

Practice Questions by Stephen Lange  
Vintage: Late '92-Early '93

1. It is a widely held theory that the impact of a large meteorite caused the extinction of the dinosaurs. The best piece of evidence for this theory is a thin layer of this element that can be found at the same point in geologic time in rocks all over the earth. While this element is rare on earth, it is abundant in meteorites. FTP, name this element with atomic number 77.

IRIDIUM

2. "MacBeth", "A Touch of Evil", "Chimes at Midnight", "Mr. Arkadin", "the Magnificent Ambersons", and "Citizen Kane". FTP, who is the common link between all of these movies?

Orson WELLES

3. "Hold back the edges of your gowns ladies, we are going through hell" is part of William Carlos Williams' introduction to this book, a classic of the beat generation. FTP, name this best known work by Allen Ginsburg.

HOWL

4. While you may think that being paid in salt would be a little silly, not to mention bulky, it is exactly how many men in the Roman legions were paid. Not surprisingly, salarium, the Roman word for salt has lent itself to a word readily associated with payday. FTP, name this word.

SALARY

5. Rachel Carson publishes Silent Spring. The U.S. conducts its first successful test of sea launched long range nuclear missiles. Kennedy sends U.S. marshals to protect James Meredith at the University of Mississippi. The Cuban Missile Crisis occurs. FTP, what year was witness to all of these events?

1962

6. Known for his pastel hues and fuzzy atmospheric effects, this artist sought to capture the elemental forces of nature in such works as "Shade and Darkness" and "the Evening of the Deluge". FTP, name this Englishman famous for his "Rain, Steam, and Speed".

Joseph Mallord Wilson TURNER

7. Bulldog, DDT, hammerlock, arm bar, side souflex, and body slam. FTP, these are all moves in what questionable sport dominated by Hulk Hogan?

PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING (prompt for info on "wrestling")

8. Benes, Gottwald, Masaryk, Novotny, Dubcek, and Havel. FTP, what country did all of these men lead?

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

9. It consists of three layers of doped semiconductor material, the three sections of which are called the base, emitter, and collector. FTP, name this ubiquitous electronic component which won its three inventors a Nobel Prize in 1956.

TRANSISTOR

10. Rumored to have been first conceived on the back of a napkin, this hypothesis states that at some point tax rates get so high that raising them actually decreases revenues. FTP, name this converse to supply side economics.

the LAFFER CURVE

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11. Settled by the Sao people about 1,000 years ago, the first Europeans to migrate into the region were the Portuguese in the 1500's. During World War II, it was home to an important base for DeGaulle's Free French. Currently this country is ruled by President Paul Biya, who cheered this country's "Indomitable Lions" to surprising success in the 1990 and 1994 World Cups. FTP, name this country.

CAMEROON

12. Wood, bolts, weather stripping, a cactus, twelve radios, or nothing at all. If you saw someone playing these objects in a concert, FTP, what modern composer's work would you likely be hearing?

John CAGE

13. Mentioned in the Koran and the 1001 Arabian Nights, this city was the center of the frankincense trade in the Arabian Peninsula. FTP, name this city recently located by archaeologists in the present day country of Oman.

UBAR

14. This philosopher called Socrates "the Patron Saint of Moral Twaddle", and Plato "a bore". He believed the dominant force in history was "the will to power", and proclaimed "God is dead". FTP, name this syphilitic German philosopher.

Friedrich NIETZSCHE

15. Calling itself "the best of the alternative press", this magazine has become one of America's fastest growing magazines. Begun in 1984, this Minneapolis based periodical culls articles from over 2,000 other periodicals and serves them up bimonthly to the hip and trendy public. FTP, name this magazine.

the UTNE READER

16. Benny Carter, Al Hirt, Cootie Williams, Chet Baker, Dizzy Gillespie, Miles Davis, and Wynton Marsalis. FTP, what instrument do all of these people play?

TRUMPET (prompt for more info if jazz musician is given)

17. It's atmosphere is composed mainly of nitrogen. Its atmospheric pressure is about 1.5 times that of earth. Its temperature seems to stay around -294 degrees Fahrenheit. It almost appears to be a frozen version of earth before life began. Strangely enough, I haven't been describing a planet, but a moon. FTP, name this satellite of Saturn.

TITAN

18. The name's the same: an album by the power trio Mountain, and a work by poet Charles Baudelaire that may or may not have been inspired by the hell portion of Bosch's "Garden of Earthly Delights". FTP, give the shared title.

the FLOWERS OF EVIL

19. Undoubtedly the bloodiest battle in the history of warfare, over 380,000 men were killed on both sides, with the wounded and missing running over 600,000 for both the axis and the allies. FTP, name this WWI battle fought in southwest Belgium.

YPRES

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20. His minions were able to change themselves into giant snakes, cave bears, giant crocodiles, and giant scorpions. Pretty neat, eh? All you have to do is be a devoted servant of the Egyptian God of evil and the night. FTP, name this immortal.

SET

21. Once attributed to Goethe, this geometric figure has red, yellow, and blue in its three corners. The sections between them show the effects of mixing the corner colors together. FTP, what is this artistic polygon called?

the COLOR TRIANGLE

22. The name's the same: The author of the book Ever Since Darwin, the man who patented the laser in 1986, and the man who drew the original Dick Tracy comic strip. FTP, give the shared last name.

GOULD

23. Those of you who are fans of late night television may have recognized the leader of his house band as Andy Summers, former guitarist for the Police. The rest of you probably recognize the void he left when he stopped reading the news on Saturday Night live. FTP, name this smart aleck talk show host who called Donnie Wahlberg "a rebel without a clue".

Dennis MILLER

24. The Passionate Shepherd to His Love, Hero and Leander, Tamberlaine the Great, the Jew of Malta, and the Tragical History of Doctor Faustus. FTP, who authored all of these works?

Christopher MARLOWE

25. Angels, beard, moon, Hawaii, Christmas, bayou, cheese, boy, and velvet. FTP, what color links all of these words to two characters played by John Belushi and Dan Ackroyd?

BLUE

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**BONII**

1. Literature makes for strange bedfellows. To prove so, I will give you a fairly well known piece of literature. Then, for 5/each, you give me the author that penned the work, and the rock band that recorded a song by the same name.

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| a) <u>the Red and the Black</u>           | STENDAHL and BLUE OYSTER CULT           |
| b) <u>the Rime of the Ancient Mariner</u> | Samuel Taylor COLERIDGE and IRON MAIDEN |
| c) <u>A Spy in the House of Love</u>      | Anais NIN and ANIMAL LOGIC              |

2. It's the happy hormone bonus. FTP each, name the hormone from its function in the body.

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| a) Controls water reabsorption by the kidneys. | VASSOPRESSIN |
| b) Stimulates contractions during child birth. | OXYTOCIN     |
| c) Controls metabolic rate and growth.         | THYROXIN     |

3. For 5/each, give the mascots of the following schools.

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|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| a) Texas Christian | HORNED FROGS     | b) Iowa State        | CYCLONES      |
| b) Tulsa           | GOLDEN HURRICANE | d) Mississippi State | GOLDEN EAGLES |
| e) UC Santa Cruz   | BANANA SLUGS     | f) Coastal Carolina  | CHANTICLEERS  |

4. You may play a lot of cards, but how much do you know about the cards themselves?

- a) For 5/each, name the four historical kings originally represented on decks of cards.  
Julius CAESAR, ALEXANDER THE GREAT, DAVID, CHARLEMAGNE
- b) For 5/each, name any two of the four goddesses represented by the queens.  
POMONA, FLORA, DIANA, CERES

5. FTP each, give the lesser known parties of these Presidential candidates.

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| a) George Wallace    | AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE |
| b) Strom Thurmond    | DIXIECRATS            |
| c) Robert LaFollette | PROGRESSIVE Action    |

6. Identify the composers of the following operas for 5/each.

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|--------------------|------------|--------------------------------|---------|
| a) Orfeo           | MONTEVERDI | b) Falstaff                    | VERDI   |
| c) Fidelio         | BEETHOVEN  | d) Iphigenia en Tauride        | GLUCK   |
| e) Dido and Aeneas | PURCELL    | f) the Saint of Bleeker Street | MENOTTI |

7. Name the dead guy on a 30/20/10 basis.

- 30) Alexis de Toqueville said "He was as great as a man can be without morality."  
20) He said of Rome "The republic is nothing but a name without substance or reality."  
10) He was a member of the first triumvirate.

Julius CAESAR

8. It's a spiral geography bonus. FTP each, name the country in the middle of:

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|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| a) Gabon and Cameroon                     | EQUATORIAL GUINEA |
| b) Nigeria, Niger, Burkina Faso, and Togo | BENIN             |
| c) Mozambique, Tanzania, and Zambia       | MALAWI            |

9. Prove you art snobitude by identifying the following terms FTP each.

- a) Fusing areas of color to create a soft hazy effect.  
SFUMATO
- b) The term for naked chubby babies in Italian paintings from the 15th century onward.  
PUTTI
- c) The term for the top and bottom halves of a statue facing slightly different directions from each other.  
CONTRAPPOSTO

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10. According to the Pentagon, a one megaton nuclear airburst has a lethality score of 173,846. Your mission is to rank these weapons in order of descending lethality, for 5/each. Your weapons are; B-52 bomber, A-10 ground attack plane, M141A Abrams tank, M3 Bradley fighting vehicle, A7 navy bomber, A6E navy bomber.

1) B-52 bomber (10,063), 2) A-10 ground attack plane (2,697), 3) A6E navy bomber (1484)  
4) M141A tank (1,049), 5) A7 navy bomber (707), 6) M3 Bradley fighting vehicle (597)

11. Name the philosopher who penned the following works for 5/each.

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| a) <u>the City of God</u>             | St AUGUSTINE       |
| b) <u>Summa Theologica</u>            | St. Thomas AQUINAS |
| c) <u>Monadology</u>                  | G.W. von LEIBNIZ   |
| d) <u>Phenomenology of Spirit</u>     | G.F.W. HEGEL       |
| e) <u>the World as Will and Ideas</u> | A. SCOPENHAUER     |
| f) <u>the Birth of Tragedy</u>        | F. NIETZSCHE       |

12. Name the mathematician that accomplished the following feats FTP each.

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| a) Described logarithms.                           | John NAPIER          |
| b) Proved the fundamental theorem of algebra.      | Carl Friedrich GAUSS |
| c) Proved there is more than one type of infinity. | George CANTOR        |

13. Identify the authors of these works about abbeys FTP each.

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| a) <u>Northanger Abbey</u>                              | Jane AUSTEN        |
| b) <u>Nightmare Abbey</u>                               | T.L. PEACOCK       |
| c) <u>Lines Written a Few Miles Above Tintern Abbey</u> | William WORDSWORTH |

14. For 15 points each, name the two states that divide their electoral votes by Congressional district.

MAINE and NEBRASKA

15. Little did you know, but three of director Terry Gilliam's movies make up a trilogy about life. FTP each, identify the movies that represent;

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| a) Childhood | TIME BANDITS                       |
| b) Adulthood | BRAZIL                             |
| c) Old Age   | the ADVENTURES OF BARON MUNCHAUSEN |

16. Put these bombings in order of frequency from most to least for 5/each. Your choices are; residential property, government facilities, mailboxes, schools, vehicles, and commercial facilities.

1) Residential (43%), 2) Vehicles (16%), 3) Commercial (9%),  
4) Schools (5%), 5) Governmental (4%), 6) Mailboxes (2%)

17. Name the supreme deity in each of the following pantheons for 5/each, and 5 bonus for all correct.

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|---------------|----------|----------|------|
| a) Sumerian   | ENLIL    | b) Norse | ODIN |
| c) Chinese    | SHANG-TI | d) Greek | ZEUS |
| e) Babylonian | ANU      |          |      |

18. Name the painters of the following Venuses FTP each.

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| a) "the Venus of Urbino"           | TITIAN           |
| b) "Venus, Cupid, Folly, and Time" | BRONZINO         |
| c) "Venus Reproving Love"          | FIorentino Rosso |

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19. Identify the author from works on a 30/20/10 basis.

30) the Pearl of Orr's Island

20) Old Town Folks

10) Uncle Tom's Cabin

Harriet Beecher STOWE

20. Given an atonal or otherwise enigmatic piece of music, identify the composer FTP each.

a) "Transfigured Night", a string sextet that may be the first truly atonal piece of music.

Arnold SCHOENBERG

b) The strange operas "Lulu" and "Wozzeck"

Alban BERG

c) The atonal, minimalist, and very short "Six Bagatelles for String Quartet".

Anton von WEBERN (VAY-burn)

21. Identify the element from its obscure etymology, FTP each.

a) Greek for stranger.

XENON

b) The latinized version of Stockholm

HOLMIUM

c) Latin for having an astringent taste.

ALUMINUM

22. FTP each, identify the three republicans to serve two terms as President.

U.S. GRANT, Dwight EISENHOWER, Ronald REAGAN

23. For 5/each, name any six of the seven colleges known as the women's ivy league.

BARNARD, BRYN MAWR, MOUNT HOLYOKE, RADCLIFFE, SMITH, VASSAR, WELLESLEY