

-----MIT B team toss-ups-----

1. At its height, this tiny European kingdom included possessions in Persia, Indochina, East, east and south Africa, Malaya and South America. By 1640 when the Braganca (brah-GAHN-sa) dynasty had been restored, it retained little more than Mozambique, Angola and Brazil. FTP, name the country.

Ans: PORTUGAL

H10

2. The name of this scandal comes from the name of a FBI "business", Abdul Enterprises, Ltd. FBI agents posed as associates of an Arab sheik to investigate crooked Congressmen. FTP, identify this 1978-82 scandal.

Ans: ABSCAM

H10

3. FTP, Name the Filipino leader who led a rebellion against Spain in 1896, and fought with the US during the Spanish-American War of 1898 who was later captured in 1901 for resisting domination by the United States after the latter took over the Philippines.

Ans: Emilio AGUINALDO

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4. The name for this star comes from Arabic, and translates as "the flying", an appropriate name, as this star is the brightest found in the constellation Aquilae, the Eagle. For ten points, name this star.

Ans: ALTAIR

H-5/10

5. For a quick ten points, who was the first human to die in the Bible?

Ans: ABEL

H10

6. The name's the same: an Indian leader who led an armed attack against white settlers in 1832 and a hockey team that won the Stanley Cup most recently in 1961. FTP, what's the common name?

Ans: BLACKHAWK

H10

7. Recent research shows that these people may not have been as barbaric as previously thought. Pottery shards and art fragments show them to be distantly related to the Greeks and Phoenicians. In the modern era, their name was used as a perjorative to describe someone who had no appreciation for the finer things. For ten points, name this ancient people whose more famous spokespersons included Delilah and Goliath.

Ans: PHILISTINES

M10

8. It was published by John Hemings and Henry Condell, friends of the author who had died 7 years before. It contained 36 works, arranged by type. For ten points, name this luminous tome of Renaissance English literature, published in 1623.

Ans: FIRST FOLIO by Shakespeare

M10

9. All of the sudden it seems just about everyone has a talk show. For ten points, name the Oscar-winning actress whose new show has received mixed reviews and whose first guests included her best friends from Comic Relief, Robin Williams and Billy Crystal.

Ans: Whoopi GOLDBERG

MIO

10. The pinnacle of Peruvian president Fujimori's political career was the capture of Shining Path leader Abimael (ah-bee-mah-EL) Guzman. FTP, who did Fujimori defeat to become president?

Ans: Mario VARGAS Llosa

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11. When the former Soviet Union fell apart, a myriad of ethnic and linguistic groups were set free to do as they saw fit. Many speak Caucasian, Slavic or Turkish languages. This language, whose relatives are common in western Europe, is a rarity in the Commonwealth. For ten points, name this Romance language.

Ans: MOLDAVIAN or RUMANIAN

MIO

12. The group of 12 chief gods in Greek mythology are called the Olympians. They are all children or grandchildren of Cronos and Rhea, the other Titans. One of them gave up her seat to Dionysius, a demi-god. For ten points, name this modest goddess.

Ans: HESTIA

HIO

13. It was so easy the first time that it occurred twice more in the 18th century. For ten points, name this event that occurred to the delight of much of Europe in 1772, 1792 and 1795.

Ans: the PARTITION of POLAND

O/O

14. Their name is from a Middle Dutch word for "mumbler" from the belief that they mumbled their prayers to avoid having their unorthodoxy noticed. At first, most of them were academics, but eventually they were mostly peasants, whose uprisings were mainly unsuccessful. FTP, name these followers of John Wycliffe.

Ans.: LOLLARDS

O/O

15. Because he lived most of his life in France and wrote his plays in French, few people realize that he was born in Romania--the town of Slatina, to be exact. For ten points, name this absurdist playwright whose works include "The Chairs," "The Lesson," "The Bald Soprano," and "Rhinoceros."

Ans.: Eugene IONESCO

HIO

16. For ten points, and within five years, give the duration of the Hundred Years' War.

Ans.: 117 years (accept between 112 and 122 years)

MIO

17. The real name of this television character, usually known by his nickname, is Ernie tusso. His nickname actually has nothing to do with sports; his friend Barry began calling him this because he never flew first class. FTP, name this erstwhile sitcom character who was a longtime penpal of Woody Boyd.

MIO

Ans.: COACH (from "Cheers")

18. It measures 230 feet long by 20 inches wide. A narrow border depicts monsters, sporting events, and scenes from Aesop's fables, while the 72 historical scenes for which it is famous appear in the center with their Latin captions. FTP, name this embroidered linen depicting the Norman conquest of England.

Ans.: BAYEUX TAPESTRY

4/10

19. Each of the eight vowels in this major language is classified as a unique combination of high or low, back or front, and rounded or unrounded. Two laws of vowel harmony determine which type of vowel can follow another type in a word; this harmony is responsible for the language's nickname "The Italian of the East." Since 1928 it has been written in a modified Roman alphabet; before then it used Arabic letters. FTP, name this Altaic language.

Ans.: TURKISH

M-5/40

20. John J. Pershing, Charles Lindbergh, Dean Acheson, Carl Sagan, and John F. Kennedy have all, FTP, received what famous awards?

Ans.: PULITZER Prizes

10/40

21. This acid, whose name is from the Greek word for wood sorrel, is what makes rhubarb leaves poisonous. Its chemical structure consists simply of two joined carboxylic acid radicals. For ten points, name this weak acid.

Ans.: OXALIC acid

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22. For ten points, name the two islands, neither of which is an independent nation, that are separated by the Straits of Bonifacio in the Mediterranean.

Ans.: CORSICA and SARDINIA

6/10

23. This phrase was first used by John Dryden, but it is always erroneously associated with a Frenchman who neither said it nor agreed with the idea it represented. If anyone, Montaigne should receive credit for originating the idea that while civilized people are corrupted by society, primitive people are happier and purer. FTP, give this two-word phrase associated with Rousseau.

Ans.: NOBLE SAVAGE

10/10

24. BLANK; BLANK and Empire; Second BLANK; BLANK's Edge; BLANK and Earth. FTP, what word can replace each of these blanks to form the titles of novels in a famous series by Isaac Asimov?

Ans.: FOUNDATION

4/10

25. Although other names for it are fylfot and gammadion, its best-known name derives from the Sanskrit word for "good fortune." It was a good luck symbol for thousands of years, though, reversed in the twentieth century it gained an entirely different meaning. FTP, name this symbol, whose first appearance in Germany was on the helmets of the

German Baltic Corps.

Ans.: SWASTIKA

26. The subject is shown pictures and is asked to make up stories based on these pictures. FTP, give the full three-word name of this kind of personality test.

Ans.: THEMATIC APPERCEPTION TEST (do not accept TAT)

27. For ten points, at what famous battle in 732 did Charles Martel stop the advance of the Muslim invaders into Europe?

Ans.: Battle of TOURS

28. Like its Greek-derived synonym, chiliasm, this Latin-derived noun is from the word for "thousand." In its general sense it refers to belief in a coming Golden Age, while its older, narrower meaning is belief in an upcoming period of one thousand years in which the Messiah will reign on earth. FTP, give this term.

Ans.: MILLENARIANISM or MILLENNIALISM

29. The full name by which this U.S. President is known contains each of the six vowels, A through Y, exactly once. The only other President whose full name contains them all is his successor, Rutherford Birchard Hayes. FTP, name this former general.

Ans.: Ulysses Simpson GRANT

30. Many changes occur as a result of aging. For ten points, should an aging professional landscape painter be most concerned about the onset of alopecia, anosmia, amaurosis, or alexia?

Ans.: AMAUROSIS (decay of vision)

1. (30) Identify the city, 30-20-10.

It is the setting of the musical "Chess."

20: King Rama I established it as the national capital in 1782.

10: Its inhabitants call it Krung Thep or Phra Nakhon.

Ans.: BANGKOK, Thailand

2. (20) For twenty points, if the number 1.0001 is raised to the ten-thousandth power, what famous mathematical constant will this quantity approximate?

Ans.: E (equals about 2.718)

3. (25) "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person." This sentence is the third article of a highly idealistic 1948 document, drafted in part by Eleanor Roosevelt. For 25 points, what name is given to this international document?

Ans.: the UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

4. (30) For 15 points each, answer these two questions about punctuation.

1) What is the seven-letter word which in English refers to a slash but in French means "comma"?

Ans.: VIRGULE

2) What mark of punctuation is used instead of a question mark to end a question in French?

Ans.: SEMICOLON

5. (20) For five points each, name the holders of the following baseball records. Be careful--the answers go beyond the seemingly obvious.

1) Most consecutive years leading or tying for the major league lead in home runs. ✓

2) Most years with a batting average of over .400. ○

3) Most Earned Run Average titles won. ✓

4) Most games appeared in by a pitcher in a career. ✓

Ans: 1) Ralph KINER. 2) Rogers HORNSBY.

3) Lefty GROVE. 4) Hoyt WILHELM.

6. (25) For 5 points each, identify the main monetary units used by the following Latin American nations.

1) Argentina AUSTRAL ✓

2) Brazil CRUZADO (Accept NEW CRUZADO) ✓

3) Cuba PESO ○

4) Panama BALBOA ✓

5) Venezuela BOLIVAR ○

7. (30) Identify the author from pairs of his works, 30-20-10.

30: "Jesting Pilate" and "Mortal Coils"

20: "The Burning Wheel" and "Eyeless in Gaza"

10: "After Many a Summer Dies the Swan"; "Point Counter Point"

Ans.: Aldous HUXLEY

(20) For twenty points, if Abraham Lincoln had been assassinated in his first term instead of his second, Hannibal Hamlin would have succeeded him. For 10 points each:

1) What state was Hamlin from?

MAINE.

2) Who was the only other VP born in Maine to date?

Nelson ROCKEFELLER.

9. (20) In medieval times, higher education consisted of the seven liberal arts. One of these arts still uses technical terms such as "prolepsis", "hendiadys", "polysyndeton", and "zeugma." For 20 points, identify this field in which Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln both distinguished themselves.

Ans.: RHETORIC (accept ORATORY)

10. (30) FTP each, identify the following Alpine facts.

1) the highest Alp

MONT BLANC

2) the range of Alps containing Mont Blanc

SAVOY Alps

3) the lowest-elevation major Alpine pass

BRENNER Pass

11. (20) If you're spelling a word over the radio, you use a standardized set of words to represent letters. For example, the international communications code word for the letter Q is "Quebec." For five points each, what words are used for the following letters?

1) C

CHARLIE

2) M

MIKE

3) O

OSCAR

4) V

VICTOR

12. (20 pts) We never thought that the Soviet Union would have crumbled the way that it did, allowing the fifteen republics to go their separate ways. But there weren't always 15 republics. At one point there were 16 republics, until one was absorbed into Russia. For 20 points name this lost republic.

Ans: KARELIA

13. (30 pts) Everyone knows that California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas are the states that border Mexico (I hope). For 5 pts apiece, name the 6 Mexican states that border on the United States.

Ans: BAJA CALIFORNIA, SONORA, COAHUILA (koh-a-WEE-lah),
CHIHUAHUA, NUEVO LEON, TAMAULIPAS (tah-mau-LEE-pahs)

14. (30-20-10) Name this organization.

30: It was founded in 1920 by social reformer Roger Baldwin as a national
nonpartisan organization.

20: The administrative body, the National Committee, consists of 75 members and a board of 30 directors in New York City.

10: It was the successor to the National Civil Liberties Bureau to combat constraints of freedom of speech, press and conscience.

Ans: American Civil Liberties Union (Accept "ACLU".)

30: (30-20-10) Name the author from his given works.

30: "Setting Free the Bears"; "The Water Method Man"

20: "The 158-Pound Marriage"; "The Cider House Rules"

10: "The Hotel New Hampshire"; "A Prayer for Owen Meany"

Ans: JOHN IRVING (both names must be given)

16. (30-20-10) Identify this historical figure.

30: The building of the Tower of Babel is sometimes attributed to this person.

20: He is quoted for having sent 3 Biblical infidels to their deaths by incineration, only to find them completely unharmed.

10: He is acknowledged for having built the hanging Gardens of Babylon which duplicated the lush greenery of his wife's homeland.

Ans: NEBUCHADNEZZAR

17. (30) Bret "Hitman" Hart is the only man in WWF history to hold the tag-team championship, the Intercontinental championship, and the WWF championship. FTP each:

1) Who was Bret Hart's tag-team partner?

2) Who did Bret Hart defeat to win the Intercontinental belt *the first time?*

3) Who did Bret Hart defeat to become the WWF champion?

Ans: 1) Jim "The Anvil" NEIDHART. 2) MR. PERFECT. 3) RIC FLAIR.

18. (30) You'll earn ^{ten} ~~30~~ points apiece for naming these artists who painted these "blue" paintings.

1) "The Blue Boy"

Thomas GAINSBOROUGH

2) "Blue Nude"

Henri MATISSE

3) "Blue Woman"

Pablo PICASSO

19. (25) Well, it has been awhile since that wingding over in the Persian Gulf. Do you remember the scenario very well? Well,

other than Iraq, Kuwait and Iran, for 5 points each, name the other 5 nations that border on the Persian Gulf.

Ans: SAUDI ARABIA, BAHRAIN, QATAR, OMAN, U.A.E. (*United Arab Emirates*)

20. (30) 1543 was a big year for European publishers. A professor at the University of Padua published On the Structure of the Human Body, pointing out the errors made by Galen 1400 years before. Meanwhile, another European scientists published his observations on the heliocentric theory of astronomy in 6 Books Concerning the Revolution of the Heavenly Spheres. Name these authors for 15 points each.

Ans: Andreas VESALIUS and Nikolas COPERNICUS

21. (25) Western modern ferrous metallurgy got a big boost during the early English

industrial revolution. A Quaker father and son iron-founder pair discovered that coking coal before using it to make steel improved the quality of the steel. For 25 points, give their family name.

Ans: DARBY

22. (25) In 1890, the Auburn State Prison in Auburn, NY went down in history as the first prison to send a man to the electric chair. For 25 points, name the first man to be fried within the borders of the United States.

Ans.: William KEMMLER.

23. (25) According to the Koran there have been 4 perfect women. For 5 points each name them after a brief description.

1) She is the wife of Ramses II, left a widow when he drown in the Red Sea.

Ans: ASIA

2) She is the first wife of Muhammad. Ans: KHADIJAH

3) She is the daughter of Muhammad,
apparently his only offspring. Ans: FATIMA

4) She is the daughter of Imran. Ans: MARY

24. (30-20-10) Name the year

30: A coup overthrew Prime Minister Mossadegh of Iran and the Shah assumed direct control of the government.

20: The USSR developed its first H-Bomb.

10: An armistice was signed to end fighting in Korea.

Ans: 1953