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Set 2

Toss Ups

1) "And upon this act, sincerely believed to be an act of justice, warranted by the Constitution upon military necessity, I invoke the considerate judgment of mankind and the gracious favor of Almighty God." For ten points, these words conclude what document, issued on September 22, 1862, by Abraham Lincoln?

Answer: EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION

2) Elevated to peerage by Queen Victoria, he took the title of the Earl of Beaconsfield. For ten points, name this author and Conservative Prime Minister who elevated Queen Victoria to Empress of India and who battled Gladstone in the Parliament.

Answer: Benjamin DISRAELI

3) In this country, the southern Nuba people are the victims of a genocide campaign because of their religious beliefs, and in the north, two million refugees from its civil war camp around the capital. A country which welcomes extremists, one who made his home there was Carlos the Jackal. For ten points, name this largest country in Africa, with capital Khartoum.

Answer: SUDAN

4) She wrote many conventional novels under the name Mary Westmacott, and wrote the 1953 play "Witness for the Prosecution". But this woman is more famous for her genre works, the best of which may have been "The Murder of Roger Ackroyd". For ten points, name this creator of Miss Jane Marple and Hercule Poirot.

Answer: Agatha CHRISTIE

5) This two word term identifies ostentatious personal expenditure which satisfies no physical need but rather a psychological need for the esteem of others. For ten points, give this term, introduced in 1899's "The Theory of the Leisure Class" by Thorstein Veblen.

Answer: CONSPICUOUS CONSUMPTION

6) Unlimited silver coinage; government control of transportation and communication; a graduated income tax; direct election of U.S. Senators; adoption of initiative and referendum; a shorter working day; and restrictions on immigration. For ten points, this was the platform of what party that nomination Weaver and Field in 1892?

Answer: POPULISTS

7) Published in 1914, it describes an early spring day when the narrator and a neighboring farmer spend the day replacing fallen stones at the boundary of their properties. While the neighbor is quite gung-ho, the narrator states that "Before I build a wall I'd ask to know / What I was walling in or walling out". For ten points, name this poem by Robert Frost which declares "Something there is that doesn't love a wall."

Answer: MENDING WALL

8) He was a successful dramatist of the 1920s, penning the work "The Truth About Blayds". But he is better known for writing the works "Now We Are Six" and "When We Were Very Young". For ten points, name this author whose son provided the name for the human character of the Winnie the Pooh stories.

Answer: A(lan) A(lexander) MILNE

9) The northern one flows to Lake Winnipeg, thorough southern Manitoba, and is created by the confluence of the Otter Tail and Bois de Sioux rivers on the Minnesota-North Dakota border. The southern one is created by the confluence of its North fork and the Prarie Dog Town Fork on the Oklahoma-Texas border, before flowing through Arkansas and Louisiana to the Mississippi. For ten points, give the common name of these two rivers.

Answer: RED

10) Born in 1803, he became a Unitarian minister only to resign in 1832 because he could not conscientiously administer the Lord's Supper. For ten points, name this lyceum lecturer, with such lectures as "Self-Reliance", and poet, with such works as "Threnody", "Brahma", and "Concord Hymn".

Answer: Ralph Waldo EMERSON

11) The deadlock in Congress was broken when the Taylor amendment was dropped from the bill and the Thomas amendment added, allowing the Northern doughfaces to vote for it. It allowed for the admission of Maine, and it forbade slavery north of the 36-30 line in the Louisiana Purchase. For ten points, name this 1820 bill.

Answer: MISSOURI COMPROMISE

12) Although he was an experienced actor, this performer was so terrified on opening night of his first musical that he refused to go on. The "spoken song" style created for this actor became an instant success. For ten points, name this actor with a glass eye who went on to star in My Fair Lady.

Answer: Rex HARRISON

13) "Egmont," "Coriolanus," "King Stephen," "Waldstien," "Wellington's Victory March," "The Ruin of Athens," "Leonore." For ten points, all these are titles of overtures and sonatas by what composer, who also wrote the opera "Fidelio?"

Answer: Ludwig van BEETHOVEN

14) His father was a member of that unique political setup, the Tetrachy, as Caesar of Maximian and ruler of Britain and Gaul. He gained full power, by winning the Battle of the Mulvian Bridge with the help and support, he thought, of the Christian god. For ten points, name this creator of the Edict of Milan who sent the capital packing to Byzantium in 324 A.D.

Answer: CONSTANTINE

15) To go around it, one would sail the Foxe Channel, the Foxe Basin, the Fury & Hecla Strait, the Gulf of Boothia, the Lancaster Sound, the Davis Strait, and the Hudson Strait. For ten points, name this 5th largest island in the world, located in the district of Franklin of the Northwest Territories.

Answer: BAFFIN

16) For a quick ten points, what is an anion or molecule that has an unshared

pair of electrons with which it can bond to a metal cation in the formation of a complex ion called?

Answer: LIGAND

17) Written circa 1611, this is the last play of William Shakespeare. In it, Antonio and the King of Naples, Alonzo, meet up with a Duke of Milan whom they cast adrift in a boat with his daughter Miranda twelve years earlier. For ten points, name this play with famous characters Caliban, Ariel, and the magician, and former duke, Prospero.

Answer: THE TEMPEST

18) Baron von Eotvos (oit-voish) was able to measure this quantity to unprecedented precision, building on the work of the Cavendish experiment. For ten points, name this physical constant, commonly written as capital g.

Answer: GRAVITATIONAL Constant

19) Headed by Eli Segal, it is a \$400 million program that provides a minimum wage stipend and \$4725 per year in college tuition to young volunteers. For ten points, name this new national service corps created by Bill Clinton.

Answer: AMERICORPS

20) We know him better as an author, but he also appeared at least once as an actor, in a play called "The Frozen Deep", which he co-wrote with his friend Wilkie Collins. For ten points, name this man, also the author of "Little Dorrit" and "Oliver Twist".

Answer: Charles DICKENS

21) Sir Barton, Gallant Fox, Omaha, War Admiral, Whirlaway, Count Fleet, Assault Citation, Affirmed, Seattle Slew, and Secretariat. For ten points, these are the only horses to share what distinction of horse racing?

Answer: They are all TRIPLE CROWN winners

22) Five years after the completion of his first masterpiece, the warrior pope, Julius II, called him to Rome to design his tomb. In 1508, Julius asked him to paint a few vines on a blue background, a project which yielded the much more famous set of 340 human figures representing the rise and fall of man. For ten points, name this creator of the pictures on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel.

Answer: MICHELANGELO Buonarati

23) Dick Allen and Johnny Bench were Major League Baseball's MVPs, and the Oakland A's won the World Series. Dallas won the Super Bowl, and Johnny Rodgers of Nebraska won the Heisman. The Lakers took the NBA title, and the Bruins won the Stanley Cup. For ten points, in what year did all these events occur, the year Mark Spitz won seven golds at the Munich Olympics?

Answer: 1972

24) The hospital record of January 11, 1922, is not one for the ages: "15 cc of MacLeod's serum. 7 and one-half cc into each buttock." But by injecting this 51 amino acid polypeptide, they saved a 13-year-old boy's life by bringing his blood sucrose levels down to near normal. For ten points, name this pancreatic hormone critical for diabetics.

Answer: INSULIN

25) The first says that "the orbit of a planet forms an ellipse with the Sun at one focus". The second says that the "Sun-planet radius vector sweeps out equal areas in equal times". The third says that "the square of the period of revolution of a planet is proportional to the cube of the semimajor axis of its elliptical orbit." For ten points, what laws have I just stated?

Answer: KEPLER's Laws

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Boni

Answer these assorted questions about U.S. current events for ten points apiece.

- a) Ira Magaziner led the taskforce for what Clinton initiative?
- b) Congress is mulling over the ratification of what round of GATT talks?
- c) On September 13th, he arose from the dead to become the Democratic candidate for mayor of Washington, D.C.

Answers: HEALTH CARE (acc. equiv.), URUGUAY Round, and Marion BARRY

2) Identify these world religions from clues for fifteen points each.

- a) Much of its ancient belief and custom is gathered in three works, the Kojiki, the Nihongi, and the Yengishiki.
- b) It was founded by the Hindu ascetic Nanak around the year 1500. Only the tenth and last guru introduced the wearing of turbans and the carrying of daggers. They are clustered in the Punjab.

Answers: SHINTOism and SIKHism

3) Given a short description, name the gem or mineral for fifteen points each.

- a) The clear versions of the nearly pure aluminum oxide mineral are gems, for example rubies, sapphires, Oriental topaz, and Oriental emeralds.
- b) This mineral is softest on the Mohs scale of mineral hardness.

Answers: CORUNDUM and TALC

4) Identify these people involved with the first Persian Empire for fifteen points apiece.

- a) He founded it by overthrowing the Mede Astyages in 550 B.C.
- b) The empire ended with this man's victories over the Persians at the Granicus, Issus, and Gaugamela (or Arbela).

Answers: CYRUS the GREAT and ALEXANDER the GREAT

5) For ten points apiece, name the composers of the following ballets

- a) "Bolero" Maurice RAVEL
- b) "The Firebird" Igor STRAVINSKY
- c) "Tales of Hoffman" OFFENBACH

6) With their win in the most recent Stanley Cup, fans can no longer chant "1940" when the New York Rangers come to town. Given the last year that a certain team in a certain sport won the championship, identify the team, for ten points each.

- a) The last championship for this NFL team was in 1947, when they were located in Chicago.
- b) The last championship for this Major League Baseball team was in 1908.
- c) The last championship for this member of the original 6 of the NHL was in 1955.

Answers: Arizona CARDINALS, Chicago CUBS, Detroit RED WINGS

7) How well do you know your symbiotic relationships? Find out by identifying

the type of relationship for ten points each.

- a) One species benefits, the other is harmed      PARASITism
- b) One species benefits, the other is not affected      COMMENSALism
- c) Both species benefit      MUTUALism

8) Let's have a bonus round on famous fictional high schools from TV. Given the name of an educational institution, identify the show, for the stated number of points.

- a) For five points, West Beverly Hills H.S.      BEVERLY HILLS 90210
- b) For ten points, Bayside High School      SAVED BY THE BELL
- c) For fifteen points, Robert Kennedy Junior H.S.      THE WONDER YEARS

9) Given a short description, identify the 1960's social activist organization, for fifteen points each. Where appropriate, acronyms are acceptable.

- a) Founded in 1957, its main leaders were King, Jr., and Ralph Abernathy.
- b) Founded in 1960, it arose from the lunch counter demonstrations and eventually founded the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, before declining under Stokeley Carmichael and black militarists.

Answers: Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and Student Non-Violent Co-ordinating Committee (SNCC)

10) Name these female anthropologists for the stated number of points.

- a) For five points, this most famous student of Franz Boas, she wrote "Coming of Age in Samoa".
- b) For ten points, she discovered the skull in Olduvai Gorge in 1959 which came to shake up ideas of evolution and provide a "missing link".
- c) For fifteen points, this student of Franz Boas studied Southern folkways before write novels, including "Their Eyes Were Watching God".

Answers: Margaret MEAD, Mary LEAKEY, and Zora Neale HURSTON

11) Given a short plot summary, name the play or musical described for 10 points each.

- a) This Lerner and Loewe musical concerns a mythical Scottish village that makes an appearance only once a century.
- b) This play in verse is about the 1170 assassination of Thomas a Becket.
- c) A psychologist attempts to probe the mind of a troubled youth who has mutilated horses in this Peter Shaffer play.

Answers: "BRIGADOON", "MURDER IN THE CATHEDRAL", "EQUUS"

12) It is apparent that American television writers can sometimes run out of ideas since Yankee TV is filled with shows that are based on British programs. Given the name and a description of the British show, identify its American counterpart, for fifteen points each.

- a) Man About the House: Two girls tell their landlords that their new male roommate is gay so that he may live there.
- b) Keep it in the Family: An older couple run into some trouble when their two grownup daughters move into the apartment downstairs from them.

Answers: THREE'S COMPANY and TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT

13) If you are going from Mexico to Colombia by highway, you must pass through at the very least, five countries. Name this countries in order, north to south- you'll get a five point bonus for all correct.

Answer: GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, NICARAGUA, COSTA RICA, and PANAMA



14) Identify the following associated with solutions for ten points apiece.

- a) It's the number of moles of solute per number of kilograms of solvent.
- b) It's the number of moles of solute per number of liters of solution.
- c) It's the number of equivalent weights per liter of solution.

Answers: MOLALITY, MOLARITY, and NORMALITY

15) Given a famous work, identify the social scientist who wrote it, for ten points apiece.

- a) "Understanding Media" Marshall MCLUHAN
- b) "The Affluent Society" John Kenneth GALBRAITH
- c) "The Structure of Scientific Revolutions" Thomas KUHN

16) Answer these questions about thermodynamics for fifteen points each.

- a) This reversible piston cycle utilizes isothermal and adiabatic steps to produce a quantity of heat that allows the engine to do work.
- b) The Third Law of Thermodynamics says achieving this state in a finite number of operations is impossible (hint: it is not Nirvana).

Answer: CARNOT and ABSOLUTE ZERO

17) Given the years in the post, identify the Chief Justice for the stated number of points.

- a) For five points, 1836-1864 Roger TANEY (taw-nee)
- b) For ten points, 1921-1930 William Howard TAFT
- c) For fifteen points, 1888-1910 Melville W. FULLER

18) Given a computing acronym, tell me what it means, for ten points apiece.

- a) RISC REDUCED INSTRUCTION-SET COMPUTER
- b) LAN LOCAL AREA NETWORK
- c) PDA PERSONAL DIGITAL ASSISTANT

19) How well do you know the life and times of Albert Einstein? Let's find out- answer the following for fifteen points apiece.

- a) Einstein did not win his Nobel Prize in 1921 for Relativity; rather, it was for this effect involving photons, electrons, and work functions.
- b) In one of his series of papers in 1905, Einstein worked out the mathematics of this random particle motion.

Answers: PHOTOELECTRIC Effect and BROWIAN Motion

20) For 30 points, identify the chain-smoking female poet who created "What's O'Clock?" and "Patterns", the latter of which concludes,

"For the man who should loose me is dead  
Fighting with the Duke in Flanders  
In a pattern called war  
Christ! What are patterns for?"

Answer: Amy LOWELL

21) There are not very many American territories. Identify the capitals of these, for the stated number of points.

- a) For five points, Puerto Rico SAN JUAN
- b) For ten points, American Samoa PAGOPAGO
- c) For fifteen points, either Guam or the U.S. Virgin Islands  
AGANA or CHARLOTTE AMALIE

22) Given a work of the American West, name the author, for ten points each.

- a) "Riders of the Purple Sage" Zane GREY
- b) "Cimarron" Edna FERBER
- c) "The Virginian" Owen WISTER

23) Given the name of a 20th century Balkan king, name the country that he was king of, for ten points each.

- a) Carol II RUMANIA
- b) Alexander I YUGOSLAVIA
- c) Zog ALBANIA

24) Given a group of poets, name the school of poetry to which they belong.

- a) Verlaine, Mallarme, and Rimbaud. SYMBOLIST
- b) Heinrich Wagner, Gottfried Burger, and "Prometheus"-era Goethe. STURM UND DRANG
- c) The 20th-century Italians Montale, Ungaretti, and Quasimodo. HERMETIC Poets

25) Answer this batch of assorted U.S. Government questions for ten points each.

- a) On what date of each odd-numbered year does a new Congress begin meeting?
- b) How old must you be to be elected to the House of Representatives?
- c) Which constitutional amendment mandates direct election of Senators?

Answers: JANUARY 3, 25, and 17th