

Toss-ups — Cornell

1. The color red is found on 10 of the 12 flags of the European Community countries. Name one of the 2 nations whose flags do not contain red.

ans. Ireland or Greece

2. The borrower seemed to have taken overdue library books to new limits, when descendants found in a chest in 1991 a manuscript taken out from the Buffalo Library over 100 years ago. Name this classic American novel.

Adventures of
ans. Huckleberry Finn

3. Apparently, because it was her favorite symphony, Haydn's Symphony 85 was nicknamed "La Reine." Musical comedy buffs might know her better for allegedly providing the title to George & Ira Gershwin's sequel to their "Of Thee I Sing", namely the musical "Let 'Em Eat Cake." Name this historical figure.

ans. Marie Antoinette

4. The niece, a disciple of Garcia Marquez, won renown for her novel "The House of the Spirits." The uncle was the first democratically elected communist president of a Western Hemisphere nation. Name this Chilean family.

ans. Allende

5. A connoisseur of art is likely to enjoy painting, sculpture, photography and even calligraphy, but not necessarily orthography. For 10 points, spell connoisseur.

ans. c-o-n-n-o-i-s-s-e-u-r

6. In Greek drama, he is credited with introducing the third character, surely an advantage in such plays as Antigone and Oedipus Rex. Who was this noted playwright?

ans. Sophocles

7. The inventors won the Nobel Prize in physics in 1956 for their research at Bell Labs which helped spawn the computer revolution. They were William Brattain, John Bardeen, and William Shockley. What did they invent?

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A - transistor or semiconductor

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~~ans. transistor (acc. semiconductor)~~

8. His book *The Home and the World*, set in turn-of-the-century Bengal, helped make him the only Indian to win the Nobel Prize in Literature. Who?

ans. Rabindranath Tagore

9. The 1991 Pulitzer Prize for biography went to Stephen Naifeh and Greg W. Smith for their controversial work. They claimed that the subject, by watching his father urinate on the sidewalk, was inspired to adopt his unconventional technique of painting. Whom did they write about?

ans. Jackson Pollock

10. The name's the same: the rich Lady's cake containing a filling of coconut, nuts, and raisins, Lanford Wilson's Hotel, the scientist who improperly defended the fraudulent research of Theresa Imanishi-Kari, and the 11th largest city in the United States. What name?

ans. Baltimore

11. The name's the same: Shakespeare's cynic in *As You Like It*, Diderot's fatalist, and the popular nickname for the peasants who revolted in France against the hardships of the 100 Years War. All schoolchildren know this name from singing class. Whose?

ans. Jacques

12. This metaphysical physicist called his method of classifying heavy subatomic particles "the eight-fold way". Later in 1964 he introduced the theory of quarks. Who is this 1969 Nobel Prize winner?

ans. Murray Gell-Mann

13. Hindus don't eat beef and Muslims don't eat pork, facts that should have been well-known to anyone living amongst Indian troops. Perhaps the British did know this, but by using pork and beef tallow to grease their cartridges, they instigated this mutiny which provided an excuse for direct British rule over India. What was this incident?

A - Sepoy Rebellion

~~ans. Sepoy Rebellion~~

14. It would be difficult for a musician to take on Beethoven, even more difficult for someone to compete against Beethoven and win. Yet that's exactly what happened in the 1991 Grammy Awards, when Beethoven lost in the best video category, against which rap musician, whose big hit is based on a bass line by Rick James?

ans. M.C. Hammer

15. For a quick 10 points, which king is credited with saying, "Apres moi, le deluge"?


ans. Louis XV

16. It's the story of Julian Sorrel's life and 2 great love affairs as he grows up in pre- Revolutionary France. It's also the colors that represented the revolutionaries, as well as those a gambler bets on in roulette. What two colors?

ans. The Red and the Black

17. Their guest-house was the Coconut Palace but home was Malacangang Palace. No one moved in when they moved out, leaving behind priceless antiques, pornographic pillows, and 3000 pairs of shoes. Who owned these things?

ans. the Marcoses

-  18. ~~The director of the 1946 classic "It's a Wonderful Life" is of course, Frank Capra.~~ A 1990 book with a similar title, Wonderful Life, describes evolution through the analysis of fossils in a piece of shale. Who is the author?

ans. Stephen Jay Gould

19. He was born in Nuremberg in 1653, became famous as an organist and composer for keyboard, and serves as a kind of missing link between the strict contrapuntalists and J.S. Bach. Today he is famous for just one piece of music in the key of D, used in the film "Ordinary People", and known simply as "Canon." Whose?

ans. Johann Pachelbel

20. "It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife." This truth is declared at the beginning of which 19th century novel of manners concerning Darcy and Elizabeth Bennet?
ans. Pride and Prejudice
21. Kevin Costner, Robert Redford and Warren Beatty have all been considered among Hollywood's matinee idols, although none have won Academy Awards for acting. What award have all 3 received?
ans. Academy Award for Best Director
22. In Malay it means "man of the wilds." In Edgar Allen Poe's "Hopfrog" it was 8 men, including the king, tied together in a demoniac masquerade. What beast of Borneo were they?
ans. orang-utan
23. No, it's not the study of noses. For 10 points, what is nosology?
ans. the study of diseases
24. Mr. Palliser in Anthony Trollope's novels shares the name of the British dynasty which produced the most kings, including the only one named John. What is the name?
ans. Platagenet
25. If your mother has blue eyes but you and your father have brown eyes, what genetic term describes your genome for eye color?
ans. heterozygous (acc. hybrid)
26. Only one ^{person tent an} incumbent senator ~~was defeated~~ in the 1990 elections. Who defeated Rudy Boschwitz to become the new senator from Minnesota?
ans. Paul Wellstone
27. A group of rusted car bodies lies on the plains of Nebraska, carefully arranged in a circle to precise measurements and based on a more famous circle which lies on the plains of Salisbury, England. For 10 points, name one of these structures.
ans. Carhenge (NE) is based on Stonehenge

28. He pioneered modal improvisation in his 1959 album *Kind of Blue*. In *Bitches Brew* he introduced electronics and rock into jazz. His last albums include *Tutu* and *You're Under Arrest*. For ten points, name this recently-deceased trumpeter.

ans. Miles Davis

29. It proclaimed independence in 1912, became a republic in 1920, and was ruled by King Zog I from 1925 to 1939 until Italy invaded. This was followed by 4 decades of rule under Enver Hoxha and now 6 years under Ramiz Alia. Name this Muslim nation.

ans. Albania

30. Working in the Olduvai Gorge in Tanzania, he discovered human fossils dating back 1.75 million years, including *Australopithecus* and *Homo erectus*. Name this British anthropologist.

ans. Louis Leakey (do not accept Richard)

- (20) 1. This New York organization to help young runaways was one of the city's most successful charitable organizations, until a 1990 sex scandal forced its founder and director to resign. For 10 points each, name the organization and its founder.

ans. Covenant House, Father Bruce Ritter

- (30) 2. You undoubtedly know the 6 nations that with the U.S. compose the "Group of 7" economic powers. And you could probably also name the largest city in each of them. But for 5 points a piece, name the second largest city in population in each of these 6 nations, ~~not~~ including the U.S.

ans. Marseille, Montréal, Yokohama, Birmingham, Milan, Hamburg

- (25) 3. In 1989, 1990, and 1991, James H. Billington announced a list of 25 classic American films to be stored in a National Film Archives under a Congressional mandate, including such movies as Casablanca and The Wizard of Oz. The films were selected by a panel, but Dr. Billington

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had final say over the choices. For 25 points, what is Dr. Billington's title.

ans. Librarian of Congress

- (30) 4. Visitors to southern California are likely to visit his estate in Pasadena, which contains not only opulent gardens but one of the nation's leading rare book libraries and art galleries. For 10 points, name the founder.

ans. Henry Huntington

For 10 more points, name its most celebrated painting by Gainsborough.

ans. The Blue Boy

For 10 more points, what is written in its 1405 Ellesmere manuscript, considered the most valuable English-language manuscript in the world.

ans. The Canterbury Tales

- (25) 5. If you travel abroad you may have noticed that saying "Thank you" in the native language will always win you a smile. For 5 points each, how do you say thank you in

(a) German- ans. Danke

(b) Italian - ans. grazie

(c) Russian - ans. spasibo

(d) Japanese - ans. Arigato

(e) Chinese - ans. Xie-xie (pron. shay-shay)

- (25) 6. Many of Broadway's hits originate far off in America's regional theaters. For 5 points a piece where would you find

(a) Guthrie Theater - ans. Minneapolis

(b) Steppenwolf - ans. Chicago

(c) the Mark Taper Forum - ans. Los Angeles

(d) American Repertory Theater - ans. Cambridge, MA

(e) Old Globe Theater - ans. San Diego

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(f) ~~Goodspeed Opera House~~ - ans. ~~East Haddam, CT~~

(36) 7. Many movies of 1991 were originally novels. For 10 points a piece give the authors of

- (a) Billy Bathgate - ans. E.L. Doctorow
- (b) The Silence of the Lambs - ans. Thomas Harris
- (c) Dances with Wolves - ans. Michael Blake

(125) 8. Four senators ran unopposed in the 1990 elections. These incumbents all hailed from the South, specifically Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, and Mississippi. For 5 points a piece, and another 5 for all four, name them.

ans. David Pryor, Sam Nunn, J. Bennett Johnston, Thad Cochran

(25) 9. Do you do crossword puzzles? If so these obscure 4-letter words shouldn't be too tough. If not, guessing probably won't help. For 5 points a piece, name

- (a) memorization without understanding - ans. rote
- (b) a mine entrance - ans. adit
- (c) a Hawaiian goose - ans. nene
- (d) Hebrew month beginning with a - ans. Adar
- (e) ancient Near East kingdom with capital at Susa - ans. Elam

(30) 10. Stephen Sondheim is widely considered the most successful composer of musical comedies in the 1970's and 80's. For 5 points a piece, name the 6 musicals for which his scores have won Tony Awards.

ans. A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, Company, Follies, A Little Night Music, Sweeney Todd, Into the Woods

(30) 11. You all know that atoms are composed of protons, electrons, and neutrons. But for 10 points each, name the discoverer of each particle.

ans. protons - Ernest Rutherford; electrons - Joseph Thomson; neutrons - James Chadwick

- (25) 12. The second Poet Laureate of the United States, he was noted not only for his lyrical love poems but also his witty translations of Moliere's plays. For 25 points, who is this 1989 Pulitzer Prize winner for "New and Collected Poems"?

ans. Richard Wilbur

- (20) 13. If you grew up watching Sesame Street, you probably played "Which of these things doesn't belong with the others?" We're going to play this with languages and language families. For five points each, name the odd language out.

- (a) French, Hebrew, Persian, Sanskrit - ans. Hebrew
- (b) Bulgarian, Hungarian, Polish, Romanian - ans. Hungarian
- (c) Filipino, Indonesian, Malaysian, Thai - ans. Thai
- (d) Bengali, Hindi, Punjabi, Tamil - ans. Tamil

- (30) 14. Get out your pencil and paper. The first six colleges established in the United States were Columbia, Harvard, Univ. of Penn., Princeton, William & Mary, and Yale. For 5 points each, place them in order of establishment. A wrong answer ends the question.

ans. Harvard, William & Mary, Yale, Univ. of Penn., Princeton, Columbia

- (20) 15. Paintings were sometimes classified in the baroque era into 6 categories: religious, historical, landscape, portrait, still-life, and genre. For 5 points each, for what kind of painting are the following Dutch masters best known?

- (a) Jacob van Ruisdael - ans. landscape
- (b) Jan Steen - ans. genre
- (c) Frans Hals - ans. portrait
- (d) Rogier van der Weyden - ans. religious
- (e) Jan Vermeer - ans. genre
- (f) Willem Claesz - ans. still-life

- (30) 16. Get out your pencil and paper. The 6 most valuable autographs, according to *The Book of Lists* belong to a general, a U.S. president, a writer, a French saint, a signer of the Declaration, and an explorer. For 5 points a piece, name them.

ans. Shakespeare, Julius Caesar, Abraham Lincoln, Christopher Columbus, Joan of Arc, Button Gwinnett

- (25) 17. Get out your pencil and paper. The following is a computer program in a Lisp-like language:

defun foo of x such that if x equals 0 return 1 else return x times foo of quantity x minus 1.

For 25 points, what is the output if you call foo of 4?

ans. 24 (announcer note: the function defines factorial.)

- (20) 18. The allegedly neolithic Tasaday tribe were supposedly found in the rain forests of this island in 1971, the second largest and least developed main island of the Philippines. For 20 points, what is it called?

ans. Mindanao

- (25) 19. You may have flown on one of these answers to get here. For 5 points a piece, name the airlines whose hub airports include the following.

(a) Denver, Cleveland, Guam - ans. Continental

(b) Detroit, Minneapolis - ans. Northwest

(c) La Guardia, St. Louis - ans. TWA

(d) Cincinnati, Atlanta - ans. Delta

(e) Charlotte, Syracuse - ans. US Air

- (30) 20. New York contains some of the world's most impressive modern buildings. For 10 points a piece name the architects.

(a) World Trade Center - ans. Yamasaki

(b) Seagram's Building - ans. Ludwig Mies van der Rohe

(c) Pan Am building - ans. Walter Gropius

- (25) 21. In 1795 the Georgia state legislature was bribed to sell 35 million acres of choice land. In 1796 a new legislature rescinded the act, leading to a classic 1810 Supreme Court case. For 10 points, what is the name of the case?

ans. Fletcher vs. Peck

For 15 points more, what was the name given to the land scandal?

ans. the Yazoo Fraud

- (30) 22. Astrologers have been famous in history from times immemorial. For 10 points each name:

- (a) the seer who warned against the Trojan Horse. – ans. Laocoon
- (b) the French astrologer and physician who correctly predicted the death of Henry IV. – ans. Nostradamus
- (c) Nancy Reagan's friend whose memoirs proclaimed herself "the White House astrologer". – ans. Joan Quigley
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- (30) 23. The Senate Judiciary Committee's 8 Democrats and 6 Republicans came into prominence in October during the Clarence Thomas hearings. For 5 points a piece, name any 6 of the committee's Democrats.

ans. Joseph Biden, Ted Kennedy, Howard Metzenbaum, Howell Heflin, Patrick Leahy, Dennis DeConcini

- (30) 24. The Nobel Prize for Literature has been awarded to individuals from more different countries than any of the other Nobel Prizes. For 5 points a piece, name the last person to receive the prize from each continent.

ans. Nadine Gordimer (S. Africa), Octavio Paz (Mexico), Camilo Cela (Spain), Gabriel Garcia-Marquez (Colombia), Patrick White (Australia), Yasunari Kawabata (Japan)

- (30) 25. Maria seems to have been a popular woman's name in Broadway musicals in the 1950's. For 10 points each, name the musical with the following lyrics.

- (a) How do you solve a problem like Maria? – The Sound of Music

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(b) I just met a girl named Maria – West Side Story

(c) They call the wind Maria (pron. Ma-rye-a) – Paint Your Wagon

- (36) 26. America's most successful playwright owns the Broadway theater named after America's only Nobel Prize winning playwright. For 10 points each, name these two men. For an additional 5 points each, state how many Pulitzer Prizes each won.

ans. Neil Simon (1 prize) and Eugene O'Neill (4 prizes)

- (36) 27. The rise and fall of Robert Maxwell's tabloid empire makes one of last year's most gripping stories. For 10 points name Maxwell's flagship paper in Britain.

ans. The Daily Mirror

For 5 more points, name the U.S. paper he purchased in 1990.

ans. The New York Daily News

For 10 final points, from which company did Maxwell purchase the troubled Daily News.

ans. The Chicago Tribune (acc. Tribune Company)