

1995 ACF Regionals Questions by the University of Illinois

1. On the night of a premier, this composer had not yet finished writing the opening overture. He was locked in a room backstage, frantically began scribbling down notes that were passed to copyists and then on to the orchestra that was performing his "The Thieving Magpie". For 10 points, identify this 19th century Italian composer better known for such works as The Italian in Algiers, Tancred, and William Tell.

Answer: Gioacchino Rossini

2. The order was closed down in 394 A.D. by the Christians after having faithfully served for many years. The members were chosen at the age of about eight and then received ten years of training, performed the rituals for the next ten and finally became teachers for a final ten years and then they were free to do as they choose. For 10 points, name these women who took an oath of celibacy to serve the Roman goddess protector of the state, the home and the family?

Answer: Vestal Virgins

3. Old members include certain members of European royal families, the Queen Mum, Queen Elizabeth, Prince Philip, and Prince Charles. Some new members are Princess Anne, Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Ninian Stephen and Lord Ashburton. Created in 1348 by Edward III, it is confined to royalty and twenty-four members chosen by the monarch. FTP, name this most esteemed order of chivalry in Great Britain?

Answer: Order of the Garter

4. She was caricatured by James Lowell in A Fable for Critics and is said to be the model for Zenobia in Nathaniel Hawthorne's The Blithedale Romance. From 1840 to 1842, she edited the Transcendentalist journal The Dial from and was the first female journalist to work for the New York Tribune. For 10 points, name this woman, the author of the feminist work Woman in the Nineteenth Century.

Answer: Margaret Fuller

5. This man was a musician by profession and an astronomer by hobby. When he went to buy a telescope he found he could not afford a very good one and after deciding to build his own, ended up with one of the best in the world. For 10 points, identify this man who while using his new telescope in 1781 came across an unknown object he initially believed to be a comet but instead turned out to be the planet Uranus.

Answer: William Herschel

6. In Greek mythology, these creatures were the offspring of Ixion, and lived in the mountains of Thessaly and Arcadia.

Their most famous exploit was their attempt to carry off Hippodamia, the bride of Pirithous, king of the Lapiths. For 10 points, identify this semi-equine race whose members were in general wild and lawless with the exception of the wise Chiron.

Answer: Centaurs

7. They are found only in the Americas, but there are 319 species of them, mostly in tropical South America where the largest variety is found in the Andes. Of the many species, only the ruby-throated variety breeds in the eastern US. For 10 points, name this large family of small birds, ranging in weight from one-fourteenth to three-quarters of an ounce.

Answer: Hummingbirds

8. D.H. Lawrence spoke of him as 'sitting in a corner, sucking his pacifier long after his age' and Virginia Woolf described him as 'limp and damp and milder than the breath of a cow'. For 10 points, name this British author who collaborated with Benjamin Britten on the opera Billy Budd and wrote the novels The Longest Journey, Maurice and Where Angels Fear to Tread?

Answer: Edward Morgan Forster

9. A graduate of the University of Illinois he was the first House Republican to call for the resignation of Richard Nixon. In 1983 he formed the National Unity Party but was unable to get himself on the ballot for the 1984 presidential election. For 10 points, name this moderate Republican who criticized Reagan and Bush for not being 'too terribly engaged about the affairs of the American people' and is most well know for running with Patrick Lucey and gathering seven percent of the vote in the 1980 presidential election?

Answer: John Anderson

10. After receiving his doctorate from the University of Illinois and teaching there for several years, he moved on to Harvard for two years and then went on to DuPont to head up their organic chemistry division. During his ten years there he became world-famous and was the first industrial chemist elected to the National Academy of Sciences. For 10 points, name this chemist who was principally responsible for the development of nylon and neoprene?

Answer: Wallace Carothers

11. When this clergyman was appointed to a post in rural Devonshire he regarded it as torture because he was a lover of London societal life. But it was this country setting that helped him write some of his best poetry which appeared in his quickly forgotten volume, Hesperides. For 10 points, identify this 17th century British poet who wrote Delight in Disorder, Corinnas Gone a-Maying, and To the Virgins to Make Much of Time.

Answer: Robert Herrick

12. One of Germany's leading expressionist painters, this man found his direction in his early twenties, during a visit to Paris, where he saw paintings by Vincent Van Gogh, Paul Gauguin, and the Fauves. After the founding of Der Blaue Reiter in 1911, he began to depict his subjects-- horses, deer, and tigers, in a more intellectualized geometric manner. For 10 points, identify this artist killed at Verdun in 1916 who is best known as a co-founder with Wassily Kandinsky of Der Blaue Reiter.

Answer: Franz Marc

13. When he was eighteen years old he left his family's Illinois farm and wandered westward where in a shoot-out with the McCanles gang, three of them were killed. For 10 points, identify this man who served as a federal scout during the Civil War, toured with Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, and who was shot from behind while playing poker in a saloon in Deadwood, Dakota Territory.

Answer: James Butler "Wild Bill" Hickok

14. On this holiday Romans were allowed to gamble in the street, slaves were given the privileges of freedom, friends exchanged candles and the city of Rome closed down. For 10 points, name this festival, the precursor of Christmas, which on December 17 honored the Roman counterpart to Cronus who was supposed to bring back the golden age.

Answer: Saturnalia

15. Kyriacou Nicolaou and his colleagues recently announced the total synthesis of this compound. Previously it had been obtained from the bark of the Pacific yew tree which was in danger of extinction because of the large demand for this drug. For ten points name this drug, an antitumor agent for ovarian, lung, breast, and skin cancers and a promising basis for future anticancer drugs.

Answer: Taxol

16. He wrote, "I am a mariner of Odysseus with heart of fire but with mind ruthless and clear," in his novel Toda Raba. He studied under Henri Bergson and wrote a modern version of the story of his hero, Odysseus. FTP, identify this author best known for The Greek Passion and The Last Temptation of Christ.

Answer: Nikos Kazantzakis

17. In 1745, E. Georg von Kleist first described this device and when Peiter van Musschenbroek independently used the device at his Dutch university, it came to be known by the name of the school. By 1748, it had achieved its final form, the glass jar being lined inside and out with foil and the liquid discarded. For 10 points, name this earliest form of capacitor.

Answer: Leyden Jar

18. He began his directing career in the silent era in 1927 but was established in the 1930s with such works as The Lady Vanishes, The Thirty-Nine Steps, and The Man Who Knew Too Much. For 10 points, identify this British film director of the noted thrillers The Birds and Psycho.

Answer: Alfred Hitchcock

19. Separated from Japan by the La Perouse Strait and from Russia by the Tatar Strait, it is located just north of the Sea of Japan. It was colonized by the Japanese in the 18th century, and ceded to Russia in 1875 in exchange for the Kuril islands, but Japan regained control of the southern half after defeating Russia in 1905. For 10 points, name this island the Japanese call Karafuto?

Answer: Sakhalin

20. A wealthy literary critic named Humphrey Van Weyden is shipwrecked while crossing San Francisco Bay. He is rescued, forced to work as a cabin boy, and later meets Maude Brewster with whom he escapes to an island following a shipwreck. For 10 points, identify the Jack London novel in which this occurs on board the ship Ghost commanded by Wolf Larsen.

Answer: The Sea Wolf

21. He said Fine art is that in which the hand, the head, and the heart of man go together. He also wrote The Two Paths, The Stones of Venice, Modern Painters, and The Seven Lamps of Architecture. For 10 points, who is this prominent 19th century British art critic?

Answer: John Ruskin

22. After two years of rule, he named General Maximian, Augustus, a sort of co-emperor. Seven years later they adopted Gaius Galerius and Flavius Constantius as Caesars, or junior assistants and heirs to Augustus position. This system lasted until his retirement when it was replaced by civil war. FTP, identify this Roman emperor from 284 to 305 AD who devised the "Tetrarchy" scheme of government.

Answer: Diocletian

23. While studying at the Paris Conservatory he met Tchaikovsky's patron, Nadejda von Meck, who began subsidizing his work. Several years after their meeting he wrote The Prodigal Son which earned him the coveted Prix de Rome and he was forced to end his relationship with her because the Prize required him to live in Rome. For 10 points, name this composer of Images and the opera Pelleas et Melisande, and the ballet, Afternoon of a Faun.

Answer: Achille-Claude Debussy

24. This perennial of the mint family is native to Asia and Europe, though widely naturalized in America. It is a branching herb growing to three feet, with downy leaves and pale purple flowers. For 10 points, name this herb that when any part of this plant is crushed releases an aromatic aroma that is particularly alluring to felines.

Answer: Catnip

25. In 1545, Henry VIII of England launched the newest flagship of the British fleet. This behemoth ship had a 400 man crew, but a wind gust tipped the boat and shifted the weight of the cannon, causing the ship to sink in about a minute. For 10 points, name this unlucky ship.

Answer: Mary Rose

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1. 30-20-10 Name the American artist from works.

1. Prisoners from the Front
2. Crack the Whip
3. The Gulf Stream

Answer: Winslow Homer

2. Ten points each, 30 total: Identify the following leaders involved with the change of power in China.

1. Known as the Red Emperor, this patriarch's failing health is raising questions about who will succeed him and what will happen to his economic reforms toward capitalism?

Answer: Deng Xiaoping

2. Name two of the three people Deng Xiaoping has chosen to succeed him who are currently the President, the Premier and the economic czar of China?

Answer: President Jiang Zemin, Premier Li Peng and czar Zhu Rongji

3. For 15 points each, answer the following astrophysics questions.

1. These objects which are about fifty to a hundred times the mass of Jupiter, are too small to initiate fusion in themselves and become a star, but they are still warm and radiate some light in the infrared, name these failed stars?

Answer: Brown dwarfs

2. The mass-luminosity law states that, states that the more massive a star, the more luminous it will be, because of the increased energies need to fight the increased gravitational forces inside the star. For 15 points, identify the British physicist and astronomer who stated this law in 1924.

Answer: Stanley Arthur Eddington

4. Given the name of a river, identify the capital city located on that river. 10 pts each.

1. Paraguay
2. Confluence of the Blue and White Niles
3. Betsiboka

Answer: Asuncion

Answer: Khartoum

Answer: Antananarivo

5. Given a character name the work in which they appear. 5 points each.

1. Meyer Wolfsheim
2. Dr. Primrose
3. Bathsheba Everdene

Answer: The Great Gatsby

Answer: The Vicar of Wakefield

Answer: Far From the Madding Crowd

6. Answer the following questions about the Battle of Cannae for the stated number of points.

1. For 5 points, in what war was it fought?
2. For 5 points, what Carthaginian won the battle?
3. For 10 points, in what year was the battle fought?
4. For 10 points, name either of the two Roman consuls defeated by Hannibal at Cannae in 216 BC.

Answer: 2nd Punic War

Answer: Hannibal

Answer: 216 BC

Answer: Varro or Paulus

7. Identify these scientist for the stated number of points.

1. 10 pts: This winner of the 1918 Nobel Chemistry prize developed the mass production method of fixing nitrogen.

Answer: Fritz Haber

2. 20 pts: This winner of the 1909 Chemistry prize invented the process by which nitric acid is produced from the oxidation of ammonia.

Answer: Wilhelm Ostwald

8. King Henry II of England had seven children, four boys who spent their lives fighting each other for the succession to the throne and three girls who were married off to King Alfonso VIII of Castile, William II of Sicily and Henry the Lion of Bavaria for the purpose of an alliance against France. For 30 points, name six of the seven children given to him by Eleanor of Aquitaine?

Answer: Henry, Richard I the Lion-Hearted, Geoffrey, John I Lackland, Eleanor, Matilda, and Joan

9. 10 points each, 30 total: Identify the authors of the following books, all of which have the same title. Given where the author was from name him.

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| 1. Medea, from Greece? | Answer: <u>Euripedes</u> |
| 2. Medea, from the Roman Empire? | Answer: <u>Ovid</u> or <u>Seneca</u> |
| 3. Medea, from the United States? | Answer: Robinson <u>Jeffers</u> |

10. 30 total: Given a pair of operas, name the author of the works on which they are based.

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| 1. 5 pts: Falstaff, Beatrice and Benedict | Answer: William <u>Shakespeare</u> |
| 2. 10 pts: Eugene Onegin, Boris Gudonov | Answer: Alexander <u>Pushkin</u> |
| 3. 15 pts: Love for Three Oranges, Turandot | Answer: Count Carol <u>Gozzi</u> |

11. You will be given a description of a figure from Egyptian mythology and for five points each name that figure. 10 pts each.

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| 1. Guide of souls to Amenti | Answer: <u>Anubis</u> |
| 2. Goddess of motherhood and fertility | Answer: <u>Isis</u> . |
| 3. God of the underworld and the dead | Answer: <u>Osiris</u> |

12. 30-20-10 Name the king.

1. Crowned by Pope John XII, his power later frightened John, who joined his enemies.
2. After invading Italy in 951, he married Adelaide and took her husband's title King of the Lombards.
3. He routed the Magyars at Lechfeld in 955 and seven years later became Holy Roman Emperor.

Answer: Otto I

13. Given the following members of the human family tree put them in correct order from oldest to most recent. 5 points each and 5 points for all correct. The list is: Homo sapiens, Ramapithecus, Homo Erectus, Australopithecus robustus, Homo habilis.

Answer: Ramapithecus, Australopithecus robustus, Homo habilis, Homo erectus, Homo sapiens

14. Identify the following Shakespearean characters for 10 points each.

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| 1. In <u>Measure for Measure</u> , he was the kindly, philosophical Duke of Vienna. | Answer: <u>Vincentio</u> |
| 2. Vincentios Lord Deputy and foil in that play. | Answer: <u>Angelo</u> |
| 3. In <u>Twelfth Night</u> , he is the sentimental Duke of Illyria. | Answer: <u>Orsino</u> |

15. Many times during the 19th century, the United States gained territory through purchases or having other nations cede land to us. For 10 points each, give the years in which the following were added to the United States.

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| 1. Louisiana Purchase | Answer: <u>1803</u> |
| 2. Oregon Territory | Answer: <u>1846</u> |
| 3. Alaska Purchase | Answer: <u>1867</u> |

16. Identify the following psychological defense mechanisms for ten points each.

1. Convincing yourself that the exact opposite of something unacceptable is true, and then repeating your version endlessly.

Answer: Reaction Formation

2. Chaneling traumatic emotion into a useful endeavor.

Answer: Sublimation

3. Reverting to an earlier, less threatening stage of psychosexual development.

Answer: Regression

17. Identify the following men who work in the field of particle physics from a description.

1. For 10 points, name the two men that shared the 1957 Nobel Prize for their investigations of the laws of parity.

Answer: Tsung-Dao Lee and Chen Ning Yang

2. For 10 points identify the 1949 winner of the Nobel Prize who theorized the existence of mesons.

Answer: Heideki Yukawa

4. For 10 points, name the two men who shared the 1959 Nobel Prize for their discovery of the anti-proton.

Answer: Owen Chamberlain and Emilio Segre

18. For 5 points each, name the authors of the following.

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| 1. Death in Venice | Answer: Thomas <u>Mann</u> |
| 2. The Tin Drum | Answer: Gunter <u>Grass</u> |
| 3. Parliment of Whores | Answer: P.J. <u>O'Roarke</u> |
| 4. Anne of Green Gables | Answer: LM <u>Montgomery</u> |
| 5. Kristin Lavransdatter | Answer: Sigrid <u>Undset</u> |
| 6. The Madonna of the Future | Answer: <u>Henry James</u> |

19. I'll give you the dates of a war in colonial North America, and for 10 points a piece you name the war.

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| 1. 1689-1697 | Answer: <u>King William's War</u> |
| 2. 1744- 1748 | Answer: <u>King George's War</u> |
| 3. 1702- 1713 | Answer: <u>Queen Anne's War</u> |

20. For 10 points, a piece name the composers of each of the following geographic musical pieces.

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| 1. Hebrides Overture | Answer: Felix <u>Mendelsohn</u> |
| 2. Antarctica Suite | Answer: Ralph <u>Vaughn Williams</u> |
| 3. Karelia Suite | Answer: Jean <u>Sibelius</u> |

21. For 5 points each tell what each of the following computer acronyms stand for.

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| 1. DOS | Answer: <u>Disk Operating System</u> |
| 2. RAM | Answer: <u>Random Access Memory</u> |
| 3. BIOS | Answer: <u>Basic Input-Output System</u> |
| 4. ANSI | Answer: <u>American National Standards Institute</u> |
| 5. WORM | Answer: <u>Write Once, Read Many</u> |
| 6. TCP/IP | Answer: <u>Transfer Control Protocol/Interface Protocol</u> |

22. Given a painting name the artist. 10 pts each.

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| 1. Toledo in a Storm | Answer: <u>El Greco</u> |
| 2. Blue Nude | Answer: <u>Matisse</u> |
| 3. Kronus Devouring his Children | Answer: <u>Goya</u> |

23. 30-20-10 Name the musical instrument.

1. Its popularity revived after about 1860 in orchestral circles, in part because of its increased use by composers such as Wagner. Its popularity increased again in the twentieth century with the increase in the popularity of Jazz.
2. Originally called the Sackbut, this brass instrument was well known in Europe by the beginning of the fourteenth century, and by the end of the sixteenth century Gabrielli was using it extensively in his ecclesiastical compositions.
3. It is distinguished from other brass instruments by its lack of valves, which are replaced by a moveable slide.

Answer: Trombone

24. You all are probably familiar with Greek heroes like Theseus and Hercules, but for 10 points a piece let's see how much you know about heroes from other mythologies.

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| 1. This hero from Babylonian mythology killed the monster Humbaba. | Answer: <u>Gilgamesh</u> |
| 2. This hero from Chinese mythology shot down the nine suns. | Answer: <u>Yi</u> |
| 3. This hero from Celtic mythology killed the hound of Culain. | Answer: <u>Cuchulain</u> |

25. 30-20-10 Name the animal.

30 pt. Demand from the worldwide pet trade for this animal is huge. Shipments of thousands go from Madagascar to Europe with a huge percentage of them dying in transit.

20 pt. They have nothing to fear from the locals of Madagascar as superstitions prevent people from killing, eating, or even touching these animals.

10 pt. Equipped with pigment bearing skin cells called chromatophores, they can change colors for various tactical reasons: to camouflage themselves, to intimidate the competition or look submissive, or to initiate sex.

Answer: chameleons