

1995 ACF Nationals Questions by Maryland I

1. A philosophical idler, cynical, melancholy, and contemplative, this man is a lord, attendant on the banished duke in the forest of Arden. He has little to do with the plot, but his musings furnish some of Shakespeare's most frequently quoted lines, notably from the speech on "The Seven Ages of Man." For 10 points, identify this man whose soliloquy "All the world's a stage..." is featured in As You Like It.

Answer: Jaques (JAY-kweeze)

2. After earning his Ph.D. at the University of Leningrad, he toured the great theoretical physics centers of Western Europe working for a time with both Neils Bohr and Wolfgang Pauli. Upon his return to the Soviet Union, he speculated incorrectly that stellar heating comes from superdense neutron cores. Emaciated and extremely ill after being imprisoned in Butyrskaya for a year, in due course he recovered and solved the mystery of superfluidity using the laws of quantum mechanics. For 10 points, identify this man who won the 1962 Nobel Prize in Physics.

Answer: Lev Davidovich Landau

3. Maintaining that "the labor of a human being is not a commodity or article of commerce," this act legalized peaceful strikes and boycotts under federal jurisdiction and limited the use of court injunctions against labor. It is perhaps better known for forbidding price-cutting to force out competitors, banning interlocking directorates between large corporations, and eliminating rebates from one company to another for special considerations. FTP, name this 1914 law that amended the Sherman Anti-Trust Act.

Answer: Clayton Anti-Trust Act

4. In Euripides' Helen, he is referred to as a former king of Egypt. In most Greek legends, he is an old man and a prophet. He lived in a vast cave, and his custom was to count his herd of sea-calves at noon and then go to sleep. When caught, he was helpful to Greek heroes with his foreknowledge. For 10 points, identify this herdsman of Poseidon famous as a shape-shifter.

Answer: Proteus

5. Based on the short story "The Tin Star" by John Cunningham, its score was written by Dmitri Tiomkin and it was directed by Fred Zinneman. The plot follows the showdown between Marshall Will Kane and Frank Miller's gang, and actors include Henry Morgan, Lee Van Cleef, Thomas Mitchell, Lloyd Bridges, and Grace Kelly. For 10 points, name this Western for which Gary Cooper won an Oscar for Best Actor in 1952.

Answer: High Noon

6. The third, fifth, seventh, eighth, and ninth are an exchange of songs. The first portrays the anguish of a shepherd forced to leave his ancestral lands. The second is the love song of Corydon for the boy Alexis. The sixth is the "Song of Silenus" which shows the poet's familiarity with Lucretius while the tenth and last was dedicated to the poet's patron Gallus. For 10 points, identify this collection of pastoral poems, the fourth and most famous of which was heralded by medieval theologians as a prophecy for the birth of Christ, written by Virgil.

Answer: Bucolics or Eclogues

7. Led by the minister of war of the government-in-exile of King Peter, this resistance group mainly engaged in delaying tactics and avoided directly attacking the Germans. However, after failing to coordinate activities with the Communist-controlled resistance group, they more often fought their Communist countrymen than their Axis occupiers, which led the Allies to withdraw all support from this group. On the losing side by the war's end, their leader, Draza Mihailovic, was taken to Belgrade and executed. FTP, name this Serbian nationalist guerilla force which was in constant conflict with Marshal Tito's Partisans.

Answer: Chetniks

8. A member of the Scapigliatura, his poetry, notably the long allegoric poem Re Rosso, reveals a powerful Nordic romanticism. His renown comes though, not as a literary figure, but as a musical one. His only opera written under the pseudonym Tobia Gorio ran for over six hours and caused riots in the audience. As a librettist, he was engaged by Ponchielli, and wrote La Gioconda. For 10 points, name this man who was more successful with the libretti of Verdi's Falstaff and Otello than with his own Mefistofele.

Answer: Arrigo Boito

9. It is a rare complication of certain common diseases, for example mumps or herpes simplex, and a specific manifestation of less common viruses often carried by insects. Typically an acute illness with headache and fever, it may lead to inflammation of brain tissue, causing personality change, epilepsy, or coma. For 10 points, name this disease which occurred as an epidemic earlier this century.

Answer: Encephalitis

10. Among the characters in this book are Slade, an outlaw, Brigham Young, and Hank Erickson, a man who gets inscrutable advice from Horace Greeley on turnip growing. It is the story of the author's experiences at gold mining, reporting for a Virginia City newspaper, lecturing, and travelling to Hawaii. For 10 points, name this 1872 book by Mark Twain about his experiences in the West.

Answer: Roughing It

11. The native Celts of this island were Christianized by Irish monks in the fifth century, and it was repeatedly sacked by the Norse in the eighth and ninth centuries before being settled by them. Sold by Norway to Scotland in 1266, it passed through the hands of numerous British nobles before it became a Crown dependency in 1765, a status it still holds. Its legislature, the Court of Tynwald, was established in 979 and is one of the oldest in the world. For 10 points, name this island in the Irish Sea which is home to a species of tailless cat.

Answer: Isle of Man

12. His father wrote the first geography book published in the U.S. In 1810, he moved to London to study painting, and later returned to America. In 1825, he helped found the National Academy of Design and became its first President. But he is better known for improving the work of Ampere and working out a way to send messages electronically. For 10 points, name this famous American, who on May 24, 1844 transmitted "What hath God Wrought!"

Answer: Samuel F.B. Morse

13. Consideration of conservation of angular momentum requires that its spin be one-half in units of \hbar . Its existence was postulated in 1930 to explain the apparent non-conservation of energy in beta decay processes. A lepton, it is known only to be involved in weak interactions. For 10 points, name this particle which scientists are not seeing enough of when studying solar emissions.

Answer: Neutrino

14. In August 1974, as the entire nation watched the resignation of Richard Nixon, four young men from Forest Hills, Queens played their first set at CBGB's in Manhattan's Lower East side. On the Fourth of July in 1976--the exact date of the American Bicentennial--they stood on a stage in London and inaugurated the era of punk rock with a performance of "Blitzkrieg Bop." For 10 points, name this band of brothers whose biggest hits were "Teenage Lobotomy," "Sheena is a Punk Rocker," and "I Wanna to be Sedated."

Answer: The Ramones

15. After being driven southward by the Huns, the Goths asked the Romans to allow them to settle the land south of the Danube. The Romans complied, but imposed such harsh conditions that the Goths revolted. Emperor Valens led a Roman army to fight the Goths, but foolishly attacked them after a long march on a hot day. The Roman army lost 40,000 men, suffering its worst defeat since Cannae, and Valens was killed. FTP, name this pivotal battle of 378 AD which allowed the Goths to conquer the land south of the Danube.

Answer: Battle of Adrianople

16. Jupiter, the usurper, represents the tyranny of kings and civil institutions; Demogorgon is the Primal Power of the World; and Asia is Ideal Love or Nature. It was written between 1818 and 1819, during which time the author was able to complete another play The Cenci. For 10 points, name this lyrical drama by Percy Shelley which treats an instance related by Aeschylus.

Answer: Prometheus Unbound

17. This artist's most famous work contains a French inscription which when translated says "I have kissed your mouth, Jokanaan, I have kissed your mouth." Not accidentally, this same work earned him a commission from John Lane to further illustrate scenes from the same 1893 play. For 10 points, identify this victim of tuberculosis who portrayed the grotesquely orgiastic climax of Oscar Wilde's Salome.

Answer: Aubrey Beardsley

18. Edward Waring, Joseph Larmor, Charles Babbage, and Paul Dirac are among those who have held this position. Isaac Barrow became the first to officially hold it in 1662, taking the place of the man whose name the position bears. According to the episode "All Good Things..." it will eventually be held by Lieutenant Commander Data, and it is currently held by Steven Hawking. For 10 points, name this Cambridge University position, possibly the most prestigious professorship in the world, which Barrow vacated in 1669 in favor of Isaac Newton.

Answer: Lucasian Chair (or Professor) of (Applied) Mathematics

19. He received a Medal of Honor during the Civil War, and afterwards was the custodian of Jefferson Davis. In the 1890's, he commanded the troops that put down the riots during the Pullman Strike, and led the occupation of Puerto Rico. But he is best known for his record during the Indian Wars, where he defeated the Kiowas, Comanches, and Cheyennes and suppressed the Ghost Dance. For 10 points, name this American general, who accepted the surrenders of both Chief Joseph, and Geronimo.

Answer: Nelson Appleton Miles

20. One of the seven sages, his cosmology has Egyptian and Semitic affinities. Among his lesser known accomplishments are: founding the science of surveying, telling the Ionians to found their capital at Teos, cornering the market on the olive industry, and foretelling the solar eclipse which occurred during the Battle of the Halys. FTP, name this philosopher of Miletus who believed that the world was made of water.

Answer: Thales

21. A supporter of Wycliffe and patron of Chaucer, he used his marriage to Constance to claim the Castilian crown. In 1386, he invaded Castile, but was forced to give up his claim in 1388. He was a leading English magnate under Richard II, but his wars kept him out of the domestic troubles of the period. For 10 points, name this uncle of Richard II, whose son became King Henry IV.

Answer: John of Gaunt

22. There are three different versions of the poem, ranging from 2,000 to 7,000 lines, and it was probably a collaboration of at least two or perhaps even five different writers. It begins as the poet falls asleep in the Malvern Hills and dreams that he comes upon the tower of Truth set on a hill, with the dungeon of Wrong in the deep valley below. For 10 points, name this allegorical social satire in alliterative verse, usually attributed in whole or in part to the hypothetical William Langland.

Answer: Piers Plowman

23. During his reign, rebellions occurred continually throughout his almost 3,000-mile-long kingdom. In addition, diseases carried by white explorers, such as smallpox, measles and scarlet fever killed thousands of his people. His decision to divide his empire between his sons led to a civil war, which proved advantageous to Pizarro's forces. For 10 points, name this 11th emperor of the Incas who was the father of Atahualpa.

Answer: Huayna Capac

24. Its name is derived from the Arabic for "wool," referring to the woolen garments of early ascetics. It draws on practices of Christian monastic orders, Buddhist institutions, and Neoplatonic philosophy, with its ultimate goal being complete union with God. One of its orders, the Mawlawi, are better known in the West as whirling dervishes. For 10 points, give the name of this Islamic mystical movement.

Answer: Sufi (or Sufism)

25. Apparently produced between 750 and 800, it is unclear where this forgery originated, possibly either among the Roman curia or in the Frankish empire. It supposedly granted Pope Sylvester I and his successors imperial authority in Rome and the entire Western Empire. Used extensively to expand the temporal powers of the Pope during the Middle Ages, its authenticity was not seriously challenged until 1440, and some still defended it as late as the early 18th century. For 10 points, name this document, supposedly given to Sylvester as thanks for curing the emperor of leprosy and baptizing him into Christianity.

Answer: Donation of Constantine

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1. Many Civil War generals died in famous battles. Given the name of a general, you give me the battle for 10 points, or if you need the date, give me the battle for 5 points apiece.

10: Israel Richardson

5: September 17, 1862

Answer: Antietam or Sharpsburg

10: Stonewall Jackson

5: May 2 to 4, 1863

Answer: Chancellorsville

10: John Sedgwick

5: May 8 - 19, 1864

Answer: Spotsylvania

2. Let's see if you can recognize these Knights of the Round Table for the stated number of points.

1. 5 pts: None but he could sit on the Siege Perilous. Answer: Sir Galahad

2. 10 pts: He is overcome in single combat by Tristan. Both love Iseult and after the lady has been given up by the Saracen, he is converted to Christianity. Identify the only Round Table knight not born a Christian.

Answer: Sir Palamedes

3. 15 pts: Name the first to be made a knight of the Round Table.

Answer: Sir Torre

3. It's time for a tangled titles bonus. Provide these tangled titles for the stated number of points.

1. 5 pts: A 1642 painting commissioned by Franz Banning-Coq and an anti-Nazi play by Lillian Hellman.

Answer: The Night Watch on the Rhine

2. 5 pts: An Irving Stone novel about the life of Michelangelo and a 1645 sculpture group by Bernini.

Answer: The Agony and the Ecstasy of Santa Theresa

3. 10 pts: A 1638 painting by Peter Paul Rubens and a play about Ferdinand, king of Navarre, and his friends.

Answer: The Garden of Love's Labour's Lost

4. 10 pts: A G.B. Shaw play that takes its title from a Virgil epic and an 1864 sculpture by Auguste Rodin.

Answer: Arms and the Man With a Broken Nose

4. Scientific discoveries are not only the result of hard work but also pure luck. For 10 points, identify these instances of serendipity.

1. In a dream about Jormungand, this man discovered the structure of benzene.

Answer: Friedrich Kekule

2. It's a good thing that Kepler studied Brahe's observations of this planet. If he had studied any other, he would have been hard pressed to notice the ellipticity of planetary orbits.

Answer: Mars

3. Hans Geiger suggested that this man give a grad student a project to study. He suggested that the student study the scattering of alpha particles and as a result won the Nobel Prize from his student's efforts.

Answer: Ernest Rutherford

5. The Danube flows through four national capitals. Name 'em, for 5 points each.

Answer: Belgrade, Budapest, Bratislava, Vienna

2. Another river, the Sava, rises in the Alps and joins the Danube at Belgrade. For 10 points name either of the two national capitals besides Belgrade that lie on the Sava.

Answer: Ljubljana, Zagreb

6. How much do you know about the battle that turned the tide of World War II in the Pacific? Answer the following questions about the Battle of Midway for the stated number of points.

1. 5 pts: In what year was it fought?

Answer: 1942

1. 5 pts: Name the Japanese strategist who planned the invasion of Midway.

Answer: Isoroku Yamamoto

2. 10 pts: Name the U.S. carrier that was sunk during the battle.

Answer: U.S.S. Yorktown

3. 10 pts: Name the U.S. aviator who was the only person to survive the U.S.S. Hornet's squadron Torpedo Eight's ill-fated attack.

Answer: George H. Gay Jr.

7. Given the first line of a work of literature, give me the work for 15 points, if you can name it after a character, you get 10 points, and if you need the author you get 5 points. Some of the first lines may be translations.

15: "I will begin the story of my adventures with a certain morning early in the month of June, the year of grace 1751, when I took the key for the last time out of the door of my father's house."

10: David Balfour

5: Robert Louis Stevenson

Answer: Kidnapped

15: "When I had journeyed half of our life's way, / I found myself within a shadowed forest, / for I had lost the path that does not stray."

10: Vergil

5: Dante

Answer: Inferno ask for more on Divine Comedy

8. Answer these questions about Mozart compositions FTP each.

1. In the summer of 1788, Mozart composed three symphonies in E Flat (K. 543), G Minor (K. 550), and C (K. 551). The last was considered the pinnacle of the symphonic form. What nickname is associated with this work, the Symphony No. 41?

Answer: Jupiter Symphony

2. It was commissioned by Count Franz von Walsegg-Stuppach and completed posthumously by Franz Xaver Sussmayr. FTP name this partially ghostwritten composition.

Answer: Requiem Mass (K. 626)

3. The Piano Concerto No. 21 in C Major (K. 467) was popularized through film. Give the name of the film by which this work is best known.

Answer: Elvira Madigan

9. Identify the following humanists for the stated number of points.

1. 5 pts: He adhered to the view of German pietism that religion was less a matter of ceremony and doctrine than of morality and rational piety. Name this Dutch scholar who wrote Moriae Encomium.

Answer: Desiderius Erasmus

2. 15 pts: He joined the Florentine Academy in 1484 and held that all knowledge could be reconciled and systematized. Name this Italian author of De Dignitate Hominis which was prefaced to his 900 theses.

Answer: Giovanni Pico della Mirandola

3. 10 pts: This man wrote a biography of Pico della Mirandola and A Dialogue Concerning Heresies. Name the man who succeeded Cardinal Wolsey as Lord Chancellor.

Answer: St. Thomas More

10. The discovery of the double helix structure of DNA involved people other than Watson and Crick. Name these other people included in the hunt for DNA for the stated number of points.

1. 5 pts: A Caltech professor in chemistry, he published an incorrect structure in Nature that inadvertently put Watson and Crick on the right trail.

Answer: Linus Pauling

2. 10 pts: The director of the Cavendish Laboratory and winner of the 1915 Nobel Prize in physics, he funded Watson and Crick.

Answer: William Lawrence Bragg

3. 5 pts: A collaborator, he shared the Nobel Prize with Watson and Crick.

Answer: Maurice Wilkins

4. 10 pts: She provided the X-ray photograph of the double helix structure.

Answer: Rosalind Franklin

11. Identify these short stories of Nathaniel Hawthorne For 10 points, each.

1. A Puritan leaves his wife Faith for a night-time journey in the woods, meeting an old man with a twisted staff. He observes a witches' sabbath and discovers his wife among them.

Answer: Young Goodman Brown

2. A doctor and devoted man of science nourishes the title character on poisons. Physically deadly but pure in spirit, she drinks the antidote given her by a faithless suitor knowing that it will kill her.

Answer: Rappaccini's Daughter

3. Name the collection that features these short stories as well as The Celestial Railroad and The Birthmark, the opening sketch of which describes the Concord parsonage where the stories were written.

Answer: Mosses From an Old Manse

12. If you weren't deprived as a sixth-grader, you'd remember the classic cartoon Transformers. Answer these questions for 5 points each.

1. Name the two factions, one good, one evil, into which the Transformers were divided for 5 points each.

Answer: Autobots and Decepticons

2. Name the leaders of the Autobots and the Decepticons, one who transformed into a big rig and the other who transformed into a revolver for 5 points each.

Answer: Optimus Prime and Megatron

3. From what planet did the Transformers come to Earth?

Answer: Cybertron

4. The Autobots left Cybertron under the leadership of Optimus Prime to escape the Decepticons. What was the name of the ship they used to flee which crashed into a mountain on Earth.

Answer: The Ark

13. Sure it was just a few years ago, but how well do you remember the Gulf War. Given a description of the person, you give me his name for 5 points apiece with a five point bonus for all correct.

1. Iraqi Foreign Minister

Answer: Tariq Aziz

2. Turkish President

Answer: Turgot Ozal

3. Israeli Prime Minister

Answer: Itzhak Shamir

4. Emir of Kuwait

Answer: Jabir Al Ahmed Al Sabah

5. Canadian Prime Minister

Answer: Brian Mulroney

14. Identify these Greek artists none of whom are Phidias or Praxiteles. 10 points total for each part.

1. The sculptor of Doryphoros or The Spear Bearer.

Answer: Polyclitus The Elder

2. The sculptor of Apoxyomenos or The Scaper.

Answer: Lysippus

3. 5 pts each: The two architects of The Parthenon.

Answer: Ictinus and Callicrates

15. Identify these terms from astronomy for 10 points, each.

1. The line on the Hertzsprung-Russell diagram on which most stars including our sun are found.

Answer: Main Sequence

2. Located towards the bottom of the Hertzsprung-Russell diagram, they are supported by electron degeneracy pressure and have a mass of less than 1.4 solar masses.

Answer: White Dwarfs

3. Recent studies have shown that they are not found in sufficient quantities to be a significant part of the dark matter of the universe. for 10 points what name is given to these Jupiter-sized bodies.

Answer: Brown Dwarfs

16. Not unlike the American Revolution, the French Revolution prompted a proliferation of pamphlets and tracts, some patriotic, some philosophical, either for or against the Revolution. For 10 points each.

1. "Rights of Man"

Answer: Thomas Paine

2. "What is the Third Estate?"

Answer: Emmanuel, Abbe Sieyes (see-ez)

3. "Vindication of the Rights of Women"

Answer: Mary Wollstonecraft

17. Answer the following questions about Greek myth of Cadmus for the stated number of points.

1. 5 pts: What was the city that Cadmus founded?

Answer: Thebes

2. 10 pts: What was the name of Cadmus' wife?

Answer: Harmonia

3. 15 pts: This is the name of the men who sprang up from dragon's teeth, who Cadmus fooled by throwing a stone in their midst. They later became the ancestors of Theban nobility.

Answer: The Spartoi (the sown men)

18. Given the characters, give the book for 10 points. You only get five points if you need the author.

10: Katerina Ivanovna, Grushenka, Father Zosima

5: Fyodor Dostoyevsky

Answer: The Brothers Karamazov

10: Joachim Ziemssen, Leo Naphto, Pieter Peeperkorn

5: Thomas Mann

Answer: The Magic Mountain or Der Zauberberg

10: Cyril Fielding and Adela Quested

5: E.M. Forster

Answer: A Passage to India

19. Identify the following curves from economics for 10 points each.

1. It describes the relationship between the price levels and the sum of the output that consumers, firms, and government are willing to purchase.

Answer: Aggregate Demand Curve (ask for more on "Demand")

2. This curve purports to show a negative relationship: when the inflation rate increases, the unemployment rate decreases.

Answer: Phillips Curve

3. It indicates the distribution of income among income groups: the percentage of the population is shown on the x-axis, and the percentage of income is shown on the y-axis.

Answer: Lorenz Curve

20. Given the chemical formula, name the chemical compound for 5 points each.

1. FeF₂

Answer: Ferrous Fluoride or Iron (II) Fluoride

2. FrMnO₄

Answer: Francium Permanganate

3. Li₂C₂O₄

Answer: Lithium Oxalate

4. NH₄ClO

Answer: Ammonium Hypochlorite

5. CsCN

Answer: Cesium Cyanide

6. SrCr₂O₇

Answer: Strontium Dichromate

21. Answer these questions about the compositions of Franz Joseph Haydn for 15 points each.

1. Hoping to convince Prince Nicholas of the Esterhazy to grant a brief furlough to his exhausted orchestra, Haydn wrote this symphony in which the sounds of one instrument after another would cease as the musician extinguished a candle in front of him and left the stage. Nicholas took the hint, and the orchestra got their much deserved vacation. Name the symphony.

Answer: Farewell Symphony or Symphony No. 45 in F-Sharp-Minor

2. The collective name given to twelve symphonies commissioned by the Impresario John Peter Salomon on Haydn's first trip out of Austria.

Answer: The London Symphonies

23. Answer these questions about people who served during Napoleon's Consulate FTP each.

1. Napoleon was, of course, the First Consul. But FTP name either the Second or the Third Consul.

Answer: J.J. Cambaceres or C.F. Lebrun

2. The minister of police, this former physics professor and extreme terrorist was largely responsible for the fall of Robespierre and the end of the Reign of Terror.

Answer: Joseph Fouche

3. The minister of state, he spent the Terror in safe seclusion in the US. A bishop of aristocratic lineage, he later assisted in the restoration of the Bourbon kings.

Answer: Charles Maurice de Talleyrand-Perigord

24. No tournament is ever complete without a New Deal question. Answer these questions FTP each.

1. It called on every business to accept a temporary "blanket code": a minimum wage, a maximum workweek, and the abolition of child labor. FTP name this New Deal agency whose emblem was the blue eagle.

Answer: The National Recovery Administration or the NRA

2. The NRA was headed by what man, a retired general and successful business-man.

Answer: Hugh S. Johnson

3. And for a final ten points, name the 1935 Supreme Court case which declared the NRA unconstitutional.

Answer: Schechter v. U.S. (accept Schechter Poultry Co. v. U.S.)