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**Questions by Georgia Tech I**

1. His artistic career began with drawings that he submitted to periodicals while he was employed as a bank clerk, and in 1871 he had illustrations published in the magazine *London Society*. He became known as a book illustrator, and his works in that area include Washington Irving's *Sketchbook* and *Bracebridge Hall*, as well as John Gilpin and *The Grand Panjandrum* Himself. For 10 points, identify this 19th century English illustrator and painter in honor of whom Frederic G. Melcher established in 1937 an annual prize for the most distinguished American picture book for children.

Answer: Randolph Caldecott

2. Lying about 2,250 km northeast of New Zealand, this nation consists of 169 islands, 36 of which are inhabited, which are divided into three groups, including Ha'apai and Vava'u. For 10 points, identify this country, formerly known as the Friendly Islands, with its capital at Nuku'alofa.

Answer: Tonga

3. An encounter with Beethoven, in a performance of whose *Battle of Vittoria* this composer played the bass drum, earned him one of Beethoven's gruffer comments: that he "never had the pluck to come in at the right time." Salleri urged him to go to Italy, where he gained success by imitating the style of the young Rossini. His operas include *The Prophet*, *L'Africaine*, and *Robert the Devil*. For 10 points, identify this German-born master of grand opera whose best known work is *The Huguenots*.

Answer: Giacomo Meyerbeer

4. This man joined the German Communist party in his teens, was imprisoned under Hitler, and rose through the party's ranks after World War II. In 1971 he succeeded Walter Ulbricht as leader of the Socialist Unity Party, and his policy sought to strengthen the nation economically and militarily until his ouster on October 10, 1989. For 10 points, identify this East German leader who was put under house arrest for his lavish, privileged lifestyle at the expense of the people but who was not formally tried for corruption because of his ill-health.

Answer: Erich Honecker

5. It is approximately 2.5 planetary radii from the center, and tides at lesser distances are stronger than the mutual gravitational attraction between the two adjacent orbiting objects. Below it, fragments are not likely to accrete into a larger object, and a large object would be disrupted if it were to be present. For 10 points, identify this astronomical quantity, the minimum distance possible between a planet and a satellite that holds itself together by its own gravity.

Answer: Roche limit or tidal stability limit

6. From 1924-26 this artist worked as an illustrator for the *National Police Gazette*, and after 1926 divided his time between the United States and France. An important influence on his early work was the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus, which inspired his book *Animal Sketching* and his work *Circus*. For 10 points, identify this American sculptor whose mobiles include *Lobster Trap* and *Fish Tail* and whose stabiles include *Ticket Window*.

Answer: Alexander Calder

7. "From my mother's sleep I fell into the State/ And I hunched in its belly till my wet fur froze./ Six miles from earth, loosed from its dream of life,/ I woke to black flak and the nightmare fighters./ When I died they washed me out of the turret with a hose." For 10 points, this is the text of what famous poem by Randall Jarrell?

Answer: The Death of the Ball Turret Gunner

8. He led the revolution in 1916 against Lij Yasu, and became regent and heir to the throne. He settled in England after the Italian conquest but was restored in 1941 after British liberation. For 10 points, identify this man, born as Prince Ras Tafari Makonnen, who ruled Ethiopia from 1930-36 and 1941-74.

Answer: Haile Selassie I

9. Consisting of a base, collector, and emitter, it is a layered device consisting of two p-n junctions joined back to back. The three layers are formed by controlled addition of impurities to a semiconductor crystal, usually silicon or germanium, and it is used in a circuit as an amplifier, rectifier, detector, or switch. For 10 points, identify this electronic device, superseding the electron tube, which was invented by John Bardeen, William Shockley, and Walter Brattain.

Answer: transistor

10. Referring to the man who "could look no way but downwards," this term was pejorative when used by President Theodore Roosevelt in his speech of April 14, 1906. The emergence of the group under the name was heralded in the January 1903 issue of McClure's Magazine by articles on municipal government, labor, and trusts written by Ray Stannard Baker, Ida Tarbell, and Lincoln Steffans. For 10 points, identify this group of American writers identified with pre-World War I reform and expose literature, whose name was borrowed from a passage in John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*.

Answer: muckrakers

11. The New York Yacht Club is founded. Charles Goodyear receives a patent for vulcanizing rubber. Joseph Smith is murdered in Carthage, Illinois. John Tyler becomes the first president to marry during his term of office. Samuel Morse sends the first telegraph message. And James K. Polk is elected president over Henry Clay and James Birney. For 10 points, these events all occurred in what year?

Answer: 1844

12. This Greek philosopher is credited with the invention of deductive mathematics, being the first to study magnetism, and being the first Greek to maintain that the moon shone by reflected sunlight. He believed that the fundamental element of the universe was water, and he supposedly measured the height of an Egyptian pyramid by trigonometry. For 10 points, identify this 6th century BC philosopher from Miletus whose most famous deed was the prediction of an eclipse of the sun that occurred in 585 BC.

Answer: Thales

13. Features of this programming language include signature-based typing and compiled-interpreted P-code, as well as built-in threading. Its current versions also require that class definitions be in separate files. Originally known as Oak, its syntax is derived primarily from C++ . For 10 points, identify this latest language from Sun Microsystems.

Answer: Java

14. Dealing with abstract notions rather than with the more immediately practical concerns of "marketplace" economists, this man led in developing general approaches to complex economic problems. Chief among his achievements was his "impossibility theorem," by which he was able to demonstrate that a perfect system of democratic choice-making is in principle impossible. For 10 points, identify this economist, author of Social Choice and Individual Values, Studies in Linear and Nonlinear Programming, and Essays in the Theory of Risk-Bearing, who in 1972 shared the Nobel Prize in Economics with Sir John Hicks of Great Britain.

Answer: Kenneth Joseph Arrow

15. This lake is about 75 miles by 50 miles, with an average depth of 13 feet. It is fed by the Weber, Bear, and Jordan Rivers, and contains Antelope and Fremont Islands. For 10 points, identify this large inland lake in northwestern Utah, a remnant of the enormous prehistoric Lake Bonneville.

Answer: Great Salt Lake

16. These structures are composed of a large and small subunit, and on the large subunit are found the P and A sites at which transfer RNA binding occurs. They are composed of both RNA and protein, and the sequence homology of a specific portion of their RNA is currently of importance in the field of molecular taxonomy. For 10 points, identify these intracellular structures which serve as the site of protein synthesis.

Answer: ribosomes

17. In his youth he was the center of a group of young men determined to overthrow the prevailing Romanticism in literature and return to classical models. He became professor of Italian literature at Bologna and was made senator for life in 1890. His poetic works include Hymn to Satan, The Barbaric Odes, and Light and Serious Poems. For 10 points, identify this Italian poet who won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1906.

Answer: Giosue Carducci

18. Born in 1854 in North Manchester, Indiana, this man graduated from Wabash College and practiced law for 33 years before entering politics. In 1917 he became the first man since John C. Calhoun to succeed himself as vice president, and he was also the first to preside over a cabinet meeting. For 10 points, identify this vice-president under Woodrow Wilson who is best known for his remark during an interminable Senate wrangle over national priorities that "What this country needs is a good five-cent cigar."

Answer: Thomas Riley Marshall

19. The name's the same: In the Bible, this was the name of St. Paul's host while he was establishing a church in Thessalonica who was required to accept legal responsibility for Paul's future activity after a riot ensued. In Greek mythology, it was the name of the brother of Prometheus whose wife Medea killed their children, and who was killed when part of his ship, the Argo, fell on him. For 10 points, give the common name.

Answer: Jason

20. This element was first isolated in 1803 by William Hyde Wollaston from the aqua regia extract of crude platinum. It is used for mirror surfaces, and an alloy of it and platinum is used as a catalyst. For 10 points, identify this white ductile metal with atomic number 45, named for its typically rose-colored salts.

Answer: Rhodium

She was born Princess Sophia Augusta Frederika of Anhalt-Zerbst in Stettin, Poland in 1729, and in 1745 she was married to the Grand Duke Peter, nephew and heir of Empress Elizabeth of Russia. FTP, identify this mother of Paul I, who ruled as empress of Russia from 1762-96 after the ouster of Peter III.

Answer: Catherine II the Great

He judged between rival emperors Frederick II and Otto IV in Germany, and opened up a cold six-pack of interdict on England when King John refused to recognize Stephen Langton as Archbishop of Canterbury. He was born Lotario de' Conti di Segni and served as pope from 1198-1216. For 10 points, identify this man whose pontificate is regarded as the high point of the temporal and spiritual supremacy of the Roman see.

Answer: Innocent III

In 1740 he was commissioned surgeon's second mate in the Royal Navy; six years later, after the defeat of the Jacobite rebels at Culloden, he wrote his most famous poem, *The Tears of Scotland*. He is better known, however, for his picaresque novels, which include *The Adventures of Ferdinand Count Fathom*, and *The History and Adventures of an Atom*. For 10 points, identify this English satirical novelist, author of the adventures of Peregrine Pickle, Humphry Clinker, and Roderick Random.

Answer: Tobias Smollett

This man was one of the first scientists to support the work of James Joule, and they later collaborated to elucidate the effect named for them, in which gases undergo a temperature drop upon expansion in a vacuum. He introduced the term kinetic energy, and invented improvements in cables and galvanometers which proved indispensable in the development and laying of the Atlantic Cable. For 10 points, identify this Scottish mathematician and physicist for whom is named the most commonly used absolute temperature scale.

Answer: William Thomson, Baron Kelvin

They vary in degree of continuity and range in size from a few meters to tens of meters high and from a few meters to a hundred or more kilometers long. They have steep ice-contact slopes and were deposited in channels confined by ice. For 10 points, identify the name given to these sinuous ridges composed predominantly of sand and gravel deposited by glacial meltwater.

Answer: eskers

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1. For ten points apiece, identify the following dealing with naval battles ten points each:

1. In 1862, the Monitor and the Merrimack fought off Newport News in this sea battle, revolutionizing sea warfare

Answer: Hampton Roads

2. In this last major battle fought by galleys, 208 Catholic galleys defeated 273 Ottoman galleys in a three-hour clash

Answer: Lepanto

3. In this last major battle involving wooden ships, an Egyptian fleet was defeated by a combined English, French, and Russian fleet intervening on the side of Greece in 1827.

Answer: Navarino

2. Identify the following American poems for ten points on the first lines, or for five for the author

1. 10 pts. Whither, 'midst falling dew,/While glow the heavens with the last steps of day,/Far through their rosy depths, dost thou pursue/Thy solitary way?

5 pts. Written by William Cullen Bryant, Matthew Arnold called it 'the most perfect brief poem in the language'

Answer: To a Waterfowl

2. 10 pts. Up from the meadows rich with corn,/Clear in the cool September morn

5 pts. Stonewall Jackson defends the title character in this poem written by John Greenleaf Whittier

Answer: Barbara Frietchie

3. 10 pts. This is the ship of pearl, which, poets feign,/Sails the unshadowed main

5 pts. Oliver Wendell Holmes

Answer: The Chambered Nautilus

3. Identify these thinkers who were ahead of their time for 15 points each.

1. This Italian wrote and spoke of a multiplicity of worlds, of an infinity of space, of a moving earth, and of atoms, for which he was burned at the stake in 1600.

Answer: Giodano Bruno

2. This 15th century German cardinal held that the earth rotated on its axis, that space is infinite, and that the sun is a star like other stars. A theologian, he argued that reason is inadequate to determine truth in *On Learned Ignorance*.

Answer: Nicholas of Cusa

4. For 10 points each, identify the organ in which the following structures are found.

1. corpus luteum

Answer: ovary X

2. Purkinje fibers

Answer: heart X

3. hippocampus

Answer: brain ✓

5. Name the following acts related to labor in the United States, ten points each:

1. Sponsored by a Nebraska Senator and a New York Representative, it restricted federal courts from issuing injunctions to stop union activities, and made it impossible to enforce yellow-dog contracts.

Answer: Norris-LaGuardia Act or (Anti-Injunction Act)

2. It was passed by Congress in 1959 to eliminate corruption and to suppress the influence of organized crime by requiring that unions file annual financial reports showing how the dues of union members are spent

Answer: Landrum-Griffin Act (or Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act)

3. It guaranteed the right of employees to engage in collective bargaining, and required employers to negotiate with representatives elected by workers. Its main sponsor was a New York Democrat.

Answer: National Labor Relations Act (or Wagner Act)

6. Name the authors on a 10-5 basis

1. 10 pts. The Entertainer, Inadmissible Evidence, and A Patriot for Me are works by this author who returned to the character of Jimmy Porter in *Dejavu*

5 pts. He also wrote his autobiography *A Better Class of Person*, as well as *Look Back in Anger*

Answer: John Osborne

2. 10 pts. A factory worker who left school at 14, he became an author of starkly realistic novels such as *The Lost Flying Boat*, *The Widower's Son*, and *Saturday Night and Sunday Morning*.

5 pts. His most famous work is the story of a boy sent to a reform school who scores a triumph over the Establishment by deliberately losing a footrace, entitled *The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner*.

Answer: Allan Sillitoe

3. 10 pts. His works include *Two of Us*, *Life at the Top*, and *The Crying Game*

5 pts. His novel *Life at the Top*, was a sequel to his first novel *Room at the Top*

Answer: John Braine



7. 30-20-10 Identify the person

1. Born in New York City in 1918, it is reported that his high school physics teacher allowed him to sit in the back of the room and solve problems using calculus while other students struggled with simple algebra.
2. While earning his doctoral degree at Princeton, he developed a program that eliminated non-sensical answers obtained from equations when dealing with quantum principles. At Los Alamos, he was head of the Computing Division during WWII.
3. A teacher of theoretical physics at CalTech until his death in 1988, he helped develop quantum electrodynamics, winning the 1965 Nobel Prize in Physics with Julian Schinger and Sin-Itiro Tomonaga.

Answer: Richard Feynman

8. Answer the following questions about music theory for the stated number of points.

1. For 5 points, how many sharps or flats are in the key of G-major?

Answer: one sharp

2. For 10 points (all or nothing), what are the notes of a C-major triad?

Answer: C, E, G

3. The natural minor scale is the scale which determines the key signature of a minor key; however, there are two other types of minor scale. For 5 points for one and 15 points for both, what are they?

Answer: melodic minor and harmonic minor

9. Identify the following cities excavated by archaeologists from clues on a 10-5 basis.

1. 10 pts. Uncovered by Heinrich Schliemann and others after 1876, it was an Aegean Civilization. The remains of the city include the Treasury of Atreus, the royal beehive, and the Lion Gate.

- 5 pts. The city of Homer's King Agamemnon, with the destruction of Knossos it achieved supremacy

Answer: Mycenae

2. 10 pts. Excavated by C. Leonard Woolley, this city on the Euphrates was a center of Sumerian civilization and was conquered by the Akkadian Sargon

- 5 pts. In the Bible it was identified as the home of Abraham

Answer: Ur

3. 10 pts. Alexander the Great died in this city once destroyed by the Assyrians under Sennacherib

- 5 pts. The building of great walls, temples, and ziggurats in this city marked the reign of Nebuchadnezzar II

Answer: Babylon

10. Identify the following from Japanese history for 10 points each.

1. The Emperor Mutsuhito was the focus of an 1868 revolution led by samurai disgruntled by foreign intrusions. For ten points, name this event named for the reign name of the emperor

Answer: Meiji Restoration

2. Located on Honshu, it lies about 25 miles northeast of Osaka, and from its foundation in 794 AD until the 1868 Meiji Restoration, it served as the home of the Emperor and national capital

Answer: Kyoto

3. Yoritomo Minamoto seized power as Shogun and formed this shogunate, Japan's first military government. For ten points, identify this government ruling from the 12th to the beginning of the 17th century.

Answer: Kamakura

11. Identify the following related people or things for 10 points each.

1. Also known as scientific empiricism, this school of philosophy attempted in the 1920s to introduce the methodology and precision of mathematics to the study of philosophy. It was led by the group known as the Vienna Circle.

Answer: logical positivism

2. One of the foremost members of the Vienna Circle, he was a German-born American logician. He wrote that 'The only proper task of Philosophy is Logical Analysis' in his work 'Philosophy and Logical Syntax'

Answer: Rudolph Carnap

3. Born in Czechoslovakia in 1906, this American member of the Vienna Circle is more famous for his work in systems of logic

Answer: Kurt Godel

12. The University of Maryland may have Geography from Hell, but we've got Geography...from Mars! Identify the following Martian features, ten points each:

1. An ancient, mound shaped volcano that resembles the island of Hawaii, it is 27 kilometers above the mean surface of Mars, and is the largest volcano in the solar system

Answer: Olympus Mons or (Nix Olympica)

2. A vast system of canyons, it was originally named Coprates Canyon but was renamed in honor of a US space project. It stretches 4000 kilometers along the equatorial zone.

Answer: Valles Marineris

3. It is one of the northern plains of Mars that was not only chosen as the landing place of the Viking 2 spacecraft, but was the name of the shipyards that constructed the Enterprise-D.

Answer: Utopia Planitia

13. Identify the following British Prime Ministers, ten points each

1. A chief founder of Britain's Labour Party and prime minister of the first and second labour governments, he lost most of his party's confidence when he headed a national coalition to deal with the Depression

Answer: James Ramsay MacDonald

2. He was an outstanding war minister and empire builder during the Seven Years' War, and was also famous for his defense of the rights of the American colonists.

Answer: William Pitt the Elder

3. He attempted to end the veto power of the House of Lords, established old-age pensions, and granted self-government to the Transvaal and the Orange Free State. Who was this Liberal serving from 1905-1908?

Answer: Henry Campbell-Bannerman

14. Identify the following concepts dealing with Buddhism, ten points each

1. Translating as 'great vehicle,' it has as its central concept the potential Buddhahood innate in all beings. It is prominent in Nepal, Korea, Indonesia, Japan, and China

Answer: Mahayana

2. In Mahayana Buddhism, they are the perfected ones who postpone entry into nirvana until all others may be similarly enlightened

Answer: Bodhisattva

3. Nirvana releases one from this, the bondage to the repeating cycle of births and deaths according to one's physical and mental actions

Answer: Samsara

15. Identify these English plays for 10 points given a plot summary or for 5 points if you need the author.

1. 10 pts: It deals with John Worthing and Algernon Moncrieff and their eventually successful courtship of Gwendolyn Fairfax and Cecily Cardew.

5 pts: This comedy was the last play by Oscar Wilde.

Answer: The Importance of Being Earnest

2. 10 pts: Martin Dysart a psychiatrist and amateur mythologist who narrates the events of the rehabilitation of the 17 year old boy, Alan Strang.

5 pts: Strang was a stable boy who had been arrested for blinding six horses.

Answer: Equus

3. 10 pts. The author's ideas about the "life force" are embodied in the characters of the battling lovers Ann Whitefield and John Tanner.

5 pts. This George Bernard Shaw play contains the separable and sometimes omitted section 'Don Juan in Hell.'

Answer: Man and Superman

16. It's time for a geography question from the continent that gave us Nicole Kidman, Koalas, and Foster's Beer.

1. Foster's might call it Australian for puddle, but it's the largest lake in Australia, as well as the lowest point on the continent

Answer: Lake Eyre

2. The Darling and Murrumbidgee rivers are the major tributaries of this longest river in Australia

Answer: Murray River

3. Running from North Queensland to Tasmania, it runs parallel to the eastern coast. For ten points, name this 'Australian speedbump' that contains Mt. Kosciuszko

Answer: Great Dividing Range

17. Identify the following from number theory, ten points each

1. This structure has two operations, one of which is an abelian group, is commutative, distributive, has a multiplicative identity, and every nonzero element is a unit, or divides the multiplicative identity

Answer: Field

2. On a field, if a number cannot be derived algebraically, then it is this kind of number

Answer: Transcendental

3. It states that every integer greater than two is either a prime or a product of a unique factorization of primes

Answer: Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic

18. Answer the following questions about ammonia for the stated number of points?

1. For 5 points, what is its chemical formula?

Answer: NH<sub>3</sub>

2. For 10 points, what is the geometrical structure of the molecule?

Answer: trigonal pyramidal

3. For 15 points, ammonium is the starting material for the production of nitric acid in what chemical process named for a Latvian-born German physical chemist?

Answer: Ostwald process

19. Identify the following American architects from clues for 15 points each.

1. A partner with C. F. McKim and William R. Mead, he specialized in interior design and furnishing, and the decorative aspects of a building. His two surviving New York City works, the Washington Arch and the Century Club, reveal his interest in Renaissance ornament.

Answer: Stanford White

2. Born in Cleveland, this architect designed a glass house in New Canaan, CT which reveals the influence of Mies Van der Rohe. He also designed the New York State Theater at Lincoln Center and the A.T. & T. Headquarters Building.

Answer: Philip Johnson

20. Identify the American author from works, 30-20-10.

1. Taps at Reveille, All the Sad Young Men

2. The Crack-Up, The Diamond as Big as the Ritz

3. The Beautiful and the Damned, Tender is the Night

Answer: F. Scott Fitzgerald

Identify the following Nazis for ten points each:

1. Influential in forming the Rome-Berlin Axis and the German-Soviet pact, this German foreign minister was hanged as a war criminal

Answer: Joachim von Ribbentrop

2. His memoirs, Inside the Third Reich, gave insight into his role as Hitler's official architect and minister of armaments

Answer: Albert Speer

3. His book, The Myth of the 20th Century, supplied Hitler with the spurious philosophical and scientific basis for the Nazi racist doctrines

Answer: Alfred Rosenberg

Identify these leaders of Russia

1. A child of Paul I, this ruler made a tenuous alliance with France by signing the Treaty of Tilsit after Russian defeats by Napoleon I

Answer: Alexander I

2. The Decembrists revolt occurred on the first day of this ruler's reign. Events during this period included the codification of laws and the completion of the first Russian railroad.

Answer: Nicholas I

3. Events during the reign of this ruler include Pugachev's peasant uprising, as well as the annexation of the Crimea, colonization of Alaska, and the partitions of Poland

Answer: Catherine I

Identify the fictional family given members for 10 points, or the author for five points:

1. 10 pts Johann, Johann Jr. or Jean, Gotthold

5pts Thomas Mann

Answer: Buddenbrooks

2. 10 pts Irene, Jolyon, Jon, Fleur

5 pts John Galsworthy

Answer: Forsyte

3. 10 pts Byron, Mink, Ike

5 pts Faulkner

Answer: Snopes