

## 1995 ACF Regionals Questions by Long Nguyen

1. Isaiah Sellers first used this name to sign stories that he contribute to the New Orleans Picayune, but dropped the name when he found out that another writer was using it to parody his pompous style in the rival New Orleans True Delta. For 10 points, what was this pen name used by the author of such works as Letters from the Earth, The Mysterious Stranger, and The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County?

Answer: Mark Twain

2. Born in 1845, he was assistant to Professor Kundt at Strassburg where he took his degree. He taught at numerous other universities and in the late years of his life, he studied the effects of electricity when passed through various gases and also the absorption of heat rays by steam and gases. For 10 points, identify this man who in 1895 became famous for his discovery of X-rays?

Answer: Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen

3. Beethoven said it inflicted on him "the worst birth-pangs and brought me the most sorrow." And when it premiered in Vienna in 1805, the audience was only half full and Beethoven got in a shouting match with the manager over it. For 10 points, what is this work whose title character is a Spanish noblewoman disguised as a man determined to liberate her husband Florestan from a dungeon?

Answer: Fidelio

4. He was warned by a soothsayer that he would be died by a blow to the head. Rather than accept his fate, he took refuge in a wheat field where an eagle mistook his head for a rock, dropped a tortoise on it, and killed him. For 10 points, who was this father of Greek drama who was the author of such plays as The Persians and Prometheus Bound?

Answer: Aeschylus

5. President Franklin Pierce wanted to insure US possession of the Mesilla valley near the Rio Grande river because it was the most practical route for a railroad to pass to the Pacific. To get it he sent an American diplomat to Mexico to negotiate for its purchase. FTP, this resulted in what 1853 land acquisition?

Answer: Gadsden Purchase

6. He is at all times a kindly god, represented with 4 arms, carrying a club, a shell, a discus, and a lotus. Also known as Hari, the Indian sect that worships him is known as the Vaishnava. For 10 points, identify this deity with nine avatars, the Preserver in Hindu mythology.

Answer: Vishnu

7. In 1913 she married her cousin and went to Africa to farm coffee outside Nairobi in a district subsequently named Karen. For 10 points, who was this author of Shadows on the Grass and Out of Africa who was born Karen Blixen.

Answer: Isak Dinesen (accept Blixen before the word Karen is read)

8. While at the University of Paris, he complained of rotten eggs and the stench in the bedrooms. In his Novum Instrumentum, he expressed the wish that every woman might read the Gospel and that the farmer at his plough might sing snatches of scripture. For 10 points, what was this Dutch humanist and author of The Praise of Folly?

Answer: Desiderus Erasmus

9. He received no formal education, but learned to read by bribing young white schoolchildren to help him and then by studying a copy of the journal The Columbian Orator. He then taught school to fellow slaves before running away in 1838 to Massachusetts. For 10 points, identify this American abolitionist and founder of The North Star.

Answer: Frederick Douglass

10. He was said to have very poor memory, yet he was able to use his keen intuition to produce the first stainless steel, develop the first dynamo, and discover butylene and benzene. For 10 points, who was this pupil of Sir Humphrey Davy who formulated the laws of electrolysis and who also has a quantity of electric charge named for him?

Answer: Michael Faraday

11. He was this son of an engineer to the Board of Northern Lighthouses. He suffered from poor health throughout his life, but in spite of this was an enthusiastic traveller recording his trips in works such as *An Inland Voyage* and *Travels with a Donkey in the Cevennes*. For 10 points, identify this author best known for the novels *The Master of Ballantrae* and *Treasure Island*.

Answer: Robert Louis Stevenson

12. It is composed of vegetable fibrine reduced by acids to pyroxyline. Camphor is added and the compound is then molded by heat and pressured to the desired shape. For 10 points, what is this artificial material produced by J.W. and Isaac Hyatt in 1870 that is usually made from cellulose and is used as a substitute to make billiard balls and piano keys?

Answer: Celluloid

13. One explanation of its name is from its frequent storms and fogs. The Greeks called it *Euxine* meaning "hospitable," abandoning its original name *Axinos* meaning "inhospitable." For 10 points, what is this body of water that houses port cities such as Constanta and Odessa that probably gets its name from the color of the rocks found in it.

Answer: Black Sea

14. In 1810, some workers excavating the city of Aquila in Italy found a vase in which lay a copper plate. The comments on the plate said this man was 1) a seducer 2) seditious 3) the enemy of the law and 4) entered into the temple followed by a multitude bearing palm branches in their hands. For 10 points, identify this man also accused on the plate of falsely calling himself the Son of God and the King of Israel.

Answer: Jesus Christ

15. It started when during a dinner, Mrs. Mashaur, an Englishwoman spilled a glass of water of the Marquis de Torey, a Frenchman. She said it was an accident and he said it was an intentional insult. This led to a series of events that resulted in King Louis XIV placing one of his grandsons on a formerly Hapsburg throne. For 10 points, what is this war that was ended in 1713 by the Peace of Utrecht?

Answer: War of the Spanish Succession [prompt on Queen Anne's War]

16. Giorgio Vasari reported that while it was being painted, the artist "engaged people to play and sing, and jesters to keep the sitter merry, and remove that melancholy which painting usually gives to portraits." For 10 points, what is this portrait believed to be of the third wife of the wealthy Florentine merchant Francesco del Gioconda?

Answer: Mona Lisa [Accept: La Gioconda]

17. In the 17th century, it denoted a buccaneer who plundered Spanish colonies in the New World. In the 19th century, it was an adventurer who led privately organized armed forays into friendly countries such as from the US to Mexico and Cuba. For 10 points, what is this term that now is used to describe obstructionist tactics in legislative bodies?

Answer: Filibuster

18. He was taught Latin and Greek from a priest at 8 and was said to have been whipped for satirizing a master at Twyford School. Contracting TB and asthma at an early age, he was unable to dress without assistance and needed to wear a stiffened canvas bodice to support his spine. For 10 points, identify this author whose first important piece of writing was *The Pastorals* whose other works include *An Epistle to Dr. Arbuthnot* and *The Rape of the Lock*?

Answer: Alexander Pope

19. When he overheard his mother complaining that her wrists ached from turning the eggbeater, he set out to seek ways of harnessing the power of a nearby stream saying, "I'm going to capture the water's power." Although he was never able to succeed in making such a contraption, he did invent an amplifier for the telephone that both magnified the sound of the voice and reduced static in 1881. For 10 points, who was this Croatian electrician and inventor who pioneered the use of alternating currents and has a unit of magnetic flux density named for him?

Answer: Nikola Tesla

20. When Kublai Khan tried to invade Japan in 1281, his plans were foiled by a typhoon that destroyed his fleet. For 10 points, what name was given to this typhoon that literally means "divine wind" and is now used to describe Japanese suicide pilots during World War II?

Answer: Kamikaze

21. He was only 6 when he played for the Austrian royalty at Schonbrunn Palace, and when he was 12, he was appointed Konzertmeister to the Archbishop of Salzburg. For 10 points, identify this musician whose works include The Clemency of Titus and The Magic Flute?

Answer: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

22. While returning to England on the Thunder, he was shipwrecked, robbed, and was found lying naked on the shore by a poet. He was then kidnapped and taken to France where he finds his uncle Tom Bowling and his old friend Strap. Further in the novel, he meets his father, Don Rodrigo, for the first time and marries his love Narcissa. For 10 points, who is this adventurous title character of a novel by Tobias Smollett?

Answer: Roderick Random (accept: The Adventures of Roderick Random)

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1. 30-20-10 Identify this American writer.

1. She occasionally used the pen name Christopher Crowfield.
2. Her lesser known works include Pearl of Orr's Island and The Minister's Wooing.
3. She is best known for Uncle Tom's Cabin

Answer: Harriet Beecher Stowe

2. For this bonus, I will provide the common name of a chemical, you will have to give me its chemical name. For example: if I said table salt, you would say Sodium Chloride. 10 pts each.

1. Saltpeter Answer: Potassium Nitrate
2. Chalk Answer: Calcium Carbonate
3. Baking Soda Answer: Sodium Bicarbonate

3. For 10 points each, given the state motto name the state. If you need the nickname, you get 5 points.

10: If thou seekest a beautiful peninsula, behold it here.

5: Wolverine State

Answer: Michigan

10: In God is our Trust

5: Sunshine State

Answer: Florida

10: Mountaineers are always free men

5: Mountain State

Answer: West Virginia

4. Identify the following Aethels from British history for 10 points each.

1. He was the son of Edgar and brother of Edward the Martyr. Answer: Aethelred the Unready
2. St. Augustine converted this King of Kent to Christianity. Answer: Aethelbert
3. He was the father of Aethelbald, Aethelbert, and Aethelred. Answer: Aethelwulf

5. Identify the following philosophers who were also atheists for 10 points each:

1. This German Philosopher was an early avowed atheist and developed his thesis that the world is Idea, organized and directed by the Will.

Answer: Arthur Schopenhauer

2. This German philosopher is credited with the phrase "God is Dead" and the doctrine of "nihilism."

Answer: Friedrich Nietzsche

3. This American-Spanish philosopher believed in a world of ideas called "essences"- all that was, that is, that will be, and that ever will be.

Answer: George Santayana

6. Place the following events in chronological order, for 5 points each. The events are: the Ostend Manifesto is issued, Custer's troops are massacred at Little Big Horn, Commodore Perry wins the Battle of Lake Erie, the Wilmot Proviso is first proposed, and the Statue of Liberty is unveiled.

Answer: Perry (1813), Wilmot (1846), Ostend (1854), Custer (1876), Liberty (1886)

7. Given a work, identify the composer for 10 points each:

1. The Miraculous Mandarin Answer: Bela Bartok
2. St. Matthew Passion Answer: J.S. Bach
3. Till Eulenspiegel Answer: Richard Strauss

8. Given a description of a work of literature. Identify both the work and the author for 5 points each. There are three parts.

1. Clym Yeobright returns from Paris to open a school on Egdon Heath, and in spite of the opposition of his mother, marries Eustacia Vye, who hopes to persuade him to return to Paris.

Answer: The Return of the Native

2. Gustav von Aschenbach travels to Venice and is consumed by his love for a beautiful Polish boy named Tadzio.

Answer: Death in Venice

3. A zealous Christian missionary, St. Mael, mistakes the native inhabitants of an island for a primitive heathen people and baptizes them all in three days and three nights.

Answer: Penguin Island

9. Answer the following questions about the US Constitution for the stated number of points.

1. For 5 points for each correct part, give the Article, Section and Clause in which you would find the following sentence:

"To make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers, and all other powers vested by this Constitution in the government of the United States, or in any department of officer thereof."

Answer: Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18

2. For 5 points each, in what article of the Constitution would you find the following:

1. the amendment process

Answer: fifth or five

2. ratification process

Answer: seventh or seven

3. qualifications for the presidency

Answer: second or two

10. Given the first line of a poem. Identify the poet who wrote it for 10 points. You will only receive 5 points if you need the poem:

10: Line: "It was many and many a year ago

5: Poem: Annabel Lee

Answer: Edgar Allan Poe

10: Line: "Up from the meadows rich with corn

5: Poem: Barbara Frietchie

Answer: John G. Whittier

10: Line: "Sweet Auburn! loveliest village of the plain"

5: Poem: The Deserted Village

Answer: Oliver Goldsmith

11. Answer the following questions about winners of the Nobel science prizes for the stated number of points.

1. 5 pts: For his work on what phenomenon did Einstein win the 1921 prize?

Answer: photoelectric effect

2. 10 pts: For the co-discovery of what medicine did Selman Waksman win the 1952 medicine prize?

Answer: streptomycin

3. 15 pts: For the isolation of what element did Henri Moissan with the 1906 Chemistry prize?

Answer: fluorine

12. Identify the following people from their will for 10 points each, given a second clue for 5 points.

1. 10 pts: He died in 1374, and remembering the chill of an Italian winter, he left 2000 gold florins to Boccaccio to buy a robe that would stave off the cold

5 pts: He is best remembered for his sonnets "To Laura."

Answer: Petrarch

2. 10 pts: This French author died in 1553, and his entire will read, "I have nothing. I owe much. The rest I leave to the poor."

5 pts: He wrote Gargantua and Pantagruel

Answer: Francois Rabelais

3. 10 pts: In his will, he requested that he be buried at the top of Mount Vaea in Samoa, "under the wide and starry sky" he had described in his "Requiem."

5 pts: He wrote Treasure Island

Answer: Robert Louis Stevenson

13. For this bonus, fill in the blank of the following labors of Hercules for 10 points each. For example: If I say "To cleanse the (blank) stables," you would say "Augean."

1. to catch the (blank) boar

Answer: Erymanthean

2. to exterminate the birds of Lake (blank)

Answer: Stymphalus (accept Stymphalian)

3. to destroy the (blank) Hydra

Answer: Lernean

14. Answer the following questions about the recent film, The Madness of King George for 15 points each.

1. Identify the actor who played King George who is nominated for Best Actor in this year's Oscars.

Answer: Nigel Hawthorne

2. Name the British playwright who received an Oscar nomination for his adapted screenplay for the film.

Answer: Alan Bennett



15. I'll name a battle from European history and you tell me the year it was fought. 10 points for the exact year, 5 points if you're within 5 years either way.

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| 1. Poitiers | Answer: <u>1356</u> (accept 1351 to 1361 for 5 pts) or 507 or 732 or 1568 |
| 2. Actium   | Answer: <u>31 BC</u> (accept 36 to 26 BC)                                 |
| 3. Blenheim | Answer: <u>1704</u> (accept 1699 to 1709)                                 |

16. Answer the following questions about Michelangelo for 10 points each:

1. Who commissioned him to do the Centaurs relief now at the Bargello in Florence?

Answer: Lorenzo de Medici

2. He was commissioned to do this sculpture in 1498, and its significance was that it was the only sculpture that he signed

Answer: the Pieta

3. In 1504, he was appointed by the Signoria of Florence to paint a battle scene for the Council Hall in collaboration with what other artist?

Answer: Leonardo da Vinci or Leonardo

17. Identify the following people who were spies for 10 points each:

1. Volunteering to spy for the British during the revolutionary war, he dressed as a "plain young farmer," entered enemy territory, drew maps and recorded troop numbers. He would have escaped but a relative of his recognized him and betrayed him to General Howe.

Answer: Nathan Hale

2. In 878, he disguised himself as a bard, wandered through the Danish military camps, and obtained sufficient information to defeat the Danes at Edington.

Answer: Alfred the Great

3. He was caught when a "split" nickel containing a tiny piece of film with a coded message was found by a Brooklyn newspaper boy. He was sentence to prison and then exchanged for Francis Gary Powers in 1962.

Answer: Rudolf Abel

18. Identify the following units of measurement for 10 points each:

1. It is equal to 18 inches and is derived from the distance between the elbow and the tip of the middle finger

Answer: cubit

2. The power needed to lift 33,000 pounds a distance of 1 foot in one minute

Answer: horsepower

3. A US land measurement that is almost 36 square miles. The south border is 6 miles long. The east and west borders also 6 miles long, following the meridian, making the north border slightly less than 6 miles long.

Answer: township

19. For 10 points each, give the chemical name for the following vitamins. For example if I said Vitamin C, you would say Ascorbic Acid.

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| 1. Vitamin E                     | Answer: alpha <u>tocopherol</u> |
| 2. Vitamin B1                    | Answer: <u>thiamine</u>         |
| 3. most active form of Vitamin A | Answer: <u>retinol</u>          |

20. Identify the following plays for 10 points each:

1. When Ibsen was 61, he had an affair with a 17 year old girl named Emilie Bardach. He used Emilie as the model for the character Hilda Wangel in this play.

Answer: The Master Builder

2. In 1664, Moliere's marriage problems led him to write this serious play that attacks religious hypocrisy that literally translates into "The Hypocrite."

Answer: Tartuffe

3. In this play, Eugene O'Neill used the classic Greek drama of Aeschylus and transposed it to a post Civil War setting. And in it Lavinia's mother commits suicide when her brother Orin shoots his mother's lover.

Answer: Mourning Becomes Electra