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Tossup Questions

1. Nicknamed at times the "City of Champions" or "Hell With the Lid Off," it is the largest American city named for a British prime minister.

ANSWER: Pittsburgh

2. In ancient Egypt, the domestic cat was worshipped as a demi-god. Name the Egyptian cat goddess, usually depicted as having the head of a cat on a woman's body.

ANSWER: Bast

3. The furlong is a unit of measurement commonly used in thoroughbred horse racing. How many furlongs equal one mile?

ANSWER: eight

4. At the Battle of Zama, the decisive conflict of the Second Punic War in 202 BC, the forces of Carthage, commanded by Hannibal, were defeated by the legions of Rome, under the command of this man.

ANSWER: Scipio

5. Atelectasis is the collapse of the alveolar sacs in the lungs. This disease is more commonly known as emphysema. Spell "atelectasis"

ANSWER: a-t-e-l-e-c-t-a-s-i-s

6. For a quick ten points supply the word which completes the following song lyric:

"Venus de Milo, what good are all her charms?

Strictly between us, you're cuter than Venus,

And what's more you've got _____."

ANSWER: "arms"

7. One student said that the answer was "MacJello" when the answer was supposed to be "Magellan." Another said "spatula" when he should have said "scapula." These students probably failed their history and anatomy exams, but they aptly demonstrated a common literary device. Name the literary method that involves the inappropriate substitution of a word or phrase for one of similar sound but totally different meaning.

ANSWER: malapropism

8. Three U.S. presidents died on the 4th of July. But only one was born on the 4th of July. Name this president, born July 4, 1872.

ANSWER: Calvin Coolidge

9. In Greek mythology, Oedipus killed his father then married his mother. For ten points, who was the mother of Oedipus?

ANSWER: Jocasta

10. He was a four sport athlete at UCLA, and baseball was probably his poorest sport. He joined the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947 and was named Rookie of the Year at age 28. Identify this Hall of Famer for whom the National League Rookie of the Year award is now named.

ANSWER: Jackie Robinson

11. When Spiro T. Agnew resigned as vice-president of the United States, he became only the second person to do so. Name the only other vice-president to resign from office.

ANSWER: John C. Calhoun

12. An isolated hunting lodge in the Vienna woods, in 1889 it was the site where Archduke

Rudolph and his mistress Mary Vetsera committed suicide.

ANSWER: Mayerling

13. For a quick ten points, identify what all the following list of people have in common: Althea Gibson, Dizzy Gillespie, Eartha Kitt, Francis Marion, John C. Calhoun, and Strom Thurmond.

ANSWER: natives of South Carolina

14. Carl Sagan may be best known for his work in the field of xenobionology, but he won a Pulitzer Prize for a book about the origins of human thought. Name the book that won the 1977 Pulitzer Prize for Nonfiction.

ANSWER: The Dragons of Eden

15. "It is marvelously about life. It reminds me of Dickens, Shakespeare, Moliere. [He] was, among other things, one of the greatest comic writers of all time." So says Terence Kilmartin of the work of this author, whose magnum opus, written between 1908 and 1922, he helped translate from the French.

ANSWER: Marcel Proust

16. "If I die, I die. I told everybody to bring a shovel and a mop, just in case," was recently said by S.L. Potter, a 100-year old man who recently became the oldest person to participate in what activity?

ANSWER: bungee-jumping

17. Born in 1898, he became one of the most prominent Surrealist painters, known for such fancies as a fish with human legs, a man with a bird cage for a torso, or a pipe above the text "This is not a pipe." For ten points, name this Belgian artist.

ANSWER: Ren Magritte

17 ~~18~~ Circles, characters, flowers, and winds all have this in common—they are the names of playing pieces of what game of Chinese origin played in the motion picture The Joy Luck Club?

ANSWER: Mah-Jongg

18 ~~19~~ Of the following four works of art, "The Raft of the Medusa," "The Adoration of the Magi," "The Starry Night," and "The Last Supper," for a quick ten points, name the oldest.

ANSWER: "The Adoration of the Magi"

19 ~~20~~ One of the world's newest sciences is sociology, coming into existence less than 200 years ago. The word "sociology" was first coined by a French philosopher who along with Karl Marx is considered a founder of the science. For ten points, name this man.

ANSWER: Auguste Comte

20 ~~21~~ Of the following Best Picture winners, Rain Man, Dances with Wolves, Amadeus, Gandhi, and Kramer vs. Kramer, for ten points, name the motion picture whose leading actor did not win Best Actor for that year.

ANSWER: Dances with Wolves

21 ~~22~~ "When angry, count four; when very angry, swear" and "Wagner's music is better than it sounds" are two quotations by whom, who also said "I have been an author for twenty-two years and an ass for fifty-five"?

ANSWER: Mark Twain or Samuel Clemens

22 23. He did not live to see it, but after a 39-year court battle, the church this man founded has been recently granted tax-exempt status by the government. For ten points, name this author of Dianetics and founder of Scientology.

ANSWER: L. Ron Hubbard

23 24. He said, "It was as incredible as if you fired a 15-inch shell at a piece of tissue paper and it came back and hit you." This author of "The Scattering of Alpha and Beta Particles by Matter and the Structure of the Atom" provided precise models and predictions that showed the separation of charge within an atom. For ten points, name him.

ANSWER: Sir Ernest Rutherford

24 25. Bandleader Paul Whiteman commissioned the composer of this work to write it for piano and jazz band in 1924. For a quick ten points, name this piece which George Gershwin performed at Aeolian Hall that made him famous overnight.

ANSWER: Rhapsody in Blue

26. Although Ceres (SEE-reez) is larger, this asteroid has a more reflective surface, and is the only minor planet visible to the naked eye. For ten points, name this celestial body, the fourth asteroid to be discovered.

ANSWER: Vesta

27. Democrats have been taking a beating in recent elections. Mayor David Dinkins was unseated by Rudolph Giuliani for the New York mayoralty, and Mary Sue Terry was defeated by George Allen for the Virginia governorship. In addition, Christie Todd Whitman won the New Jersey gubernatorial race, and will become the Garden State's first female chief executive. For ten points, name the Democratic incumbent she managed to unseat.

ANSWER: Jim Florio

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Bonus Questions

1. (30 points) Match the following license plate mottoes with their respective American state or Canadian province.

Live Free or Die.....New Hampshire
Amber Waves of Grain.....Indiana
Yours to Discover.....Ontario
Sportsman's Paradise.....Louisiana
Nothing Could be Finer.....South Carolina
First in Flight.....North Carolina

2.(25 points) Sixteen U.S. Presidents have had last names which ended with the letter 'n', by far the most of any letter. For five points each, and a five point bonus for all of them, identify the four presidents whose last names ended with a vowel.

ANSWERS: Monroe, Fillmore, Pierce, Coolidge

3. (30 points) The odds against a filly winning the Kentucky Derby are extremely high; it's only been done three times in the hundred plus year history of the Derby. Ten points each for each filly that you can name who won the run for the roses.

ANSWERS: Regret, Genuine Risk, Winning Colors

4.(25 points) In the spring, a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of musicals. In that spirit, identify the musicals in which the following vernal songs appeared: 5 pts each

"Younger than Springtime" Ans: South Pacific
"It might as well be Spring" Ans: State Fair
"April Love" Ans: April Love
"The Lusty Month of May" Ans: Camelot
"June is Bustin' all over" Ans: Carousel

5. (25 points) Know your amino acids. Answer the following questions about the fundamental building blocks of proteins, for ten points each and a five point bonus if you get them both.

a) the first amino acid to be incorporated into the growing peptide chain during protein synthesis.

ANSWER: (formyl)methionine

b) any amino acid that starts with the letter "t"

ANSWERS: threonine, tyrosine, tryptophan

6. (20 points) The name's the same. Given the following definitions, identify the words in question for five points each and a five point bonus if you get them all correct.

a) a small amphibian or the sole of a horse's hoof

ANSWER:frog

b) part of a ship or the sternum of a bird

ANSWER:keel

c) the symbol for rotational velocity or the last letter of the Greek alphabet

ANSWER:omega

7.(25 points) Plagiarism is of course taboo for writers, but there is no shortage of books whose titles are taken from other sources. Given the following books, identify the author whose words provided the title. 5 pts each.

Arms and the Man by George Bernard Shaw

ANSWER: Vergil

Far from the Madding Crowd by Thomas Hardy

ANSWER: Thomas Gray

Fatal Vision by Joe McGinness

ANSWER: William Shakespeare

For Whom the Bell Tolls by Ernest Hemingway

ANSWER: John Donne

Tender is the Night by F. Scott Fitzgerald

ANSWER: John Keats

8. Answer the following questions about the African-American celebration of Kwanzaa.

a) the length of Kwanzaa

ANSWER: seven days

b) the three official colors of Kwanzaa

ANSWER: red,black,green

c) the official Kwanzaa greeting

ANSWER: habari gani(what's happening)

9. (20 points) Name the U.S. states or territories that use the following postal abbreviations.

AL.....Alabama

AS.....American Samoa

CZ.....Panama Canal Zone

CM.....Northern Mariana Islands

10. (25 points) Members of the class Insecta comprise about sixty percent of the animal life on this planet. The class can be further subdivided into twelve different orders. Given the insect, tell what order it belongs to. (5 points each)

beetles.....Coleoptera

houseflies.....Diptera

butterflies.....Lepidoptera

cockroaches.....Orthoptera

wasps.....Hymenoptera

11.(25 points) Name the largest city in population on each of the Great Lakes:
5 pts each.

<u>Lake Erie</u>	<u>ANSWER: Cleveland, OH</u>
<u>Lake Huron</u>	<u>ANSWER: Port Huron, MI</u>
<u>Lake Michigan</u>	<u>ANSWER: Chicago, IL</u>
<u>Lake Ontario</u>	<u>ANSWER: Toronto, Ont.</u>
<u>Lake Superior</u>	<u>ANSWER: Thunder Bay, Ont.</u>

12. (20 points) Five movements from Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite"
appear in the Disney animated classic Fantasia. Name any four for twenty
points.

ANSWERS: Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy ✓
Russian Dance
Chinese Dance
Dance of the Reed Flutes
Arabian Dance

13. (30 points) If you are not too frightened, for five points each identify what
each of the following phobias is the fear of.

- a) xenophobia.....strangers or foreigners
- b) kinesophobia.....motion
- c) carnophobia.....meat
- d) keraunothnetophobia..falling man-made satellites
- e) pedophobia.....children
- f) haemophobia.....blood

14. (30 points) Toni Morrison has recently become the first African-American
woman to win the Nobel Prize for literature. For ten points each, given a
description of one of her works, identify it.

a) She won a Pulitzer Prize for this novel where a child returns from
the dead.

ANSWER: Beloved

b) Her first novel, a young black child longs for blue eyes.

ANSWER: The Bluest Eye

c) This novel won the National Books Critics Circle Award, where a
black man discovers his identity in the achievements of previous generations.

ANSWER: Song of Solomon

15.(25 points) You may know Who's on first, What's on second, and I Don't
Know's on third, but according to Abbot and Costello, five other positions are
manned by players with unusual names. For five points each, identify the
players at these positions: Pitcher, Catcher, Left Field, Center Field, and
Shortstop.

ANSWERS:

Pitcher.....Today

Catcher.....Tomorrow
Left Field.....Why
Center Field.....Because
Shortstop.....I Don't Care

- 14 ~~13~~. (20 points) The Carolina Panthers will be one of the NFL's new expansion teams. The second team has not yet been decided upon. For five points each, you need to name the city and nickname of the other four teams that aspire to that position.

ANSWER: Baltimore Bombers
Jacksonville Jaguars
Memphis Hound Dogs
St. Louis Stallions

- 15 ~~14~~. (25 points) Many works of literature of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries are set on ships. Place the following works in chronological order of publication: Moby Dick, Treasure Island, Robinson Crusoe, Gulliver's Travels, and Kidnapped.

ANSWER: Robinson Crusoe ✓
Gulliver's Travels ✓
Moby Dick ✓
Treasure Island
Kidnapped

- 16 ~~15~~. (25 points) The family that sings together often makes money together. Given the first names of these singers identify the family name they share. 5 pts. each.

Frank and Nancy ANSWER: Sinatra

Phil and Don ANSWER: Everly

Patty, Maxene, and Laverne ANSWER: Andrews

Andy, Barry, and Maurice ANSWER: Gibb

Susan, Barbara, Paul, Bob, John, Bill, and Barry

ANSWER: Cowsill

- 17 ~~16~~. (30 points) Given a sampling of this author's works, for thirty, then twenty, then ten points, name the author.

30: In Memory Yet Green, "The Bicentennial Man"

20: The Gods Themselves, "The Last Question"

10: Foundation, "Nightfall"

ANSWER: Isaac Asimov

- 18 ~~17~~. (20 points) If you know your particles and antiparticles, you would know that the positron is the antiparticle of the electron. However, this question tests your knowledge of popes and anti-popes. For five points each, state whether the given individual was a pope or an anti-pope.

a) John XVI

ANSWER: anti-pope

- b) Albert ANSWER: anti-pope
 c) Innocent II ANSWER: pope
 d) Leo XIII ANSWER: pope

19 21. (30 points) Life in the navy can be dangerous even in peacetime. The experience of the Maine in 1898 is just one example. Given the name of American ships, identify the country which attacked it. 10 pts. each

- USS Panay, 1937 ANSWER: Japan
USS Liberty, 1967 ANSWER: Israel
USS Pueblo, 1968 ANSWER: N. Korea

20 22. (30 points) New words are added to the English language all the time. Given the following word, for five points each, state whether or not it has been recently added to the Oxford English Dictionary.

- a) Irangate ANSWER: No
 b) Microwavable ANSWER: Yes
 c) Yuppification ANSWER: Yes
 d) Foody ANSWER: Yes
 e) Luxon ANSWER: No
 f) Jazzercise ANSWER: Yes

21 23. (30 points) Given the following six categories of religious beliefs, rank them in order from most to least, by the number of adherents each has: Christians, Hindus, Jews, Non-religious or atheists, Muslims, Sikhs. Five points each.

- ANSWER: Christians
Non-religious or atheists
Muslims
Hindus
Sikhs
Jews

22 24. (25 points) Ancient Greek art, from circa 900 BC to the late first century, can be divided into five stages of development. Given the stages of development, place them in chronological order: Hellenistic, Classical, Orientalizing, Archaic, Geometric.

- ANSWER: Geometric
Orientalizing
Archaic
Classical
Hellenistic

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