

## Tossups for Avron, Bill, John and Josh....

1. Born in 1870, he is famous chiefly for his prose works, which have a closer kinship with the prose of the 19th-century masters than with the modernistic experiments of his own time. His novels *Dry Valley and The Village*, written in the restrained "classical" style of Turgenev, Goncharov or Chekhov, depict the stagnation of life in provincial Russia. His best-known work is the short story "The Gentleman from San Francisco." Name this man, the winner of the 1933 Nobel Prize in Literature.

Answer: Ivan Bunin

2. During his reign the English army defeated the invading Scots under David I in the 1138 Battle of the Standard. The Archbishop of Canterbury Theobald refused to confirm his son Eustace as heir to the throne and when Eustace died he accepted Henry of Anjou as his heir. For ten points identify the son of Adela, daughter of William the Conqueror, and only member of the House of Blois.

Answer: Stephen of Blois

3. His son of the same name appears in THX-1138 as one of the tall, imposing chrome police. He himself was also an actor with an imposing physique which he developed as a swimmer in the 1924 and 1928 Olympic Games. For ten points identify the star of the 30's and 40's best known for playing Tarzan opposite such Janes as Maureen O'Sullivan and Brenda Joyce.

Answer: Johnny Weismuller

4. When the murals of Diego Rivera were removed from the walls of the Rockefeller Center in New York City, this poet was commissioned to create six "panels" celebrating the American land to replace them. For ten points identify this poet of "Frescoes for Mr. Rockefeller's City" as well as the works *The Conquistador* and *The Fall of the City*.

Answer: Archibald MacLeish

5. In 1906 at the age of 62 he committed suicide, brought on by recurrent episodes of severe mental depression accentuated, perhaps, by the opposition to his atomistic notions by Ostwald and others. Starting in 1871 he increased the rigor of the mathematical treatment and emphasized the statistical interpretation of the second law of thermodynamics. For ten points identify this Austrian physicist who explained the experimental work of Josef Stefan's work on the quantity of radiation of a body as a function of its temperature.

Answer: Ludwig Boltzmann

6. It lies near the site of the ancient Greek colony of Chersonesus, which was destroyed in 1399 by a Tatar invasion. It was founded as a city by Catherine II on the site of the Tatar village of Akhitar after the Russian annexation of the Crimea in 1783. However it is perhaps better known for the actions of General E. I. Totleben in the defense of the city during the Crimean War. For ten points identify this port city which is memorialized in the works of Tolstoy and Babel.

Answer: Sevastopol

7. Born in 1860, he was a conductor for the New York Philharmonic and the Metropolitan Opera. Conducting most the year, he spent his summers composing. He composed nine complete symphonies, leaving one more unfinished at his death in 1911. For ten points identify this composer known also for setting of the poems of Ruckert to music, including the *Songs of the Death of Children* and *Songs of a Wayfarer*.

Answer: Gustav Mahler

14 8. It begins with Cora and Alice Munro traveling to join their father, the English commander of Fort William Henry, which is under siege by the French and Indians. The women are accompanied by the treacherous Magua, who plans to sell them to the French. However his many attempts are repeatedly foiled by the efforts of the scout Hawkeye and his companions, chief Chingachgook and his son Uncas. For ten points identify this American classic by James Fenimore Cooper.

Answer: The Last of the Mohicans

15 9. Born in Poland in 1884, he became a naturalized American citizen in 1920, only to return three years later to accept the post of director of the State Institute of Hygiene in Warsaw. In 1912 he advanced the theory that diseases such as scurvy, pellagra, and rickets were caused by the lack of substances that were necessary in the diet in small quantities. Erroneously thinking that all these substances contained an NH<sub>2</sub> molecule, he proposed the name of vitamins for these substances. For ten points identify this biochemist.

Answer: Casimir Funk

16 10. Just as Virgil guided Dante through the Inferno, so this character leads Faust and Mephistopheles to the celebration of Walpurgisnacht. He was created in a vial by Wagner in an attempt to raise man above dependence upon sex for reproduction. FTP, name this creature, whose name is Latin for "little man."

Answer: Homunculus

17 11. The longest ruling communist leader of the 20th century, he was educated in France and became a communist in the early 1930s. During WWII he was active in the resistance movement against the Italians, and in the 1950s he resigned as premier and foreign minister to be party head. After the death of Stalin he allied himself with Mao; later, drifted away from China and turned Albania into a more isolated nation than ever. FTP, name him.

Answer: Enver Hoxha

18 12. In 1910 he was held by the French police for questioning concerning the theft of the Mona Lisa from the Louvre. In fact all he had were several stolen Iberian statuettes from the Louvre which he had bought from the major suspect in the crime. His play *Desire Caught by the Tail* was performed in 1944 with a cast that included Sartre and Simone de Beauvoir, as well as Camus as the director. However he is better known for his paintings. For ten points identify this artist who called Bracque Wilbur, in reference to the fact that their art was as revolutionary as the Wright brothers flying.

Answer: Pablo Picasso

19 13. Referred to in the lines "Can this cockpit hold/ The vasty fields of France?/ Or may we cram/ Within this wooden O the very casques/ That did affright the air at Agincourt?", it was built in 1598, burned down in 1613, was rebuilt in 1614, and was destroyed by the entertainment-opposed Puritans in 1644. FTP, name this famous London theatre, which premiered many of Shakespeare's plays.

Answer: Globe Theatre

20 14. He defined marriage as a contract for the mutual ownership of genitals, and the only picture in his austere decorated house was a portrait of Rousseau. In his most famous work, he poses the question of how a priori synthetic judgements are possible. Born in 1724, his works include *A Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics and Religion Within the Bounds of Reason Alone*. FTP, name this developer of the categorical imperative, the author of *Critique of Pure Reason*.

Answer: Immanuel Kant

15. It is simply the recoil-free emission and absorption of nuclear gamma rays. This process allows for accurate detection of the extremely small Doppler shifts in the gamma rays due to relative motion of the source and observer. It also provided one of the fundamental tests of the theory of general relativity, as light is Doppler shifted by moving in a "gravitational well". For ten points identify this effect named for its discover, the co-winner of the 1963 Nobel Prize.

Answer: Robert Mossbauer

16. His brother Charles had his knack for short titles with such novels as Brass, Pig Iron and Seed. Like his brother he also dealt with the social and economic problems of the time, especially big business. For ten points identify this American author of such works as The Pit, The Octopus and McTeague.

Answer: Frank Norris

17. The daughter of John I of Portugal, her dowry included Bombay and Tangier. A Roman Catholic, she was never popular. Titus Oates accused her of plotting to poison the king, but her husband protected her. FTP, name this woman, born in 1638, the queen consort of Charles II.

Answer: Catherine of Braganza

18. At a recent auction, many of the personal possessions of Joan Crawford were sold off, including her Oscar for "Mildred Pierce." This is not the first Oscar to be sold at auction, however. Last year, the winner of the Best Supporting Actor Oscar for "The Best Years of Our Lives," a handless veteran, sold his Oscar to pay for his wife's eye operation. FTP, name this man, who appeared in no other films.

Answer: Harold Russell

## Bonuses for Avron, Bill, John and Josh....

### 1. Identify this man 30-20-10

30 ) Marcel Proust was best man at his wedding.

20 ) In works such as the 1903 *An Introduction to Metaphysics*, he distinguished intellectual knowledge from intuition, claiming that while the former is merely relative, the latter is absolute.

10 ) His most famous work is the 1907 *Creative Evolution*.

Answer: Henri Bergson

### 2. Answer the following questions about my favorite physics theory - Quantum Chromodynamics or QCD - for ten points apiece.

1. What term is used to describe the fact that no free quarks are seen in nature?

Answer: confinement

2. What is the two word term used to describe the fact that at very short distance scales the quarks are non-interacting?

Answer: asymptotic freedom

3. What is the difference between QCD and QED that makes QCD an asymptotically free theory?

Answer: It is a NON-ABELIAN gauge theory ( QED is an abelian gauge theory ).

### 3. Given an artistic movement of the early twentieth century identify the writer who served as the intellectual leader of it - on a 5-10-15 basis.

1. Dada

Answer: Tristan Tzara

2. Surrealism

Answer: Andre Breton

3. Futurism

Answer: Filippo Tommaso Marinetti

### 4. The success of Jurassic Park, and the appalling popularity of Barney the Purple Pudwacking Dinosaur, leads us to this question about past treatments of dinosaurs. Answer the following for 10 points each.

In the old television show "Land of the Lost," along with dinosaurs the family encountered these evil creatures. FTP, what were they called?

Answer: Sleestaks

This spoof featured Ringo Starr, Shelley Long, and Dennis Quaid as Lar. What was this comedy classic?

Answer: Caveman

Produced in 1966, and featuring Raquel Welch as a shapely cavegirl, this film is one of the notorious Bad Movies. FTP, name it.

Answer: 1,000,000 Years B.C.

### 5. Identify this man 30-20-10

30 ) This man created his own mythology, which featured such creatures as Los, Luvah, and Urizen.

20 ) His works include *The Emanation of the Giant Albion* and *Milton*

10 ) Born in 1757, and both an engraver and painter, he illustrated Dante's *Divine Comedy* and the *Book of Job*.

Answer: William Blake

### 6. (30) Identify the last monarch of each of the following English dynasties, for 5 points each.

1. Anglo Saxon

Ans. Harold II Godwinson

2. Norman

Ans. William II

3. Plantagenet

Ans. Richard II

4. Lancaster

Ans. Henry VI

5. York

Ans. Richard III

6. Hanover

Ans. Victoria

7. Identify the composer 30-20-10.

1. His first major composition was The Destruction of Senecherib. In 1868 he began working on an opera based on Gogol's The Marriage but only finished one act.
2. His second biggest opera is Kovantschina. His vocal music includes "Song of the Flea," "Gathering Mushrooms," and The Love Song of an Idiot.
3. He is best know for Night on Bald Mountain, Pictures at an Exhibition, and the opera Boris Gudonov.

Answer: Modest Mussorgsky

8. Identify these George Meredith works, for 10 points each.

1. It tells of Sir Willoughby Patterne of Patterne Hall, and his eventual humiliation.

Answer: The Egoist

2. Subtitled "A History of Father and Son," it tells of an aristocrat's attempt to apply his system of education to his son; the result is the death of his son's wife by brain fever, and the mental collapse of his son.

Answer: The Ordeal of Richard Feverel

3. An Irish novelist loses her prospects of marrying Percy Dacier through bad luck.

Answer: Diana of the Crossways

9. Identify the following pseudo-scientific doctors of the 18th and 19th for ten points apiece.

1. Identify the Austrian physician who used animal magnetism to heal patients, but who was eventually driven from Paris on the word of Franklin, Lavoisier, and Guillotin.

Answer: Franz Mesmer

2. Name the German physician who began the study of phrenology, but who was stopped by both Emperor Francis I and Napoleon.

Answer: Franz Gall

3. Identify the Scottish physician who took up both magnetism and phrenology, and also developed the art of hypnotism to treat his patients.

Answer: James Braid

10. The Arthurian legends are rife with stories of romance, and of romantic intrigue. With this in mind, try to identify these cuckolded Kings of Cornwall, 10 for one, 25 for both.

1. The first husband of Ygraine, Uther takes on his semblance while he is at war and begets Arthur upon her; he is slain in battle.

Answer: Gorlois

2. The husband of Isolde and uncle of Tristram, he tries to treacherously destroy Tristram to prevent his and Isolde's love.

Answer: Mark

11. Identify the following cool albums from Bill's collection, for 5 points each.

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| 1. Nurse                     | Ans. Therapy?               |
| 2. Riddles in the Sand       | Ans. Jimmy Buffett          |
| 3. A Vulgar Display of Power | Ans. Pantera                |
| 4. 99%                       | Ans. Meat Beat Manifesto    |
| 5. White Heat/White Light    | Ans. The Velvet Underground |
| 6. Incesticide               | Ans. Nirvana                |

12. Identify the following art terms for ten points apiece.

1. In sculpture when the torso faces a slightly different direction than the lower body.

Answer: contrapposto

2. The technique of applying thick layers of paint to the canvas so that they stand out from the surface.

Answer: impasto

3. From the Italian for smoke, it describes a method of blending areas of color or tone to create a soft, hazy effect.

Answer: sfumato

13. (30) Identify the authors of the following works of fantasy and science fiction, for 5 points each.

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| 1. The Left Hand of Darkness | Ans. Ursula Le Guin    |
| 2. The Mote in God's Eye     | Ans. Larry Niven       |
| 3. The Riddle Master of Hed  | Ans. Patricia McKillip |
| 4. A Darkness of Sethanon    | Ans. Raymond Feist     |
| 5. Neuromancer               | Ans. William Gibson    |
| 6. Hyperion                  | Ans. Dan Simmons       |

14. Identify this man 30-20-10

30 ) This American political philosopher was a student of Leo Strauss, and has produced an acclaimed translation of Plato's Republic.

20 ) His 1990 collection of essays is entitled Giants and Dwarfs.

10 ) His best known work, published in 1987, is a scathing critique of the American system of higher education.

Answer: Allan Bloom

15. Identify the following scientists who were instrumental in the understanding of how the nervous system works for ten points apiece.

1. Identify the 18th century Italian anatomist who showed that frog legs twitched when a potential difference is applied along them.

Answer: Luigi Galvani

2. For ten points each identify the two scientists who shared the 1936 Nobel Prize in Medicine and Physiology, who independently discovered acetylcholine and its importance in the stimulation of nerve activity.

Answer: Otto Loewi and Henry Dale

16. Answer the following questions concerning American playwrights. First for five points apiece identify the author of the following four plays.

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| 1. The Great God Brown        | Answer: Eugene O'Neill  |
| 2. They Knew what they Wanted | Answer: Sidney Howard   |
| 3. The Philadelphia Story     | Answer: Philip Barry    |
| 4. Airways, Inc.              | Answer: John Dos Passos |

Now for ten more points identify the workshop taught by George Baker that each one of the these playwrights attended while at Harvard.

Answer: 47 Workshop

17. Identify the following early American dramas for fifteen points apiece.

1. The first play performed in English in America. Performed in 1665, the performs were brought to trial for licentious behavior but eventually acquitted.

Answer: Beare and Ye Club

2. The first play by an American to be performed professionally, it was written by Thomas Godfrey in 1759.

Answer: The Prince of Parthia