

## Tossups by UMass A, 1995 Questions on the Crum

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It became a popular mourning stone when Queen Victoria wore buttons made from it after the death of Prince Albert. Made of fossilized lignite coal, it is lightweight and comes in three different finishes: crepe, matte, and shiny. FTP, name this stone which lends its name to a shade of black.

A: JET

2

He took part in Pedro Cabral's 1500 expedition to Brazil, but died at sea. He is, however, better remembered for in 1488, rounding the Cape of Good Hope and sailing far enough up the coast to claim discovery of the sea route to India. FTP name this Portuguese explorer.

A: Bartholomeu DIAS

3

He started his career with the Cleveland Indians, then moved on first to the Cincinnati Reds and then to the Houston Astros via free agency; his most notable accomplishment with the latter, though, was his recent admission that he might cross the baseball picket line sometime in the spring. FTP, name this pitcher.

A: Greg SWINDELL

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Born in 1915, he began his radio career in 1934 as the narrator of a news series called "March of Time," and later played a part in the mystery series "The Shadow", but his most memorable moment on radio was his narration of H.G. Wells' "War of the Worlds." He wrote, directed, and starred in his first film in 1941, a fictionalized biopic of William Randolph Hearst. FTP, name this film legend.

A: Orson WELLES

5

What's that? I think I hear ancestral voices prophesying war. He conquered China and founded the Yuan dynasty, but his 1281 attempt to conquer Japan failed when his fleet was sunk by a typhoon. FTP, name the Mongol emperor, the subject of a Coleridge poem.

A: KUBLA KHAN or KUBLAI KHAN

6

His first moment in the limelight, such as it was, came in 1964; he was the assistant to the Warren Commission who proposed the single bullet theory. He faces equally long odds in his presidential run in 1996, as a pro-choice Republican who has denounced the Christian fundamentalist right wing of the party. FTP, name the Pennsylvania senator, notable for his appearance on the Senate Judiciary Committee in the Thomas-Hill hearings.

A: ARLEN SPECTER

7

Paper and pencil ready: FAQTP, solve the following inequality for x:  $5x+7>13+11x$

A:  $x<-1$  (x IS LESS THAN -1)

8

It originated in Northern Europe in the 14th century, but this artistic subject is most often associated with the Italian Renaissance. Michelangelo carved three of them. FTP, name this type of work which depicts Mary supporting the dead body of Jesus.

A: PIETA

9

This British mystery novelist typically writes about scandals in high British society, playing off the ironies with the interactions between the working-class Sergeant Havers and the aristocrat Inspector Lynley. FTP, name her, author of *Suitable Vengeance*, *For the Sake of Elena*, and, most recently, *Playing for the Ashes*.

A: Elizabeth GEORGE

10

Its most basic definition is the elements in front of the camera. It refers to lighting, sets, costumes and actor style. In some European films a second director responsible for these aspects is listed by the same name. For ten points name this French film term.

A: MISE-EN-SCENE

11

In 1848 he wrote his first play, entitled *Cataline*. He was married in 1858 and was exiled in 1864. For ten points, name this playwright known for works such as *Brand*, *The Wild Duck*, and *A Doll's House*..

A: Henrik IBSEN

12

To test his theories, he devised boxes for his children, by which he tried to condition stimulus-response patterns; the

devices now bear his name. FTP, name the author of *The Behavior of Organisms*, the primary advocate of behaviorism.

A: B.F. SKINNER

13

This island state was conquered by the Muslims in the 7th century, by the Portuguese in the 16th, and by the Persians in the 17th. It became a British protectorate in 1861, and was given complete autonomy in 1971. Most of its economy comes from oil, specifically refining Saudi oil piped to one of its main islands, Sitrah. FTP, name the country in the Persian Gulf.

A: BAHRAIN

14

Bob Dole recently said of him, "He's in the right wing of the Capitol. But to get there you gotta take a right, then you take another far right, and then you go to the extreme right, and he should be right there." FTP, identify the California Republican elected to a House seat in 1994, better known in past decades as someone who had you, babe.

A: Sonny BONO

15

A tumor becomes malignant when cancerous cells spread through the body via blood vessels. FAQTP, name this process.

A: METASTASIS

16

His works have a tendency for the avant-garde. They include *Operation Sidewinder*, *The Unseen Hand*, and *Mad Dog Blues*. He won the Pulitzer prize in 1978 for his play *Buried Child*. FTP, name this playwright and love interest of Jessica Lange.

A: Samuel SHEPARD

17

It contains a variety of radio sources--East, West, and A-asterisk; the latter, a pointlike source, may contain several million solar masses, judging from the high speeds of nearby gas. FTP, name this complex at the galactic center, within which may lie a black hole.

A: SAGITTARIUS A (prompt on Sagittarius)

18

" 'Prophet,' said I, 'thing of evil! Prophet still, if bird or devil!' " Notable for its limited vocabulary, it made its entrance on a "midnight dreary" in the "bleak December", inspiring such characterizations as "grim, ungainly, ghastly, gaunt, and ominous bird of yore." FTP, name the avian intruder and title figure of an Edgar Allan Poe poem.

A: The RAVEN

19

Directed by Nicholas Hytner, this recent British film, based on Alan Bennett's 1991 play, garnered Oscar nominations for set design, adapted screenplay, best supporting actress, and best actor. FTP, name the movie featuring Helen Mirren and Nigel Hawthorne that everyone's crazy about.

A: The MADNESS OF KING GEORGE

20

Educated at Cambridge and Columbia University, he passed up an academic career and entered a Trappist monastery at the age of 27; his books include *Disputed Questions*, *The Road to Joy*, *The Waters of Siloe*, and *The Seven Storey Mountain*. FTP, name the theologian.

A: Thomas MERTON

21

Founded in 1589, this city was originally known as Tsaritsyn; most of its history has centered around war and its repeated destruction therein. It was taken by Cossack rebels in 1670, and in the Pugachev Rebellion in 1774, and it fell to the Whites in the civil war in 1919; its most famous moment, though, was its defense by Georgi Zhukov and the Red Army against the Germans in the winter of 1942. It is now known once again by the river that flows east of it. FTP, give its current name.

A: VOLGOGRAD (accept STALINGRAD on early buzz, i.e. "It is now known once again")

22

Their best friend was Chet Morton and they always had a date for Saturday night. They were not like your typical brothers, they never fought. The stories always began by telling us that the younger was 17 and the older 18. For ten points, name this fictional detective duo read by young people since 1948.

A: Frank and Joe HARDY

23

On March 9, Mrs. Clinton became the first first-lady to make a speech at this famous place. FTP, name this

Arlington, Virginia site, the largest office building in the world.

A: the PENTAGON

24

He declared, "O coward conscience, how dost thou afflict me!" and mused, "Now is the winter of our discontent/  
Made glorious summer by this son of York," and his last words were "A horse! a horse! my kingdom for a horse!"  
FTP, name him, the title character of Shakespeare's 1592 play, notable for his murders of Edwards IV and V.

A: RICHARD III

25

I do not like games except beneath Peruvian turquoise lampshades. That sentence, where each word is one letter  
longer than the previous word, is an example of what kind of wordplay?

A: RHOPALIC