phillips

14. I guess he didn't get out much himself. For a quick ten points, name the English political thinker who stated, "Leisure is the mother of philosophy," in his treatise Leviathan.

Answer: Thomas Hobbes

15. Edgar Allan Poe wrote "The Fall of the House of Usher." But for ten points, who wrote about the fall of the house of Atreus in the Orestia?

Answer: Aeschylus

16. For a quick ten points, name the German surrealist who painted "Two Children are Threatened by a Nightingale."

Answer: Max Ernst

17. 2400 Fulton Street was the address of the Mansion they bought in the Haight-Ashbury section of San Francisco. For ten points, name this 1960's psychedelic rock group that recorded "White Rabbit" and eventually metamorphosed into Starship.

Answer: Jefferson Airplane

18. Kids today know Tom and Jerry as the cartoon prototypes for the Simpsons' "Itchy and Scratchy," but fans of 60's music know that Tom and Jerry was the original name of a famous singing duo. For ten points, name the two Queens natives responsible for "Bridge Over Troubled Water."

Answer: Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel

19. While George Bush, as vice-president, attended the funerals of three Soviet leaders, Dan Quayle was unavailable to attend the latest funeral of a head-of-state, sending his wife Marilyn in his place. For ten points, name the 87-year old monarch who passed away last week.

Answer: King Olav V of Norway

20. Originally made famous in Horace's First Ode, this Latin phrase regained prominence in "Dead Poet's Society" as the rallying cry of Robin Williams' pupils. For ten points, give the Latin phrase meaning "Seize the day."

Answer: Carpe Diem

21. A nymph who kept Odysseus a prisoner for eight years on her island, she shares her name with a type of Caribbean music and Jacques Cousteau's research vessel. For ten points, name her.

Answer: Calypso

22. A Greek lyrical poet of the 5th and 6th century BC who wrote songs celebrating love and wine, his name is perhaps most familiar to us as the title of the drinking song from which "The Star Spangled Banner" took its tune.

Answer: Anacreon

23. He taught economics at Harvard, engineering at Yale, and physiology at the Einstein School of Medicine, but he is best known for his work in mathematics, which he did while working for IBM. For ten points, name the author of The Fractal Geometry of Nature.

Answer: Benoit Mandelbrot

24. The ancient Greeks coined this word for the formless mass existing before the creation of the world. In Paradise Lost, Milton used it as the name of the character who ruled the abyss between Heaven and Hell. Recently, it has been adopted by mathematicians and scientists as the name of a new science, one that deals with "apparently random recurrent behavior in simple deterministic systems." For ten points, name it.

Answer: Chaos

25. Chamaeleon, Draco, Lyra, Cygnus, Cancer. For ten points, what kind of imaginary patterns are so named?

Answer: Constellations

26. We all know that a philatelist collects stamps, but for ten points, what related objects are collected by a deltiologist?

Answer: Postcards

27. For a quick ten points, name the first U.S. Senator to be elected President while still in office. He was also the first president elected after women got the vote.

Answer: Warren G. Harding

28. For ten points, the name's the same. The US Navy atomic-powered submarine sent to explore beneath the Arctic ice, the fictional submarine commanded by Captain Nemo in Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea, and a type of exercise machine.

Answer: Nautilus

29. No, it has nothing to do with public display of affection. Instead, it refers to the crime of illegally influencing or instructing a jury. For ten points, what is this legal term?

Answer: Embracery

30. What a magical time we live in! We just celebrated the beginning of 1991, and we only have to wait ten years for 2002. For a quick ten points, what was the last palindromic year before 1991?

Answer: 1881

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1. Whether one views it as cultural cannibalism or simply recycling, the sampling of older songs proved a successful ploy for some of the top recording artists of 1990. Given three top-ten hits from the past year, name the song sampled prominently in each. Ten points each.

1. M.C. Hammer's breakthrough hit "You Can't Touch This" sampled this funk classic by Rick James.

2. The Hammer's follow-up release, "Pray," sampled this Prince hit.

3. The first rap single ever to hit number one, Vanilla Ice's "Ice Ice Baby," featured the distinctive bass line from this Queen-David Bowie collaboration.

Answers:

1. SUPERFREAK

2. WHEN DOVES CRY

3. UNDER PRESSURE

2. With our nation's capital vying for a National League expansion team, let's pause for a moment to consider the fate of previous Washington baseball teams. For ten points each, name the two current American league teams that sprang from the ashes of failed Washington Senators teams.

Answer: Texas Rangers and Minnesota Twins

3. We all know what national holiday is being celebrated this weekend--Groundhog Day, of course. But here's a question on state holidays. I'll name the holiday and you name the state--ten points each.

1. Seward's Day (last Monday in March)

2. Bennington Battle Day (August 16)

3. Nellie Tayloe Ross's Birthday (November 29)

Answers:

1. Alaska

2. Vermont

3. Wyoming

4. Advertising slogans have long provided grist for the popular-culture mill. For example, catch-phrases like "Reach out and touch someone," "Breakfast of Champions," "Just do it," and of course, "I'm not going to pay a lot for this muffler" have all entered the national vocabulary. For ten points each, name the product or company represented by each of these great slogans of the past.

1. "Trust your car to the man who ~~plays~~ wears the star."

2. "Ask the man who owns one."

3. "I'd rather fight than switch."

Answers:

1. Texaco

3. Nunc aut nunquam (NOONK OUT NOON-quam)

Answers (Moderator: accept obvious equivalents):

1. Let the buyer beware
2. Time flies
3. Now or never

10. We can put a man on the moon, but we can't come up with a sensible word for one adult who lives romantically with another out of wedlock. The Census Bureau's solution to this quandary is the acronym "POSSLQ" (pronounced possle-Q). Tell me the five words it stands for, and you'll get five points for each correct word.
Answer: Persons of the Opposite Sex Sharing Living Quarters.

11. Here's a question on the game of Bridge. For twenty points, all or nothing, rank the four suits in order from lowest to highest.

Answer: Clubs, Diamonds, Hearts, Spades

12. The major leagues lost another great old ballpark last fall, as the Chicago White Sox played their last game in the old Comiskey Park. For ten points each, name the defunct ballpark tragically replaced by each of the following cookie-cutter stadiums:

1. Pittsburgh's Three Rivers Stadium
2. Cincinnati's Riverfront Stadium
3. Saint Louis's Busch Stadium

Answers:

1. Forbes Field
2. Crosley Field
3. Sportsman's Park

13. Following in the footsteps of Agatha Christie and Dorothy Sayers, a new wave of women mystery writers has recently emerged. For ten points each, name the creators of the following sleuths.

1. Kate Fansler
2. V.I. Warshawski
3. Kinsey Milhone

Answers:

1. Amanda Cross (or Carolyn Heilbrun)
2. Sara Paretsky
3. Sue Grafton

14. For fifteen points each, give the male names of these cross-dressing heroines in Shakespeare:

1. Rosalind
2. Viola

Answers:

1. Ganymede

2. Sebastian

15. After the Dalai Lama got all that publicity for winning the Nobel Peace Prize, it seems only fair to give equal time to llamas with two L's. For ten points each, name these three varieties of llamas:

1. This domesticated variety stands three feet tall at the shoulder, and is bred for its fleecy black or brown wool.

2. This wild variety is related to the camel, and is a source of soft, shaggy wool.

3. This wild one has reddish-brown hair and stands four feet at the shoulder.

Answers:

1. Alpaca
2. Vicuna
3. Guanaco

16. We all know about Leavenworth, Kansas. But for ten points each, name any three of the five other cities that are home to a federal penitentiary.

Answers:

1. Atlanta, Georgia
2. Terre Haute, Indiana
3. McNeil, Washington
4. Lewisburg, Pennsylvania
5. Marion, Illinois

17. For fifteen points apiece, name the following laws, both of which have names beginning with the letter "G."

1. Named for a 19th-century linguist, it's the theory of systematic shifts from Indo-European to Germanic language.

2. Named after a 16th-century British financier, it's the theory that bad money will drive good money out of circulation.

Answers:

1. Grimm's Law
2. Gresham's Law

18. Student activism has become big business of late, spawning countless national organizations. I'll tell you the acronyms for the names of three of the biggest, and you tell me the full names of the organizations. Ten points each.

1. PIRG
2. USSA
3. SEAC

Answers:

1. Public Interest Research Group
2. United States Student Association

3. Student Environmental Action Coalition

19. Since we just celebrated the lunar, or Chinese, New Year, here's a question to see how well you know the Chinese Zodiac. I'll give you three groups of three animals each. For each group, you tell me which animal therein is not a sign of the Chinese Zodiac.

1. Goat, sheep, ox
2. Dog, cat, pig
3. Snake, fish, tiger

Answer:

1. Goat
2. Cat
3. Fish

20. They are credited with pioneering the field of history, but let's face it, their titles were just plain boring. For ten points each, name the 5th-century-BC Greeks who wrote the following:

1. History of the Persian Wars
2. History of the Peloponnesian War

Answers:

1. Herodotus
2. Thucydides

21. For ten points each, name the two largest recipients of foreign aid from the United States, two Middle Eastern nations with a history of animosity, as well as a 1979 peace treaty, between them.

Answer: Israel and Egypt

22. For forty-eight of the States, it's a source of revenue. For ten points each, name the two states in which all forms of gambling are illegal.

Answer: Utah and Hawaii

23. The so-called "New Age" movement has become a force to be reckoned with in recent years. I'll give you three excerpts from the recently published New Age Encyclopedia, and you identify the New Age term each excerpt describes.

1. "A process in which information is accessed and expressed by someone who is convinced that the source is not their ordinary consciousness."

2. ". . . August 16-17, 1987, when many New Age people believed that a particularly powerful cosmic force peaked, and that under its influence a collective shift in mental orientation would occur."

Answers:

1. Christopher Marlowe
2. Evariste Galois
3. Thomas Chatterton

27. For five points each, name the three basic types of conic sections.

Answers:

1. Ellipse
2. Parabola
3. Hyperbola