

1995 Guy Fawkes Eve Buzzer Explosion
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Tossups:

1. Originally a precinct sacred to an obscure hero, this place was later used as a gymnasium. The general Kimon planted olive groves here, and only a century later did it receive worldwide fame. When Aristotle was denied the presidency of the school, he went to Macedon to tutor the prince. FTP, what was this famous school founded by Plato?

Ans: The _Academy_

2. He was a gun runner and a pamphleteer. He was also a known activist throughout his career and in 1777 founded The Society of Dramatic Authors for the protection of dramatist's rights. And though he taught music to Louis XV's daughter and served in the court as both an official and secret envoy, he supported the rebels in the American Revolution with weapons and munitions. FTP, name this playwright whose then subversive works were later adapted into operas by Mozart and Rossini.

Ans: Pierre Caron de _Beaumarchais_

3. Land is invaded, insects and amphibians appear and most of the world is turned upside down, literally, as continents congregate around the earth's southern pole, during, FTP, what geologic period commonly nicknamed the "Age of Fishes".

Ans: _Devonian_ period

4. The novel opens with the title character being interviewed by Bartley Hubbard, who is himself the central character in another novel by the same author, "A Modern Instance". It chronicles the ascendancy and subsequent downfall of an American paint manufacturer in late nineteenth century Boston. FTP, identify this novel, first published in serial form from 1884 to 1885 in The Century, perhaps the most famous work by its author, William Dean Howells.

Ans: _The Rise of Silas Lapham_

5. The top line of his resume now reads "children's book author". With illustrations by his daughter, in 1995 this man published _The Little Baby Snoogle-Fleejer_, about a sea monster that befriends a boy. This all comes on top of his previous experience as a poet, lecturer at Emory University, leader of an effort to eradicate a parasite in Africa, member of Habitat for Humanity, and freelance diplomat extraordinaire. FTP, name this Georgia peanut farmer.

Ans: Jimmy _Carter_

6. Harold is the author of _The Anxiety of Influence_ and _The Western Canon_. Allan was a professor of social thought at the University of Chicago, noted translator of Plato and Rousseau and author of _The Closing of the American Mind_. Leopold is an advertising canvasser of Jewish origin who lives in Dublin. FTP, give the common last name, also shared by Milo, longtime compatriot of Opus the Penguin.

Ans: _Bloom_

7. These types of solutions most commonly arise when a hot solution of a solid at equilibrium concentration in a liquid is allowed to cool. An example of a gaseous solution in this state is an unopened can of soda. FTP, identify this unstable situation, in which introduction of a small seed crystal will cause crystallization until equilibrium is attained.

Ans: _Supersaturation_ or _supersaturated_ solution.

8. Driven into the Lebanon mountains in the 7th century, this originally monotheistic Christian sect has retained Eastern rites and the use of Syriac in their liturgy despite formal ties to Rome. FTP, name this Christian sect comprising about 20% of the Lebanese population.

Ans: _Maronites_

9. In the late 1800s, this Indian tribe was forced to share a reservation with their traditional enemies, the Klamaths. Under Kientepoos, or Captain Jack, they left their reservation and sought refuge in the lava beds of northern California. They were finally defeated when the secret of their stronghold was betrayed by one of their number. FTP, name this California tribe.

Ans: _Modocs_

10. Found in seven species ranging from Africa to Malaysia and China, these members of the family Mammalia are distinguished by their horny, overlapping body scales. The long-tailed variety can have 46 or 47 vertebrae in the tail, a record for mammals. FTP, name these unusual insectivores.

Ans: _Pangolins_

11. This word appeared in Charles Graves' _Thin Blue Line_, the author having heard it on an airfield in Yorkshire during WW II. The term was popularized when RAF pilots used it to attribute mysterious faults in the engines of their planes to imaginary elves. FTP, what are these critters who were featured in a movie

by Joe Dante of the same name?

Ans: _Gremlins_

12. Championed by Vachel Lindsay and best known as a poet, he wrote a series of stories about Simple, a street-smart resident of Harlem. A major figure of the Harlem Renaissance, his autobiographies are titled _The Big Sea_ and _I Wonder as I Wander_. FTP, identify this author of the poem which provided the title for Lorraine Hansberry's _Raisin in the Sun_.

Ans: Langston _Hughes_

13. It is defined starting in Leviticus 25:8. The name comes from the fact that the beginning of the year was announced by the blowing of a trumpet on the Day of Atonement. In this year, land that had changed hands reverted to the family to which it had belonged at the original settlement, and all bondmen of Israelite birth were set free. FTP, identify this year, which occurred after seven sabbaths of years, or every fifty years.

Ans: _Jubilee_ year

14. It is at a minimum for a system in thermal contact with a reservoir if the volume of the system is constant, thus differing from the Gibbs free energy, which gives the minimum for constant pressure. FTP, identify this free energy, which shares its name with a coil of wire, and with the scientist who discovered it, and also formulated the law of conservation of energy.

Ans: _Helmholtz_ free energy

15. Its first home was in London. Then plans were made to move to Westchester County, New York and Fairfield County, Connecticut, and temporary headquarters were set up on the Bronx campus of Hunter College. After local protests, it moved temporarily to Lake Success, New York, before John D. Rockefeller Jr. donated a 17-acre tract on the East River to serve as the home, FTP, what 50 year-old international organization is this?

Ans: _United Nations_

16. It is the terminus for the Harlem, Hudson, and New Haven lines, but is often erroneously called a "station," a term which properly refers to the post office located next to it. When Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis died, commuters lined up weeks to sign a book expressing thanks for her efforts to preserve it as an architectural landmark. FTP, name this famous railroad stop, located directly beneath the old Pan Am building in New York City.

Ans: _Grand Central_ Terminal (accept "station" if answered before that piece of information is given)

17. In July 1816, a government vessel bound for Senegal was wrecked; only fifteen of 149 passengers survived. A scandal arose because of the incompetence of the captain, who owed his appointment to the support of the monarchy. A young artist took interest in the case, interviewing survivors, reading newspapers, and painting corpses and guillotined heads in preparation for, FTP, what 1819 work, a monumental canvas by the young painter Gericault?

Ans: _The Raft of the Medusa_

18. It is one of the few contributions of engineering to theoretical physics. First proposed in 1824 and named for its French developer, it consists of two isothermal and two adiabatic processes. FTP, name this cycle, which gives the maximum efficiency of a real engine operating between two temperatures.

Ans: _Carnot_ cycle

19. Many place-name endings influenced by Old Norse are located in the northeast part of England. This is because in the Treaty of Wedmore, signed in 878 by King Alfred of Wessex and Guthrum, the Danish leader, the Danes agreed to retreat behind, FTP, what line, running from near present-day Chester to London.

Ans: the _Danelaw_

20. Jim Gordon made music history in 1993 by becoming the only convicted murderer to win a Grammy. Convicted in 1983 for killing his mother with a hammer, he received his award through the mail, for a song he co-wrote in 1970. FTP, name this rock classic, always on the top five of all time list, which Gordon wrote with Eric Clapton as members of Derek and the Dominoes.

Ans: _Layla_

21. It is based on Ferenc Molnar's "Liliom" and enjoyed a recent revival at Lincoln Center in New York. It features such songs as "Blow High, Blow Low," "This Was A Real Nice Clambake," and "You'll Never Walk Alone." FTP, name this Rodgers and Hammerstein musical.

Ans: _Carousel_

22. "Arabs" convict Congressman -- no, this isn't a strange twist on the World Trade Center, but rather a potential summary of a 1978 to 1981 investigation in which six members of the House and a Senator were convicted of taking bribes from a fake Arab sheikh. FTP, name this FBI investigation criticized for its entrapment-like methods.

Ans: _ABSCAM_

23. Europa Flats, Windmill Hill Flats, O'Hara's Tower and Little Bay are some of the geographic features that characterize, FTP, what three-mile long British territory surmounted by "The Rock".

Ans: _Gibraltar_

24. Biological populations tend to grow exponentially at first, but then level off. Ultimately it will stabilize at a particular size in a particular place for a given species. FTP, give the two word phrase which denotes this level, often symbolized by a capital K, and which you may also see posted inside of elevators.

Ans: _Carrying capacity_

25. This word means the rod on which flax, wool, or other materials are wound or spinning, and has been used to refer to traditional "women's work." It is also used as an adjective to refer to the female, and especially the maternal, side of a family. FTP, what is this seven-letter word?

Ans: _Distaff_

5- 1975

Ans: Gerald _Ford_

6B. OK Funnies fans, for five points each, name the creators of the following comics or comic strips for the stated number of points.

1. For five points, Beetle Bailey.

Ans: Mort _Walker_

2. For ten points, Hagar the Horrible.

Ans: Dik _Browne_

3. For fifteen points, The Katzenjammer Kids.

Ans: Rudolph _Dirks_

7B. For ten points each, identify the Dickens novel from the following first lines. If you need another clue, you will receive only five points.

1. 10: "Whether I shall turn out to be the hero of my own life, or whether that station will be held by anybody else, these pages must show."

5: The title character marries Dora Spenlow and Agnes Wickfield.

Ans: _David Copperfield_

2. 10: "London. Michelmas term lately over, and the Lord Chancellor sitting in Lincoln's Inn Hall. Implacable November weather."

5: The plot concerns an interminable law case.

Ans: _Bleak House_

3. 10: "An ancient English Cathedral Town? How can the ancient English Cathedral town be here! The well-known massive grey square tower of its old Cathedral? How can it be here!"

5: You may not have known the first line, but the last line is even harder, since Dickens left this work unfinished.

Ans: _The Mystery of Edwin Drood_

8B. Before Watergate, before Iran-Contra, there was Teapot Dome. Answer the following:

1. For five points, name the Secretary of the Interior who secretly leased the oil reserves of Teapot Dome without competitive bidding.

Ans: Albert B. _Fall_

2. For five points, name the Secretary of the Navy who Fall persuaded to transfer control of the reserves from the Navy to the Interior.

Ans: Edwin _Denby_

3. For five points each, name the private oil producers to whom Fall leased the reserves.

Ans: Edward F. _Doheny_ and Harry F. _Sinclair_

4. For a final ten points, name the California naval reserve which was also leased along with Teapot Dome.

Ans: _Elk Hills_

9B. Sum the following infinite series for ten points each.

1. The sum from n equals zero to infinity of x to the n over n factorial

Ans: _e to the x_

2. The sum from n equals zero to infinity of negative one to the n times x to the two n over two n factorial. Ans: _cosine x_

3. The sum from n equals one to infinity of one over n squared.

Ans: _pi squared over 6_

10B. It's time for that old favorite, college nicknames. Give it the old college try and identify these school nicknames for five points each.

1. UC Santa Barbra

Ans: _Gauchos_

2. Furman

Ans: _Paladins_

3. Idaho

Ans: _Vandals_

4. Vanderbilt

Ans: _Commodores_

5. Boston University

Ans: _Terriers_

6. Nevada-Reno

Ans: _Wolf Pack_

11B. Everyone here should know that the code name for the Normandy invasion was "Overlord," but for ten points each, can you supply the code name for these other World War Two operations?

1. Anglo-American invasion of North Africa

Ans: _Torch_

2. Allied invasion of southern France

Ans: _Anvil_

3. Allied invasion of Sicily

Ans: _Husky_

12B. Even if you haven't read Alexander Pope's "Essay on Criticism," chances are you know parts of it. Given one line of a heroic couplet from the essay, give the missing line, for ten points each.

1. "Drink deep, or taste not the Pierian spring"

Ans: _"A little learning is a dangerous thing"_

2. "Good nature and good sense must ever join;"

Ans: _"To err is human, to forgive divine"_

3. "Nay, fly to altars, there they'll talk you dead;"

Ans: _"For fools rush in where angels fear to tread."_

13B. Identify the following Asian-American authors from works on a 10-5 basis

1. 10- _China Men_

5- _The Woman Warrior_

Ans: Maxine Hong _Kingston_

2. 10- _Family Devotions_

5- _M. Butterfly_

Ans: David Henry _Hwang_

3. 10- _The One Hundred Secret Senses_

5- _The Joy Luck Club_

Ans: Amy _Tan_

14B. Identify the city, 30-20-10

30- Willy Loman reports that he gets just a little past this city in Act I, Scene 1 of _Death of a Salesman_ 20- It is the setting for _Hello, Dolly_.

10- Neil Simon showed us how to get "Lost in" this city.

Ans: _Yonkers_, New York

15B. The shareholders of ADM, based in Decatur, Illinois, have staged a revolt against the company's management, for their failure to respond to concerns over a Federal investigation of the company.

1. For ten points, give the full name of the company known as ADM.

Ans: _Archer-Daniels Midland_ Company

2. For twenty points, name the head of ADM's bioproducts division, who turned whistleblower over suspicions that the company was engaged in a price fixing conspiracy.

Ans: Mark _Whitacre_

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BONUSES:

1B. Identify the following geographically derived culinary names for ten points each.

1. Cooked, and particularly fried, with onions.

Ans: a la Lyonnaise

2. A hot creamy sauce made from butter, egg yolks and vinegar or lemon juice, flavored with shallots, tarragon, chervil, thyme, etc.

Ans: Bearnaise

3. In French cuisine, a dish cooked with spinach, usually in a mornay sauce. The term is particularly applied to eggs, fish, and white meat.

Ans: a la Florentine

2B. Here's a space travel firsts question.

1. For five points, name the first woman in space.

Ans: Valentina Vladimirovna Nikolayeva Tereshkova

2. For ten points, name the first man to hit golf balls on the moon. Ans: Alan Shepard

3. For fifteen points, identify the first American to walk in space. Ans: Edward White

3B. Science can be intimidating. For five points each, and a five point bonus for all five, identify the following works meant to bring science to the layman.

1. Mr. Tompkins in Wonderland and One Two Three...Infinity

Ans: George Gamow

2. The Immense Journey and Darwin's Century

Ans: Loren Eiseley

3. QED: The Strange Theory of Light and Matter

Ans: Richard Feynman

4. Chaos

Ans: James Gleick

5. The Emperor's New Mind

Ans: Roger Penrose

4B. Given the mythological character, name his divine parent, for ten points each.

1. Asclepius

Ans: Apollo

2. Achilles

Ans: Thetis

3. Helen (of Troy)

Ans: Zeus

5B. History is filled with would-be assassins. Given a would-be assassin, name the famous person he or she tried to assassinate for ten points each. If you need the year of the attempt, you will receive five points.

1. 10-Joseph Zangara

5- 1933

Ans: F.D. (Franklin Delano) Roosevelt

2. 10-Arther Bremer

5- 1972

Ans: George Wallace

3. 10- Sarah Jane Moore

16B. If you're like me, you learned everything you know about grammar and history from watching ABC's Schoolhouse Rock on Saturday mornings. Fill in the blanks in the following lyrics for ten points each.

1. [blank] [blank], what's your function?

Ans: _Conjunction Junction_

2. [blank], that's what's happening.

Ans: _Verb_

3. We were sufferin', 'til [blank].

Ans: _Suffrage_

17B. Given the first line of a nineteenth century historical document, give the title, an author, and year it was written for five points each.

1. "A spectre is haunting Europe"

Ans: _Communist Manifesto_, Karl _Marx_ or Friedrich _Engels_,
1848

2. "A court-martial has dared, by command, to acquit a man like Esterhazy, thus dealing a supremely insolent blow to all truth and justice."

Ans: _J'Accuse_ or _I Accuse_, Emile _Zola_, _1898_

18B. In 1839, Lord Durham issued a report, now known as the "Magna Carta of the colonies," which recommended the union of Upper and Lower Canada and the granting of full self-government.

1. In 1867, the Dominion of Canada was created in partial fulfillment of Durham's recommendation. For ten points, name the act which accomplished this.

Ans: _British North America Act_

2. The British North America Act divided Canada into four provinces. For five points each, name them.

Ans: _Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec_

19B. It's big and it's cold, but how much else do you know about the 49th state?

1. For ten points, name the region between the Brooks Range and the Arctic Ocean where oil and natural gas were discovered in 1968.

Ans: _North Slope_

2. For five points each, name the first two women to win the Iditarod.

Ans: Libby _Riddles_ (in 1985) and Susan _Butcher_ (1986-88, 90)

3. Alaska's most famous earthquake occurred on March 27, 1964. For ten points, give the name by which this earthquake is more commonly known, so given because of the particular day it occurred.

Ans: _Good Friday_ Earthquake

20B. Fill in the missing person in the following pairs of mythological lovers for five points each, five point bonus for all five.

1. Pygmalion and [blank]

Ans: _Galatea_

2. Philemon and [blank]

Ans: _Baucis_

3. Orpheus and [blank]

Ans: _Eurydice_

4. Pyramus and [blank]

Ans: _Thisbe_

5. Ceyx and [blank]

Ans: _Alcyone_

21B. Identify the following Civil War leaders from nicknames for ten points, or from an additional clue for five.

1. 10- Shanks

5- A Confederate colonel from South Carolina, his troops met the first Union attack at First Bull Run. Ans: Nathan _Evans_

2. 10- Little Powell

5- This Confederate general's orders to his troops to "get those shoes" at Gettysburg precipitated the battle there.

Ans: A.P. (Ambrose Powell) _Hill_

3. 10- Spoons

5- He got his nickname while commanding the occupation Union forces in New Orleans.

Ans: Benjamin _Butler_

22B. We all know Banquo, Macduff, and Fleance in Shakespeare's "Macbeth", but for a trivial thirty points, name the three familiars of the Weird Sisters, and traditionally what type of creatures they are, for five points each.

Ans: Paddock = frog, Graymalkin = bird, and Harpier = harpy

23B. Yes, you know about umbras, penumbras, and the like. But can you identify these eclipse terms for ten points each.

1. The eclipse of a star other than the sun by the moon.

Ans: _Occultation_

2. The eclipse of the sun by Mercury or Venus.

Ans: _Transit_

3. The period of slightly longer than 18 years of eclipse cycles.

Ans: _Saros_