

Dickinson Toss-ups

- 1) Hook was one of the most-publicized and certainly most expensive films of 1991. It is a variation on Sir James Barrie's original Peter Pan, ~~however~~ a boy who never grew up. The title of the movie comes from the name of the pirate foe of Peter Pan. For a quick ten points, according to J.M. Barrie, which public school did Hook attend?

Ans: Eton

- 2) It is the Arabic word for 'vase'. One of its prominent appearances in literature was its being used by an animal three inches high. For ten points, what is the term for a smoking pipe with a long flexible tube for drawing smoke through water, employed by a caterpillar while talking to Alice?

Ans: Hookah

- 3) 1991 was a bad year for Soviet Empires, but a good year for those with a fondness for variants of the Russian language. The Ukraine can go back to Ukrainian and Byelorussia to Byelorussian. The problem is that Byelorussia is not Byelorussian for Byelorussia. What, for ten points, is the name taken by Byelorussia after declaring independence?

Ans: Belarus

- 4) It was the site of a battle on July 27, 1054. The winner was Siward, Earl of Northumberland, who had been sent by Edward the Confessor to help ~~to help~~ Malcolm III, whose father had been murdered by the loser of the battle. For ten points, where in Scotland did Macbeth suffer defeat after Birnam Wood put in an unexpected appearance?

Ans: Dunsinane

- 5) There have been numerous quartets of horsemen since the Book of Revelation. One foursome dominated the tennis world for a good part of a decade and succeeded in winning the Davis Cup for their home country. That country did not succeed after their heyday in the quest for regaining the Davis Cup until 1991. For ten points, which country defeated the United States in last year's final?

Ans: France

(The foursome was Borotra, Brugnon, Cochet, and Lacoste.)

- 6) The name comes from the French for 'bent stick'. This open-air game was perhaps more popular in Victorian days and forms the basis for H.R.F. Keating's A Rush on the Uitimate. What, for ten points, is the term for this game, not usually played with hedgehogs and flamingoes?

Ans: Croquet

- 7) When you read, you begin with ABC. When you sing, you begin with Do, Re, Mi. With operas you can start with Aida, La Bohème, and Carmen. In which field was an important paper of this century, for ten points, published under the names of Alpher, Bethe, and Gamow?

Ans: Physics (or Astronomy)

(Any answer involving physics should be accepted)

- 8) We made it through the bicentennial of Mozart's death. The play Amadeus by Peter Shaffer looks in detail at the relations between Mozart and the composer Salieri. A Russian opera, ^{based on a poem} ~~based on a poem by Pushkin~~ (produced in 1898), looked at the same relationship, and was ~~based on a poem by Pushkin~~. For ten points, who wrote the opera?

by Pushkin

Ans: Nicholas Rimsky-Korsakov

- 9) Johannes Kepler was one of the founders of modern astronomy. At the same time he probably did better financially out of his astrological predictions at the court of the Holy Roman Emperor. Among those whose fortunes he cast was the general Wallenstein. Who, for ten points, was the Holy Roman Emperor who died in 1612 and presided over an eccentric court in Prague?

Ans: Rudolph II

- 10) For the moment we are stuck with 538 electoral votes at each presidential election in the United States. Out of that many voters you would think it would not be hard to get at least 1 vote, but getting exactly 1 vote in the electoral college is usually the result of a maverick voter. Who, for ten points, was the last candidate of a major party to get exactly one electoral vote?

Ans: John Quincy Adams (1820)

- 11) His most recent book is Haroun and the Sea of Stories, published in 1990. It is an entertaining story of a quest to save the source of stories before it is polluted beyond repair. No one would dislike the volume so much as to think that the author ought to be killed for it, unlike one of his earlier books of fiction. Who, for ten points, is the author of The Satanic Verses?

Ans: Salman Rushdie

- 12) To you the letters EM may stand for epistemology and metaphysics. Others may think of electricity and magnetism. The 'E' in the initials of E.M. Forster, author of A Passage to India, stood for Edward. For ten points, for what Welsh name does the M stand?

Ans: Morgan

13) The Dow Jones average can have a mind of its own, apparently defying the logic of the rest of the economy. There is not a reason in the world why the stocks that make up the Dow Jones industrial average should reflect the state of the market as a whole accurately, but the world follows ~~the~~ it. ~~Dow Jones average~~. For an immediate ten points, how many stocks are used in the calculation of the Dow Jones industrial average?

Ans: 30

14) The American public is frequently accused of not being as well informed in matters mathematical as the publics of other countries. A recent book by John Paulos discussed the origins of this attitude. If the condition of being unable to read is call 'illiteracy', what, for ten points, is the term for the condition of being unable to calculate, the title of Paulos' book?

Ans: Innumeracy

15) 'With wonderful indulgence and generosity heaven sometimes showers upon a single person from its rich and inexhaustible treasures all the favours and precious gifts that are usually shared, over the years, among a great many people.' This is not the beginning of Vasari's life of Leonardo da Vinci, but it is the beginning of Vasari's life of one of Leonardo's near contemporaries. Who, for ten points, was this gifted artist born in Urbino in 1483?

Ans: Raphael

16) Even those who aren't familiar with Napoleonic battles recognize the name of Waterloo. Even those who aren't fond of Mark Twain know that he was born Samuel Clemens. Ten points are yours if you can give the name of the Napoleonic battle that was also the name with which one of the stars of Holiday Inn was born.

Ans: Austerlitz

17) The Kennedy family received its usual dose of publicity in 1991. An unrelated bearer of the same last name was forced out of the presidency of the university he led after investigations revealed a number of irregularities in the application of grant money to social functions. For ten points, which university needed to look for a replacement as captain of the presidential yacht?

Ans: Stanford

18) This Russian-born Belgian was trained as a concert pianist. He feels that irreversibility must be built into the fundamental levels of nature. In 1977 he received the Nobel Prize for his contributions to nonequilibrium thermodynamics. For ten points, who is this champion of the view that there are 'intrinsically random systems'?

Ans: Ilya Prigogine

- 19) In the spring of 1841 this twenty-seven year old instrument maker abandoned his father's workshop in Brussels and headed off to Paris. There Hector Berlioz was one of his staunch supporters as new instruments started to come out of his atelier. For ten points, who was this inventor of brass instruments?

Ans: Adolphe Sax

- 20) Some Poet Laureates have all the luck. With this Laureate's first official poem he managed not only to anger Queen Victoria and embarrass the government, but also to move Britain further down the road to war with the Boers, which broke out three years later. For a quick ten points, who was this gifted successor to Tennyson?

Ans: Alfred Austin

- 21) Venezuelan Beaver Cheese and Czechoslovakian Sheep's Milk Cheese are not readily available. One place, in particular, that did not carry them was Mr. Wensleydale's Ye Olde Cheese Emporium. In fact, Mr. Wensleydale did not even carry cheddar. Which comedy troupe was responsible for the Cheese Shop Sketch, for ten points, whose show was almost called Gwen Dibley's Flying Circus?

Ans: Monty Python

- 22) Even George Steinbrenner's money would have been hard put to assembling a collection of shipmates as impressive as those who accompanied Jason on the Argo. Among them (at least before they went the free agent route) were Castor and Pollux, Hercules, and Orpheus. Yet all would have been for nought if it had not been for the daughter of the king of Colchis. Their later domestic life may have been unpleasant, but who, for ten points, gave Jason what he needed to escape with the Golden Fleece?

Ans: Medea

- 23) The Secret Garden may not have been the biggest hit on Broadway, but it did rather better than Nick and Nora. The Secret Garden was a musical version of a children's story from the same pen as The Little Princess. Who, for ten points, has to be held at least partly responsible for that Shirley Temple role by writing the novel on which the movie was based?

Ans: Frances Hodgson Burnett

- 24) An obi is a kimono sash, at least according to crossword puzzles. An Ibo is a Nigerian tribesman. They happen to be anagrams. An Italian chess player of the 16th century travelled to Spain and there defeated Ruy López. For ten points, what was the last name of this Syracusan, also an anagram of the above words?

Ans: Paolo Boi

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Bonus

- 30 1) Just as chess openings are known by the names of those who introduced them, so bids in bridge have names attached to them. For five points apiece (with a bonus of ten for getting all of them), with what name do we associate each of the following:
a) A bid of 4 No Trump to ask for aces? b) A bid of 4 Clubs to ask for aces? c) A bid of 2 Clubs in response to 1 No Trump to find a four-card major suit? d) A bid of 2 Diamonds to show 4-5 in the majors?

Ans: a) Blackwood b) Gerber c) Stayman d) Flannery

- 30 2) Thirty points are yours if you can identify the country from the first clue, twenty from the second, and ten if you require all three. 1) The great fertile plain in the east of the country is called the Alföld. 2) Admiral Horthy served as regent for the monarchy starting in 1920. 3) The capital was invaded in early November 1956 by 200,000 Soviet soldiers.

Ans: Hungary

- 20 3) He was born in 1588 and died in 1679. He wrote sometimes in Latin and sometimes in English, most famously for his political philosophy. His best-known work, published in 1651, was just one part of a three-part Elements of Philosophy. For twenty points, who was this author of the observation, 'I believe that scarce anything can be more absurdly said in natural philosophy, than Aristotle's Metaphysics'?

Ans: Thomas Hobbes

- 30 4) Humorous poetry this century does not command an audience as large as last century's. For ten points apiece, identify the authors of each of the following nineteenth-century humorous verses: a) 'And the night has been long--ditto, ditto my song--and thank goodness they're both of them over.' b) 'Unknown to me the stocks are falling, Unwatched by me the glass may fall: Let all the world pursue its calling,--I'm not at home if people call.' c) 'Good little somebody-nobody, Had you not known me a somebody, Would you have called me a nobody?'

Ans: a) Gilbert b) W.M. Praed c) Lord Tennyson

- 20 5) No one was sharp enough to spot him while he was Keeper of the Queen's Pictures, but he was the Fourth Man. It is safe to say that his knighthood was not bestowed for his years of espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. For twenty points, who was this superintendant of Kim Philby?

Ans: Sir Anthony Blunt

- 25 6) A number can be ^(give slowly) rational, algebraic but irrational, real but transcendental, or imaginary. For five points apiece, identify each of the following as one of the above categories:

a) e b) π c) $\sqrt[3]{3}$ d) $e^{i\pi}$ e) $(\sqrt{2})^2$

Ans: a) transcendental b) transcendental c) irrational d) rational
e) rational

- 20 7) Stephen Sondheim's musical Assassins suffered from its unpromising subject. Into the Woods, which opened in November 1987, fared distinctly better. For five points apiece, identify the actors who took each of the following roles: a) the Witch b) the Baker's Wife c) the Baker d) Cinderella's Prince (he was also the Wolf)

Ans: a) Bernadette Peters b) Joanna Gleason c) Chip Zien d) Robert Westenberg

- 30 8) We are observing the 100th anniversary of Sherlock Holmes's years wandering free from the observation of Moriarty's henchmen after the death of their boss. You can have ten points apiece for answering the following questions about Holmes's itinerary.
a) In which country did Holmes travel for two years under the name Sigerson? b) Where was the Khalifa that he visited and communicated the results to the Foreign Office? c) In which country did he do his work on coal-tar derivatives?

Ans: a) Tibet b) Khartoum (or Sudan) c) France

- 20 9) As a presidential election looms once again, perhaps it's time to remember where the best presidents have come from. For five points apiece, identify the most recent president of the United States to have been born in each of the following states:
a) Massachusetts b) Virginia c) Ohio d) New York

Ans: a) Bush b) Wilson c) Harding d) Franklin Delano Roosevelt or FDR

- 25 10) For five points apiece, and an additional five for getting all correct, identify which pre-Socratic philosophers had the following nicknames: a) Reasoning b) Wisdom or 'The Laughing Philosopher' c) the Mind (Nous) d) the Dark

Ans: a) Protagoras b) Democritus c) Anaxagoras d) Heraclitus

- 30 11) Identify the name for thirty points from the first clue, for twenty from the second, and for ten from the third. 1) It was the last name of the founder of the American Journal of Mathematics. 2) It was the name under which the monk Gerbert assumed the papacy in 999 after having dabbled in clockmaking. 3) It is the first name of the actor who most recently played Doctor Who on television and comes from the Latin for 'forest'.

Ans: Sylvester

- 25 12) It was easier keeping track of power in China (at least on paper) while there were emperors instead of premiers, presidents, and party secretaries. For five points apiece, give the one word name associated with the dynasty reigning in each of the following years A.D. For getting all of them, you will earn an additional five points. A) 700 b) 1700 c) 1100 d) 1500

Ans: a) T'ang b) Ch'ing (or Manchu) c) Sung d) Ming

- 30 13) The Inns of Court were formed early in the 14th century. For many centuries they had the exclusive right of calling to the English bar. You can have five points apiece plus a bonus of ten for naming all four of these British judicial universities.

Ans: Inner Temple, Middle Temple, Gray's Inn, and Lincoln's Inn

- 30 14) Identify the artist from his works for thirty points if the first set is enough, twenty if you need the second, and ten if you need all three. 1) Hand with Fir Cone (1921), Depth (1955)
2) Tower of Babel (1928), Other World (1947)
3) Up and Down (1947), Relativity (1953), Hand with Reflecting Sphere (1935)

Ans: M.C. Escher

- 30 15) With the fall of the Soviet Union attention has been drawn away from the former Soviet satellites. You can have ten points apiece by answering (correctly) the following questions about Poland since the Second World War. 1) Who was named first secretary of the Communist party in late 1956? 2) Who was Gomulka's successor, chosen in 1970? 3) Who was the first non-Communist to head an Eastern bloc nation in 1989?

Ans: 1) Władysław Gomulka 2) Edward Gierek 3) Tadeusz Mazowiecki

- 30 16) Poets Laureate in the United States have not quite assumed the role they did in England. Thirty points are yours if you can name this poet after the first piece of information about him, twenty if you need the second, and ten if you need all three. 1) He won the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry in 1957 and 1989. 2) He was the second Poet Laureate of the United States, named in 1987. 3) He shares his name with a character in Charlotte's Web.

Ans: Richard Wilbur

- 20 17) Putting kings in chronological order is easy when only the numbers change. Let's see how you can do if only the names change instead (to protect the innocent). Put the following French monarchs in chronological order for five points apiece: Charles IV, Henri IV, Louis IV, Philippe IV

Ans: Louis, Philippe, Charles, Henri

- 20 18) Towards the end of the nineteenth century Whist reached its peak in terms of popularity. Great minds turned to its scientific elements with Dr. Henry Jones leading the way. His written works were so complicated and mathematical that the average player was put off the game and the popularity of Whist gradually declined. For twenty points, under what pseudonym did he write, long the name of a prestigious bridge club in New York that closed in 1991?

Ans: Cavendish

- 30 19) Identify this composer for 30 points from the first set of clues, 20 from the second, and 10 from the third. 1) Among his works are Music of Changes and Cheap Imitation. 2) He was born in Los Angeles in 1912 and introduced chance procedures like coin tossing into his music. 3) His most famous work is four minutes and thirty-three seconds of silence.

Ans: John Cage

- 30 20) While we're on the subject of coin tossing, 30 points are yours for identifying this playwright from the first set of works, 20 from the second, and 10 from the third. 1) Hapgood, The Dog It Was that Died 2) Jumpers and The Real Inspector Hound 3) The Real Thing and Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead (that's the one with the coin-tossing in it)

Ans: Tom Stoppard

- 30 21) Are you sick of questions? Identify for ten points apiece the authors of each of the following remarks about illness:
1) 'Nature abhors the old, and old age seems the only disease; all others run into this one.' 2) 'For my part I reckon being ill as one of the great pleasures of life, provided one is not too ill and is not obliged to work till one is better.'
3) 'Life is a fatal complaint, and an eminently contagious one.'

Ans: 1) R.W. Emerson 2) Samuel Butler 3) O.W. Holmes