

Questions by **Flying Circus**
One of Three Vanderbilt Entries into The Masters

Toss-Ups

1. The last name's the same: Simon shared the 1984 Nobel Prize in Physics with Carlo Rubbia for helping to discover the W and Z particles. Johnny holds the major league baseball record for consecutive no-hitters pitched with two. FTP, give me their shared name.

A: van der Meer

2. He is the only man to have been successfully appointed to the Supreme Court by two different presidents. Taft nominated him in 1910, but he stepped down to run for president in 1916. He was later appointed chief justice by Herbert Hoover, a post he held from 1930 until 1941. FTP, name this man.

A: Charles Evans Hughes

3. Walter Scott's "Ivanhoe", the Koran, headache tablets, a primer on the U.S. Constitution, Colgate toothpaste, cans of mace, and a pair of pink earplugs littered the floor of his master bedroom after he fled. His military back broken, he hid in a hospital in another part of Mogadishu. FTP, name this Somalian gang warlord who was recently attacked by U.N. and U.S. forces.

A: Mohamed Farah Aidid

4. His campaign to reintroduce himself to a wary white mainstream began in April when he played the Violin Concerto of Jewish-born composer Felix Mendelssohn in a surprise North Carolina concert. This musical peace offering will be followed later this year by his book "A Torchlight for America," recasting the spiritual teachings of his late mentor Elijah Muhammad as remedies for drug addiction and crime in black and white communities. FTP, name this current spiritual leader of the Nation of Islam and famous friend of Jesse Jackson.

A: Louis Farrakhan

5. The penultimate period of the Paleozoic, it lasted from 315 to 250 million years ago. FTP, name this geologic period which shares most of its name with a state home to 2 major league baseball teams.

A: Pennsylvanian

6. He was a French consul in New York from 1783-1790. He was also a writer and was known here as J. Hector St. John. he is most famous for an important documentary source on that period of our history. FTP, identify this author of *Letters from an American Farmer*.

A: Michel-Guillaume Jean de Crevecoeur

7. This alkaloid with a melting point of 238 degrees Celsius has the formula C-8-H-10-N-4-O-2. Its less common name is trimethylxanthine and chances are most of you have consumed some today. If you're alert enough, buzz in and identify this mildly addictive constituent of cola, tea, and coffee.

A: Caffeine

8. The name's the same. The famous American entrepreneur who was once quoted as saying "Let the public be damned!" and the university that won the regular season SEC basketball championship in 1993. FTP, give the common name.

A: Vanderbilt

9. Born on November 22, 1819 in Warwickshire, England; she went on to write many famous novels. Some of these include *Felix Holt*, *Romola*, *The Mill on the Floss*, *Adam Bede*, and *Middlemarch*. Born as Mary Ann Evans, FTP, give me the better known pseudonym of the author of *Silas Marner*.

A: George Eliot

10. They're rude, they're crude. They have lots of hair. They love heavy metal and they always make a point of telling their audience when they get an erection. They have their own TV show, but they're not Wayne and Garth. FTP, who is this pair of new, animated, MTV stars?

A: Beavis and Butt-Head

11. The last name's the same. The actress who co-starred with Pierce Brosnan in the TV version of "Around the World in Eighty Days"; the Atlanta Braves outfielder who married Sugar Ray Leonard's ex-wife Juanita; and the "tricky" 37th President of the United States. FTP, give me the common name.

A: Nixon

12. Time for some musical mathematics. take the number of symphonies completed by Beethoven, multiply it by Mozart's age at his death, and subtract the number of Hungarian rhapsodies by Liszt. FTP, what is the numerical result?

A: 295 (9X35-20)

13. H. Ross Perot caused a big stir last year as a third party candidate who actually managed to have an affect on a recent election. Such was not the case with the guy who came in third in the previous presidential election. You'll get ten points if you can come up with the Libertarian who wasn't much of a threat to Bush or Dukakis in 1988.

A: Ron Paul

14. *The Hunger Artist*, *A Country Doctor*, *The Judgment*, *The Penal Colony*, and *The Trial*. All of these works have one thing in common: their author. FTP, name this person who is best known for a story about a man who turns into a giant bug.

A: Franz Kafka

15. The elder one was a not so famous Gothic painter whose most well-known work is probably *The Presentation of Christ in the Temple*. However, the younger achieved great fame as a portraitist, specifically for his paintings of Henry VIII. FTP, give the shared first and last names of these artists.

A: Hans Holbein

16. *The Man in the Brown Suit*. *The 4:50 From Paddington*. *There is a Tide*. *Death Comes as the End*. *The Mirror Cracked*. *Nemesis*. *The Secret Adversary*. *They Came to Baghdad*. *Evil Under the Sun*. *Death on the Nile*. *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd*. *Ten Little Indians*. FTP, who wrote all of these books?

A: Agatha Christie

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17. The orbits of the planets are elliptical with the sun at one focus. During equal time intervals, equal areas are swept out by the line connecting the planet and the sun. And, the square of the orbital period is proportional to the cube of the average orbital radius. FTP, what three physical laws did I just describe?

A: Kepler's Laws of Planetary Motion

18. Its cargo traffic includes coal, grain, lumber, and iron ore. Its principle ports include Hamilton, Kingston, Oswego, and Rochester. This lake is bisected by the US-Canada border and is the smallest and farthest east of the Great Lakes. FTP, name it.

A: Lake Ontario

19. He was named for a town he allegedly won for Rome from the Volscians in 493 BCE. Exiled for his anti-plebeian attitude, he led a Volscian attack on Rome until his mother and wife persuaded him to relent. FTP, name this legendary Roman patrician, the hero of a play by Shakespeare.

A: Gaius Marcius Coriolanus

20. On August 13, 1704, an English army under the Duke of Marlborough, with Austrian troops under Eugene of Savoy, defeated a superior French-Bavarian force in Bavaria. FTP, identify this battle in the War of Spanish Succession which ended Louis XIV's hopes of mastering Europe.

A: Battle of Blenheim

21. Like Ronald Reagan, he changed affiliation from the Democratic to the Republican Party. Unlike Reagan, however, this politician's personal and political story was one of bust rather than boom. After enjoying two decades of success in Texas politics, he went broke in the 1980s oil bust. Clearly a long fall for a former governor. He is best remembered as the other guy wounded on November 22, 1963. FTP, name this man who died earlier this year.

A: John Bowden Connally, Jr.

10. 22. This American painter was born in 1801 in Bolton, England. Beginning his career as a wood engraver, he emigrated to the United States in 1819 to continue his career. In 1821 he moved to Catskill, New York, where he would gain fame and recognition for his landscapes. Using his fame, he attracted and organized a number of American landscape artists in New York. This group of artists would become known as the Hudson River School. FTP, name the school's organizer, best known for his works "Oxbow of the Connecticut" (1836) and "In the Catskills" (1837).

A: Thomas Cole

23. "The Jayne Mansfield Story", "Scavenger Hunt", "Red Sonja", "Pumping Iron", "Commando", "Red Heat", "Raw Deal", and the biggest flop so far this summer have all starred the same seven-time Mr. Olympia. FTP, name him.

A: Arnold Schwarzenegger

24. Nails and rods. Sounds like you're about to build something doesn't it? Actually, their both also units of measure; and your task is to tell me, FTP, how many nails there are in a rod. Your hint: there's 2 and a quarter inches in a nail and 5 and a half yards to a rod.

A: 88

25. After John Marshall, he spent the longest stint as Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court at 28 years. Born in Maryland in 1777, his moment in history would come 80 years later for the high court's decision in the 1857 Dred Scott case. FTP, name this 19th century jurist.

A: Roger Taney

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Bonuses

1. For 20 points, all or nothing, name the six wives of King Henry VIII. For a 5 point bonus, name them in chronological order.

A: Catherine of Aragon, Anne Bolyn, Jane Seymour, Anne of Cleves, Catherine Howard, Catherine Parr

2. For 10 points each, identify the Kurt Vonnegut novel from the first line.

1) "Call me Jonah"

A: Cat's Cradle

2) "All this happened, more or less"

A: Slaughterhouse-five

3) "The author of this book did not have access to writing paper of uniform size and quality."

A: Hocus Pocus

3. Now its time for your name-that-bimbo bonus. For 5 points each, given the following list to choose from, pick the bimbo that matches the clue. Shannen Doherty, Prince, Julia Roberts, Tiffany, Debbie Gibson, Sharon Stone, Madonna, Jennifer Tilly, Sherilyn Fenn, Kim Basinger.

1) Has been rumored to be homosexual and has a little known single called "Shock Your Mama"

A: Debbie Gibson

2) Used a body double for nude cartwheel scene in "Made in America" because "a lack of clothes throws off my equilibrium."

A: Jennifer Tilly

3) Is the actress that you will see starring in "Boxing Helena."

A: Sherilyn Fenn

4) Was convinced by the directors of "Basic Instinct" that, although they specifically told her not to wear panties, "no one will see anything." Oops.

A: Sharon Stone

5) Changed name to the Androgeny symbol, thus prompting Weird Al Yankovic to change name to ☺ ("Have a Nice Day symbol")

A: Prince

4. For 5 points each and a 5 point bonus for all 4, name the 4 transition metals with 1-letter symbols.

A: Vanadium (V), Tungsten (W), Yttrium (Y), Uranium (U)

5. For 10 points each identify these Supreme Court decisions.

1) The Court added to Roe v Wade by ruling that wives did not need their husbands consent to obtain abortions.

A: Planned Parenthood of Central Missouri v Danforth

2) In an ambiguous 5-4 ruling, the Court agreed that the plaintiff's right to equal protection was denied, that he should be admitted to the school, and that affirmative action quotas should be discarded. However, it also recognized race as a factor in admissions and hiring decisions.

A: University of California Regents v Bakke

3) Reversing Betts v Brady, the Court held that the 6th Amendment guaranteed access to qualified counsel, which was "fundamental to a fair trial".

A: Gideon v Wainwright

6. For ten points apiece identify these players in the recent Japanese political drama.

1) The prime minister who effectively lost his power in a recent no-confidence vote.

A: Kiichi Miyazawa

2) The opposition leader who said of Miyazawa, "He lied to the people, and his sin is worth 10,000 deaths."

A: Sadao Yamahana

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3) 39 members of Miyazawa's party sided against him in the no-confidence vote.
Name the party. A: Liberal Democratic Party

7. How well do you know your 18th century birthdays? For 5 points apiece identify the following people from their birthplace and day. Too tough? OK, they were all U.S. presidents...

1) March 16, 1751; Port Conway, Virginia

A: James Madison

2) April 13, 1743; in Albemarle County, Virginia

A: Thomas Jefferson

3) November 2, 1795; in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina

A: James K. Polk

4) December 5, 1782; Kinderhook, New York

A: Martin van Buren

5) April 23, 1791; Mercersburg, Pennsylvania

A: James Buchanan

8. In the early 1970s he wrote a book subtitled "An Inquiry into Values." In the early 1990s he wrote another book of philosophy subtitled "An Inquiry into Morals." For ten points name one, or for 25 points name both the major works of Robert Pirsig.

A: Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance and Lila

9. I can't decide whether to write a science questions next or a philosophy question so, for ten points each, identify these modern philosophers of science.

1) This knighted Englishman holds that science should attempt to model itself exclusively on logic. A: Sir Karl Popper Add: He penned The Logic of Scientific Discovery (1931)

2) He uses sociology and history to describe the way science had progressed through revolutions. A: Thomas S. Kuhn Add: He wrote The Structure of the Scientific Revolution.

3) He wrote "The Tao of Physics" A: Fritjof Capra

10. Scandanavian countries make up half of the list of the 10 countries with the highest per capita Gross National Product (as reported to the World Bank in 1990). For 5 points apiece and in no particular order, name the other five countries on this list.

A: Switzerland (\$32,790), Luxembourg (\$28,770), Japan (\$25,430), West Germany (\$22,730), United States (\$21,700)

11. How closely did you follow last November's election? Did you notice that all three incumbant Senators that ran and lost lost to someone whose last name begins with the letter 'F'? For ten points each, given the then-incumbant, you identify the new Senator.

1) Terry Sanford

A: D.M. "Lauch" Faircloth

2) Bob Kasten

A: Russ Feingold

3) John Seymour

A: Dianne Feinstein

12. For 5 points each, identify these things which, judging by their names, would once have made good current events questions.

1) The Spanish colony in NW South America which included present-day Columbia, Panama, Ecuador, and Venezuela.

A: New Granada

2) The world's 2nd largest island.

A: New Guinea

3) The collective name for the policies of the administration of JFK.

A: New Frontier

4) The largest Canadian Atlantic province.

A: Newfoundland

5) The 3rd-largest city in Connecticut

A: New Haven

13. Well, I guess its time for the obligatory opera bonus: For ten points each identify these major figures in the evolution of opera as an art form.

1) He avoided being caught up in the stilted conventions and decline of dramatic standards that characterized the early 18th century by unifying plot, music, and staging into a dramatic whole.

A: Gluck

2) He introduced greater depth of feeling into the music and realism of character on stage before dying in the 1790s.

A: Mozart

3) He sought to add a philosophical basis to Gluck's synthesis by creating *Gesamtkunstwerk* -- the total work of art.

A: Wagner

14. 30-20-10 Identify this Civil War conflict.

30 Point Clue) The battle, which took place on August 5, 1864, formed part of the North's wider strategy to encircle the Confederacy.

20 Point Clue) The Union broke through the Confederate defensive forts and destroyed key units of the South's naval fleet.

10 Point Clue) Admiral Farragut uttered the phrase "Damn the torpedos, full speed ahead!"

A: Battle of Mobile Bay

15. 30-20-10 Identify the artist.

30 Point Clue) His daring revolutionary approach combining a massive, dynamic romanticism with a minutely detailed realism helped eclipse the classical school in French painting.

20 Point Clue) He lived from 1791-1824 and many of his well known works were studies of lunatics or horses.

10 Point Clue) He painted *The Raft of the Medusa*.

A: (Jean Louis Andre) Theodore Gericault

16. How well do you know your Vice-Presidents? Given a list of Veeps, you tell me what state they were all born in. 5 points for each right answer.

1) John Adams & Elbridge Gerry A: Massachusetts

2) Chester Arthur, Levi Morton, Calvin Coolidge A: Vermont

3) Thomas Hendricks, Charles Fairbanks, Charles Dawes A: Ohio

4) Nelson Rockefeller & Hannibal Hamlin A: Maine

5) Richard Johnson, John Breckinridge, Adlai Stevenson, and Alben Barkley

A: Kentucky

17. For 10 points each, identify these people connected only by the fact that each died recently of Aids.

1) Evidently infected by her dentist, her plight attracted national attention before she died in Fort Pierce, Florida on December 8, 1991.

A: Kimberly Bergalis

2) This Australian-born singer and composer won an Academy Award for his music in the movie *Arthur*. A: Peter Allen

3) Highly regarded for his work in the films *Fear Strikes Out*, *Friendly Persuasion*, and *Pretty Poison*, he is best known for his role in a Hitchcock thriller.

A: Anthony Perkins

18. For 10 points each give the existential philosopher who penned each of the following:

1) Fear and Trembling

A: Soren Kierkegaard

- 2) The Second Sex
- 3) Twilight of the Idylls

A: Simone de Beauvoir
A: Friedrich Nietzsche

19. Time for some US state flag trivia. Answer these questions for the stated number of points.

5 Points) This state, home to a major university whose sports teams are the "Rebels", prominently displays the Stars & Bars on its flag. A: Mississippi
10 Points) This state's flag is the only one that doesn't have 4 sides ... it has 5.

A: Ohio

15 Points) Its the only state flag that has a green field and it even has "green" in its state nickname. A: Washington (Reader's Note: "The Evergreen State")

20. Summertime ... hot weather ... baseball games ... and vacation roadtrips. Speaking of which, how well do you know your US highways? For 10 points each, given a list of cities, name the US highway (NOT interstate) that connects all of them.

- 1) Portland, Maine; Raleigh, NC; and Daytona Beach, FL A: US 1
- 2) Detroit, Minneapolis, Fargo, Butte A: US 10
- 3) Los Angeles, San Jose, San Francisco, Olympia A: US 101

21. Now its time for your "Reversal of Fortune" bonus. For the stated number of points, identify the following people: In the late 80s, a carrot-topped British newcomer was opening for one of the hottest dance duos around. The opening act was summarily dismissed after refusing to sleep with the headliners. Today, shes enjoying popular success with her singles "Irresistable" and "Moments of Love" while they rival Dan Quayle as a late-night joke subject. For ten points each (20 possible), name the opening act and the lypsyching headliners.

A: Cathy Dennis and Milli Vanilli (Reader's Note: Sources did not specify when Dennis was propositioned to sleep with Milli and Vanilli together or separately...)

22. Yes sports fans, get out your program, because, thanks to free agency, you're going to need it to figure out who's playing wear in the upcoming NFL season. For 5 points each, state the new team these players will toil for.

- 1) Reggie White A: Green Bay Packers (city or nickname is enough)
- 2) Joe Montana A: Kansas City Chiefs (city or nickname is enough)
- 3) Marcus Allen A: Kansas City Chiefs (etc.)
- 4) Rod Bernstine A: Denver Broncos
- 5) Carl Banks A: Washington Redskins
- 6) Bill Brooks A: Buffalo Bills

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