

1995 Guy Fawkes Eve Buzzer Explosion  
Questions by Berkeley Smashing Pumpkins

Tossups:

1. He toured in South Africa with Texas Jack's Wild West show and with a circus in Australia and New Zealand as a trick rider. For over 10 years he was a regular with the Ziegfield Follies and appeared in several Hollywood films such as "Laughing Bill Hyde" and "A Connecticut Yankee". His wit, sharp satire, and Southwestern speech made him a beloved public figure. FTP, who once said he wanted his epitaph to read, "I joked about every prominent man of my time, but I have never met a man I didn't like."

answer: Will ROGERS

2. Born in 10 B.C., he was the son of Drusus and Antonia, and the younger brother of Germanicus. Troubled by various diseases and handicaps as a child, he suffered mistreatment from just about everybody and did not hold public office until late in life, when he shared a consulship with his nephew, the Emperor Caligula. Upon Caligula's murder, the Praetorian Guard hoisted him on their shoulders and declared him the new Emperor. FTP, name this Roman emperor, an able reformer and administrator, who reigned from 41 to 54 A.D.

answer: Tiberius CLAUDIUS Drusus

3. Libby Hyman called them "a noble group especially designed to puzzle the zoologist." They contain many unique features including the water-vascular system, a calcareous endoskeleton, and metamorphosis from bilateral larva to radial adult. FTP, name this invertebrate phylum which includes brittle stars, sea cucumbers, and sea urchins.

answer: ECHINODERMATA

4. A herdman's son, he earned a doctorate in anthropology from the London School of Economics and became the most successful applied anthropologist of his time. His dissertation, Facing Mount Kenya, was an early assault on colonial thought and inspired other African nationalists in their independence movements. FTP, name this man who in 1954 became Kenya's first president.

answer: Jomo KENYATTA

5. One third of this country is forest, and roughly 75 percent of it is mountainous. Currently still a kingdom, though with a multiparty parliamentary government, its geographic isolation has kept it one of the least developed nations in the world, where the rare Indian rhinoceros thrives and the mostly illiterate citizens vote by party symbol - a tree for the Congress Party and a sun for the United Marxist-Leninist Party. FTP, name this landlocked Asian kingdom with its capital at Kathmandu.

answer: NEPAL

6. Among the things named for him are a cube, a scheme, a polynomial, a function, a basis theorem, a syzygy theorem, an operator, a reciprocity symbol, and a kind of infinite-dimensional vector space. One of his seminal contributions to mathematics was the development a logical axiomatic system for geometry in wake of the nineteenth century of non-Euclidean geometries. FTP, identify this German mathematician, who in 1900 proposed a series of 23 famous unsolved problems facing twentieth century mathematics.

answer: David HILBERT

7. From ancient Greek usage it means the recitation of parts of an epic poem. In music, it has come to mean a composition in one continuous movement, often based on popular, national, or folk melodies. FTP, what term characterizes Liszt's Hungarian, Vaughn Williams's Norfolk, Queen's Bohemian, and Gershwin's in Blue?

answer: RHAPSODY

8. Sid Vicious, Ludwig von Beethoven, Arthur Dimmesdale, and Vlad Dracula are all characters which have been played by this talented and versatile British actor. FTP, name this man who stars opposite Demi Moore in "The Scarlet Letter", and played the brilliant, tormented composer opposite his wife Isabella Rosellini in "Immortal Beloved".

answer: Gary OLDMAN

9. Already a suburban housewife and mother, she began writing poetry in 1956 at her psychiatrist's suggestion, to help her understand and recover from a series of mental breakdowns. Her honest, confessional poetry revealed her desire to die, to "empty my breath from its bad prison." After winning the Pulitzer Prize in 1967, she taught at Boston University until her death. FTP, name this poet who committed suicide in 1974.

answer: Anne SEXTON

10. Born in 1867, he was admitted to the New York bar in 1891 and served as US attorney for the southern district of the state from 1906-1909. He served as secretary of war under Taft, fought briefly in World War 1, and was governor-general of the Philippines from 1927-29. FTP, name this man, secretary of state to Hoover, for whom a 1932 doctrine is named.

answer: Henry Lewis STIMSON

11. The first in the early church was the Council of Jerusalem. They can be traced to meetings held by bishops from various regions since the 2nd century. FTP, name this term for an official assembly of representatives of a Christian Church, either for consultation or decision making.

answer: SYNOD

12. He is a man in his fifties who looks much older. After years of mind-numbing labor, he unexpectedly encounters beauty and enchantment in the person of Mattie Silver, his wife Zeena's impoverished cousin, who has come to care for the ailing wife. A romance builds between Mattie and him, but Zeena ends it by dismissing Mattie as her caretaker. Realizing he cannot leave Mattie, they hope to die in a moment of bliss by sledding into a tree. But in an ironic twist of fate, they do not die and Mattie is so severely maimed that she must be under the care of Zeena and he remains shut in the house with the two women. FTP, name this title character created by Edith Wharton.

answer: ETHAN FROME

13. By his own account, his early years were largely given to self-instruction in music. He developed some ability as a violinist and keyboard player and became thoroughly acquainted with Viennese musical life in the middle 1700s. He is credited with virtually creating the classical form structures of the string quartet and symphony which were developed later by Mozart and which he, himself, used extensively in his later and greatest symphonies, quartets and oratorios. FTP, name this composer of the London Symphonies and the oratorios "The Creation" and "The Seasons".

answer: Franz Joseph HAYDN

14. He got his professional start in the late 1850's when he was a journalist in Union, California. By the time his first collection of Western local-color stories appeared in 1870, Eastern publishers were competing for his services and he left California. His later works such as "An Heiress of Red Dog and Other Sketches" and a play written in collaboration with Mark Twain were never as successful as his earlier work, including "Plain Language from Truthful James" and two stories set in the mining country. FTP, name this author of "The Luck of Roaring Camp" and "The Outcasts of Poker Flat".

answer: Bret HARTE

15. This ideal has characterized many religious movements. It was a trait of the Jewish community of Qumran, the original Christian community at Jerusalem, and in the Hindu Ashram. The Albigensians, Levellers and Shakers in more recent times have practiced the absence of private property and community of goods. FTP, what is this word?

answer: COMMUNISM

16. When the Shah leaves his palace, the women of his harem persuade the Chief Eunuch to admit the male slaves. At the height of the ensuing orgy, the Shah returns and orders the massacre of the women, including his favorite wife, and their lovers. Choreographed by Michel Fokine, it was staged by Diaghilev's Ballet

Russes in 1910. FTP, name this exotic ballet which was performed to the music of Rimsky-Korsakov.

answer: \_SCHEHERAZADE\_

17. He was born in Seattle in 1960. In high school, he drew a cartoon for the student newspaper that featured the school's cheerleaders on the marquee of a freak museum. "Teachers banned the newspaper from their classrooms," he said. "I was worried the cheerleaders were going to beat me up." But he didn't get beat up. In fact, he went on to become the editorial cartoonist for the New Orleans Time-Picayune, and since 1989, for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. FTP, name political cartoonist whose work appears in one hundred papers every day.

answer: Mike LUCKOVICH

18. He sang in tune before he could speak clearly and his father taught him piano, violin, and organ as soon as he could reach the pedals. In 1899, at the age of twenty-two, he made his Paris debut as a cellist, and for the next two decades he carried his cello to audiences throughout Europe and the Americas and established it as a solo instrument. After founding several symphony orchestras in the 1920's, he went into voluntary exile from Spain to protest Franco's dictatorship. FTP, name this Spanish cellist and conductor.

answer: Pablo CASALS

19. The solubility of nitrogen and oxygen in blood increases with pressure. Because of this, if a scuba diver ascends to the surface too rapidly, these dissolved gases will form bubbles in the tissues. This painful - and sometimes fatal - condition is, for ten points, known as what?

answer: The \_BENDS\_ (accept \_DECOMPRESSION SICKNESS\_, \_CAISSON DISEASE\_)

20. It's not about the card game from Parker Brothers and it's not the story of a Monopoly property. This is a story of Martin Pemberton's search for his father in 1870's New York and a scientist's quest for eternal youth. FTP, name this 1994 book written by E.L. Doctorow.

answer: The \_WATERWORKS\_

21. Specific areas of study in this field include design of work areas, effects of psychological stresses, demands on memory and perception, and design of visual displays to enhance the quality of speed and interpretation. Researchers in it try to determine optimum conditions and examine the effect of adverse conditions and in general it is the study of human capability and psychology in relation to the working environment. FTP name this field also known as human engineering, human factors engineering, engineering psychology, or biotechnology.

answer: ERGONOMICS

22. Five months of the 18-month ritual calendar were dedicated to him and his fellow deities. Children were sacrificed in the 1st and 3rd, and in the 6th his priests ceremonially bathed in a lake. He was not only highly revered, but greatly feared; he could send out the rain or provoke drought and hunger. He hurled the lightning upon the earth and unleashed devastating hurricanes. FTP, name this deity, the Aztec god of rain.

answer: TLALOC

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#### BONUSES

1. Rather than ask about the presidents, a well versed subject, this question will ask you to identify important Vice Presidents based on their career for the stated number of points:

1. (5) He served as VP for 2 presidents and was the first man to resign from the office.

answer: John C. CALHOUN

2. (10) Though unrelated to our executive, he was the first Veep to die in office.

answer: GEORGE CLINTON (first name must be given)

3. (15) The second VP to die in office, like his predecessor, George Clinton, he served under Madison, but is more famous for his political unscrupulousness as Gov. of Mass.

answer: Elbridge GERRY (famous for Gerrymander)

2. Identify these authors of works with similar titles for the stated number of points:

1. (5) \_Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man\_

answer: James JOYCE

2. (10) \_The Picture of Dorian Gray\_

answer: Oscar WILDE

3. (15) \_Portrait of a Lady\_, and \_The American\_

answer: Henry JAMES

3. Identify these unique national flags with animals on them by a short description. You will earn 10 points for getting it right on the first clue, 5 if you need a 2nd.

1.10) This flag has a reddish field with a black two headed eagle and a yellow star above the eagle's head.

(5) This European nation has been one of the world's most isolated

answer: ALBANIA

2. (10) This flag looks like Italy's except in the center it has a Quetzal.

(5) This N. American nation borders 3 others.

answer: MEXICO

3. (10) This flag has a gold lion brandishing a sword. The lion is on a field of red, next to which is a green and an orange stripe bordered by gold.

(5) This is an island in the Indian Ocean.

answer: SRI LANKA

4. 30/20/10 Identify the war to which all of the following clues apply:

(30) The battle of Narva was a major setback for the eventual victor.

(20) The victory at Poltava broke the power of Sweden and altered the regional balance of power.

(10) The Treaty of Nystadt in 1721 gave Russia access to the West.

answer: GREAT NORTHERN WAR

5. You will need a pen or pencil for this bonus: Match these five aviation pioneers with their discoveries/feats. Each match is 5 points and there is a bonus for all 5.

The pioneers: Bledrals at Reriot, Fokker, Sikorsky, Langley, Zepplin; the feats: developed twin motored plane, devised gasoline engine for a plane after initial failure, flew monoplane across English Channel in 37 minutes, developed rigid airships, synchronized machine gun fire through the propeller  
Ans: BLOplane across Channel; FOKKER - machine gun; SIKORSKY - twin motored plane; LANGELY- as engine; ZEPPLIN - airships

6. Given a mythological simbling who was thrust in the shadows of his far better known brother, identify the more famous of the two for the stated number of points:

1. (5) Epimetheus (Ep im ee thee us)

answer: PROMETHEUS

2. (10) Teucer the Archer

answer: AJAX the GREATER

3. (15) Iphicles

answer: HERACLES

7. Identify these nations, all of whose capitals begin with the letter P:

1. Port-au-Prince

answer: HAITI

2. Prague

answer: CZECH REPUBLIC

3. Phnom Penh

answer: CAMBODIA

4. Paramaribo

answer: SURINAME

5. Pretoria

answer: SOUTH AFRICA

6. Port of Spain

answer: TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

8. SCI NEEDED

10. Earlier this round there was a Toss-up about Blackbeard. Now identify these pirates for the stated number of points:

1. (5) He plundered the Spanish Main, sailed around the world, and was knighted by Queen Elizabeth for doing it

answer: Sir Francis DRAKE

2. (10) This French pirate helped Andrew Jackson at the battle of New Orleans in return for amnesty.

answer: Jean LAFITTE

3. (15) This ancestor of William the Conqueror was not content to plunder the French coast, and he actually took over Normandy and established a dynasty.

answer: ROLLO the Pirate or Gange HROLF

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13. Now for a different type of question on Norse mythology. Identify what TYPE of creature is described. E.g. If I said Odin has an 8 legged one of these, you'd answer HORSE. 5 points each with a bonus for all 5.

1. A pair of these pull Thor's chariot

answer: GOATS

2. A pair of these whisper secrets to Odin

answer: RAVENS

3. This creature nibbles at the roots of Yggdrasil

answer: DRAGON

4. Dwarves fashioned a golden one of these for Frey

answer: BOAR

5. When Loki tried to escape the gods, he was caught while disguised as this animal

answer: SALMON (accept FISH)

12. In Nov. 1995, the feuding Balkans presidents of Bosnia, Serbia, and Croatia opened peace talks in Dayton, Ohio. FTP each, identify these three presidents.

1. Bosnia

answer: Alija IZETBEGOVIC

2. Serbia

answer: Slobodan MILESOVIC

3. Croatia

answer: Franjo TUDJMAN

13. 30/20/10 author Identify this author by the clues:

(30) He wrote Tamerlane and "Hero and Leander"

(20) He is best remembered as a playwright; he wrote Edward II.

(10) Thought by some to be Shakespeare's equal, his life was cut short in a bar room brawl when he was knifed.

answer: Christopher MARLOWE

14. When Napoleon's troops were digging in Egypt, they uncovered the Rosetta Stone which described the celebration at the start of Ptolemy V's reign in three languages.

1. For five points each, identify the three languages or their alphabets.

answer: (Classical) GREEK, DEMOTIC, HEIROGLYPHICS

2. For an additional fifteen points, what linguistic genius deciphered the Heiroglyphics?

answer: CHAMPOLLION

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