

1995 ACF Nationals Questions by Charlie Steinhice

1. You want versatility? This guy had it. He wrote a 20-volume commentary on jurisprudence, invented the rubaiyat poetic form, pioneered the use of the astrolabe in astronomical experiments, observed Venus passing through the solar disk in 1032, invented longitude, and applied the Indian system of calculations (including the zero) to Euclidean geometry. He also influenced medieval Scholasticism with his ethics and logic texts, which were perhaps the first to blend Aristotle and the Koran. For 10 points, identify this 10th and 11th century Muslim scholar whose Canon of Medicine was the standard medical text for over six centuries. For 10 points, name this overachiever.

Answer: Avicenna or ibn Sina

2. He made his stage debut in Desire Under the Elms in 1940; early stage successes included The Seagull, The Power and the Glory, and Expresso Bongo. His few film roles include Charles VI of France in Henry V, Katharine Hepburn's husband in A Delicate Balance, and King Lear in Peter Brook's film version. FTP, name this man, an Oscar nominee for last year's Quiz Show and a winner in 1966 for A Man for All Seasons.

Answer: Paul Scofield

3. The MVP of Amherst's football team, he got his M.D. from McGill U. in Canada, then a Med.D.Sc. from Columbia. He won the 1944 Spingarn Medal, and his birthplace near Roxboro, NC, has a state memorial. Controversy still surrounds his death from an auto accident in 1950; some sources claim he was turned away from a whites-only hospital. For 10 points, name the director of the American Red Cross's blood bank in World War II, who pioneered the development of blood plasma.

Answer: Charles R. Drew

4. In 1314 Jacques DeMolay was burned at the stake after recanting an earlier confession. DeMolay and his followers had been arrested by order of Philip IV, who wanted the wealth and envied the power of this order, of which DeMolay was the last Grand Master. For 10 points, name this religious military order, founded during the Crusades by Hugh de Payens.

Answer: Knights Templar

5. One of the few English poets to fight in World War I and survive, he described his subsequent nervous condition in Goodbye to All That. He kept revising his poetry, issuing 5 successive editions of his Collected Poems. His reputation as a love poet was enhanced by his treatise The White Goddess: A Historical Grammar of Poetry and Myth. But today his poems are not read as widely as his historical fiction. For 10 points, name the author of Claudius the God and I, Claudius.

Answer: Robert Graves

6. This great-grandson of Queen Victoria wasn't a hemophiliac; lucky for him, since his destroyer flotilla was heavily bombed off both Norway and Crete. In 1942 he became Chief of Combined Operations and had a key role in planning the invasions of Italy & Normandy. In late 1943 he took over in Southeast Asia, where he reversed the tide, retook Burma, and was about to strike Singapore and Malaysia when Japan surrendered. For 10 points, name this man, assassinated in retirement in 1979 by the I.R.A., who in 1947 became the last Viceroy of India.

Answer: Louis Mountbatten

7. He occasionally wrote under pseudonym of Joshua Coffin and used Francis Appleton, whom he later married, as the model for one of his work. Her death in a fire in 1861 stopped most of his writing efforts though he eventually finished his translation of The Divine Comedy. For 10 points, identify this 19th century American poet of such long narratives as Tales of a Wayside Inn, Kavanagh, and Evangeline.

Answer: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

8. In 1824, he published his only work, a partial title of which is "On the Motive Power of Fire" and in it he proposed the definition of work as "a weight lifted through a height." For 10 points, identify this French scientist, who as the first man to consider quantitatively how heat and work are interconverted can be considered the founder of the science of thermodynamics.

Answer: Nicolas Sadi Carnot

9. In "The Devil and Daniel Webster" he's summoned from Hell to serve on the all-American jury. He and his brothers James and George were Seneca captives who remained close to the tribe after their 1759 release. He defected from the Revolutionary ranks and led Tory Indian assaults on the Kentucky frontier settlements, later siding with the Indians in Little Turtle's War. For 10 points, name "the Great Renegade," who personally ordered the burning alive of Continental Army Col. William Crawford.

Answer: Simon Girty

10. He coined the term "anomie" for a state of normlessness in which society cannot control members' behavior. He developed a systematic methodology based on the view that what he called "social facts", that is, social phenomena should be treated as "things" to be explained solely by reference to other social facts. For 10 points, identify this graduate of the Ecole Normale Supérieure who became the first chair of sociology in France in 1913 who is best known for his work on suicide.

Answer: Emile Durkheim

11. He wrote The Blindman's World & Other Stories, Miss Ludington's Sister: A Romance of Immortality, and Dr. Heidenhoff's Process. His most famous work inspired a sequel, Equality, and a book-length rebuttal by William Morris, News from Nowhere. Since he abandoned the practice of law before he really began it, it bears note that no lawyers exist in his utopian vision of A.D. 2000. For 10 points, name the author of Looking Backward.

Answer: Edward Bellamy

12. The northern two thirds of the country in the region of the Sahara and is bordered by the Sahel, a band of hot, semi-arid steppe, that is prone to droughts. In its southwest is located the Bodele, a large depression into which its namesake body of water may sometimes overflow. For 10 points, identify this African nation dominated by the Ennedi and Wadai plateaus along its long eastern border with the Sudan.

Answer: Chad

13. His first name was "Tommy" and though his mother dies giving birth to him, he is a quiet, happy child raised in the prosperous mining community where he was born. For 10 points, identify this son of Cherokee Sal who is better known by the nickname given him by the miners of the Roaring Camp.

Answer: Luck or "the Luck"

14. The son of an impoverished schoolmaster, he was admitted in 1808 as a boy soprano to the imperial chapel and played in the school orchestra where he wrote his first symphony. He became the pupil of Salieri for theory in 1812 and two years later wrote his first opera *Des Teufels Lustschloss* and later that same year set Goethe's poem, "Gretchen at the Spinning Wheel" to music. FTP, identify this Austrian composer who died in 1828 and who in his short life produced nine symphonies, including the "Unfinished."

Answer: Franz Schubert

15. One of the minor constituents of interstellar matter, it can be used as an antifreeze, solvent, rocket fuel, and even as a clean-burning (if cost-prohibitive) auto fuel. In the body, it is converted by a dehydrogenase into formaldehyde and in sufficient doses can cause blindness and even death. For 10 points, name this compound with formula, CH_3OH , used to denature its nontoxic cousin.

Answer: methanol; if "wood alcohol," ask for more information

16. Pliny the Elder praised his sense of proportion and bodily form but criticized his archaic treatment of head and pubic hair. This native of Eleutherae studied under Ageladas of Argos. We know from the literature of about 20 works, of which the most renowned in his time was the bronze cow on the Acropolis, but all we have to judge him by are Roman copies of his sculptures of Marsyas, Athena, and the Discobolus. For 10 points, name this Greek sculptor.

Answer: Myron

17. He may have written the greatest drama ever set in Armenia when he adapted the Vitae Sanctorum of the 16th century monk Surius into his play on the conversion of the Roman governor Felix to Christianity. He began his dramatic career with *Melite* and followed it with *The Gallery of the Palace* and *The Comic Illusion*. For 10 points, identify this dramatist of *Polyeucte*, *Medea*, and *El Cid* - a master French drama.

Answer: Pierre Corneille

18. Maras. Gundis. Tucu-tucos. Hutias. Viscachas. Cavies. Agoutis. Jerboas. Nutrias. Marmots. Porcupines. For 10 points, to what order of mammal do all these belong, along with the vole, the lemming, and the chipmunk?

Answer: Rodentia or rodents

19. It's the last name of a wealthy lecher in Ben Jonson's The Alchemist. It also appears as a fallen angel identified with Vulcan in Paradise Lost and as a personification of the evils of wealth & miserliness in The Faerie Queen. For 10 points, name the Syrian god of riches, which both Matthew 6:24 and Luke 16:13 say cannot be served along with God.

Answer: Mammon

20. It was a busy reign. The government was modernized to include premier, upper and lower houses, and a body of elder statesmen, or Genro. Feudalism was abolished, wars were won against China and Russia, and Tokyo became the capital. The emperor who did all this was named Mutsuhito, but since he's dead it's impolite to say his name. So instead we use, For 10 points, this reign name to denote the period of Japanese modernization.

Answer: Meiji; if early buzz with "Mutsuhito," ask for more

21. Though revoked by Pope Paul III it was legal confirmed by Parliament in 1543 and is still borne by the English monarch. For ten points, identify this term conferred by Leo X in 1521 in consequence of a Latin treatise entitled A Defense of the Seven Sacraments, written by Henry VIII in confutation of Martin Luther.

Answer: Defender of the Faith

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1. There's a new biographical dictionary with a pop culture emphasis titled Legends in Their Own Time. Several of the people profiled are known by a first initial and middle and last name. I'll supply the full first name and a category for 10 points, name the person. You will earn 5 points if you need a second clue.

10: Asa, American history

5: He organized the brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

Answer: A. Philip Randolph

10: Fahrid, American actor

5: He starred in Amadeus

Answer: F. Murray Abraham

10: Lyman, American children's author

5: He wrote The Wizard of Oz

Answer: L. Frank Baum

2. Time for the usual Shakespeare characters bonus. Or is it Dickens this time? For 10 points each, given three characters, name the work by either Dickens or Shakespeare from whence they come:

1. Dr. Caius, Justice Shallow, Anne Page

Answer: The Merry Wives of Windsor

2. Mrs. Smallwood, Sir Leicester Dedlock, & Miss Flite

Answer: Bleak House

3. Datchery, Durdle, and Jack Jasper

Answer: The Mystery of Edwin Drood

3. Overlooked among all those "B" composers, sometimes good "R"'s are hard to find. Name the composers from works on a 10-5 basis:

10: Three Poems of Stephen Mallarme

5: Bolero

Answer: Maurice Ravel

10: The Birds

5: The Pines of Rome

Answer: Ottorino Respighi

10: Tancredi

5: William Tell

Answer: Gioacchino Rossini

4. Ah, the unexpected results of exploration! FTP each, answer the following on the history of disease.

1. For 10 points, what disease was given its name by the 16th century Italian physician Girolamo Fracastoro in an epic poem subtitled "or the French disease"?

Answer: syphilis

2. Fracastoro's germ theory was brushed aside at the time by adherents of this man's theories, which rejected the old humor imbalance theory and attributed each illness to a specific external cause and gave each illness a specific seat within the body. He also made the classical clinical description of syphilis.

Answer: Paracelsus

3. This pioneer in hematology and chemotherapy synthesized Salvarsan as a treatment for syphilis.

Answer: Paul Ehrlich

5. Not all Supreme Court decisions set permanent precedents. These decisions have been superseded by later ones, so by modern standards, in these cases the bad guys won. Name them, 10 points each:

1. Scholar Fred Ragan dubbed this 1905 case "the apogee of substantive due process." The group which appealed their defeat on shorter work hours laws to the Supreme Court was named (honest!) the Master Bakers Association.

Answer: Lochner v. New York

2. The defendant in this 1896 case was the judge of the Criminal District Court of the Parish of New Orleans; the plaintiff was an aggrieved passenger on the East Louisiana Railway.

Answer: Plessy v. Ferguson

3. In this 1942 decision, the court held that the 6th Amendment did not guarantee the right to counsel in non-capital Federal cases. It was overturned by Gideon v. Wainwright in 1963.

Answer: Betts v. Brady

6. 30-20-10 Identify this philosopher.

1. He and William James didn't get along, James describing his dissertation on Lotze as "the perfection of rottenness" and he described The Varieties of Religious Experience as "slumming."

2. In the four volume, Realms of Being, he developed an idiosyncratic combination of Platonism and materialism.

3. He wrote the five volume, The Life Reason.

Answer: George Santayana

7. Name these influential early Protestants, 10 points each:

1. He joined the group of conspirators who avenged the death of his mentor, G. Wishart. Captured by the Catholics, he was rescued from slavery & fought on the Continent before returning to Scotland in 1559.

Answer: John Knox

2. His opposition to Luther's views on the nature of the Eucharist provided perhaps the first internal controversy among Protestants. He was killed in a 1531 Catholic raid on Zurich.

Answer: Ulrich or Huldreich Zwingli

3. He worked with Luther, wrote the Loci Communes and the Augsburg Confession, and tried to moderate differences with the Catholics to avoid warfare (and thus to avoid a fate like Zwingli's.)

Answer: Philip Melanchthon

8. Given a few battles, name the war on a 10-5 basis:

10: Ramillies, Turin, Almansa, Oudenaarde

5: Blenheim

Answer: War of the Spanish Succession

10: Ticinus, Trebia, Lake Trasimene

5: Cannae, Zama

Answer: Second Punic War

10: Sluis, Patay, Formigny

5: Crecy, Poitiers, Agincourt

Answer: Hundred Years' War

9. Name the author, 30-20-10.

1. He wrote The Golden Book of Springfield about his Illinois hometown. He is the second most famous person buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery there, after some guy named Lincoln.

2. His poetry collections include The Candle in the Cabin, Going to the Stars, The Art of the Moving Picture, and In Praise of Johnny Appleseed.

3. Among his poems are "The Eagle That Is Forgotten," "The Congo and Other Poems," "The Ghost of the Buffaloes," and "Abraham Lincoln Walks at Midnight."

Answer: Vachel Lindsay

10. For 10 points each, name these chemists associated with the periodic table:

1. In 1869 he proposed arranging elements by atomic weights and similar properties; using his periodic law, he correctly predicted the properties of three unknown elements, gallium, scandium, & germanium.

Answer: Dmitri Mendeleev

2. Independently of Mendeleev, this pupil of Robert Bunsen established a periodic table and also made the connection between atomic weights and properties. However, he never made any predictions about the properties of undiscovered elements.

Answer: Julius Lothar Meyer

3. This British chemist's earlier attempts at periodic grouping failed because he insisted on recurring patterns of seven -- but he did precede Mendeleev in predicting the existence of germanium.

Answer: John A. Newlands

11. For 10 points each, answer the following about the Barbary Wars:

1. Treaties concluded in 1797 had the U.S. paying tribute to various Barbary rulers. In 1801 the pasha of this city upped his demands; when refused, he declared war on the U.S. His reward was a U.S. blockade that led to a new treaty in 1805 with a tribute of zero.

Answer: Tripoli

2. This captured U.S. frigate was retaken and destroyed in the war's most celebrated engagement, in 1804.

Answer: the Philadelphia

3. The hero of that fight, he also led a successful expedition in 1815 to subdue the Algerian navy for similar reasons.

Answer: Stephen Decatur

12. Given an African nation and the dates, name the venerable postcolonial President, 5 points each:

1. Tanganyika (later Tanzania), 1962-85

1. Julius Nyerere, 1962 to 1985

Answer: Tanganyika or Tanzania

2. Kenneth Kaunda, 1964-1991

Answer: Zambia

3. Felix Houphet Boigny, 1960-1993

Answer: Cote d'Ivoire or Ivory Coast

13. Cerberus and Cujo notwithstanding, dogs usually get treated pretty kindly in literature. For 5 points each, name these canines:

1. He alone recognized Odysseus after all those years.

Answer: Argus

2. This Fred Gipson creation defended his young master and his family and got rabies in the process. His demise has been dramatized effectively by both Disney and the Kids in the Hall.

Answer: Old Yeller

3. The protagonist of The Call of the Wild, his father was a St. Bernard, his mother a Scotch shepherd.

Answer: Buck

4. Buried in Newstead Abbey garden, his moving epitaph (written by his master, Lord Byron) states: "To mark a friend's remains, these stones arise;/I never knew but one, and here he lies."

Answer: Boatswain

5. Before Lassie there was this collie, the creation of Albert Payson Terhune, who befriended a lame child.

Answer: Lad

6. This wise, rare hybrid bassalope in Bloom County took its name from the opening line of Citizen Kane.

Answer: Rosebud

14. For 10 points each, name the Roman authors of:

1. Miles Gloriosus

Answer: Plautus

2. The Satyricon

Answer: Petronius

3. Germania

Answer: Cornelius Tacitus

15. This question deals with cognitive processes. Then again, don't they all? For 10 points each, given the definition, give the term:

1. An active organization of prior knowledge, beliefs, and experience which is used in perceiving the environment and retrieving information from memory

Answer: schema or schemata

2. The process by which information selected by a schema is further reduced so that only the meaning of that information, not its format, is stored in memory

Answer: abstraction

3. A situation in which the perception of a stimulus is influenced by nonstimulus factors such as a person's general knowledge, beliefs, or expectations

Answer: top-down processing

16. For 10 points each, give the physics term from definitions. Your clue: All were lifted from the same page of the glossary of a dictionary of physicists.

1. A device that detects small changes in electric current by its magnetic effect.

Answer: galvanometer

2. The rotation of the plane of polarization of polarized light by passing it through a transparent medium subjected to a transverse magnetic field.

Answer: Faraday effect

3. The point of balance of a lever system.

Answer: fulcrum

17. It's kind of hard to identify some nations from the countries they border, since they consist of a cluster of islands. So name these South Pacific nations from a partial list of islands for 10 points, or from the capital for 5:

10: Vanua Levu, Viti Levu, Kantavu

5: Suva

Answer: Fiji

10: Malakula, Tanna, Aoba, & Espiritu Santo

5: Port Vila

Answer: Vanuatu

10: Savai'i and Upolu

5: Apia

Answer: Western Samoa

18. Name the artists from works, 10 points each:

1. Old Woman Cooking Eggs; Baltasar Carlos; Surrender of Breda

Answer: Diego Velasquez

2. Adoration of the Lamb; Madonna of Chancellor Rolin

Answer: Jan van Eyck

3. Cardinal Bentivoglio; Charles I of England

Answer: Anthony Van Dyck

19. For 10 points each, identify these tribes of the Great Basin:

1. They once ranged from southern CA to southeastern WY. The main branches today include the Northern, Southern, and Owens Valley. The Southern branch's belief and ritual is grounded in the Coyote Tales or Winter Stories.

Answer: Paiute

2. Like the Southern Paiute they speak Southern Numic. At their peak they occupied most of CO & UT and parts of WY & NM. Among their bands are the Muache, Capote, and Uncompaghre.

Answer: Ute

3. They occupied eastern CA & OR, central NV, southern ID, northern UT, & western WY. The western group survived mostly by fishing, but the eastern group adapted to a Plains Indian lifestyle of buffalo hunting. Their oldest ritual is the Naray or Shuffling Dance, although their Sun Dance is better known.

Answer: Shoshone

20. Translate these constellations' titles into English, 5 points each:

1. Pavo

Answer: the Peacock

2. Cetus

Answer: the Whale

3. Musca

Answer: the Fly

4. Apus

Answer: the Bird of Paradise

5. Caelum

Answer: the Chisel

6. Pyxis

Answer: the Compass

21. For 10 points each answer the following about parabolas:

1. A parabola's distance from its focus is always equal to its perpendicular distance from a fixed straight line. What is that line called?

Answer: directrix

2. This is the chord through the focus and perpendicular to the axis of the parabola.

Answer: latus rectum, or focal width

22. You can tell this bonus was an afterthought. For 5 points each, name the authors of the following:

1. After the Fall

Answer: Arthur Miller

2. After the Banquet

Answer: Yukio Mishima

3. After the First Death

Answer: Robert Cormier; accept Donald Taylor

4. After the Funeral

Answer: Agatha Christie or Dylan Thomas

5. After the Divorce

Answer: Grazia Deledda

6. After the Stroke: A Journal

Answer: May Sarton

23. Only five teams have won back-to-back Super Bowls. For 5 points each or 30 for all five correct, name them.

Answer: Green Bay Packers, Miami Dolphins, Pittsburgh Steelers, San Francisco 49ers, Dallas Cowboys

24. This year Olympia Snowe of Maine became only the 4th woman to have served in both houses of Congress. For 10 points each, name the other 3. Your hint: 2 are still on Capitol Hill.

Answer: Margaret Chase Smith, Barbara Mikulski, Barbara Boxer