

Toss-ups for Vanderbilt Regional Prep Tournament  
Prepared by **Berry College**, home of the Singing Carpers

1. You probably know that Audie Murphy was the most decorated hero of World War II. FTP, name Murphy's autobiography, which recounts his war experiences.

Ans: To Hell and Back

2. This city is known as the "Dimple of the Universe," the "Athens of the South," and the "Iris City." FTP, name this city, also known as the "Country Music Capital of the World," which is also the capital of Tennessee.

Ans: Nashville

3. Only two American Literature Nobel Prize winners have been born in other countries. FTP, name either of these two men, who were both born in Poland and later came to the US.

Ans: Isaac Singer or Czeslaw Milosz

4. The author of this toss-up loves hasenpfeffer, a German way of cooking rabbit. But he loves it because he can spell it. Prove that you like it as well and spell, FTP, hasenpfeffer.

Ans: H-A-S-E-N-P-F-E-F-F-E-R

5. In honor of the recent Super Bowl, tell me what the following Roman numeral is in our numeral system. The number is XCIX. FTP, what is it?

Ans: 99

6. This mathematician established the Hindu-Arabic numbers as the standard computational symbolism, causing the Roman abacus to become obsolete. You probably know him better for the sequence that begins 0..1..1..2..3..5..and so on. FTP, name him.

Ans: Leonardo Fibonacci

7. This man discovered and revealed the importance of Gregor Mendel's work and helped develop the idea of genetics. FTP, name this Dutch biologist, who advanced the idea of hereditary mutations and is second only to Mendel as the father of genetics.

Ans: Hugo de Vries

8. The Citadel sometimes uses this nickname. So do Drake University, Fresno State, Gonzaga, Louisiana Tech, and, of course, the University of Georgia. FTP, what is this common collegiate canine nickname?

Ans: Bulldogs

9. You probably know that Delaware was the first state to ratify the Constitution and maybe even that Pennsylvania was the second. FTP, however, which of the original 13 colonies was the last to do so, on May 29, 1790?

Ans: Rhode Island

10. Quote: "I am a stalwart and Arthur is now president." These words were said on July 2, 1881, after the speaker had just assassinated president James Garfield. FTP, name the assassin.

Ans: Charles J. Guiteau

11. This year was a good one for memorable lawsuits. FTP, name the year in which "New York Times vs. Sullivan," "Gideon vs. Wainright," "Reynolds vs. Sims," and "Escobedo vs. Illinois," were all handed down.

Ans: 1964

12. "Now small fowls flew screaming over the yet yawning gulf; a sullen white surf beat against its steep sides; then all collapsed, and the great shroud of the sea rolled on as it rolled five thousand years ago." FTP, what Herman Melville novel ends with that line?

Ans: Moby Dick

13. This word can mean "fine wood shavings used for packing, padding and stuffing," or it can also mean "ever upward" or "still higher." FTP, name the word, which comes from the Latin for "to excel."

Ans: excelsior

14. You know that a chronometer measures time and that a speedometer measures speed. What, FTP, measures temperatures that are too low for thermometers to measure?

Ans: Cryometer

15. For a really quick ten points, what is the largest prime number that is less than 1000?

Ans: 997

16. This Kurt Vonnegut novel is sub-titled Goodbye, Blue Monday! and was published in 1973. FTP, name the work, whose title is also the nickname for Wheaties cereal.

Ans: Breakfast of Champions

17. The main characters in this novel include Colonel Cathcart, the ever-popular Major Major Major, Mindbender and, of course, Captain John Yossarian. FTP, name the Joseph Heller work, whose title can also mean a no-win situation.

Ans: Catch-22

18. On the front of the Susan B. Anthony dollar is, naturally, Susan B. Anthony, but can you tell me, FTP, what is on the back of that very unpopular coin? A quick hint is that the design can also be found on the back of the quarter and the Eisenhower silver dollar.

Ans: an eagle (or the Apollo 11 insignia)

19. George Washington appointed the most Supreme Court justices, with eleven appointed. FTP, what 20th-century president appointed the second most with eight?

Ans: Franklin Delano Roosevelt

20. This man created the characters Bertha Cool, Donald Lam, Paul Pry, and Doug Selby. He is better known, however, for creating the best lawyer this side of Ben Matlock. FTP, name this creator of Perry Mason.

Ans: Erle Stanley Gardner

21. With Otto Hahn, this man discovered protactinium. This Austrian helped develop the atomic bomb when he developed the theory of fission energy. FTP, name this physicist.

Ans: Lise Meitner

22. Andrew Jackson had his Kitchen Cabinet, Warren G. Harding his Poker Cabinet, and FDR his Brain Trust. FTP, who had the "Medicine Ball

Cabinet?"

Ans: Herbert Hoover

23. Complete, FTP, the following passage, delivered by John F. Kennedy on June 26, 1963: "All free men, wherever they may live, are citizens of Berlin. And, therefore, as a free man, I take pride in the words, \_\_\_\_\_."

Ans: Ich bin ein Berliner

24. His Third Law of Thermodynamics implies that pressure, volume, and surface tension would all become independent of temperature at absolute zero. FTP, name this man, winner of the 1920 Nobel Prize in chemistry.

Ans: Walther Hermann Nernst

25. This man was the first president to be sworn in by his own father. He was also the only man to be born on the fourth of July and is thus far the only man to be named for his quietness. FTP, name this president, who gained that office on the death of Warren G. Harding.

Ans: Calvin Coolidge

26. For a quick ten points, what human blood type is always heterozygous, that is, it has bits of all blood types in it and can accept donations from all other types?

Ans: Type AB

27. You know that element 92 is uranium and probably also that 93 is neptunium and 91 is protactinium, but, for a quick ten points, name either element number 90 or element number 94.

Ans: Thorium (90) and plutonium (94)

28. For a quick ten points, name the only remaining colony in Europe, a 2.5 square mile British territory near southern Spain.

ANSWER: Gibraltar

- 29.. Sir Barton, Gallant Fox, Omaha, War Admiral, Whirlaway, Count Fleet, Assault, Citation, Secretariat, Seattle Slew, and Affirmed are all horses who have won, for ten points, what?

ANSWER: Triple Crown (prompt if "Kentucky Derby," "Preakness Stakes," or "Belmont Stakes" are given)

30. An influential 20th-century physicist, his name is everywhere. His equations are used to describe relativistic quantum mechanics, and he shares the name for the statistics of fermions with Fermi himself. He also invented a very peculiar function which is zero everywhere except for at one point where it is infinite. For ten points, name this British physicist.

ANSWER: Paul Dirac