

Western Michigan "B" Toss-Ups

1. The Proposal, The Wedding, Ivanov, Uncle Vanya, Three Sisters, and The Seagull are all plays, for ten points, by whom?

Ans: Anton Chekhov

2. Roger Ebert called this 1980 film "sickening, utterly worthless, shameful trash." It starred Malcolm McDowell and featured cameos by John Gielgud and Peter O'Toole as Tiberius. For ten points, name this porno film about a Roman Emperor.

Ans: Caligula

3. A German sociologist and economist, he helped establish the foundations of modern sociology. He considered bureaucracy to be the most important feature of modern society, and developed and "ideal type" method for studying society. For ten points, name this author who expressed his belief in working hard in the book The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism.

Ans: Max Weber

4. This U.S. President paid someone \$150 to take his place during the Civil War because his help was needed to support his mother and several sisters. Born in New Jersey, this president was the only Chief Executive born in that state. For ten points, name this president who destroyed himself politically by turning to J.P. Morgan to bail out the federal gold reserves when the reserves fell to near bankruptcy.

Ans: Grover Cleveland

5. Some of this author's lesser-known works include The Gilded Age, The Prince and the Pauper, and A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court. For ten points, name this author of The Adventures of Tom Sawyer.

Ans: Mark Twain (Also accept Samuel Langhorne Clemens)

6. They range from less than an inch to over eighty feet tall. They grow in soil, or on trees; basically anywhere in the world where there isn't permanent ice. Immature leaves on these green plants are often called "fiddleheads". For ten points, name these sporophytes which are most often used for decoration.

Ans: Ferns

7. Born in Northumbria about 673 A.D., he grew up in a monastery. In one of his lesser-known works, Lives of the Holy Abbots of Wermouth and Jarrow, he tells much of the history concerning his own community. For ten points, name this historian, who told the story of Britain from the year of Caesar's invasion in 55 B.C. through 731 A.D. in his work Ecclesiastical History of the English Nation.

Ans: Venerable Bede (or Bede, or Baeda)

8. In 1988, Texas was awarded the giant nuclear particle accelerator called the Supercollider. This 53-mile long ring of magnets was projected to cost 4.6 billion dollars. For ten points, in what city in Texas was the Supercollider being built?

Ans: Waxahachie

9. In Judaism, this event is observed under the name Shavuot, which falls in May or June. Since Biblical times, this celebration also commemorates the day the Ten Commandments were revealed to Moses. For ten points, name this feast, which also marks the end of the 50-day Christian observance of Easter.

Ans: Pentecost

10. Seattle is very cool, Pearl Jam, Sound Garden, and the omnipotent Nirvana all have their roots there. Boston is very cool, too. Aerosmith is from Boston, and so are the super-cool New Kids On The Block. If you like both the New Kids and Pearl Jam, perhaps you need a psychiatrist. In fact, you could probably use a psychiatrist who has experience with both Boston and Seattle people. There is only one man who can help you. For ten points, name this fictional shrink who now hosts a radio call-in show in Seattle and has traded in Norm, Cliff, Sam, and a certain Boston bar for his elderly father, a psychic maid and a dog named Eddie.

Ans: Frasier Crane

11. Everyone knows that the Globe theatre was the home of many of Shakespeare's plays. Unfortunately, the Globe was an outdoor theatre and therefore was not suitable as a playhouse during the winter months. For ten points, name the theatre that was used as a winter location for Shakespeare's theatre company.

Ans: Blackfriars's Theatre

12. This former mayor was born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama and reigned over his city for 20 years. In 1991, a little red book, much like Mao tseTung's was published with some of this mayor's most humorous and interesting quotes. Unfortunately, most of the quotes are so profane that they could not be used in this question. For ten points, name this mayor whose just-published autobiography entitled Hard Stuff should sell a great many copies in the metropolitan Detroit area.

Ans: Coleman Young

13. This type of primitive fish inhabits waters of the continental shelves and slopes of the world. Classified in the family Myxiniidae, in the order Myxinoformes, there are about 15 known species. These jawless eel-like scavengers have no commercial value and have been known to destroy valuable fish caught in trap nets. For ten points, name this fish.

Ans: Hagfish or lamprey

14. The Arafura and Timor seas are on the north. The Coral Sea, the Pacific Ocean, and Tasman Sea are on the east. Finally, the south and west are bordered by the Indian Ocean. For ten points, name this country.

Ans: Australia

15. In 1974, this slugger became the first major-league player to hit the public address speaker hanging from the roof of the Astrodome. Thirteen years later, he became the last player to hit 500 home runs. For ten points, name this all-time home run leader among third basemen.

Ans: Mike Schmidt

16. This painter's works are often grouped into three phases. The first was his Romantic period, from 1864 through 1872. The second was an impressionist period, from 1872 to 1882. And finally, a condensed and intensified period, that lasted until his death in 1906. An example from each period, in order, are The Black Clock, The House of the Hanged Man, and Grandes Baigneuses. For ten points, name this Frenchman.

Ans: Paul Cezanne

17. "But, at my back, I always hear/ Time's winged chariot hurrying near," is one line from this poem, written in the seventeenth century by English poet Andrew Marvell. For ten points, name this famous poem, which also includes the line "Had we but world enough, and time / This coyness, Lady, were no crime."

Ans: To His Coy Mistress

18. This band's debut album contains a picture of a very large naked woman hugging a very skinny naked man. There is also a hidden picture of a cow licking itself behind the black casing in the CD case. Two of the songs on the debut album are "Disgustipated" and "Prison Sex". This might sound weird, but for those who saw this band's first video, none of the above could be shocking. In the video, a small man with a wrinkly grey prune face endures endless spasms in which his arm shakes uncontrollably, opens a strange gift with a large pair of scissors, and touches raw meat flowing through a pipe. For ten points, name this band, whose debut album is called Undertow and made a very bizarre video for the song "Sober".

Ans: Tool

19. He called himself the "father of radio" and "the grandfather of television". For ten points, name this inventor of the triade who was more remembered for his court battles than his inventions.

Ans: Lee DeForrest

20. The Layari River flows through this city, which lies at the edge of a desert on the Sind plain. Its main bazaar is called the Sadr, and it lies on the Arabian Sea. For ten points, name this largest city and chief port of Pakistan.

Ans: Karachi

21. For ten points, the last name's the same. She won the 1964 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for her work in the understanding and control of pernicious anemia. He first described a disease of the lymphoid tissues that is now named for him in 1832. What is the common name?

Ans: Hodgkin (Dorothy and Thomas)

22. Born Gertrud Margarote Zelle, this Dutch dancer was executed by the French in 1917, who tried her for spying. For ten points, what name was she better known as?

Ans: Mata Hari

23. "I Get a Kick out of You", "Anything Goes", "I've Got You Under My Skin", and "Kiss Me, Kate" are all works, for ten points, by what American songwriter and composer?

Ans: Cole Porter

24. He is believed to have accompanied Champlain on his 1608 journey to Canada at the age of 16. However, he would go on to gain fame in his own right. Do you want to know why? Well, he was the first European to interpret an American Indian language and the first European to reach the Great Lakes. For ten points, name this explorer.

Ans: Etienne Brule

25. HELP WANTED: Middle aged man with excellent manners. All those who apply must have attended the Ivor Spencer International School, so as to be trained in the "British Style". Duties include ironing creases out of the morning newspaper and laying out your employer's clothes. Also needed: Knowledge of fine foods, accounting, and making travel arrangements. For ten points, what profession is being sought in this ad, the same position that Sir Anthony Hopkins holds in the new movie Remains of the Day.

Ans: Butler

26. Donna Michelle, India Allen, Corinna Harney, and Kimberly Conrad Hefner have all won this prestigious award first handed out in 1963. For ten points, name this award.

Ans: Playboy's Playmate of the Year

28. Diane Carey, David and Daniel Dvorkin, Carmen Carter, Peter David, Michael Friedman, Robert Greenberger, and Simon Hawke all write books in a particular series. The wily Picard will be proud if, for ten points, you "make it so" and identify this series.

Ans: Star Trek (or The Next Generation, or DS9)

WMU "B" Bonus

1. The bonus category is military aircraft. For ten points each, give the common names for the following aircraft:

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| a. Northrup F89 | Ans: Scorpion      |
| b. Lockheed F80 | Ans: Shooting Star |
| c. Curtis F40   | Ans: Tomahawk      |

2. Here's a two part physics bonus.

A. For fifteen points, name the French engineer who laid the foundations for thermodynamics in 1824. He believed that heat is caloric.

Ans: Sadi Carnot

B. For fifteen points, Dutchman Christian Huygens established what specific law in the 1660's?

Ans: Law of Conservation of Momentum

3. Answer the following questions about the incident in American history known as the XYZ affair.

a. First, for five points, under which president did the incident occur?

Ans: John Adams

b. Next, for five points each, name the three people John Adams sent to France to attempt to settle a dispute.

Ans: John Marshall, Elbridge Gerry, and Charles Pinckney

c. For a final five points, name the French foreign minister who tried to stall the negotiations.

Ans: Talleyrand

4. Elvis? Who needs Elvis when we have Dr.. Dre?! It is just what you have been waiting for! The Dr.'s at the door, and he has a thirty point bonus with it.

a. For five points, name the protege who Dre raps with in "Dre Day".

Ans: Snoop Doggie Dog

b. For ten points, in Dre's video for the song "Let me ride", a male rapper walks out of the women's bathroom and says, "Damn right it was a good day." Which rapper states these poetic lines?

Ans: Ice Cube

c. For fifteen points, also in the song "Let Me Ride", Dre claims to have how many switches in his car to make it hop?

Ans: 16

5. There are six national holidays that always fall on a certain day of the week. For five points each, name them.

Ans: M.L.K. Birthday  
Memorial Day  
Washington's Birthday  
Labor Day ✓  
Columbus Day  
Thanksgiving

6. 30-20-10, name the author.

For 30: He wanted his unpublished manuscripts to be burned after his death in 1924, but his friend Max Brod edited and published them anyhow.

For 20: His best-known short stories include "The Judgement", "In the Penal Colony", and "A Hunger Artist".

For 10: His best-known novels are The Trial, The Castle, and Amerika.

Ans: Franz Kafka

7. Six twentieth century presidents have won a presidential election without capturing a majority of the popular vote. For five points each, name them.

Ans: Woodrow Wilson, Harry Truman, J.F.K., Richard Nixon, Jimmy Carter, and Bill Clinton

8. Everyone knows that Hydrogen and Helium are the two most abundant elements in the sun. However, for five points each, and a total of thirty, you need to name six of the next seven most plentiful elements in our sun.

Ans: Carbon, Nitrogen, Oxygen, Neon, Magnesium, Silicon, and Sulphur

9. For five points each, and a five point bonus for getting all five, give the subtitles of the following works in Gustav Holst's "The Planets".

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| a. Mars    | Ans: The Bringer of War ✓   |
| b. Neptune | Ans: The Mystic             |
| c. Uranus  | Ans: The Magician           |
| d. Jupiter | Ans: The Bringer of Jollity |
| e. Venus   | Ans: The Bringer of Peace   |

10. Answer the following questions about Indian literature.

a. First, for ten points, name the epic poem which tells the story of the Pandava brothers and Kavrava cousins, both descended from a great king.

Ans: Mahabharata

b. Next, name the other great epic poem of India, which tells the story of Rama, a human form of the god Vishnu, who serves as a model for Hindu men.

Ans: Ramayama

c. Now, for a final ten points, name the sacred work of Hinduism, part of the Mahabharata, whose names means "Song of God" or "Song of the Beloved".

Ans: Bhagavad-Gita

11. Independence for certain African countries has only been gained at the expense of bloodshed and human life. Two of these countries lie near the center of Africa, where in the 1960s the Tutsi aristocracy and the Hutu people were embroiled in a civil war which eventually led to the emergence of them as independent from Belgium. For fifteen points each, name these two small countries.

Ans: Rwanda and Burundi

12. I'll give you the state flower and a motto. If you can name the state, you'll earn ten points. If you need the state nickname, you will earn five points. You may give an incorrect answer to the first clue, and still be eligible for five points when the nickname is given.

a. For ten: Flower is Syringia, motto is "It is perpetual".

For five: Nickname is The Gem State.

Ans: Idaho

b. For ten: Flower is bitter root, motto is "Golden Silver".

For five: Nickname is The Treasure State.

Ans: Montana

c. For ten: Flower is The back-eyed susan, motto is "Manly deeds, womanly words".

For ~~five~~ Nickname is The Old Line State.

Ans: Maryland

13. Answer the following questions about the mythical character known as the Pied Piper.

a. First, for five points, which German town did the Pied Piper free of rats.

Ans: Hamelin

b. Next, for ten points, what Englishman made the Pied Piper famous in a poem based on the legend.

Ans: Robert Browning

c. Finally, for fifteen points, name the river in which the Pied Piper drowned the rats.

Ans: Weser River

14. It's time for a bowling bonus. For ten points each, answer these questions about the grueling sport of bowling.

- a. Who was the first bowler to win \$100,000 in a single season?

Ans: Earl Anthony

- b. The largest bowling alley in the world is located in what international city?

Ans: Tokyo

- c. Name one of the two biggest manufacturers of bowling alley equipment.

Ans: Brunswick or AMF

15. The video game Mortal Kombat is very cool, much like Seattle. Each character has a fatality that it uses at the end of the game to finish off their opponent and gather mondo points. I will describe a fatality move, and you choose the character that executes this move from the following list: Rayden, Sub-Zero, Scorpion, Johnny Cage, and Kano. Note: Just like in the real video game, a perfect score on this bonus earns you a chance at an additional five point bonus question.

- a. This character makes your head explode with a bolt of lighting.

Ans: Rayden

- b. This character burns you to a crisp.

Ans: Scorpion

- c. This character rips off your head, while your spine dangles in the wind.

Ans: Sub-Zero

- d. This character rips out your heart.

Ans: Kano

- e. This character punches you in the head so hard that it flies off.

Ans: Johnny Cage

Bonus (to be read ONLY if first five are ALL correct): The secret bonus character in Mortal Kombat is named reptile and looks nearly identical to two of the characters listed and has all their powers. For five points, name the two characters that are similar to reptile in form and abilities.

Ans: Scorpion and Sub-Zero

16. To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the People's Republic of China, the Chinese government held a banquet. A very famous picture was taken at the banquet, showing three communist leaders. For five points for the first, ten for the second, and fifteen for the third, name all three leaders pictured.

Ans: Mao TseTung, Ho Chi Minh, and Nikita Khrushchev

17. 30-20-10 Name the composer.

For 30: This Russian composer, pianist, and conductor was born in 1873 and died in 1943.

For 20: While still a student, he composed "Prelude in C sharp minor" and the opera "Aleko".

For 10: Five years after composing the famous cantata "The Bells", he moved to the United States.

Ans: Sergei Rachmaninoff

18. I'll give you the name of a character from an old T.V. show. Identify the actor who played him for ten points. If you need the name of the show for a hint, you'll earn five points.

- a. Character: Mike Stivic

Show: All in the Family

Ans: Rob Reiner

- b. Character: Jim Anderson

Show: Father Knows Best

Ans: Robert Young

- c. Character: Joe Friday

Show: Dragnet

Ans: Jack Webb

19. Given the compound, give its chemical formula for ten points each.

- a. Ethane

Ans: C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>

- b. Benzene

Ans: C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>

- c. Methane

Ans: CH<sub>4</sub>

20. Answer the following about the Kennedy assassination for ten points each.

- a. In what way did Lee Harvey Oswald obtain the gun used in the assassination?

Ans: Mail-Order

- b. On what day of the week did Jack Ruby kill Oswald?

Ans: Sunday

c. Give the last name of the person who shot the film that was used by the Warren Commission to investigate the assassination.

Ans: Zapruder

21. For ten points each, identify the author given the work.

- a. Doctor Faustus

Ans: Christopher Marlowe

- b. The Red and the Black

Ans: Stendahl (or Marie Henri Beyle)

- c. Tom Jones

Ans: Henry Fielding

22. In the 1920s and 30s no gangster was complete without a really cool nickname. For five points each, and a five point bonus if you get all five, I'll supply the real name, and you tell me the nickname.

- a. Vincent Coll

Ans: Mad Dog

- b. Arthur Schulttz

Ans: Dutch

- c. Frank Nitti

Ans: The Enforcer

- d. John Diamond

Ans: Legs

23. For ten points each, identify each of the following American artists.

a. Born in 1912, he painted with his canvas on the floor, saying he felt he was literally in the painting.

Ans: Jackson Pollock

- b. "Out for Christmas Trees" is by this artist, whose real name was Anna Mary Robertson.

Ans: Grandma Moses

- c. This realists works include "Walt Whitman" and "The Clinic of Dr. Agnew".

Ans: Thomas Eakins

24. 30-20-10 Name the man.

For 30: Born in 1512, his given name was Gerard Kremer, but he adopted the Latin form of this name.

For 20: He was the first to use the word "Atlas" to describe a collection of maps.

For 10: He won lasting fame in 1569 when he introduced a new way of showing the ball-shaped earth on a flat sheet of paper.

Ans: Gerardus Mercator