1995 Guy Fawkes Eve Buzzer Explosion Questions by Berkeley I Partha, Arun, Raghu, and Kiran

- (1) Most history students have heard of the War of the Spanish Succession, though few people know much about it. However, about 150 years later, a second war broke out -- on the pretext of the Spanish succession because the French did not want a German candidate to accept the Spanish throne. The result was total disaster for France, even though the German prince withdrew his candidacy. For ten, what was this war which resulted in the loss of Alsace-Lorraine to Germany? answer: FRANCO-PRUSSIAN WAR
- (2) This deity of mythology was driven from his throne and according to some versions, feld to Italy where he sponsored a Golden Age. Other versions say he was tossed down into Tartarus with the rest of the titans. FTP, who was this father of Zeus who lost his throne to a revolution which his own wife and mother helped sponsor? answer: CRONUS or SATURN
- (3) It makes a complete revolution around the sun in 88 days, and as a result, some have claimed that its "day" is longer than its "year". Either way it is damn hot all year -- or all day round. FTP, what planet is closest to the sun? answer: MERCURY
- (4) This author retained his speed of school spirit long after graduation from college and inserted it into one of his most famous novels. He downrided Yale since he himself went to Princeton, as did one of his characters, Nick Carroway. FTP, who was this author of _The Great Gatsby_? answer: F Scott FITZGERALD
- (5) This is probably the only nation today to have a Hapsburg monarch, since Austria and Hungary have long since abolished theirs. Itself only 61 square miles, it is situated between Switerland and Austria and relies on the former to handle its international relations. FTP, what is this tiny principality whose capital is Vaduz?

answer: LIECHTENSTEIN

(6) Do you remember mathematical formulas? What is measured by the formula: 9 PI R $\,$ squared x H $\,$ x 1/3 $\,$?

answer: SURFACE AREA OF A CONE

- (7) Long before South Carolina, a seccessionist movement stirred among New England merchants who were disgruntled with the Embargo Act of 1812. Some northern states refused to supply the federal government with militia and in Dec. 1812 summoned a convention to consider how to deal with the undesired war with England and the issue of states' rights. FTP, what was this motley assembly which met in Connecticut but was quickly forgotten when the War of 1212 ended? answer: HARTFORD CONVENTION
- (8) An attempt has been made to link Arminius, liberator of Roman Germany with this hero of Germanic myth. The link is tenuous, but supposedly the dragon Fafnir represents the Romans and their family bloodbaths bear similarities. FTP, who was this great Germanic hero who pledged himself to Brunhild and wielded a great sword?

 answer: SIGFRIED or SIGURD
- (9) Although he bears a French sounding name, this man was a stout proponent of retaining the union and played it cool during his country's recent constitutional crisis to downplay the opposition Us chances. Nevertheless, the close secessionist vote in Quebec was probably a scare to him. FTP, who is this Canadian Prime Minister?

answer: Jacques CRETIEN

- (10) You might consider him the Galen of his age, or even the Hippocrates. Court physician to the first Stuart, he made great improvements to the study of anatomy, chiefly the discovery of circulation in the human body. FTP, who was this English doctor whose observations have earned him credit in _Gray's Anatomy_? answer: HARVEY
- (11) After Fritz Lang fled Germany to escape Hitler, the Nazis found an adequate replacement as their chief media propagandist. This filmmaker made a documentary of a huge Nazi rally at Berchesgarden for which she still prides her abilities as a filmmaker. FTP, who was this director who's _Triumph of the Will_ is still considered a masterpiece, but not in the way it was intended? answer: Leni RIEFENSTAHL
- (12) Perhaps the most famous giver of this was Ethelred the Unready. Basically, Sven Forkbeard, the Viking king of Denmark, agreed to leave England alone if Ethelred paid up, but threatened to ravage England otherwise. Once Sven realized how easy that was, he came back for more... again ... and again. FTP, what was this "appeasement style" solution to aggression that succeeded only in bankrupting England's coffers to the predatory Viking chieftains? answer: DANEGELD (NOT Weregeld)
- (13) This 19th composer crippled his left hand which halted his career as a pianist. That and the fact that he went crazy and killed himself. He had married the daughter of another prominent musician and Clara (his wife) became one of the best pianists of her day in her own right. FTP, who was this German Romantic composer of the 19th century? answer: Robet SCHUMAN
- (14) Alexander the great named a city in India after his dog, but perhaps the best known dog of mythology lived in Ithaca, where at the ripe old age of 20 he recognized his homecoming master and wagged his tail before dying. FTP, who was this dog of Odysseus who shared his name with a 100 eyed giant?

answer: ARGUS

- (15). It has been suggested that the origin of this US state's name might date back to the 1524 when Giovanni de Verrazano observed an island he claimed was the same size as the largest and most famous of the Dodecanese Islands in the Eastern Mediterranean. Others think it may have been named by the Dutch explorer, Adriaen Block, who called it "Red Clay" -- Roode Eylandt (Roo de ay lant). FTP, what small New England state is this? answer: RHODE ISLAND
- (16). When this man accepted the Poet Laureateship of England, many young English poets felt he had "sold out" and mourned his decision. Robert Browing even wrote a poem entitled "The Lost Leader" about him. However, he did not sell out: he refused to write the obligatory poetry for state occasion and in fact produced no poetry at all during his 7 year term which ended in 1850. FTP, who was this poet of "Tintern Abbey" who wrote no more? answer: William WORDSWORTH
- (17). This prominant British scientist concluded that the Earth could not have been inhabited for more than 20 million years, despite the geological evidence to the contrary. He is more kindly remembered for his contributions to Thermodynamics and appied electricity, for which he was given a Lordship by Victoria. FTP, who was this expert on heat and electricity and inventor of the mirror galvanometer who died in 1907, nevertheless denying the properties of radioactivity? answer: LORD KELVIN or William THOMPSON

(18) In the early 1700s, the SE coast of the British colonies down to the Caribbean was ripe territory for piracy. This man, in particular, plagued the Carolinas until he was caught on a sandbar in 1721 by Colonel Maynard who fired upon him and eventually boarded and killed him. FTP, who was this most notorious of pirates who claimed he was friends with the devil and liked to wear his boots on the wrong feet just to make himself angry?

answer: BLACKBEARD or Edward TEACH

- (19) To the surprise of few, this former president recently confessed the accumulation of a huge \$653 million slush fund which was used for bribery, against political enemies, and to salary friends and relatives. The confession may be surprising, but the crime is not. FTP, identify this former South Korean president whom many suspected of corruption all along. answer: ROH Tae Woo
- (20) Maine is the only state to border a single other, but this African nation bears that same distinction and unlike Lesotho, a large river bearing the same name runs through it. It fits entirely within the country of Senegal except for a short beach front on the ATIantic. FTP, what is this West African nation whose capital is Banjul? answer: GAMBIA
- 21. It was a quinquemvirate -- a five man body including Barras, Carnot, and Rewbel. Famous incidents during its tenure include Napoleon's "whiff of grapeshot," the French invasion of Egypt, and Napoleon's crossing of the Alps. Accused by many historians of corruption, perhaps unjustly, it has been overshadowed by Napoleon's administration which followed. FTP, what was this short-lived government of Revolutionary France, terminated by the coup of 18 Brumaire? answer: The DIRECTORY (LE DIRECTORE)
- (22) This literary character experiences alienation from his peers, especially when he leaves the fencing foils for the Pency Fencing team on the New York metro. He feels alienated because after the death of his beloved brother, his parents are distant from him. FTP, who is this teenage idol of many who ran away from school and spent a weekend in New York City before being institutionalized by his parents in J.D. Salinger's _The Catcher in the Rye_? answer: Holden CAULFIELD
- (23) His reign was said to be the Golden Age of Medieval France, seeing the completion of Gothic cathedrals at Rheims, Amiens, and Chartres and the Arthurian romances of Chretien de Troyes. For the first eight years of his 44 year reign, his mother Blanche of Castile was his regent, but after this he became enamoured with the idea of a Crusade and made an ill-planned and ill-fated attack on Egypt which resultied in a humiliating defeat. FTP, name this French monarch cannonized in 1297, despite his vigorous assertion of royal rights even over those of the church, only 27 years after his death. answer: LOUIS IX (accept ST. LOUIS if player signals before last sentence, otherwise prompt for more information)

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1. 30-20-10 Name this company.

30: It is the world's largest dealer in furs.

20: The oldest company in the world, it has operated continuously since May 2, 1670.

10: King Charles II chartered it as the "Honorable Company of Adventurers of English Trading" in a region of North America.

answer: HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY (accept HUDSON BAY CO.)

- 2. You know of rivers which demarcate boundaries between two countries, but this bonus will ask you to name the two countries each of these lakes divide. Five points for each answer.
- 1. Lake Victoria

answer: KENYA/UGANDA

2. Lake Titicaca

answer: BOLIVIA/PERU

3. Lake Geneva

answer: FRANCE/SWITZERLAND

- 3. Identify the discoverers of the following particles for the stated number of points.
- 1. For 5: The electron

answer: J.J. _THOMPSON_

2. For 10: The neutron

answer: Sir James _CHADWICK_

For 15: The positron answer: Carl _ANDERSON_

- 4. The title of a work of literature often contains the name of its main character. Some titles refer to the main character without explicitly naming him or her. For ten points each of five if you need the author, give the descriptiive book title when given its main character.
- 1. 10 Michael Henchard
- 5 Thomas Hardy

answer: _THE MAYOR OF CASTERBRIDGE

- 2. 10 Caroline Meeber
- 5 Theodore Dreiser

answer: SISTER CARRIE

- 3. 10 Prince Myshkin
- 5 Fyodor Dostoevsky

answer: _THE IDIOT_

- 5. 30-20-10 Name the composer from the following works
- 30: "Suite Bergamasque" and "Children's Corner Suite"
- 20: "Jeaux", and "Pelleas et Mellisande", his only opera
- 10: "La Mer" and "L'Apres-Midi D'Un Faune"

answer: Claude DEBUSSY

- 6. The success of the movie "Pulp Fiction" boosted the careers of several actors, and revived the careers of some others. Some of them even appeared together in the same films. See if you can figure out what 1995 film has these power-"Pulp" combinations, for 5 points each, and a 5 point bonus for all correct.
- 1. Samuel L. Jackson and Ving Rhames

answer: _Kiss of Death_

Samuel L. Jackson and Bruce Willis answer: _Die Hard With A Vengeance_

3. Tim Roth and Eric Stoltz

answer: _Rob Roy_

4. Eric Stoltz and Christopher Walken

answer: _The Prophecy_

5. Tim Roth and Quentin Tarantino

answer: _Four Rooms_

- 7. 30-20-10-5 Name the American novel from its characters, and five if you need the author at the end.
- 30: Lee Chong, Dora Flood
- 20: Mack, Eddie, Hazel
- 10: Doc Ricketts
- 5: John Steinbeck

answer: _CANNERY ROW_

- 8. 30-20-10 Identify the scientist from clues.
- 30: He was the first to discover that the surface area of a sphere is equal to four times the area of a great circle of that sphere. He also determined the value of pi to about one part in 500.
- 20: According to Plutarch, he requested that his tombstone contain an illustration of a sphere inscribed in a cylinder, and an account by Cicero of a visit to this man's grave suggests that the wish was indeed carried out.
- 10: Perhaps the most famous anecdote surrounding his absent- mindedness concerns the crown of King Hieron of Syracuse.

answer: ARCHIMEDES

- 9. Given the name of a male character or characters, identify his or their sister for ten points. If you need the work, you'll receive five points.
- 1. 10 Jem Finch
- 5 "To Kill A Mockingbird"

answer: JEAN LOUISE (SCOUT)

- 2. 10 Benjie, Quentin, Jason Compson
- 5 "The Sound and the Fury"

answer: CADDY

- 3. 10 Edgar Linton
- 5 "Wuthering Heights"

answer: ISABELLA

- 10. In 1401, there was a competition to produce a bronze portal for the Baptistery of San Giovanni in Florence. Answer these questions for ten points each.
- 1. What sculptor won the competition?

Answer: Lorenzo GHIBERTI

2. What younger sculptor worked under Ghiberti on the project, but later became more famous than his teacher, for such works as the St. Mark of Or San Michele and the Zuccone on the bell tower of Florence cathedral?

Answer: _DONATELLO_ or Donato di Niccolo di _BETTO BARDI_

3. What architect lost the competition for the Baptistery doors but in 1419 competed against Ghiberti again and won the competition to design the dome of Florence Cathedral?

Answer: Filippo _BRUNELLESCHI_

11. Often parents name their children after famous people, hoping that their offspring too will achieve great fame. Given a name of a famous person, tell me after whom they were named.

1. Will Rogers

answer: William PENN

2. Robert Frost

answer: Robert E. LEE 3. G. Gordon Liddy

answer: Lord BYRON (George GORDON)

- 12. How well do you know your mineralogy? Identify the term, given a short description of the physical property. Ten points each.
- 1. Capable of being flattened into thin sheets without breaking or crumbling into fragments.

answer: MALLEABLE

2. Capable of being drawn into the form of a wire, for example copper.

answer: DUCTILE

3. Showing little or no resistance to breaking, not capable of being flattened into thin sheets.

answer: BRITTLE

- 13. 30-20-10 Name this work.
- 30: The Naval Institute Press published it as their first work of fiction.
- 20: It was inspired by the 1975 incident of the Russian destroyer Storozhevoy's attempt to defect to Sweden.
- 10: Name this first novel by Tom Clancy, which was turned into a movie starring Sean Connery and Alec Baldwin.

answer: _THE HUNT FOR RED OCTOBER_

- 14. What do you do in your spare time? The following people held down menial jobs while moonlighting in the field which would eventually gain them great fame. FTP each, name these illustrious figures from their humble beginnings.
- 1. Because of parental opposition to a musical career, he joined the Austrian Army and composed in his off-duty time. His fourth opera, "Zoraide di Graiana", was so successful in Rome that he obtained an early release from the army.

answer: Gaetano DONIZETTI

2. He wrote his novel "Mosquitoes" while supervising the shoveling of coal to feed the boilers at the University of Mississippi power plant. This American author gained did not gain popular or literary recognition until the 1940's.

answer: William FAULKNER

- 3. A true working-class boy, he was a fourteen year old apprentice who used his spare time from meals to read Locke's "On Human Understanding" and Xenophon's Memorable Things of Socrates". This reading proved to be good preparation for this eighteenth-century American. answer: Benjamin FRANKLIN
- 15. For five points each and a total of thirty points, give the full names of the following writers more commonly known by their initials.
- 1. D.H. Lawrence

answer: DAVID HERBERT Lawrence

2. E.M. Forster

EDWARD MORGAN Forster

3. Pearl S. Buck

Pearl SYDENSTRICKER Buck

4. J.D. Salinger

answer: JEROME DAVID Salinger

5. e.e cummings

answer: EDWARD ESTLIN Cummings

6. H.G. Wells

answer: HERBERT GEORGE Wells

- 16. Do you know where the wild things are? Identify the mythical monster, given a short physical description, for the stated number of points.
- 1. For 5: These creatures had brazen hands, wings of gold, red tongues between their tusks and serpents writhed about their heads.

answer: GORGONS

2. For 10: It has the head and wings of an eagle and the body of a lion.

answer: GRIFFIN

3. For 15: It has the front of a lion, middle of a goat and the tail of a serpent.

answer: CHIMERA

- 17. During the American Revolution, the king of Great Britain was George III. Other prominent monarchs also ruled at this time, either lending aid to the colonies, or else keeping England busy on the Continent. FTP each, name the monarch of these countries at the time of the Revolution.
- 1. France

answer: Louis XVI

(1774-1792)

2. Prussia

answer: Frederick II (the Great) (1740-1786)

3. Austria

answer: Maria Theresa

(1740 - 1788)

- 18. 30-20-10 Name the author from works.
- 30: _A Moving Target_, The Paper Men_
- 20: _The Spire_, Darkness Visible_, _The Inheritors_

10: _Lord of the Flies_

William GOLDING

- 19. Arrange the following Merovingian kings in chronological order for 5 points apiece, plus an additional 5 for all correct. Childeric, Dagobert I, Sigibert I, Clovis, and Clothar I. answer: CHILDERIC, CLOVIS, CLOTHAR I, SIGIBERT I, DAGOBERT I
- 20. 30-20-10 Name the actor from his films.
- 30: _The Taming of the Shrew_, 1929
- 20: _The Lamb_, 1915
- 10: _The Mark of Zorro_, 1920

answer: Douglas FAIRBANKS

- 21. Risk assessment helps us estimate the probability that an event will occur. For five points each and an extra five for all correct, list the following types of risk in order of increasing risk. Death from electrocution, disease from smoking a pack of cigarettes per day, disease from drinking 12oz of beer a day, disease from drinking 12oz of diet cola per day, and disease from DDT and DDE in our diet. answer: DDT and DDE, ELECTROCUTION, DIET COLA, BEER, CIGARETTES
- 22. 30-20-10 Name the man.
- 30: He rose to prominence as a general when he suppressed the Yellow Turban rebellion.
- 20: After his death, his son usurped the Han dynasty in 220 AD and established the Wei dynasty.
- 10: He was portrayed in the role of the shrewd, unscrupulous villain in the 14th century historical novel, "Romance of the Three Kingdoms."

answer: TS'AO TS'AO (CAO CAO)

- 23. Identify the following enzymes as a Zinc Protease, Serine Protease, Thiol Protease, Aspartyl Protease, or none of the above for 10 points each.
- Carboxypeptidase A answer: ZINC Protease

2. Pepsin

answer: ASPARTYL Protease

3. Lysozyme

answer: NONE OF THE ABOVE