PAUL BUNYAN ALL-ONION 1994 THE HIGH PRIESTS OF ELVIS TOSSUPS

- 1. The American variety is nearly extinct. It is genus Castanea, a deciduous tree characterized by a thin-shelled, sweet edible nut borne in a bristly burr. FTP, what is this tree, which shares its name with a word for an old joke or cliche?

 (Chestnut)
- 2. If you want to make a grown man squirm, just mention the name "Bobbitt." You can evoke a similar reaction from a woman with the word episiotomy (uh-PEE-zee-AH-tuh-mee). This being a family game, I won't ask you to describe one, but FTP, can you spell episiotomy?
- 3. Very few asteroids have an orbital period close to one-half, one-third or two-fifths that of Jupiter. FTP, what is the name for these gaps in the asteroid belt, named for their discoverer? (Kirkwood Gaps)
- 4. "I stopped and leaned against the balustrade, almost dead with fatigue. Above the blue-black fjord hung the clouds, red as blood and tongues of fire. My friend had left me, and alone, trembling with anguish, I became aware of the vast, infinite cry of nature." FTP, these words describe the genesis of what famed painting, recently restored to the Norwegian National Gallery? (The Scream)
- 5. Sometimes known as shell mounds, their contents can indicate climate, seasons, length of occupation of a territory, hunting patterns and the presence of domestication. FTP, what is the two-word phrase for these prehistoric refuse heaps from the late Mesolithic? (Kitchen Middens)
- 6. The Chinese princess poses three riddles to her wouldbe suitors, and executes them if they guess wrong. Calaf succeeds, and the princess tries to renege on her promise of marriage. FTP, this is the plot of what unfinished opera, the last by Puccini? (Turandot)
- 7. Songs written by Loudon Wainwright III, Tom Waits and Leonard Cohen all appear on this album, a surprise hit among young rockers. FTP, what is the title of this latest release of Johnny Cash?

 (American Recordings)
- 8. It is the seat of Brown County, South Dakota; the site of a US Army ordnance proving ground in Maryland; a type of Angus cattle, and a British prime minister of the 1850's. FTP, what name is shared by these things as well as a city of 210,000 in Scotland at the mouth of the Dee River and a North Sea oil center? (Aberdeen)

- 9. Mama Magliozzi's (MAH-lee-AHT-zee) boys have really made it good. By what onomatopoeic names are radio personalities, newspaper columnists and brothers Tom and Ray better known? (Click and Clack)
- 10. Vindication of Natural Society, Philosophical Enquiry into the Origin of Our Ideas of the Sublime and the Beautiful, and Thoughts on the Cause of the Present Discontents are some of the works of this British political writer and statesman. FTP, who is this author best known for his Reflections on the Revolution in France? (Edmund Burke)
- 11. His corpse was a subject of controversy for decades.
 Knighted for exposing the exploitation of rubber-gatherers in the Congo, he became an ardent Irish nationalist. FTP, identify this Irish revolutionary, who was arrested and hanged for treason when he landed in Ireland in April 1916, off a German submarine?

 (Sir Roger Casement)
- 12. [Note to reader: "C++" should be read "C plus plus"]
 Smalltalk, Ada, C++, and Objective C are all examples of what
 type of computer programming languages?

 (Object-Oriented Programming Languages)
- 13. His chief works appeared between 1607 and 1613. Philaster, A Maid's Tragedy, and A King and No King are among his collaborative works with Beaumont. FTP, who is this writer believed to have collaborated with Shakespeare on Henry VIII and The Two Noble Kinsmen? (John Fletcher)
- 14. Alexander Nevsky is a great film by Sergei Eisenstein. The film is currently in revival, with showings accompanied by performances of its symphonic score by live orchestras. FTP, who is the composer of the score for Alexander Nevsky?

 (Sergei Prokofiev)
- 15. They were originally war captives and Christian youths pressed into service and converted to Islam. Organized by sultan Murad I, they gained great power and made and unmade sultans before becoming hereditary and corrupt. FTP, who were these elite corps of the Ottoman empire, massacred in 1826 by Sultan Mahmud II? (Janissaries)
- 16. He changed his name to match that of an early 20th century guerrilla leader. Trained in Moscow, in 1948 he became premier of his nation until his resignation in 1972. FTP, who is this cantankerous octogenarian president of North Korea?

 (Kim Il Sung)
- 17. In 1888, he was sentenced to prison for his failure to complete the Panama Canal, amid charges of corruption. A far cry from his success twenty years earlier. FTP, who was this French engineer who organized and supervised the construction of the Suez Canal? (Ferdinand de Lesseps)

- 18. Examples include microphones, phonograph cartridges, loudspeakers, light bulbs and solenoids. FTP, what is the term for such devices which accept an input of energy in one form and produce an output of energy in some other form, with a known, fixed relationship between the input and the output?

 (Transducer)
- 19. Originally it referred to the punkers who made up the tail-end of Britain's Baby Boom, but American Doug Copeland appropriated the term to label the snotty, aimless, soulless little jerks who currently populate our colleges and entry-level jobs. FTP, what is this annoyingly ubiquitous term?

 (Generation X)
- 20. Among his lesser-known works are the Mad Dog comic book tie-in to a failed Bob Newhart sitcom and the comic book adventures of the movies' Bill and Ted. He is better known for his comics Hectic Planet and Planet Corp\$, in which he has become a leading voice of Generation X. FTP, who is this cartoonist best known for the ultra-violent, socially unacceptable antics of those Dairy Products Gone Bad, Milk and Cheese?

 (Evan Dorkin)
- 21. An associate of W.H. Auden, he was professor of poetry at Oxford in the 1950's. Although he wrote detective stories under the pen name Nicholas Blake, he is better known for his collections of poetry, Overtures to Death, Short is the Time, and Pegasus and other poems. FTP, who is this author of The Buried Day?

 (Cecil Day Lewis)
- 22. Born in 1919, she was a Democrat elected to the Connecticut legislature in 1952. In 1970 she was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives and in 1974 became governor of Connecticut. FTP, who was this woman, first to become governor of a state without achieving the office on the political coattails of her husband? (Ella <u>Grasso</u>)
- 23. They are a series of public or private prayers in the Roman Catholic Church. They often carry with them an indulgence. FTP, what is this term for such a series of prayers over nine consecutive days, especially the nine days preceding a feast day?

 (Novena)
- 24. Birds of America, Venice Observed and Cannibals and Missionaries are some of the works of this American writer. FTP who is this drama critic, novelist and essayist who also wrote The Oasis and The Group? (Mary McCarthy)
- 25. It is an Israeli prickly pear cactus, as well as an Israeli chocolate- and orange-flavored liqueur. FTP, what is this five-letter word, which is also the Israeli term for one born in Israel? (Sabra)

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- Cassandra might have said, "You won't believe me when foretell your doom, but I'll be right." FTP @ what character from Greek myth would be most likely to have said the following:
 A. "If you can catch me, I will tell you the future, no
 - matter what shape I may be in." (Proteus)
 - "Lie down, take a load off. I'm sure that my bed will fit you, one way or another...." (Procrustes)
 - "Whaddaya mean, yoke two fire-breathing bulls, plow a field and then sow dragon's teeth? There must be an easier way to earn a sheepskin...." (Jason)
- You will recognize the following as quotations from F5P @, what character in Hamlet speaks them? Hamlet.
 - A. Frailty, thy name is woman. (Hamlet)
 - B. Brevity is the soul of wit. (Polonius)
 - C. Something is rotten in the state of Denmark (Marcellus)
 - D. Get thee to a nunnery. (Hamlet)
 - E. The lady doth protest too much, methinks. (Queen Gertrude)
 - F. Good night, sweet prince. (Horatio)
- A number of new baseball parks have opened in the last few years. FTP@, what are the current home stadia of:
 - A. Baltimore Orioles (Camden Yards)
 - B. Texas Rangers (The Ballpark)
 - (Jacobs Field) C. Cleveland Indians
- Author Studs Terkel has written (or collected) several books full of Americans talking about themselves and their lives. F5P @, from the following subtitles, give the main titles of some of Terkel's books:
- People talk about what they do all day and how they feel about what they do. (Working)
 - B. An Oral History of the Great Depression (Hard Times)
 - An Oral History of World War II (The Good War)
- How Blacks and Whites think and feel about the American obsession
- Given clues about a film and a book, give the single portmanteau name--for instance, if I said a film starring Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh in the old South, and an anthropomorphic book by Kenneth Grahame, you'd respond, Gone with the Wind in the Willows.
- A. Kipling tale of adventurers who are treated as royalty by a remote tribe, and a 1933 film about a giant ape, directed by Willis O'Brien. (The Man Who Would be King Kong)
- B. Dickens novel concerning the Jarndyce case, and a 1953 3-D film that made Vincent Price a major star. (Bleak House of Wax)
- C. Wilkie Collins mystery novel, and the 1949 film in which Cagney played the psychopathic Cody Jarrett.

(The Woman in White Heat)

FTP@, given a clue, identify the Fleming. (Alexander) A. Discovered penicillin. B. Invented the first electron tube and was a leader in the development of the telephone and wireless. (John) C. 1968 Olympic gold medal skater (Peggy) F5P@, identify these Port capitals. A. Capital of Mauritius (Port Louis) B. Capital of Haiti (Port-au-Prince) C. Capital of Papua New Guinea (Port Moresby) D. Capital of Trinidad & Tobago (Port of Spain) E. Capital of Benin (Porto-Novo) 30-20-10. Identify the writer from these snippets of 8. his work. A. The Devil whispered behind the leaves, It's pretty but is B. The female of the species is more deadly than the male. C. Now this is the Law of the Jungle, as old and true as the sky, and the Wolf that shall keep it may prosper, but the Wolf that shall break it must die. (Rudyard Kipling) Up against the wall! Spread 'em! How well do you know your TV detectives? Given the TV show, name the actor or actress who played the title character or characters, 5@. A. Mannix (Mike Connors) B. Ironside (Raymond Burr) C. Banacek (George Peppard) (William Conrad) D. Cannon E & F. McMillan and Wife (Rock Hudson and Susan St. James) 10. For 5 points each, and a 5 point bonus for all five correct, name the last king of each of the following French dynasties. A. Capetians (Philip VI) B. Valois (Louis XII) C. Bourbon (Charles X) D. Merovingians (Childeric III) E. Orleans (Louis Phillippe) 11. For 5 pts @, and an extra 5 for all three, fill in the blanks in the following titles of poems by Robert W. Service. A. The _____ of Sam McGee (Cremation) B. The of Dan McGrew
C. The of Private McPhee (Shooting) (<u>Haggis</u>) 12. On July 16, PBS will broadcast from San Francisco a live reunion performance by "The Three Tenors." First, F5P @, name The Three Tenors (Luciano <u>Pavarotti</u>, Placido <u>Domingo</u>, Jose <u>Carrerra</u>) For 50, tell in what city and what year these three greats first performed together. (Rome, 1990)

- Increase or Cotton? Cotton or Increase? I can't tell those fun-loving guys, the Mathers, apart, so let's see if you can. Hint: Jerry is not the answer to any of the following, but you may answer Increase, Cotton, both, or neither. A. Which was born in the 17th century? (Both) (Both) B. Which was a Harvard graduate? C. Which took part in the Salem witch trials? (Cotton) D. Which was pastor of North Church in Boston? (Both) E. Which wrote a history of King Philip's war? (Increase) F. Which was the grandson of the other one? (Neither) (Increase was the father of Cotton) 30-20-10. Identify the artist based on his works. A. Paper cutouts entitled "Jazz." B. The Piano Lesson and The Blue Nude C. The Green Line and illustrations for Joyce's Ulysses (Henri Matisse) 15. Identify the old song by the lyric F5@ and 5 bonus for all five. A. Sometimes I wonder why I spend the lonely nights dreaming of a song. (Stardust) B. Missed the Saturday dance, hear they crowded the floor (Don't get around much any more) C. Grab your coat, and get your hat, leave your worries on (The Sunny Side of the Street) the doorstep. D. Or would you rather be a mule? (Swinging on a Star) E. High brow, low brow, all agree, they're the best in (Five Guys Named Moe) harmony 16. 30-20-10-5. Identify the phrase. A. Originally derived from the names of fashionable characters in the 1821 play, Life in London by Pierce Egan B. A hard round hat, popular in the mid 19th century C. An alcoholic beverage popular in winter D. An Oscar winning MGM cartoon duo (Tom and Jerry) 17. The Nile flows through Cairo. F5P @, what river flows through each of these major cities? A. Belgrade (Danube) D. Rome (Tiber) B. Buenos Aires (Rio de la Plata) E. Toronto (Don) C. Lisbon (Tagus) F. Warsaw (Vistula) Identify the province of Canada, given the following A. The smallest province in area (Prince Edward Island) B. The largest province in area (Quebec) C. The least populous province (Prince Edward Island) D. The most populous province (Ontario)
- 19. Potent potables for \$100, Alex. FTP, identify these potent potables.

 A. Licorice-flavored aperitif, banned because it contains

oil of wormwood (absinthe)

- B. Fermented honey and herbs
- C. Licorice-flavored Greek aperitif, known as Araq in Arabic (Ouzo) countries.
- 20. A recent advertisement quoted a price of \$459 for a round-trip airline ticket from New York to Paris. With this in mind, answer the following FTP @.
- A. Within \$500, what was a year's undergrad tuition at Harvard for the 1993-94 school year?

(\$23514; accept \$23014-\$24014)

B. Within \$50, according to American Chronicle, what was the price of a New York-Paris round trip in 1958?

(\$489; accept \$439-\$539)

- C. Within \$100, what was the tuition at Harvard in 1958? (\$1250; accept \$1150-\$1350)
- Place the following clouds in order from lowest to highest in altitude in typical occurrence: cirrocumulus, cirrus, cumulonimbus, cumulus, stratus.

(stratus, cumulus, cumulonimbus, cirrocumulus, cirrus)

- Answer these questions about Clytemnestra, F5@:
- A. Who was her mother?
- (Leda) B. Who was her husband? (Agamemnon)
- C. Who was her lover, who murdered Agamemnon (Aegisthus)
- D-F. Name her three children (Orestes, Electra, Iphigenia)
- The Bhagavad-Gita is a dialogue on the eve of a great battle. FTP @, identify the two participants in the dialogue (one of whom reveals himself as an avatar of Vishnu), and the battle. (Krishna, Prince Arjuna, Kurukshetra)
- 24. F15@, identify the television pioneer, given the name of his model of television.
 - A. Iconoscope

(Vladimir Zworykin)

B. Dissector Tube, or Orthicon

(Philo T. Farnsworth)

- 25. Hauptmann may or may not have kidnaped the Lindbergh baby. FTP @, identify the groups who kidnaped the following:
 - A. Aldo Moro

(Red Brigade or Brigati Rossi)

B. Patty Hearst

(Symbionese Liberation Army)