

QUINCY COLLEGE - TOSS-UP QUESTIONS

TOSS-UP

CATEGORY: History

Q. She married famous publisher George P. Putnam in 1931 and would liked to have lived happily ever after. This was impossible, unfortunately, as she later disappeared and was never found. For ten points, identify the name of this famous female aeronaut.

A. Amelia Earhart

TOSS-UP 1

CATEGORY: Literature

Q. Her first book was The Age of Innocence but she launched into a personal age of literary experience with the smash hit Ethan Frome. For ten points, identify this female American author.

A. Edith Wharton

TOSS-UP 2

CATEGORY: Miscellaneous

Q. Many men may complain that their wives can be a nag at times, but perhaps the most famous of hen-pecked men was the great philosopher Socrates. For ten points, what was the name of his nagging wife?

A. Xantippe

TOSS-UP 3

CATEGORY: Music

Q. It is one of the most famous operas ever, and unusual in the fact that it was written in German. In this opera, Prince Tamino is true to his quest given to him by Sarastro, and he wins the love of Pamina, despite the meddling of the Queen of the Night. For ten points, identify this Mozart opera in which Papageno and Papagena steal the show with their comic mishaps.

A. The Magic Flute (Die ~~Zauberflauten~~) (Zauberflöte)

TOSS-UP 4

CATEGORY: Current Events

Q. An epidemic may soon be forthcoming! No, its not AIDS, but another viral disease that has made a comeback in several third world nations and may soon spread to the United States. For ten points, identify this "in the news" disease that was all but wiped out with the Jenner vaccine.

A. Smallpox

TOSS-UP 5

CATEGORY: Science

Q. It is the ecological term used to describe the community that thrives in a given ecosystem after ecological equilibrium has been reached. For example, a certain species of evergreen tree has taken over the forests of the Pacific Northwest. For ten points, what is this term?

A. Climax (community)

TOSS-UP 6

CATEGORY: Geography

Q. An Englishman named Henry Haversham Goodwin Austin was the first person to survey the peak of a mountain with a much shorter name. For ten points, identify this mountain, once thought to be the highest in the world.

A. K2

TOSS-UP 7

CATEGORY: Philosophy

Q. He was not a scientist by trade, but a philosopher. However, he managed to find time to postulate several main tenets of the theory of cosmology years ahead of his time. Identify, for ten points, this German philosopher who theorized that the universe is both infinite and everywhere homogeneous.

A. Immanuel Kant

TOSS-UP 8

CATEGORY: Sports

Q. This sport was seen in the 1992 Winter Olympics in France for the first time ever as an exhibition sport. Identify, for ten points, this sport, which features athletes traveling so fast that a fall causes their suits to melt to their bodies.

A. Speed Skiing

TOSS-UP 9

CATEGORY: History

Q. ~~Ross Perot may have studied his history when he set out to enter the presidential race as a write-in candidate.~~ In 1954 a write-in candidate won the Senate race in South Carolina, proving that a write-in election is possible after all. For ten points, name him.

A. Strom Thurmond

TOSS-UP

CATEGORY: Literature

Q. This Shakespearean king of Scotland was slain in one of the immortal bard's shortest tragedies. Following his death, his horses were rumored to have eaten each other. For ten points, identify this king who was murdered by Macbeth.

A. King Duncan of Scotland

TOSS-UP 10

CATEGORY: Miscellaneous

Q. He single-handedly revolutionized life for millions of disabled Americans when he invented his "magic machines". His machines can read text from a variety of documents to a person unable to do so. For ten points, who is this technological "magic man", whose reading machines now retail for less than \$800?

A. Ray Kurzweil

TOSS-UP 11

CATEGORY: Art

Q. It is the oldest form of the Greek classical orders. It features the simplest capitals on the columns. For ten points, identify this style.

A. Doric

TOSS-UP 12

CATEGORY: Current Events

Q. He has the same effect on people as one of Picasso's paintings: you either love him or you hate him. His critics call him obnoxious and arrogant, his fans bold and unafraid to speak the truth. For ten points, identify this radio talk-show host, and author of the recent bestseller The Way Things Ought to Be.

A. Rush Limbaugh

TOSS-UP 13

CATEGORY: Science

Q. He is the pioneer of all modern electromagnetic theory, despite the fact that only one of the four equations that bear his name was "invented" by him. He took three existing equations describing the laws of electricity and magnetism and modified them, unifying the theories of electricity and magnetism. For ten points, name the discoverer of these four wonderful equations.

A. Maxwell (James Clerk)

TOSS-UP 14

CATEGORY: Geography

Q. It is a French territory in the South Seas. It was named, strangely enough, not after France but instead after the nation of Scotland. For ten points, identify this territory whose two-word name starts with "New".

A. New Caledonia

TOSS-UP 15

CATEGORY: Mythology

Q. You may feel worn out after a hard day's work, but imagine how tired this poor mythological figure must have been after an eternity of carrying out his sentence. For ten points, identify the person condemned to forever roll a large rock up a hill, only to have it fall to the bottom again.

A. Sisyphus

TOSS-UP 16

CATEGORY: Sports

Q. Simon and Garfunkel may not know where he has gone, but all baseball fans will. For ten points, what baseball great had the longest consecutive hitting streak and now sells Mr. Coffee coffeepots?

A. "Joltin" Joe DiMaggio

TOSS-UP 17

CATEGORY: History

Q. In ancient times, he was able to collect enough money to build one of the most famous churches of all time -- the Hagia Sophia. He is more famous, however, for codifying all of Roman law in one compact book. For ten points, name this person, after whom the code of laws was named.

A. Justinian

TOSS-UP 18

CATEGORY: Literature

Q. Some of his lesser known but intriguing works include The Mysterious Stranger and A Diary of Adam and Eve. For a quick ten points, name the famous American author of Innocent's Abroad and Life on the Mississippi.
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A. Mark Twain (Samuel Langhorne Clemens)

~~TOSS-UP~~

CATEGORY: Miscellaneous

Q. It is the number of traditional apostles of Jesus, including Mathias. It is also the number that a person with triskadekaphobia fears, and the number of goods in a baker's dozen. For ten points, what is this number?

A. 13

~~TOSS-UP~~ 19

CATEGORY: Fine Arts

Q. Everyone knows that a female ballet dancer is called a ballerina. For a quick ten points, what is a male ballet dancer called?

A. A dancer

~~TOSS-UP~~ 20

CATEGORY: Current Events

Q. Environmental concerns are a hot topic of the 1990's, so the search for alternative fuel sources for cars has been a priority in many of the Fortune 500 companies. For ten points, identify the car company that has consistently won the solar powered car road rally and is the leader in developing the solar powered cars of the future.

A. General Motors (or GM)

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CATEGORY: Science

Q. It is considered to be the most amazing number in mathematics. It is one of three fundamental constants in advanced mathematics, and it is named for the mathematician who first developed the rules governing it. It is related to two other fundamentals, pi and the golden ratio. For ten points, name it.

A. e

~~TOSS-UP~~ 22

CATEGORY: Geography

Q. They are a group of islands between England and France. For a quick ten points, identify the name of these islands, one of which the state of New Jersey was named after.

A. Channel Islands

TOSS-UP

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CATEGORY: History

Q. John Q. Adams and Henry Clay were the principle authors of this document, a treaty that "sort of" ended a war. For ten points, identify this treaty, which stopped a war only on paper as the battle of New Orleans was fought two weeks after it was signed.

A. Treaty of Ghent (ended war of 1812)

TOSS-UP

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CATEGORY: Literature

Q. This novel was published in 1872 anonymously. Its title is an anagram for nowhere, which is where the author was to be found following publication. Identify, for ten points, this English novel, later revealed to have been written by Samuel Butler.

A. Erewhon

TOSS-UP

CATEGORY: Miscellaneous

Q. For a quick ten points, what poker hand is referred to as the "dead man's hand"? It is called this because the outlaw Jesse James was shot dead while holding this hand.

A. Aces and Eights (a pair of Aces and a pair of Eights)

TOSS-UP

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CATEGORY: Entertainment

Q. This famous children's entertainer recently passed away because he would not stop working long enough to overcome a bout of walking pneumonia. Identify, for ten points, this gentle entertainment giant, loved by young and old, who first combined a green hand puppet with a marionette's strings and created a legend.

A. Jim Henson

TOSS-UP

CATEGORY: Current Events

Q. It has taken over the number one ratings position for males aged 18 to 49, beating out such greats as 60 minutes and even Monday Night Football. What is odd is that the series is in syndication, not on the networks, and is a remake of a series that failed the first time. For ten points, identify this series.

A. Star Trek: The Next Generation

QUINCY COLLEGE - BONUS QUESTIONS

1. BONUS (30 pts.)

CATEGORY: Current Events

Q. Your house and car may soon be climate controlled so that the temperature inside remains constant with minimal expenditure of energy. The thermostats of the future will contain microchips that "predict" what the temperature will do in the next few minutes and anticipate that change by either heating or cooling the air. This type of computer chip employs what "in the news" type of logic, for thirty points?

A. Fuzzy logic (30)

2. BONUS (20 pts.)

CATEGORY: Miscellaneous

Q. How well do you know your acronyms? For twenty points, let's find out:
a. For ten points, what in New York City is known as the big LIE?
b. For ten points, what does the acronym RADAR stand for?

A. a. Long Island Expressway (10)
b. Radio Detection and Ranging (10)

3. BONUS (25 pts.)

CATEGORY: History

Q. For five points apiece, name any five of the six Tudor rulers of England.

A. Henry VII (5)
Henry VIII (5)
Edward VI (5)
Mary I (or Bloody Mary) (5)
Elizabeth I (5)
Lady Jane Grey (5)

4. BONUS (25 pts.)

CATEGORY: Literature

Q. She was a minor Victorian poetess who composed several not-so-well-known poems. Her brother Dante was a painter who painted several not-so-well-known paintings. Her first name was Christina. For twenty-five points, can you name her?

A. Christina Rosetti (25)

5. **BONUS** (30 pts.)
CATEGORY: Fine Arts

- Q. For fifteen points apiece, identify the two following items concerning ballet:
- a. The Stravinsky ballet that debuted in 1910 with Tamara Karsivina as the lead ballerina.
 - b. The great choreographer who ended his career due to mental illness after his last ballet, "Till Eulenspiegel" (~~you~~-len -spee-gal)
Oy- shpee-
- A. a. The Firebird (15)
b. Vaslav Nijinsky (15)

6. **BONUS** (30 pts.)
CATEGORY: Sports

- Q. Only one player in the history of major league baseball has appeared in the World Series with four different teams. For ten points, name the player and for five points apiece, name the four teams.
- A. Lonnie Smith (10)
Atlanta Braves (5)
St. Louis Cardinals (5)
Kansas City Royals (5)
Philadelphia Phillies (5)

7. **BONUS** (30 pts.)
CATEGORY: Religion

- Q. How well do you know the Bible? In order to earn all thirty points, you must identify the only two books of the Bible named after women, for ten points apiece. Then, for an additional ten points, you must identify both creatures that Noah released from the ark to test to see if the flood had ended (~~all~~-something).
- A. a. Ruth (10)
b. Esther (10)
c. Raven and dove (10)

6. BONUS (30 pts.)
CATEGORY: Science

- Q. This thirty point bonus will test your knowledge of hormone systems which are communication controllers between cells. For ten points apiece, identify:
- a. The hormone system responsible for long-distance cell communication.
 - b. The hormone system responsible for communication between adjacent cells.
 - c. The hormone system responsible for communication within the same cell.
- A. a. Endocrine system (10)
b. Paracrine system (10)
c. Autocrine system (10)

~~7. BONUS (20 pts.)
CATEGORY: Geography~~

- ~~Q. For ten points each, identify the residencies for officials of the following countries. Give the address, not the name. (For example, the United States is 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue):~~
- ~~a. Great Britain~~
 - ~~b. Canada~~
- ~~A. a. 10 Downing Street (10)
b. 24 Sussex Drive (10)~~

9. BONUS (25 pts.)
CATEGORY: Current Events

- Q. Patricia Ireland and Molly Yard have both been presidents of this womens' group. For twenty-five points, give not only the acronym for this group that was very active during the Anita Hill controversy, but also the words that the acronym stands for (all or nothing).

- A. NOW and the National Organization ^{for} Women (25) ("of" is acceptable...)

10. BONUS (20 pts.)

CATEGORY: Miscellaneous

Q. Do you have a pen pal? If so, then this bonus will be a snap. For five points apiece, identify the postal abbreviation for the following states: *as for the*

~~The medical abbreviation for Maryland~~

~~The abbreviation that identifies Idaho~~

A. ~~Alphabetically, it is the first postal abbreviation~~

~~The two postal abbreviations ending in "C"~~

~~The postal abbreviation that is also a pronoun~~

A. ~~MD~~ (5)

~~ID~~ (5)

~~AK~~ (5)

~~NC and SC~~ (all or nothing) (5)

~~ME~~ (5)

11. BONUS (20 pts.)

CATEGORY: History

Q. For ten points apiece, identify the two following U. S. presidents (give their full name, including middle name):

a. He fathered an illegitimate child, which led to the Republican taunt "Ma, ma, where's my Pa?" and the Democratic rejoinder, "Gone to the white house, ha, ha, ha!" (all or nothing)

b. The Only U. S. president to have been divorced. (all or nothing)

A. a. Stephen Grover Cleveland (10)

b. Ronald Wilson Reagan (10)

12. BONUS (20 pts.)

CATEGORY: Literature

Q. For five points apiece, given the literary work, identify the author:

a. ~~Mourning Becomes Electra~~

b. Al Araraaf (~~air uh raf~~) ~~"Al Araraaf"~~ "Al Aaraaf"

c. Moods

d. Tiny Alice

A. a. Eugene Gladstone O'Neil (5)

b. Edgar Allen Poe (5)

c. Louisa May Alcott (5)

d. Edward Albee, Jr. (5)

13. BONUS (20 pts.)

CATEGORY: Music

- Q. For ten points apiece, please identify the following about guitars:
- The only note that two of the six strings are tuned to in standard tuning.
 - The device taken from the Spanish word for "shorten" which is used to easily change the key that the guitar is played in.
- A. a. E (10)
b. Capo or Capostato (10)

14. BONUS (20 pts.)

CATEGORY: Religion

- Q. She founded a religious sect in Colonial America that is now remembered more for their beautiful furniture than their religious beliefs. Identify, for ten points, this group, known for its strict and hard life in seclusion, and for the vibrations of the members when praying zealously to God. For an additional ten points, identify the female founder of this sect.
- A. Shakers or Shaking Quakers (10)
and Ann Lee (10)

15. BONUS (25 pts.)

CATEGORY: Science

- Q. How well do you know the physics of collisions? This twenty-five point bonus will test you. For all twenty-five points, what is the three word term used to describe the physical capacity of a substance to bounce back from a collision? It is a constant dependent upon the type of material in the object, and would be high for steel but low for a sponge.
- A. Coefficient of Restitution (25)

16. BONUS (25 pts.)

CATEGORY: Geography

- Q. Identify the capitals of the following countries that do not belong to the United Nations, for five points each:
- Andorra
 - Monaco
 - San Marino
 - Switzerland
 - Taiwan
- A. a. Andorra la Vella (5)
b. Monaco-Ville (5) *or just Monaco*
c. San Marino (5)
d. Bern (5)
e. Taipei (5)

17. BONUS (20 pts.)
CATEGORY: Current Events

Q. The Patriot missile got a lot of publicity in the Persian Gulf conflict, but another missile manufactured by another nation was just as effective as an anti-missile defense system. For ten points each, name this missile and the country that makes it.

- A. Exocet missile (10)
France (10)

~~BONUS (30 pts.)~~
~~CATEGORY: Miscellaneous~~

~~Q. Every good College Bowl player loves to spell challenging words. For ten points apiece, spell the following words:~~

- ~~a. Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA)~~
~~b. Jurisprudence (Jur-iss-prude-ence)~~
~~c. Antidisestablishmentarianism (Anti-dis-establishment-arian-ism)~~
~~(This is the longest common word in the English language.)~~

- ~~A. a. D E O X Y R I B O N U C L E I C A C I D (10)~~
~~b. J U R I S P R U D E N C E (10)~~
~~c. A N T I D I S E S T A B L I S H M E N T A R I A N I S M (10)~~

18. BONUS (30 pts.)
CATEGORY: History

Q. Identify, for ten points apiece, the following concerning World War II:
a. The Philippine island that MacArthur left when he uttered the famous line, "I shall return."
b. The legendary French defensive line that forced the Germans to attack through the Black Forest in Belgium.

- A. a. Corregidor (15)
b. the Maginot Line (15)

19. BONUS (30 pts.)
CATEGORY: Literature

Q. Thirty points are yours for identifying the author after one clue, twenty points for identifying the author after two clues, and ten points after the third.

- a. He wrote Omoo and Redburn. (30)
b. He wrote Typee and White Jacket. (20)
c. He wrote a famous classic narrated by Ishmael in which Captain Ahab chases a great whale. (10)

- A. Herman Mellville (30 maximum)

20. **BONUS** (25 pts.)

CATEGORY: Art

- Q. Given five works or groups of works of art, identify the creator: (5 pts. apiece)
- a. The Birth of Venus (a Renaissance artist)
 - b. Fruit Bowl, Glass and Apples (a post-impressionist)
 - c. Burial of the Count of Orgaz (a Baroque artist)
 - d. Christina's World (a modern artist)
 - e. I and the Village (an expressionist)
- A.
- a. Botticelli (5)
 - b. Paul Cezanne (5)
 - c. El Greco (5)
 - d. Andrew Wyeth (5)
 - e. Marc Chagall (5)

21. **BONUS** (30 pts.)

CATEGORY: Current Events

- Q. The Democratic primary for senate in Illinois drew a lot of attention in 1992 as it was modeled after the presidential race. In the Democratic primary, an incumbent Democratic senator ran against a female African-American candidate who defeated him due to the unsettling appearance of a third candidate, who drew votes away from the incumbent. For fifteen points apiece, name any two of the three candidates.
- A.
- Carol Mosley Braun (15)
 - Alan Dixon (15)
 - Al Holfeld (15) (30 maximum)

22. **BONUS** (20 pts.)

CATEGORY: Miscellaneous

- Q. For ten points apiece, identify the following terms about shades of gray:
- a. The artistic use of alternating light and dark patterns used in the Renaissance
 - b. The crisscross lines drawn to indicate shading of an object.
- A.
- a. Chiaroscuro (Chair-o-scur-o) (10)
 - b. Hatching (10)