

Elvis Questions
Wisconsin A
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1. In architecture, it's the flat slab that forms the top member of a capital. In mathematics, its best known form is a wooden frame with sliding counters used for performing arithmetic calculations. FTP, what is the shared name?

Abacus

2. At its top sat an eagle. At its bottom twined a serpent. Between them ran a squirrel breeding discord. FTP, name this earth tree of Norse mythology whose branches and roots extended throughout the entire universe.

Yggdrasil

3. Some uses for this element include surgical tools, electrical resistance wires, and contact points. It is used as a catalyst in the Ostwald Process and in petroleum cracking. When alloyed with cobalt, it makes powerful magnets. An alloy of this metal with iridium makes up the official kilogram kept in France. FTP, name this pricey element.

Platinum

4. Founded in 1919, this school revolutionized art training by combining the study of pure art with the study of crafts. Its distinctive style was epitomized by a severe geometry of form, economy of method, and design that factored in the materials being use. FTP, name this school whose faculty included Paul Klee (CLAY), Wassily Kandinsky, and Walter Gropius.

the Bauhaus

5. The name's the same. The kaleidoscopic work by John dos Passos that shows the meaningless decadence of 1920's new York through intertwining accounts of unrelated characters, and a popular vocal jazz group best known for their renditions of "Birdland", and "Route 66". FTP, what's the shared name?

Manhattan Transfer

6. Philip V of Spain, Leopold III of Belgium, William II of Germany, Hsuan T'ung of China, Farouk of Egypt, and Edward VIII of England. FTP, what momentous act do all these rulers have in common?

they all abdicated

7. After ingestion, larvae are released and mate in the intestines. They are then carried to various muscles where they become encysted. Death occurs in approximately five percent of clinical cases. FTP, I have just described the causes of what disease carried in uncooked meat?

Trichinosis

8. Fronting it are the Empire State Building, the New York Public Library, Rockefeller Center, St. Patrick's Cathedral, and the Guggenheim Museum. From 59th to 110th streets, it borders Central park. On its west it borders the Metropolitan Museum of Art. FTP, name this thoroughfare associated with the Saks chain of stores.

5th Avenue

9. When the Mills Commission investigated, it was found that a single unsubstantiated letter from an elderly man who later died in an insane asylum was the only proof of this man's invention of baseball. FTP, name the civil war soldier who used to be credited with the creation of baseball at Cooperstown, NY in 1839.

Abner Doubleday

10. While working as a bank teller, he was charged with stealing money from the till and promptly fled to Honduras. When he returned to be with his fatally ill wife, he was thrown into jail for three years. While in prison he began writing the first of his nearly 300 short stories, later to be collected in such volumes as the Four Million and Cabbages and Kings. FTP, name this author of "Gift of the Magi".

O. Henry or William Sydney Porter

11. The president of the Wall Street firm of Dillon, Read, and Co. this man volunteered his services in Washington as WWII approached. During WWII, he served as Secretary of the Navy, and later became the first Secretary of Defense. Asked to step down by Truman, he fell into a deep depression and killed himself two months later. FTP, name this man.

James Forrestal

12. According to this law, any rise in wage rates above subsistence will cause the working population to increase to the point where competition among workers for jobs will cause wages to fall back to the subsistence level. FTP, name this law posited by David Ricardo.

the Iron Law of Wages

13. Delfaeyo produces records. Ellis taught Harry Connick Jr. to play piano. Wynton has won numerous Grammy awards for both classical and jazz albums. Branford now heads up the Tonight Show band. FTP, name this talented family.

Marsalis

14. In printing it's a trial impression for inspection. In beverages it is a measure of the amount of alcohol in a drink. In mathematics, it's a set of axioms and their derivatives used to justify a statement. FTP, what is the common term?

Proof

15. Dogfight, I Love You to Death, the Thing Called Love, the Mosquito Coast, Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade, Running On Empty and My Own Private Idaho. FTP, what recently deceased actor appeared in all these movies?

River Phoenix

16. The Picture in the House, the Outsider, the Tomb, the Horror at Red Hook, At the Mountains of Madness, the Dunwich Horror, Dagon, Beyond the Wall of Sleep, Herbert West – Reanimator, and the Call of Cthulhu (Ka-Thoo-Loo). FTP, what author wrote these chilling horror stories?

H. P. Lovecraft

17. Located on a mesa shaped rock 1,300 feet above the western shore of the Dead Sea, here 1,000 people held out for two years under a siege conducted by 15,000 Roman soldiers. FTP, name this fortress that was the final outpost of the Zealot Jews in the rebellion versus the Romans.

Masada

18. The name of the ship that transported Khan to his exile on the original Star Trek shares its name with the place Cook and Banks landed in Australia, a place that lent its name to a famous penal colony. FTP, give the shared name.

Botany Bay

19. One of the great weasels of Greek mythology, it is said that he stole the sacred food of the gods. Another legend states he killed his son Pelops and served the body to the gods to test their omniscience. FTP, name this king doomed to eternal thirst.

Tantalus

20. Treatment of rickets often includes exposure to this, because it stimulates production of vitamin D in the human body. It is also widely used to sterilize rooms, blood plasma, and vaccines. FTP, name this thing sometimes called black light.

Ultraviolet Radiation

(If sunlight is given, please ask for more specific information)

21. Born in 1906, this composer's best known symphonies are his first, fifth, and ninth. 1930 saw the debut of two of his masterpieces, "the Nose", a piece based on a tale by Gogol, and the ballet "the Golden Age". FTP, name this Russian composer.

Dmitri Shostakovich

22. You stand in an art museum, looking at a painting composed entirely of vertical and horizontal lines at 90 degree angles, with sections filled in only with primary colors or shades of gray. FTP, what Dutch madman created this style, known as Neoplasticism.

Piet Mondrian

23. Originally postulated in an effort to explain the negative result of the Michelson–Morley experiment, this hypothesis became the basis for the mathematics of Einstein's theory of relativity. FTP, name this quantity that measures the amount of contraction an object displays in the direction of its motion.

Lorentz Contraction

24. The son was a film director whose best known works are "the Rules of the Game" and "Grand Illusion". The father was an impressionist painter and sculptor best known for the painting "Moulin (Moo-lan) de la Galette (Gah-let)". FTP, name this famous family.

Renoir

(Jean and Pierre)

25. Frederick invented the instruments used in the test to determine the flash point of petroleum. John Jacob isolated epinephrine. Neils proved the impossibility of representing a fifth degree or higher equation by a radical, studied elliptical functions, and has a set of commutative groups named after him. FTP, what's the shared last name?

Abel

26. These poets said that ideas are best expressed by the actual rendering of concrete images without the superfluous commentary, and that feelings must be conveyed by specific physical analogies. FTP, name these poets typified by Hilda Doolittle, D.H. Lawrence, and headed by Ezra Pound.

Imagists

28. The United States population becomes more urban than rural for the first time. The first regular radio broadcasts begin in East Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The national League of Woman Voters is organized. the Palmer Raids deport thousands of radicals and immigrants. Sacco and Vanzetti are arrested. FTP, all of these events occurred in what year?

1920

BONII
Wisconsin A

1. As we all know, French kings have goofy nicknames. For five points each, give the number associated with the following French kings.

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|------------------------|-------|-----------------------|---------|
| a) Charles the Mad | : 6th | d) Charles the Bald | : 2nd |
| b) Louis the Stammerer | : 2nd | e) Louis the Sluggard | : 5th |
| c) Saint Louis | : 9th | f) Louis the Fat | : 6th ✓ |

2. It's time for one of those ever popular chain sentence bonuses. For five points each tell me what you would get by combining the following clues. For example, if you were asked to combine a strange citrus milkshake sold in malls and a member of the first Roman triumvirate, you would answer with Orange Julius Caesar.

- a) A tacky painting of the king of rock n' roll, and the rocker whose real name is Declan McManus.

Velvet Elvis Costello ✓

- b) An Andrew Lloyd Webber musical and the most popular tv series starring William Shatner.

Jesus Christ Superstar Trek

- c) A Charles Dickens novel and the best known song by the British group the Animals.

Bleak House of the Rising Sun

- d) A famous song from Black Sabbath's "Paranoid" album, and a movie about Sir Thomas More.

An Iron Man For All Seasons

- e) The tv show with Big Bird, and the play with Stella.

Sesame Streetcar Named Desire ✓

- f) A 70's funk group and the monument almost trampled by midget in the movie This Is Spinal Tap.

Sly and the Family Stonehenge

3. Any student of physics, or viewer of Beakman's World knows that there are three classes of levers, each determined by the position of their fulcrum, resistance, and effort. For 5 pts each, tell me if the following objects are 1st, 2nd, or 3rd class levers.

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| a) Wheelbarrow | : 2nd ✓ | d) Hammer | : 3rd |
| b) Scissors | : 1st | e) Bottle Opener | : 2nd |
| c) Baseball Bat | : 3rd ✓ | f) Car Jack | : 1st |

4. For 5 pts each, tell me whether the following events ever appeared in the Olympics.

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| a) croquet | : yes ✓ | | |
| b) tug of war | : yes ✓ | | |
| c) 100 meter freestyle swim open only to members of the Greek Navy | | : yes ✓ | |
| d) lawn bowling | : no ✓ | | |
| e) underwater swimming | : yes | | |
| f) live pigeon shooting | : yes ✓ | | |

5. For some reason, there have been a lot of movies recently that involve men buying women for a certain amount of time. Identify the following movies from the people involved in the sale and the price. FTP each.

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| a) James Caan, Sarah Jessica Parker, \$65,000 | : <u>Honeymoon In Vegas</u> ✓ |
| b) Robert DeNiro, Uma Thurman, \$40,000 | : <u>Mad Dog and Glory</u> ✓ |
| c) Robert Redford, Demi Moore, \$1,000,000 | : <u>Indecent Proposal</u> ✓ |

6. 30/20/10, name this guy.

30 pts) Grandson and son of missionaries in the Pacific, during WWI, he headed an allied flight school in France.

20 pts) After leaving Yale University, he served as Lt. Governor, Governor, and Senator of Connecticut.

10 pts) He is best known as the discoverer of the Inca city of Macchu Picchu.

Hiram Bingham

7. For 5 pts each, and 5 bonus for getting all five correct, identify the following groups of "knights".

a) Formed during the crusades, these knights wore the famous red cross on a white field and were responsible only to the Pope.

Knights Templars

b) An American Roman Catholic society for men founded in Connecticut, which nowadays seems much like the elks or lions club.

Knights of Columbus

c) The more regal name of the unsavory Ku Klux Klan.

Knights of the White Camilla

d) The workplace reform group that led the 1880's Union Pacific and Wabash railroad strikes which was condemned by the press for the Haymarket Square Riot even though they were not involved.

Knights of Labor

e) The group best known for their enthusiastic pursuit of shrubbery and harassment of King Arthur.

Knights of Nee or Knights who say 'Nee'

8. It's time to answer that immortal college bowl question, "Could the following people have dated."

For 5 pts each, tell me if the following people could have dated. In interest of being politically correct, disregard all geographic, gender, and age considerations.

a) Marie Curie and Archduke Franz Ferdinand : Yes

b) Caligula and Claudius : Yes

c) Sigmund Freud and Buddy Holly : Yes (Holly was 3 when Freud died)

d) Glenn Miller and Oscar Wilde : No

e) Virginia Woolf and Boss Tweed : No

f) Sid Vicious and Marilyn Monroe : Yes (more likely that Marilyn was babysitting tho')

9. With Les Aspin stepping down as Secretary of Defense, you would think they would get around to picking a new one.

a) FTP, name the person Clinton first nominated to succeed Aspin. : Bob Inman

b) Inman stepped down because he said a congressman and a newspaper columnist were conspiring against him. FTP each, name them. : Bob Dole and William Safire

10. Few people have won the Pulitzer prize for fiction twice. Given the author and the years in which they won, give his two Pulitzer winning works, 5 pts each work.

a) Booth Tarkington, 1919 and 1922 : the Magnificent Ambersons , Alice Adams

b) William Faulkner, 1955, 1963 : the Reivers , a Fable

c) John Updike, 1982, 1991 : Rabbit is Rich , Rabbit at Rest

11. It's time to play forensic pathologist. Point to where it would hurt if someone had clubbed you in the following parts of the head, FTP each.

a) Occipital bone : Base of the skull in back.

b) the maxilla : Between the upper teeth and the bottom of the eye sockets.

c) Temporal bone : Side of the head near the ear.

12. As we all know, Oprah Winfrey's production company is Harpo. For 5 pts each, tell me what famous people own the following companies.

- a) Worldwide pants : David Letterman
- b) general productions : Geena Davis
- c) tig productions : Kevin Costner
- d) egg pictures : Jodie Foster
- e) Moe be to blame : Red Hot Chili Peppers
- f) big dog productions : Jay Leno

13. It's the patriotic music bonus. For 5 pts each, and five bonus for all correct, give the following answers that include the words red, white, or blue.

- a) Name the AIDS benefit album made up of covers of Cole Porter songs by such people as David Byrne.

Red, Hot, and Blue ✓

- b) The British musical group that recorded "Nights in White Satin"

the Moody Blues ✓

- c) The Cream song from the album "Wheels of Fire" that causes great difficulty to bands because the introduction had four guitar parts.

White Room ✓

- d) The group that recorded the songs "Godzilla" and "Don't Fear the Reaper"

Blue Oyster Cult ✓

- e) The group best known for the songs "Still of the Night", and "Is This Love", and having Tawney Kitaen flouncing about in their videos.

Whitesnake

14. For 5 pts each, name the following Christian sects from their founders.

- a) John Wesley : Methodist ✓
- b) Charles Taze Russel : Jehovah's Witnesses ✓
- c) Menno Simmons : Mennonites ✓
- d) Joseph Smith : Mormons (latter day saints, etc. ✓
or Church of Latter Day Saints)
- e) Mary Baker Eddy : Church of Christ Scientist or Christian Science ✓
- f) George Fox : Quakers (or Society of Friends)

15. Which of the following us cities is larger by population. 5 pts each.

(Moderators NOTE: CORRECT ANSWER IS UNDERLINED)

- a) Philadelphia or San Diego ✓
- b) Memphis or Milwaukee ✓
- c) Dallas or San Antonio. ✓
- d) San Francisco or Baltimore ✓
- e) Houston or Detroit ✓
- f) Denver or Columbus ✓

16. Identify the number of the following crusades FTP each.

- a) The crusade that saw Pope Innocent III excommunicate all the crusaders for sacking the city of Zara.

4th ✓

- b) The crusade inspired by Pope Urban II's speech at the council of Clermont.

: 1st ✓

- c) The crusade that was actually a peaceful trip by Holy Roman Emperor Frederick II, during which he signed a truce with the Moslems.

6th

17. 30/20/10, name the artist.

30 pts) Pope Sixtus IV had him paint three biblical frescoes to help decorate the Sistine Chapel.

20 pts) He was a favorite painter of the Medici, and he included their portraits, along with his own in his "Adoration of the Magi"

10 pts) Known for his mythological allegories, his best known work include "Pallas Subduing a Centaur", "Spring", and "the Birth of Venus".

Sandro Botticelli

18. Excluding Mercury, Venus, and the Earth, rank the remaining planets from greatest to least in order of the number of satellites each has. 5 pts each in correct place.

Saturn (18), Jupiter (16) Uranus (15) Neptune (8) Mars (2) Pluto (1)

19. Unbeknownst to many, PepsiCo has been gobbling up fast food franchises. For 10 pts for 2, 20 for 3, and 30 for all 4, name the four fast food franchises owned by Pepsi -- sort of the four basic Pepsi food groups.

Hot 'n' Now, Taco Bell, Pizza Hut, Kentucky Fried Chicken

20. It's time for a question about those nutty tuberculosis magnets, the Bronte Sisters. For 5 pts each, and 5 bonus for all correct, tell me which sister wrote the following.

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| a) Wuthering Heights | : <u>Emily</u> | d) Agnes Grey | : <u>Anne</u> |
| c) Jane Eyre | : <u>Charlotte</u> | e) the Professor | : <u>Charlotte</u> |
| d) Tenant of Wildfell Hall | : <u>Anne</u> | | |

21. Name the composer for his works, 30/20/10.

- 30) the operas "The Gambler" and "Betrothal in a Convent"
- 20) the film scores for "Alexander Nevsky" and "Lieutenant Kije"
- 10) the ballet "Romeo and Juliet", and "Peter and the Wolf"

Sergei Prokofiev

22. Name the year 30/20/10

- 30) the McCarren-Walter bill revised and limited immigration laws.
- 20) Books published included the Old Man and the Sea, East of Eden, and Invisible Man
- 10) Eisenhower was elected president.

1952

23. It's time to answer another periodic table chess question. For 5 pts each, what six elements could you reach with your knight if you started on #16, sulfur?

Neon (#10), Krypton (#36), Iodine (#53), Carbon (#6), Germanium (#32), Antimony (#51)

24. 30/20/10, name the author.

- 30) After getting a law degree, he studied philosophy under Henri Bergson in Paris.
- 20) In 1938 he wrote The Odyssey: A Modern Sequel, a set of Odysseus' adventures used to probe the views of Jesus, Buddha, Lenin, Nietzsche, and others.
- 10) His best known works are the Greek Passion, and the Last Temptation of Christ.

Nikos Kazantzakis

25. FTP each, name the following calendar systems from a few of their months.

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| a) Nisan, Iyar, Tammuz, Tishri | : <u>Jewish</u> |
| b) Rabi I, Rabi II, Safar, Ramadan | : <u>Islamic</u> |
| c) Magha, Pansa, Jyaistha, Caitra | : <u>Hindu</u> |

26. Name the artist 30/20/10.

- 30) Before turning to art, he was a sailor and a stockbroker.
- 20) Maugham's Moon and Sixpence was loosely based on his life.
- 10) His best known paintings include "the Yellow Christ", "By the Sea", and "the Day of the God"

Paul Gauguin