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GEORGIA TECH TOSSUPS

1. Pierre Soule, John Mason, and James Buchanan met in Belgium to draft this controversial document as part of a plan by the United States to acquire Cuba from Spain. For 10 points, name this 1854 statement.

Answer: Ostend Manifesto

2. Called the Vergiliae in Roman mythology, they share their name with a group of 16th century French writers led by Pierre de Ronsard. For 10 points, what is this group of women pursued by Orion and turned into a seven star constellation?

Answer: Pleiades

3. This scientific phenomenon is named for the botanist who discovered it when he observed that pollen grains in water moved faster when heat was applied. What, for 10 points, is this phenomenon of kinetics explained by Einstein in 1905?

Answer: Brownian motion

4. With his brother, he produced the animated series "Alice in Cartoonland." Later, for Universal pictures he did "Oswald the Rabbit". For 10 points, identify this man who in 1928 introduced his most popular character in "Steamboat Willie".

Answer: Walt Disney

5. Manchester, Exeter, the Merrimack River, and White Mountain National Forest. For 10 points, what northeastern state contains all these?

Answer: New Hampshire

6. This composer created 10 symphonies and 40 lieder. His works include The Song of Lament, Songs of a Wayfarer, and The Song of the Earth. For 10 points, identify this composer of Symphony of a Thousand.

Answer: Gustav Mahler

7. For a quick 10 points, what city, one of the largest in the Ukraine, is best known as the site of a famous 1709 battle in which King Charles XII of Sweden was defeated by Peter the Great?

Answer: Poltava

8. They are centered on the medieval elements of earth, air, fire and water. Comprised of East Coker, Little Gidding, Burnt Norton, and The Dry Salvages, what is this poem in four parts by T.S. Eliot?

Answer: Four Quartets

9. They are geometric points of infinite space-time curvature and infinite density and scientists hypothesize that the universe was contained within one at the beginning of time and may return to one at the end of time. For 10 points, identify these points at which the laws of science break down, and which exist at the center of black holes.

Answer: Singularities

10. The name is derived from the Persian word for "star." It is the name of a famous swimmer of the mid 20th Century, as well as of both a Biblical book and its heroine. For 10 points, identify the Biblical woman who became the queen of Ahasuerus in the Old Testament.

Answer: Esther

11. He spent much of his early life fighting in South America and worked as a candlemaker and ship's captain in the U.S. In 1860, he was responsible for the capture of Sicily and Naples. For 10 points, identify this leader of the "Red Shirts".

Answer: Giuseppe Garibaldi

12. One of the fastest men in baseball, he was noted for sharpening his spikes on the dugout steps. From 1921 to 1926, he served as a player-manager of his life-long team. For 10 points, identify this Hall of Fame outfielder, who set multiple records during his career with the Detroit Tigers, including the career marks for stolen bases and batting average.

Answer: Ty Cobb

13. Born in Winchester, Virginia, she moved west and attended the University of Nebraska. She celebrated the pioneer traditions of the desert southwest in her novels A Lost Lady and Shadows on the Rock. For 10 points, identify this author of Death Comes for the Archbishop.

Answer: Willa Cather

14. Bordered by Nigeria, Niger, Burkina Faso and Togo, it was known from 1960 to 1975 as the Kingdom of Dahomey. For 10 points, identify the African nation with its capital at Porto Novo.

Answer: Benin

15. It was first used in 1929 by Alfred H. Barr to refer to the early work of Wassily Kandinsky. For 10 points, what is this two word term applied to the art works of Robert Motherwell, Lee Krasner, and Jackson Pollack?

Answer: Abstract Expressionism

16. At the outbreak of the Civil War, he organized the first Rhode Island regiment and rose to the rank of Major General by 1862. He commanded the Army of the Potomac at the battle of Fredericksburg. For 10 points, identify this soldier, best known for the styling of his facial hair.

Answer: Ambrose Burnside

17. The name's the same: the half-brother of William the Conqueror who commissioned the Bayeux tapestry and Deep Space Nine's shape-shifting security chief. For 10 points, what is this short, palindromic name.

Answer: Odo

18. The author, in a letter to the Veronese nobleman Can Grande Della Scala, states that it has four levels of meaning: the literal, the allegorical, the moral, and the anagogical. For 10 points, identify this epic poem in three parts finished in 1321, the year its author died.

Answer: Divine Comedy or La Divina Commedia

19. In 1862, Alexandre-Emile Beguyer de Chancourtois developed an early version of this man's work, but his results were poorly understood. For 10 points, identify this Russian chemist who discovered the periodicity of the elements and arranged them in a table.

Answer: Dmitri Mendeleev

20. First reached in 1897 by a Swiss mountain climber, its summit is 22,831 feet above sea level. For 10 points, name this highest peak in the western hemisphere which is located in west central Argentina.

Answer: Aconcagua

21. Born in 1862, this French composer only completed one opera, "Pelleas et Melisande". For 10 points, identify this composer whose best known works include "La Mer" and "Clair de Lune".

Answer: Claude Debussy

22. It was established in 27 BC and disbanded in 312 AD by Constantine. Commanded by a prefect, it numbered up to 16,000 men who attended the emperor constantly. For 10 points, what is this imperial bodyguard of ancient Rome?

Answer: Practorian Guard

23. "The Wind Among the Reeds," "The Land of Heart's Desire," "Leda and the Swan," and "The Lake Isle of Innisfree" are among this author's works. For 10 points, name this winner of the 1923 Nobel Prize in Literature.

Answer: William Butler Yeats

24. According to Islam tradition, it was first built by Adam, who received pardon there 200 years after his expulsion from paradise. It was rebuilt by Ishmael and Abraham after the Flood. For 10 points, what is this holiest shrine of Islam?

Answer: Kaaba

25. You know that Marlene Dietrich starred in Blond Venus, but he painted "Rokaby Venus". He also did a portrait of Pope Innocent X. For 10 points, identify this Spanish artist also known for "The Maids of Honor".

Answer: Diego Velasquez

26. It lies to the north of the Elburz Mountains of Iran and it receives the water of the Terek, Kura, Emba, and Ural rivers. For 10 points, identify this body of water on which the port of Baku can be found.

Answer: Caspian Sea

27. Gamma-amino-butyric acid, norepinephrine, serotonin, dopamine, and acetylcholine are examples of a group of chemical substances responsible for moving nerve impulses across synapses. For 10 points, what is the common collective name for these compounds?

Answer: Neurotransmitters

28. It was sung for the first time at a performance of Bryant's Minstrels at Mechanics Hall, New York City in 1859. For 10 points, identify this immensely popular song composed by Daniel Decatur Emmett.

Answer: Dixie

29. In this decision, the Supreme Court ruled for the first time that apportionment was subject to Federal judicial scrutiny. For 10 points, identify this 1962 Supreme Court decision that shifted political power from rural to urban areas.

Answer: Baker vs. Carr

30. This English chemist and physicist discovered that electrostatic attractions and repulsions are functions of the inverse square of the distance between them. He is best known for his torsion balance with which he measured Newton's gravitational constant and the mass of the earth. For 10 points, name him.

Answer: Henry Cavendish

8. [30] For 10 points each, identify the composers of the following.
1. Carmina Burana Answer: Carl Orff
 2. Coffee Canata Answer: Johann Sebastian Bach
 3. Prayers of Kierkegaard Answer: Samuel Barber
9. [30] For 10 points each, identify the authors of these colorful works of literature.
1. Reflections in a Golden Eye Answer: Carson McCullers
 2. The Blue Hotel Answer: Stephen Crane
 3. Redgauntlet Answer: Sir Walter Scott
10. [30] Identify these religious figure for 10 points each.
1. Translator of the Latin Vulgate. Answer: St. Jerome
 2. This man co-developed, with Methodius, a written language for Slavs. Answer: St. Cyril
 3. This pope called the first crusade. Answer: Urban II
11. [30] Give the capitals of the following island nations for 10 points each.
1. Cape Verde Answer: Praia
 2. Seychelles Answer: Victoria
 3. Mauritius Answer: Port Louis
12. [30] For 10 points each, identify the victims of the following unholy terrors at Ragnarok.
1. Garm, the hound of the underworld Answer: Tyr
 2. The Midgaard Serpent Answer: Thor
 3. Surt, the fire demon Answer: Frey
13. [30] Identify these winners of the Nobel Prize in physics for 10 points each.
1. He shared the 1933 prize with Paul Dirac
Answer: Erwin Schrodinger
 2. He was the first American to win the prize, doing so in 1907.
Answer: Albert Michelson
 3. He won the 1938 prize for producing artificial elements with neutron bombardment.
Answer: Enrico Fermi
14. [30] Given the winner and the year, identify the losing major party candidate in the following presidential elections. 10 points each.
1. 1848, Zachary Taylor Answer: Lewis Cass (do not accept Martin Van Buren)
 2. 1924, Calvin Coolidge Answer: John W. Davis
 3. 1904, T. Roosevelt Answer: Alton Parker
15. [30] Identify the Russian authors of the following. 10 points each.
1. The Bronze Horseman Answer: Alexandr Pushkin
 2. The Master and Margarita Answer: Mikhail Bulgakov
 3. The Lower Depths Answer: Maxim Gorky

16. [30] For 10 points each, given the year and the actor, name the film for which he won an Oscar.
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| 1. 1946, Frederic March | Answer: <u>The Best Years of Our Lives</u> |
| 2. 1961, George Chakiris | Answer: <u>West Side Story</u> |
| 3. 1984, F. Murray Abraham | Answer: <u>Amadeus</u> |
17. [30] For 15 points each, give the authors of the following similarly titled works of political economy.
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| 1. The Principles of Political Economy and Taxation | Answer: David <u>Ricardo</u> |
| 2. The Principles of Political Economy, with some of Their Applications to Social Philosophy | Answer: John Stuart <u>Mill</u> |
18. [30] Give the artists of the following works for 15 points each.
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| 1. Rape of the Daughters of Lucretius, 1615 | Answer: Peter Paul <u>Rubens</u> |
| 2. David with Goliath's Head, 1606 | Answer: Michaelangelo <u>Carravaggio</u> |
19. [30] 30-20-10. Identify this American author.
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| 30. The Masque of Pandora and Poems on Slavery | |
| 20. Voices of the Night and The Seaside and the Fireside | |
| 10. Tales of a Wayside Inn | Answer: Henry Wadsworth <u>Longfellow</u> |
20. [30] For 10 points each, give the capitals of the following baby European nations.
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| 1. Croatia | Answer: <u>Zagreb</u> |
| 2. Slovakia | Answer: <u>Bratislava</u> |
| 3. Macedonia | Answer: <u>Skopje</u> |
21. [30] For 10 points each, given a star identify the constellation in which it appears.
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| 1. Procyon | Answer: <u>Canis Minor</u> |
| 2. Regulus | Answer: <u>Leo</u> |
| 3. Canopus | Answer: <u>Carina</u> |
22. [20] In the early 1700s a German chemist and physician developed a theory that all flammable materials contain a certain substance which left the burning material and was absorbed by air. For 10 points each, name both the substance and the theorist.
- Answer: Phlogiston - Georg Ernst Stahl
23. [30] Identify the following Star Trek sibling for 10 point each.
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| 1. Data's evil "brother" | Answer: <u>Lore</u> |
| 2. Cpt. Kirk's brother | Answer: <u>Sam</u> (or George) |
| 3. Spock's half-brother from Star Trek V | Answer: <u>Sybok</u> |
24. [30] For 10 points each, identify the following operas from characters.
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| 1. Florestan | Answer: <u>Fidelio</u> |
| 2. Tonio and Nedda | Answer: <u>I, Pagliacci</u> |
| 3. Ping, Pang, Pong, and Prince Calaf | Answer: <u>Turandot</u> |
25. [30] For 10 points each, identify the following Old Testament figures.
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| 1. This son of Hannah and Elkanah anointed the first two kings of Israel. | Answer: <u>Samuel</u> |
| 2. This sister of Moses set him afloat in the bull-rushes. | Answer: <u>Miriam</u> |
| 3. Moses appointed this man leader of the battle against Amalek in Exodus 17. | Answer: <u>Joshua</u> |