

"Carlovingians" 1993 Masters

Toss-Ups

- 1) His motto is 'Anything goes.' This German-born philosopher of science is best known for his book Against Method, in which he argues that the scientific method is a myth. Who, for ten points, is this defender of theoretical anarchism, whose name is the German for 'Festival Evening'?

Ans: Paul Feyerabend

- 2) Garry Kasparov has been stripped of his chess world championship by the international chess federation (FIDE). This is not the first time FIDE has taken away the title from a player who refused to abide by their rules. For ten points, who was the world champion whose title was forfeited in 1975?

Ans: Bobby Fischer

- 3) When Captain Albert Goldsmid first read this novel as a young man, he was so moved that he converted to Judaism. The Chief Rabbi of London described Theodor Herzl's vision of Zionism as the idea of the novel's title character. What, for ten points, is the title of this novel, because of which there are streets named for George Eliot in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv?

Ans: Daniel Deronda

- 4) On a recent Jeopardy! programme, one of the contestants answered 'Riemann' (REEMAHN) when 'Leibniz' (LIBENITS) was correct. Even though Riemann did not help to discover the calculus, he does have a famous conjecture named after him. Is Riemann's conjecture, for ten points, in the area of logic, probability, real analysis, or complex analysis?

Ans: Complex analysis

- 4 0) Chopin's études are more interesting than the average exercises for the piano. One, the so-called 'Revolutionary' étude, is as full of passion as any piece he wrote. Supposedly it was occasioned by the failure of a rebellion and the fall of a city to the Russians. For ten points, which city has had its fall commemorated in this brilliant musical fashion?

Ans: Warsaw

- 5 0) It describes itself as the 'biggest little city in the world'. Despite not having quite the splash of Las Vegas, it is the site of the State Fair. What, for ten points, is the name of this city near Lake Tahoe which shares its name with a member of the Clinton cabinet?

Ans: Reno

- 6 0) Hot Shots: Part Deux is not a hot favourite for an Oscar. In a scene that will endear the film to tennis fans, the hero, delighted to find that the heroine is not dead, starts, "I thought you were... She replies with the name of the leading Latin American tennis player. Who, for ten points, is this player who shares her last name with a novelist of this century?

Ans: Gabriela Sabatini

8) Josef Skvorecky wrote a series of mystery stories that have been translated into English. Each one offends against a particular one of a list of rules that had been laid down earlier in this century by an English Roman Catholic priest. Who, for ten points, was the priest against whom Skvorecky's stories were sins and who also translated the Bible into English?

Ans: Ronald Knox

7 9) Wat Tyler's insurrection was the result of a poll-tax and fizzled out after the death of Tyler at the hands of the Mayor of London. At its height, however, the fifteen-year-old monarch rode out to Smithfield to meet with the rebel leaders. Who, for ten points, was this subject of a Shakespeare play, by some reckonings the last of the Plantagenets?

Ans: Richard II

8 10) Although he died in Vienna, he had spent a good deal of the previous decades in Dublin. He was not a Catholic, but he was a member in good standing of the Papal Academy. He was born the same year as Rupert Brooke and received the 1933 Nobel Prize for Physics with Dirac. Who, for ten points, developed the fundamental second-order partial differential equation of quantum mechanics that bears his name?

Ans: Erwin Schrödinger

9 12) The name's the same: the first name of the inventor of an early mechanical reaper (patented 1834), the king who allowed the Jews ^{one of} to return from the Babylonian captivity, the first name of ^{one of} Carter's secretary of state, and a recent country-western singer about sore and fragile internal organs. What's the common name, for ten points?

Ans: Cyrus

10 12) Colin Powell was the last person to receive an honorary degree at Harvard's commencement this year. He received the loudest applause, but the longest citation and response were reserved for the next-to-last recipient, honored for her lifelong commitment to bringing one aspect of French culture to the United States. Who, for ten points, is this author and host on television, the response to whose citation ended, 'Bon appétit'?

Ans: Julia Child

13) The game of Life was invented by the British mathematician J.H. Conway. Its patterns can sometimes resemble those arising in the game of Go. The key question in both games is whether a certain formation can stay alive. For ten points, how many eyes does a group need in Go to guarantee life?

Ans: Two

11 12) The phrase 'Cabbages and Kings' was coined by Lewis Carroll. It was used as the title of the first book by an American author who began writing stories while in prison for embezzlement. Who, for ten points, wrote 'The Gift of the Magi' for the first time?

Ans: O. Henry (or W.S. Porter)

12) 1848 was the year of many failed revolutions as well as the death of a composer born in 1797. He was taught by Johann Mayr and his first opera was produced in 1818 in Venice. His international fame began with Anna Bolena. For ten points, who was the musical creator of Lucia di Lammermoor?

Ans: Gaetano Donizetti

13) Among those for whom he wrote poetical obituaries before their deaths were Edmund Burke, David Garrick, and Joshua Reynolds. Himself a physician, he worked in poetry, prose, and drama, including the song, 'When lovely woman stoops to folly'. Who, for ten points, was this creator of Auburn, the deserted village?

Ans: Oliver Goldsmith

14) The word's the same: in psychology it is a state of changing consciousness often combined with a sudden impulse to wander away. In music it is the type in which the voices come in one by one while the audience goes out one by one. What, for ten points, is the word for the form of which Bach is the master (and which audiences have been known to leave in droves)?

Ans: Fugue

15) 'When in Rome' is the abbreviation for a familiar proverb. The Greek version, however, antedated Rome. You don't have to know where all the roads led in the Greek world, but you can have ten points for knowing the Greek equivalent of Rome in the proverb, also the home of Epimenides, who is remembered for saying that all of his fellow citizens were liars.

Ans: Crete

~~19) They dedicated their book about Dickens to each other as proof of more than forty years of daily collaboration in university teaching and discussion of literature. They claimed to foster respect for creative writing and minds, as well as for the English tradition. What for ten points is the last name of this couple behind the journal Scrutiny?~~

~~Ans: F.R. and O.D. Leavis~~

16) 'What is your aim in philosophy?--To shew the fly the way out of the fly-bottle.' This is only one of the epigrammatic remarks produced by an Austrian émigré whose first work, the Tractatus, he subsequently largely repudiated. Who, for ten points, was the author of Philosophical Investigations?

Ans: Ludwig Wittgenstein

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21) It is the smallest integer that requires nine cubes to express it as the sum of cubes. It is the number of Popes in the official numeration who have borne the name 'John'. It is the number of the Psalm in the Hebrew tradition (but not the Catholic) that starts, 'The Lord is my Shepherd.' For ten points, what is the square root of 529?

Ans: 23

- 17 22) His father was born in Dvinsk in 1888 and jailed as a Menshevik. His mother was a chemistry graduate of St. Petersburg. He was president of the Oxford University Film Society. Influenced by Kott and Artaud, he directed Marat/Sade in the 1960's. Over twenty years later, he was responsible for the most extensive production of an Indian epic done in the West. Who, for ten points, is this director of the Mahabharata?

Ans: Peter Brook

- 18 23) Mr. Lafayette Kettle bore an unprepossessing name that fit his exterior. He intruded himself on Mark Tapley and the title character of a Dickens novel as they were travelling by train towards Eden. In which novel, for ten points, did Mr. Kettle prove to be secretary of the Watertoast Sympathisers?

Ans: Martin Chuzzlewit

- 19 24) His creed could be put in the following sentence: everything significantly and specifically human is social. He is the best-known living sociologist of science and has tackled subjects from the Matthew effect to the history of the aphorism about standing on the shoulders of giants. Who, for ten points, was this mainstay of the Columbia Sociology Department and the author of a thesis about the origins of seventeenth-century science?

Ans: Robert K. Merton

- 20 25) In Chicago the two are called 'Brookfield' and 'Lincoln Park'. The one in San Francisco was named after the Fleishhacker family. Washington's is called the National, not surprisingly, and London's is called Regent's Park. For ten points, what sort of accommodation is found in all these cities?

Ans: zoological gardens

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Bonus

- 25 1) Bellini is a name distinguished in the annals of both music and art. One Bellini was the greatest Venetian painter of the early Renaissance and had Titian and Giorgione as pupils. Another was an opera composer of the Bel Canto school. For ten points for one or twenty-five points for both, give the first names of these accomplished Italians.

Ans: Giovanni , Vincenzo

- 30 2) Let's see how up-to-date you are. Each of the following individuals has a name starting 'New'. Identify the full name for ten points apiece. a) He invented the first practical steam engine. b) This publisher and bookseller made a specialty of books for children. c) He was born in Oak Park in 1929 and turned from accounting to comedy.

a) Thomas Newcomen b) John Newbery c) Bob Newhart

- 30 3) Here's another elementary chronological bonus. Put the following chemical elements in chronological order of discovery from earliest to latest: Bismuth, Cesium, Chlorine, Hafnium, and Platinum. You can have five points apiece plus a bonus for five for all of them.

Ans: Bismuth, Platinum, Chlorine, Cesium, Hafnium

- 30 4) Belladonna is a deadly poison. It is also the name of one of the great bridge players of history. a) First, for ten points, what was the team of which Belladonna was a part? b) Second, for another ten points, what was the name of the bidding system introduced by the Blue Team? c) Third, for a final ten points, what is the name of a rival bidding system to the Blue Club, introduced by C.C. Wei?

Ans: a) Blue Team (or Squadra Azzura) b) Blue Club c) Precision

- 30 5) You can't forget 'American Pie', no matter how hard you try. You can have thirty points (ten points apiece) by answering the following questions connected with the song. a) In which month did Buddy Holly's plane crash? b) From which actor in which film did the Jester borrow a coat? c) Who had a motorcycle accident in July, 1966, that kept him laid up for nine months?

Ans: a) February b) James Dean in Rebel Without a Cause c) Bob Dylan

- 25 6) Sherlock Holmes worked with a number of Scotland Yard detectives. Two of them make their first appearance in A Study in Scarlet. For ten points for one or twenty-five for both, identify these best of a bad lot, one little, sallow, rat-faced and dark-eyed, the other tall, white-faced, and flaxen-haired.

Ans: Lestrade and Gregson

- 30 7) 'Gordon' is a distinguished Scottish name, even if uninvolved in the Venetian Renaissance. For ten points apiece, give the first names of the following Gordons: a) the Protestant whose opposition to the Catholic Relief Act led to the Gordon Riots in London in 1780; b) 'Chinese Gordon' who fell at Khartoum; c) Lord Byron.

Ans: a) George b) Charles c) George

- 30 8) Identify this city for 30 points from the first clue, 20 from the second, and ten if you need all three: a) It is built on the right bank of the Rhine and has a town hall dating from 1567. b) It is located at 51° 13' N., 6° 40' E. c) In West Germany before reunification, it is roughly the same size as Dortmund and Dresden and starts with the same letter.

Ans: Dusseldorf

- 25 9) It is common to identify the class of computable functions with the class of functions computable by a certain kind of machine. This identification is done on the ground of a famous thesis named after two mathematicians. For ten points for one or twenty-five for both, give the names of the two mathematicians, one at Princeton for many years, the other the creator of the kind of machine in question.

Ans: Alonzo Church, Alan M. Turing

- 20 10) Perhaps the most distinguished German scholar to fall into the Nazi camp was a philosopher at Freiburg. a) First, for ten points, who was this influential student of Husserl? b) Second, who wrote the recent volume on Heidegger and Nazism that makes the most extensive case against him?

Ans: a) Martin Heidegger b) Victor Farias

- 30 11) For ten points apiece, identify the authors of each of the following pieces of reflective verse: a) 'Upon the brimming water among the stones/ Are nine-and-fifty swans.' b) 'The flesh is brukle, the Fend is sle;/ Timor mortis conturbat me.' c) 'Turn the key deftly in the oiled wards,/ And seal the hushed casket of my soul.'

Ans: a) W.B. Yeats b) William Dunbar c) John Keats

- 35 12) The first six Winter Olympic Games were held in 1924, 1928, 1932, 1936, 1948, and 1952. For five points apiece and an additional five for getting all of them, identify the country in which each of those Games were held.

Ans: France, Switzerland, the US, Germany, Switzerland, Norway

- 20 13) It is not clear which battles were the bloodiest in history before the improvements in efficiency of modern technology. For ten points apiece, identify these slaughterhouses: a) Reputedly 250,000 were killed here in 479 BC among Greeks and Persians. b) 200,000 allegedly died here in a single day between the Huns and Romans in 451 AD.

Ans: a) Plataea b) Châlons

- 20 14) 1969 was a fatal year for architects. For ten points apiece, identify the two eminent casualties of that year, one best known for the International Style, the other for the Bauhaus.

Ans: Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, Walter Gropius

- 30 15) Identify this number for 30 points for the first clue, 20 from the second, and 10 if you need all three. a) It is the number of legs of Odin's horse Sleipnir. b) It is repeated three times in the numerical equivalent of the name of Jesus in Greek letters. c) It is the number of days in both the German and French expressions for a week.

Ans: 8

- 30 16) Spouses have played a prominent role in the lives of composers, not always for the best. For five points apiece, identify the composer from the spouse with a bonus of ten points if you get all four: a) Maria Anna Keller b) Clara Wieck c) Anna Magdalena Wilcken d) Constanze Weber.

Ans: a) Haydn b) Robert Schumann c) J.S. Bach d) Wolfgang Mozart

- 30 17) Identify this author from his works for 30 points from the first clue, 20 if you need the second, and 10 if you need all three.
a) 'The Ballad of Bouillabaisse', 'Little Billee'
b) The Four Georges, 'A Pictorial Rhapsody'
c) Pendennis, Henry Esmond

Ans: William Makepeace Thackeray

- 30 18) It's thirty years since Doctor Who first hit the airwaves and for now it seems dead as a doornail. For ten points apiece, give the names of the actors who played the Doctor and his companion Ace in the last episode broadcast. For an additional ten points, identify the last story novelized (as #150 in the series) as opposed to novels not based on programs.

Ans: Sylvester McCoy, Sophie Aldred; Survival

- 25 19) No matter how superb your performance to date, you can earn five five points apiece for identifying the following words starting 'sup', with a bonus of five for all of them: a) Latin verb form, either in -um or -u b) What was done to the guinea-pigs at Alice's trial c) The condition of Father William's joints in the poem d) A technique of combining wave-functions in quantum mechanics.

Ans: a) supine b) suppress (any form allowable) c) supple (noun also allowable) d) superposition

- 30 20) Identify this scholar for 30 points from the first clue, 20 from the second, and 10 from the third. a) His real name was Georg Bauer. b) He wrote the first systematic treatise on mineralogy and died in 1555. c) His pseudonym is the Latin for 'farmer'.

Ans: Georgius Agricola

- 25 21) American institutions of higher education may not be as old as Salamanca, but they range over a couple of centuries in their dates of foundation. Put the following colleges in chronological order of their foundation from earliest to latest for five points apiece, with a bonus of five points for getting all of them: Amherst, Brown, Carleton, Williams

Ans: Brown, Williams, Amherst, Carleton

- 20 22) Before the first world war, Poland was divided into three parts, owing allegiance to Russia, the Austro-Hungarian Empire, and Germany. For five points apiece and a bonus for getting all three, identify to which of those powers each of the following Polish cities belonged: a) Kraków b) Poznan c) Toruń

Ans: a) Austria-Hungary b) Germany c) Germany

- 20 23) Identify, for five points apiece, the authors of the following versions of the legend of Don Juan: a) Man and Superman b) Don Giovanni (not the composer) c) the incomplete satiric epic poem in English that appeared from 1819 to 1824 d) El Burlador de Sevilla.

Ans: a) George Bernard Shaw b) Lorenzo da Ponte c) Lord Byron
d) Tirso de Molina (or Gabriel Tellez)

- 20 24) Two Italian writers of this half-century died within the last decade without having won the Nobel Prize. For ten points apiece, identify each from a list of works:
a) Survival in Auschwitz, The Drowned and the Saved, The Mirror Make
b) Invisible Cities, The Castle of Crossed Destinies, The Nonexistent Knight

Ans: a) Primo Levi b) Italo Calvino

- 25 25) The High Holy Days of the Jewish year come during the month of Tishri. For five points apiece, put the following months of the Jewish calendar in chronological order from earliest to latest as they come in the year (taking Tishri as the starting-point): Av, Elul, Nisan, Sivan

Ans: Nisan, Sivan, Av, Elul