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Questions by I am NOT a merry man

1. He devised a rifled cannon that when turned down by the British military, he turned to the French who pointed out that an iron cannon would explode under the powerful explosion needed. With this in mind, he set to work at producing an iron-carbon alloy that could withstand the pressures he envisioned. For 10 points, identify this man who in 1856 announced his discovery of a process that converted iron to steel without an intermediate step of wrought iron.

Answer: Henry Bessemer

2. He brooded on World War I, death, and the universe and modern science in the <sup>Tristram</sup>poem, The Man Against the Sky. He retold the stories of Arthurian legend in three long works, Merlin, Lancelot, and ~~Tristan~~ - the last of which won a Pulitzer Prize. For 10 points, identify this author of Dionysus in Doubt, Mr Flood's Party, and Miniver Cheevy who modeled Tilbury Town on his hometown in Maine.

Answer: Edward Arlington Robinson

3. Just at the 1640 Treaty of Ripon ended war and brought England and Scotland closer, so did a series of two meetings of ~~meeting~~ held in Ripon in February and March, 1854 bring together a group of Whigs, Democrats, and Free-Soilers who opposed the Kansas- Nebraska Act. For 10 points, what name did this group give itself later that year, two years before it nominated John C. Fremont for the U.S. presidency?

Answer: Republicans or Republican Party

4. It is not a linear progression, but a separation of the different elements needed to live a life released from suffering or samsara. Among the tenets are perfect effort, perfect mindfulness, perfect concentration, ahimsa, and perfect conduct. For 10 points, what is this route followed by Buddhists and set out as the key to Nirvana in the last of the four noble truths?

Answer: eightfold path or eightfold way

5. He was roundly condemned in 1713 by Commercium epistolicum, a report issued by England's Royal Society following an intensive investigation which essentially stated that his work published in Acta eruditorum was not original. For 10 points, identify this man born in Liepzig in 1646, whose "new method" discovered in 1676 was actually an independent discovery of the field called the "method of fluxions" by Sir Isaac Newton.

Answer: Gottfried Wilhelm von Liebnitz

6. Despite the recent construction of the Trans-Siberian Railroad, the Russians were unable to transport adequate troops and supplies to the east and suffered a series of defeats including the Battle of Mukden and the loss of Port Arthur. Finally, in May, 1905, the Russian fleet that had sailed from the Baltic was annihilated at the Battle of Tsushima. For 10 points, all this occurred in what war that was ended by the Treaty of Portsmouth in 1905.

Answer: Russo-Japanese War

7. Its author branched into Renaissance history when in the 1848 addition he added "The Battle of Ivry" and a fragment "The Armada". Other ballads are The Prophecy of Capys, Virgillia, and The Battle of Lake Regillus. For 10 points, identify this 1842 volume famous for containing "Horatius" the best known Thomas Babington Macaulay's poems.

Answer: The Lays of Ancient Rome

8. In a classic 1899 work on economic theory, it was this societal tendency that was suggested to be "the most effectual of the Malthusian prudential checks" that made for low birth rates in some classes of society. The concept was later expanded upon by John Kenneth Galbraith in his 1958 The Affluent Society and refers to goods purchased not for their inherent utility, but for the status they confer upon the buyer and user. For 10 points, what is this ostentatious display of wealth noted by Thorsten Veblen in The Theory of the Leisure Class.

Answer: conspicuous consumption

9. It is said to have been written as a hint to Prince Esterhazy that the orchestra deserved a holiday. Written in 1772, the music of the last movements ends in such a way that the players may leave their stands one after another, until only two violins remain. For 10 points, what is this symphony number 45 in F sharp minor by Franz Josef Haydn?

Answer: Farewell

10. The vaulted heavens, held up by the dwarfs Nordi, Sudi, Austri, and Westri was made of his skull and his brains tossed in the air became the clouds. His hair became the trees and plants, his teeth the cliffs, his bones the mountains and his blood and sweat the oceans. For 10 points, identify this primeval giant formed from fire and ice who was slain by Odin, Vili, and Ve to make the world.

Answer: Ymir

11. A Rabelasian humor based on exaggeration and extravagance saturates this tragedy of a family irremediably inclined to the pleasures of incest and solicitude. The Buendia family, who founded the village in which it is set, is used as a parallel for the history of the author's native country. For 10 points, what is this 1967 novel of seven generations of a family of Macondo by Gabriel Garcia Marquez.

Answer: One Hundred Years of Solitude

12. His rebellion gained momentum when he married his daughter to Edmund Mortimer, the infant Earl of March in 1402. Seven years later, his wife and daughters were captured when Harlech castle fell to forces under the leadership of John Talbot, but he escaped. For 10 points, identify this Welsh ally of the Percys who by 1412 had disappeared into the Welsh mountains.

Answer: Owen Glendower

13. In Act 2, scene I, she breaks a lute over the head of Hortensio who is masquerading as a music teacher in order to further his rivalry with Gremio and Lucentia for her sister's hand. For 10 points, identify this daughter of Baptista and sister of Bianca who is eventually "tamed" by Petruchio in Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*.

Answer: Katherina

14. Adults are strong, agile fliers and are all predacious. In flight, they hold their legs to form a basket which entraps small insects such as flies, gnats, and mosquitoes found near their habitat close to permanent water. For 10 points, what are these members of order Odonata, large attractive insects with four elongated membranous wings that are not nearly as fierce as their name.

Answer: dragonflies

15. Most of it consists of rugged moorland that gradually declines in elevation to a heavily indented coastline, just off of which lie the Scilly Islands. It is administered from Truro though the county seat is at Bodmin and its ports include Falmouth and Fowey. For 10 points, identify this English county and peninsula, a dukedom of the heir to the British crown, which harbors no pirates at Penzance and stretches clear to Land's End.

Answer: Cornwall

16. He completed the work of Archelaus and his state, formerly a semi-barbarous and fragmented power, into one of the strongest in the world. He championed Delphi in the "Sacred War", extending his power into Greece itself and ended Greek liberty by defeating Thebes and Athens at Charonea in 338 BC. For 10 points, identify this Macedonian ruler, the father of Alexander the Great.

Answer: Philip II

17. He was appointed an official British war artist in 1918, late in his career in spanning America and Europe as a portraitist. He established a studio at Tite Street, London, and began a series of child portraits, the best known of which is "Carnation, Lily, Lily, Rose". For 10 points, identify this man who provoked a scandal in Paris in 1884 with his portrait of "Madame X".

Answer: John Singer Sargent

15e 25 18. Three fundamental differences exist between the optical and acoustic versions of this phenomenon: the motion of the medium through which the waves are propagated has no effect in the optical version, the relative movement of the observer and source has no effect on the optical version, and in the acoustic case no impact is observed when movement is at right angles to the line connecting viewer and source. For 10 points, what is this change in the observed frequency of sound or light caused by the motion of the source and the observer.

Answer: Doppler effect

19. According to Numbers, he was an Ephraimate, whose name was changed by Moses who appointed him to lead the battle against Amalek. As one of the twelve spies sent to reconnoiter Canaan, he agreed with Caleb in recommending confidence in God. For 10 points, identify this conqueror of Canaan after the death of Moses who lent his name to the sixth book of the bible.

Answer: Joshua

20. He served from 1968 to 1971 president of the World Bank, after resigning from the U.S. government after recommending that the president turn over major responsibility for ground combat to South Vietnam. He brought to the pentagon reforms in the management techniques and shifted strategy away from high tech and nuclear weapons to building conventional strength. For 10 points, identify this man who resigned as president of Ford in 1960 to become Secretary of Defense under JFK.

Answer: Robert McNamara

21. It divides as its northwestern end, the southern arm being called the Untersee and the northern arm the Überlinger See. It covers about 210 square miles, is located at the edge of the Alps and is fed by the Rhine River which flows through it. For 10 points, what is this lake on the border of Switzerland, Germany and Austria that in German is known as the Bodensee.

Answer: Lake Constance (accept Bodensee before bodensee is said)

22. His wife, Brattahlid built a Christian church that was excavated by Danish archaeologists in 1962. He settled at Tunigdlarfik where he died sometime after the year 1000 but the settlements he founded survived until the late 15th century. For 10 points, identify this man who established the first European settlements in the New World in the late 10th century.

Answer: Eric the Red

23. The seventh of its last ten nights is known as Al Kadr, the night on which the Koran was supposedly sent down to Mohammed. For 10 points, identify this month of the Muslim calendar during which the devout must fast during the day.

Answer: Ramadan

24. The last was Malvern Hill, fought July 1, 1862. They began with a clash at Beaver Creek Dam and followed on to Gaine's Mill, Savage's Station and Glendale. For 10 points, what is this series of battles fought from June 26 to July 2, 1862.

Answer: Seven Days' Battles

25. It usually results from damage by tuberculosis or by fungal infections and is named for the 19th century English physician who first described it in 1855. For 10 points, what is this disease caused by insufficient production of hormones of the cortex of the adrenal glands?

Answer: Addison's disease

26. He appears in George Sand's novel Consuelo, where the gypsy title character travels with him to Vienna. Born in Rohrau, Austria in 1792, this great classical composer is renowned for taking the established forms of the symphony and string quartet and shaping them into the powerful media for musical expression that were used by later composers. For 10 points, identify this composer of over one hundred symphonies.

Answer: Franz Josef Haydn

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1. Identify the following fictional places on a 10-5 basis.

1. 10 pts: If after the Michael Fay case, you thought Singapore had harsh laws, you should visit this fictional town in Japan. In this town, whoever flirts, leers or winks is beheaded and the wives of criminals are buried alive after their husbands are condemned.

5 pts: It is ruled by the Mikado by means of the Lord High Executioner.

Answer: Titipu

2. 10 pts: Its capital is Mildendo

5 pts: It is located southwest of Blefescu in Gulliver's Travels.

Answer: Lilliput

3. 10 pts: It was founded by Pesthetaerus around 400 BC and dedicated to the Persian Prince Cockerel.

5 pts: I was located above the plain of Phlegra in Greece and was a stronghold for all birds.

Answer: Cloudcuckooland

2. Identify the following American jurists from positions they have held for 10 points after one clue, 5 points after two.

1. 10 pts: He served Harry Truman as Treasury Secretary from 1946 to 1946

5 pts: He resigned as Secretary of the Treasury to become Chief Justice.

Answer: Frederick Moore Vinson

2. 10 pts: He served as Attorney General from 1831 to 1833.

5 pts: In 1835, he was appointed Chief Justice by Andrew Jackson.

Answer: Roger Brooke Taney

3. 10 pts: From 1905 to 1922 he served as US District Judge for Illinois.

5 pts: From 1921 to 1944 he served as commissioner of professional baseball.

Answer: Kennesaw Mountain Landis

3. For 10 points each, identify the following astronomical quantities containing proper names from very brief descriptions.

1. 1.44 solar masses Answer: Chandrasekhar limit

2. 2.5 times the planetary radius Answer: Roche limit

3. 3 km times mass divided by the solar mass Answer: Schwarzschild radius

4. Answer the following questions about the works of P.G. Wodehouse for 10 points each.

1. Name the perfect English butler and member of the Drones Club who is a man of infinite resource in many stories and novels by Wodehouse.

Answer: Jeeves

2. Identify Jeeves' master, whom he is always extricating from some farcical predicament.

Answer: Bertie Wooster

3. A lesser known Wodehouse character is Lord Emsworth, a doddering old man whose obsession is raising the "Empress of Blandings". What type of creature is the Empress?

Answer: a pig

5. Answer the following questions about Papua New Guinea for the stated number of points.

1. For 5 points, what is its capital?

Answer: Port Moresby

2. For 10 points, what sea lies to the south of Port Moresby and to the east of the Louisiade Archipelago?

Answer: Coral Sea

3. For 5 points, what sea and archipelago named for a famous European statesman lie to the northeast of New Guinea?

Answer: Bismarck sea/archipelago

4. For 10 points, other than New Guinea, what is the largest island in Papua New Guinea?

Answer: New Britain

6. On a 10-5 basis, identify the member of the British commonwealth of nations that has been headed by the following persons as prime minister.

1. 10 pts: Daniel F. Malan

5 pts: Hendrik Verwoerd

Answer: South Africa

2. 10 pts: Wilfred Laurier

5 pts: John D. MacDonald

Answer: Canada

3. Robert Menzies

5 pts: Robert Hawke

Answer: Australia

7. Given a character from an epic poem, identify that epic for 10 points, 5 points if you need the country of origin.

1. 10 pts: Arjuna

5 pts: India

Answer: Bhagavad-Gita or Mahabharata

2. 10 pts: Lemminkainen

5 pts: Finland

Answer: Kalavala

3. 10 pts: Rhiannon

5 pts: Wales

Answer: Mabinogian



8. For 5 points each, identify the following classic BBC television series from brief clues.

1. John Cleese stars as a harried, hapless, proprietor of a small English hostelry.

Answer: Fawlty Towers

2. This series features battles with both futuristic Daleks and fifteenth century cultists.

Answer: Dr. Who

3. In this time-jumping series, the title characters can always count on Baldrick to come up with a "cunning plan".

Answer: Black Adder

4. This series is set aboard a mining ship crewed by sloppy space slugs and its mission is to get back to Earth for a good scrubbing.

Answer: Red Dwarf

5. Ford Prefect and Arthur Dent go gallivanting about the galaxy in this series.

Answer: Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

6. John Philip Sousa's Liberty Bell March serves as the theme for this classic series.

Answer: Monty Python's Flying Circus

9. Answer the following questions about extreme low temperature physics for the stated numbers of points.

1. For 5 points, and to the nearest degree, what is absolute zero on the Celsius scale?

Answer: -273 degrees

2. For 10 points, what physical law states that in any real process, absolute zero is unattainable?

Answer: Third law of thermodynamics

3. For 15 points, what Dutch physicist and discoverer of superconductivity was the first to liquify helium in 1908?

Answer: Heike Kammerlingh Onnes

10. For 5 points each, identify the following philosophers associated with the following phrases.

1. tabula rasa Answer: John Locke

2. esse est pricipi Answer: George Berkeley

3. cogito ergo sum Answer: Rene Descartes

4. elan vital Answer: Henri Bergson

5. All is water Answer: Thales

6. li Answer: Confucius or Mencius

11. Identify the following mythological figures from musical clues for 10 points each.

1. 10 pts: He is the subject of a work by Scriabin subtitled "the Poem of Fire" and his "creatures" are the subject of a work by Beethoven.

Answer: Prometheus

2. Gluck, Stravinski, Monteverdi, Liszt, and Offenbach all composed works with this figure's name in the title.

Answer: Orpheus

3. This god's is given the title Musagetes, or "leader of the muses" in the title of a ballet by Stravinsky.

Answer: Apollo

12. For 5 points each, identify the book of the Bible in which you would find the following stories.

1. The Great Flood Answer: Genesis

2. The story of Jonah and the great fish Answer: Jonah

3. Sermon on the Mount Answer: Matthew

4. The conversion of Saul Answer: Acts of the Apostles

5. Burial of Moses by God Answer: Deuteronomy

6. the origin of the Feast of Purim Answer: Esther

13. Identify the following US foreign policy statements or documents pertaining to the Western Hemisphere from clues 10-5.

1. 10 pts: It was repudiated by the Clark Memorandum of 1930.

5 pts: It stated that only the US could intervene to enforce collection of debts owed by countries in the Western hemisphere.

Answer: Roosevelt Corollary

2. 10 pts: It was repealed in 1934.

5 pts: It was included in the Cuban constitution and gave the US the right to intervene in Cuba.

Answer: Platt Amendment

3. 10 pts: The incident which provoked this statement was condemned in the Lytton Report of the League of Nations

5 pts: It stated that the US would not recognize territorial changes brought about by force.

Answer: Stimson doctrine

14. For 10 points each, identify this following novels by E.L. Doctorow.

1. This 1989 Bronx based book's hero works for the mobster Dutch Schultz.

Answer: Billy Bathgate

2. In this novel, Doctorow weaves a blend of fact and fiction that explores pre-World War I America.

Answer: Ragtime

3. In this 1971 work, the title character's parents are executed for selling atomic secrets.

Answer: The Book of Daniel

15. For 10 points each, identify the following persons or things with the letters "ix" in the answer.

1. On Star Trek: Voyager, this alien does a lot of cooking and has only one lung.

Answer: Neelix

2. This star in Orion is named for an Amazon.

Answer: Bellatrix

3. This pope proclaimed the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Answer: Pius IX

16. On a 10-5 basis, give the school of art in which the following were painted after the title for one clue, given a second painting for 5 points. For example if I said "Guernica" you would answer "cubism".

1. 10 pts: St. Martin and the Beggar

5 pts: The Burial of Count Orgaz

Answer: mannerism (both by El Greco)

2. 10 pts: The Creation of the Monsters

5 pts: The Persistence of Memory

Answer: surrealism (both by Dali)

3. Cupid a Captive

5 pts: Embarkation to Cythera

Answer: rococo (1st by Carlin, second by Watteau)

17. The succession of European monarchies wasn't always clear cut and many times great pains were taken to assure the correct passage of the throne. For the stated number of points answer questions about the following such attempts.

1. For 5 points, what 1701 parliamentary act established the House of Hanover as the successor to Queen Anne?

Answer: Act of Settlement

2. For 10 points, the succession passed to the House of Hanover through what electress?

Answer: Sophia

3. For 5 points, what 1726 Act assured Maria Theresa's inheritance of her father's Hapsburg holdings?

Answer: Pragmatic Sanction

4. For 5 points, who was Maria Theresa's father who issued it?

Answer: Charles VI

5. For 5 points, with 5 years, when was the pragmatic sanction issued by Charles VI?

Answer: 1713

18. On a 10-5 basis, identify the members of the group of transition metals known as the "platinum" metals.

1. 10 pts: Its tetroxide acts as a catalyst for forming vicinal diols from alkenes

5 pts: With atomic number 76, it derives its name from the Greek for "smell".

Answer: osmium

2. 10 pts: This highly corrosion resistant metal is used in aircraft sparkplugs and is not found in pure form in nature but alloyed with osmium and platinum.

5 pts: It has atomic number 77 and is found in high concentration in meteorites, helping to lend evidence to the doomsday comet theory of the extinction of the dinosaurs.

Answer: iridium

3. 10 pts: This metal's principle use is as an alloying agent with platinum and is used in thermocouples. It is the third most ductile of the platinum metals behind platinum and palladium.

5 pts: It has atomic number 45.

Answer: rhodium

19. The phrase, "the Condition of England Question" was coined the 1839 essay "Chartism" and sought to bring to the attention of the British public the widespread destitution and misery of mid- nineteenth century England.

For 10 points, who wrote the essay?

Answer: Thomas Carlyle

2. For an additional five points each, who wrote the following "Condition of England" novels.

1. Sybil Answer: Benjamin Disraeli

2. Alton Locke Answer: Charles Kingsley

3. Hard Times Answer: Charles Dickens

4. Mary Barton Answer: Elizabeth Gaskell

20. 30-20-10 Identify this scientific figure.

1. He died in poverty in 1798 after losing his university appointment at Bologna for refusing to swear allegiance to a new government in Northern Italy set up by Napoleon.
2. His name has been lent to numerous scientific terms: that for electricity created by two metals in contact and an instrument designed to detect electric current.
3. He believed fiercely in animal electricity based on his discovery that electricity would make the muscles of dead frogs twitch and was devastated when proven wrong by Volta.

Answer: Luigi Galvani

21. 30-20-10 Identify this composer from works.

1. Grania and Diarmid and Cockaigne
2. The Dream of Gerontius and Scenes from the Bavarian Highlands
3. Pomp and Circumstance

Answer: Edward Elgar

22. For 15 points each, identify the following young pregnant women from American literature.

1. This young girl walks from Alabama to Jefferson in search of her child's father in William Faulkner's *Light in August*.

Answer: Lena Grove

2. In this 1911 novel, the title character's harsh German father forces her to leave home when he finds out she is pregnant; an Ohio senator had promised to marry her but died before he could carry out his intentions.

Answer: Jennie Gerhardt

23. For 10 points each, give the number of carbons in the following compounds.

1. acetone                      Answer: three
2. acetylene                    Answer: two
3. aniline                        Answer: six

24. 30-20-10 Identify this European city from historical clues.

1. It was ceded to Italy by Austria in the October 30, 1866 Peace of Vienna.
2. It had come under Austrian rule a scant 69 years before by the Treaty of Campo Formio which took its independence.
3. Prior to 1797 it was a republic that had nominally been headed by a chief magistrate known as the doge.

Answer: Venice

25. (30 points) 30-20-10 Identify this play.

1. Its title character is in love falls in love with the rough Irishman Mat Burke.
2. Its title character's father is the captain of the Simeon Winthrop.
3. The play won the 1922 Pulitzer Prize for Eugene O'Neill.

Answer: Anna Christie