

## College Bowl Questions

Tossup #1: The classical Greek word for "assembly" is now used as the name for an assembly for community affairs, education and worship within Judaism. What is this word?  
Answer: Synagogue

Tossup #2: He was #40886 while being processed at the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary, but his crime was not murder, robbery, extortion, or violation of the Volstead Act. Name this crime boss who served time in Alcatraz after being convicted of tax evasion.  
Answer: Al Capone

Tossup #3: The Statue of Liberty is the most famous statue in America. But another statue was recently in the news for being repaired for the first time in over 150 years. Name this statue which tops the U.S. Capitol Building.  
Answer: The Statue of Armed Freedom

Tossup #4: In March, 1993, Boris Yeltsin's mother died during a critical juncture of the showdown between Yeltsin and parliamentary leaders seeking to oust him. For ten points, spell Boris Yeltsin's mother's last name.  
Answer: Y-E-L-T-S-I-N-A.

Tossup #5: Formerly believed to be a carcinogen, this nitrogen compound has now been found to aid digestion, help learning and memory, and provide for a super-critical male function. Name Rolling Stone's 1993 Molecule of the Year.  
Answer: Nitric oxide (or nitrogen monoxide)

Tossup #6: At the age of seven he was discovered in a pound in Chicago, where he was bought by the Star-Kist Tuna Company. He did over 40 commercials in ten years before dying of old age. For ten points, name this feline spokesman for Nine Lives Cat Food.  
Answer: Morris the Cat

Tossup #7: His subjects called him der Marchenkönig (der MARCH-en-cone-ig), or "The Fairy-Tale King." His three castles included Linderhof, Herrenchiemsee (HAIR-en-CHIM-see), and Neuschwanstein (NOY-schwan-stine), the castle upon which Walt Disney based most of his creations. Name this King of Bavaria found drowned with his doctor after he was deposed in 1886.  
Answer: Ludwig II (Ludwig the Mad)

Tossup #8: Harrisburg, not Philadelphia, is the capital of Pennsylvania, but Philadelphia was the former name of this Middle Eastern capital whose country shares its name with a certain Chicago Bulls' superstar. For ten points, name this city.  
Answer: Amman

Tossup #9: A physician by training, this Russian became a professional chemist and his work centered on investigating the Aldol Reaction. But he is best known as a composer, specifically for The Polovetsian (Po-low-VETS-ee-an) Dances.

Answer: Aleksandr Borodin

Tossup #10: He wrote the following works: Rosmersholm (RAHZ-mer-sholm), Pillars of Society, An Enemy of the People, The Wild Duck, The Master Builder, Peer Gynt, Ghosts, Hedda Gabler, and A Doll's House.

Answer: Henrik Ibsen

Tossup #11: Composed of 75% Sinhalese Buddhists, 18% Tamil Hindus, and 7% Tamil Muslims, this country has been a hot spot for years, and especially so now after President Premadasa was assassinated this past April. Name this island nation, home of Arthur C. Clarke.

Answer: Sri Lanka

Tossup #12: Its help wanted ad read as follows: Wanted: Young, skinny, wiry fellows not over 18. Must be expert riders, willing to risk death daily. Orphans preferred. Wages \$25 a week. Name this company.

Answer: The Pony Express

Tossup #13: She was born Sophia Augusta Frederica, daughter of poor royalty in a tiny principality in what is now Germany. On the recommendation of Frederick II of Prussia, she was taken to Russia at the age of 15 to become the wife of the heir to the throne, but eventually became czarina in 1762 upon the death of Elizabeth the First. For ten points, name this strong woman who ruled Russia from 1762 to 1796.

Answer: Catherine II (or Catherine the Great)

Tossup #14: He received the 1989 Wallace Stevens Poetry Fellowship at Yale for works such as Black Mesa Poems and Immigrants in Our Own Land. Name this poet who also wrote the screenplay for the recently released movie Bound by Honor.

Answer: Jimmy Santiago Baca

Tossup #15: His diagrams are used to show the relationships between sets, such as illustrating the principles of union and intersection. Name the mathematician famous for these interesting circle diagrams.

Answer: Rudolph Venn

Tossup #16: In 1819 Rene Theophile Laennec, after watching one child tap a board at one end while another listened at the opposite end, ran back to his office to create this, the most popular medical tool of all time. For ten points, what instrument allows doctors to listen to your heartbeat more easily?

Answer: Stethoscope

Tossup #17: Though this man was certainly not a travel writer, his early works include England Your England, Homage to Catalonia, Burmese Days, and Down and Out in London and Paris. Name this author much more famous for Animal Farm and 1984.

Answer: George Orwell

Tossup #18: Born in 1931, educated at University College, London, and now teaching at Oxford, this British physicist, along with

Hawking, studied the gravitational collapse of stars into black holes. His theory of twistors states that complex numbers must be included in the basic building blocks of the universe. He is also known for a set of tiles which can never be constructed in three-dimensional space. Name him.

Answer: Roger Penrose

Tossup #19: Its recipients include Mother Teresa, the Reverend Billy Graham, and Alexander Solzhenitsyn. It is the world's richest prize for the promotion of religion, with a million-dollar annual prize. Name this award.

Answer: The Templeton Prize

Tossup #20: Harriet Beecher Stowe wrote Uncle Tom's Cabin, but what Twentieth Century American authored Uncle Tom's Children?

Answer: Richard Wright

Tossup #21: It began as a rivalry between Philip, count of Valois, and Edward III of England over succession to the throne of France. But the fortunes of war rose and fell as leaders died and children took their thrones. It was fought most importantly in Sluys, Crecy, and Agincourt. Name this war that actually lasted 116 years.

Answer: The Hundred-Years' War

Tossup #22: His career achievements have included destroying Sodom and Gomorrah; dictating the Koran to Mohammed, inspiring Joan of Arc, and, to top them all off, telling Joseph that he shouldn't break up with Mary. For ten points, name this angel.

Answer: Gabriel

Tossup #23: If a person initiates a lawsuit or a criminal trial, his opponent is called a defendant. What is the opponent called if the plaintiff initiates any other kind of legal action?

Answer: Respondent

Tossup #24: With its classic struggle between Pavel Kirsanov and Bazarov, this novel explored the clash between the older generation and the new Nihilists in 1880's Czarist Russia. Name this novel by Ivan Turgenev.

Answer: Fathers and Sons

Tossup #25: This chemist studied under Ostwald, Nernst, and A.A. Noyes, but is best known for his compilations of Gibbs free energies, his definitions of acids and bases, and his valency structures. Name this 20th century American chemist.

Answer: Gilbert Newton Lewis

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Bonus #1: 20 points. After 42 years, Charles Schultz's Peanuts gang recently won their first baseball game. For 5 points apiece, name the position of the following players: Schroeder, Snoopy, Lucy, and Charlie Brown.

Answers: Catcher, shortstop, right field, pitcher (in order)

Bonus #2: 30 points. For ten points apiece, name the following naval battles:

1) Fought near the shores of Greece in 31 B.C., it closed the

period of civil wars that started with the assassination of Julius Caesar.

Answer: Actium

2) Spain and Italy won this 1571 Mediterranean battle that began the decline of the Ottoman Empire.

Answer: Lepanto

3) The greatest naval battle of World War I, it took place between Admirals Jellicoe and Scheer off the coast of Denmark.

Answer: Jutland

Bonus #3: 30 points. Everyone knows the Duke of Wellington defeated Napoleon at Waterloo. But for 15 points apiece, what were the names of the horses they rode?

Answer: Copenhagen (Wellington) and Marengo (Napoleon)

Bonus #4: 20 points. Name these famous figures of American trial history.

1) She was found not guilty of giving her mother and father a combined 81 whacks with an axe.

Answer: Lizzie Borden

2) After being convicted of killing two men in a payroll robbery and sentenced to death, he said, "If it had not been for these things, I might have lived out my life talking at street corners to scornful men. I might have died unmarked, unknown, a failure. Now we are not a failure. This is our career, our triumph... Our words, our lives, our pains--nothing! The taking of our lives, lives of a good shoemaker and a poor fish peddler--all! That last moment belongs to us--that agony is our triumph."

Answer: Bartolomeo Vanzetti

Bonus #4: 30 points. Sergei Rachmaninoff's last masterpiece was his Variations on a Theme by Paganini for piano and orchestra. For ten points apiece:

1) From which set of works was the theme taken?

Answer: Caprices (in A major)

2) Which numbered variation is the most unusual, and played just as often as a stand-alone piece, such as by Bill Murray in the film Groundhog Day?

Answer: 18

3) What musical device is used to give this variation its uniqueness?

Answer: (Melodic) inversion

Bonus #5: 25 points. 5 points apiece, with a bonus for all 4. Name the wars that these famous figures served in: Carl Sandburg, Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr., Damon Runyan, and Kit Carson.

Answers: The Spanish-American War, the Civil War, the Spanish American War, the Civil War.

Bonus #6: 20 points, 5 points apiece, with a bonus for all 4.

There are currently two nations that still practice whaling and one country that recently withdrew from the international moratorium against whaling but has not restarted its whaling.

1) Name the nation that withdrew.

Answer: Iceland

2) Now name the two nations that still actively practice whaling.

Answers: Norway and Japan

Bonus #7: 30 points after the first clue, 20 after the second, 10 after the third.

1) In early 1992, this arch-conservative took to the airwaves in Washington DC with his own talk radio show.

2) He has appeared on Miami Vice and recently had 3 best sellers.

3) Perhaps his most famous book is his autobiography Will.

Answer: G. Gordon Liddy

Bonus #8: 30 points. Name the following original Star Trek episodes, each of which was taken from a passage of Shakespeare.

1) The play really was the thing that Kirk used to try to trap the alleged murderer Kodos, ex-governor of Tarsus IV, in this first-season episode.

Answer: "The Conscience of the King"

2) The Kelvans assumed human form and tried to take the Enterprise back to the Andromeda Galaxy, but like a rose, could not escape the characteristics of their form in this second-season episode.

Answer: "By Any Other Name"

3) Kirk, Spock, and McCoy accidentally went back in the history of the planet Sarpeidon, but, since they were not fools, they did not light their way to dusty death in this third-season episode.

Answer: "All Our Yesterdays"

Bonus #9: 20 points. Give the first names of each of the following sports car makers: Ferrari, Lamborghini, Bugatti, and Porsche.

Answers: Enzo, Ferruccio, Ettore, Ferdinand (in order)

Bonus #10: 25 points. ELISA is a common test used to detect the presence of antibodies to a certain illness in humans and animals. For 5 points each, what does ELISA stand for?

Answer: Enzyme-Linked Immuno Sorbent Assay

Bonus #11: 30 points. Name these famous TV chefs from the following quotes:

1) I bid you peace.

Answer: Jeff Smith (The Frugal Gourmet)



2) Remember, if Yan can cook, you can too

Answer: Martin Yan (first name required)

3) Yee, Bor-dee, De-zhure, buh-dip, dee-ur

Answer: The Swedish Chef

Bonus #12: 30 points. Chemists often have strange abbreviations for common chemicals. We'll give you the abbreviation and a use, and you give us the chemical name.

1) PABA -- used commonly in sunblock

Answer: Para-aminobenzoic acid

2) BHT -- a common food preservative

Answer: Benzyl Hydroxy Toluene

Bonus #13: 20 points. Poland's highest civilian honor was recently awarded to Pope John Paul II. This medal is named after the official symbol of Poland, often featured on the national flag. Name this honorary order.

Answer: Order of the White Eagle

Bonus #14: 25 points. RPN is, of course, the strange way of computing that Hewlett-Packard calculator owners use to confuse normal people

1) For 10 points, what does RPN stand for?

Answer: Reverse Polish Notation

2) For 15 points, what Polish mathematician invented RPN?

Answer: Jan Lukasiewicz (LOO-ka-SEE-wits)

Bonus #15: 20 points. For ten points each, name the two founders of Apple Computer Corporation: one who went on to found NeXT computers and the other who was believed to be in line for a Clinton Administration cabinet post.

Answer: Steve Jobs and John Sculley

Bonus #16: 25 points. For 5 points apiece with a bonus for all 5, name the following TV housekeepers from the family that employed them.

1) The Jeffersons

Answer: Florence

2) The Brady family

Answer: Alice

3) The Owens family

Answer: Mr. Belvidere

4) The Baxters

Answer: Hazel

Bonus #17: 30 points. 5 points apiece, with a 10 point bonus for all 4 parts. The straticharge engine in the Honda CVCC is not only efficient, but produces a low level of air pollutants as well. What do the letters CVCC stand for?

Answer: Compound Vortex Controlled Combustion

Bonus #18: 20 points. 10 points apiece. B-lymphocytes and T-lymphocytes have been newsworthy recently because they are prominent targets of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus. What two parts of the body produce these lymphocytes?

Answer: Bone marrow and Thymus gland

Bonus #19: 25 points. 5 points apiece. Name the only 5 novels that F. Scott Fitzgerald ever produced, including his last unfinished novel.

Answers: The Great Gatsby, Tender is the Night, The Beautiful and Damned, The Last Tycoon, and This Side of Paradise

Bonus #20: 25 points. 5 points apiece. The Rock Bottom Remainders are a group of famous authors who play benefits for First Amendment and literacy causes. Name them from these clues.

- 1) Author of The Joy Luck Club Answer: Amy Tan
- 2) Author of It was on Fire When I Lay Down On It Answer: Robert Fulgham
- 3) 1988 Pulitzer Prize winner for distinguished commentary in the Miami Herald Answer: Dave Barry
- 4) Creator of Life is Hell Answer: Matt Groening
- 5) Author of the short story "The Library Police" Answer: Steven King

Bonus #21: 20 points. 5 points apiece, with a bonus for all 3. Clint Eastwood has had a long and exciting movie career, but he has only had two Oscar nominations. Name the film for which these nominations came, and the two categories for which he was nominated.

Answers: Unforgiven, Best Actor, Best Director

Bonus #22: 25 points. 5 points apiece. Answer the following questions about the 1893 World's Fair.

- 1) Where was it held? Answer: Chicago
- 2) What was it commemorating? Answer: Columbus' expedition to the New World
- 3) Who was the architect, also famous for his plan to rebuild Chicago after the Great Fire of 1871? Answer: Daniel Burnham
- 4) Who was the mayor of Chicago during the fair, later assassinated by the proverbial disgruntled employee? Answer: Carter Harrison
- 5) Name the now common amusement ride which made its debut there? Answer: Ferris Wheel

Bonus #23: 25 points. 5 points apiece. American warplanes from WW II, formerly weapons of necessity, are now prized by collectors worldwide. Give their nicknames from their official designation and maker.

- 1) North American P-51 Answer: Mustang
- 2) Curtis P-40 Answer: Warhawk
- 3) Boeing B-29 Answer: Superfortress
- 4) Republic P-38 Answer: Lightning
- 5) Boeing B-17 Answer: Flying Fortress

Bonus #24: 30 points. 10 points apiece. Name the authors of the following marches.

- 1) The Washington Post Answer: John Phillip Sousa
- 2) Colonel Bogey Answer: Alford
- 3) Rule Britannia Answer: Thomas Arne

Bonus #25: 30 points. 10 points apiece. Answer the following



questions, all of which involve imbibing.

1) What national anthem was set to the British drinking song "To Anacreon in Heaven"? Answer: Star-Spangled Banner

2) Which poem by which author beginning "Drink to me only with thine eyes" later became a famous song?

Answer: To Celia, Ben Jonson