

Rouilly

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Questions by Emory A**

1. Its plot was taken from the ■Decameron.■ The count of Rousillon (roo-see-YOHNNH) scorns his bride and leaves for the Florentine war, telling her that he won't return or allow her to call him husband until she obtains the ring on his finger and produces his child. The wife, Helena, succeeds in both aims by impersonating a young Florentine girl whom her husband Bertram likes. FTP, identify this Shakespearean comedy.

Answer: All's Well That Ends Well

2. In 1972, this biologist gave a name to an idea that had been in circulation for many years, due to the gaps in the fossil record. Along with Niles Eldredge of the American Museum of Natural History, this man from Harvard explained these gaps by the phenomenon of punctuated equilibrium by the which the rate of evolution is sped up for some reason. FTP, name this paleontologist, the author of ■The Panda's Thumb.■

Answer: Stephen Jay Gould

3. Hostilities began when Uruguayan conservatives convinced the dictator of Paraguay, Francisco Solano Lopez, that Brazil and Argentina were about to invade Paraguay. Lopez declared war on Brazil and then on Argentina when the Argentine president refused him permission to cross Argentine territory. Uruguay, which had made a secret alliance with Brazil and Argentina, declared war on May 1, 1865. FTP identify this South American War which severely depleted the population of Paraguay.

Answer: War of the Triple Alliance

4. The poses of the figures were taken from an engraving by Raimondi. Exhibited at the Salon des Refusés (sah-LONHN day hreh-fyoo-ZAY) in 1863, it features a picnic basket in the foreground and a woman bathing in the stream in the background. FTP, identify this Manet painting which depicts two men dressed in contemporary clothes, one semi-dressed woman, and one completely nude woman.

Answer: Luncheon on the Grass OR Le Déjeuner sur l'herbe

5. Film Threat magazine recently unearthed a five-hour version of this film, which was originally set to star Harvey Keitel. Admittedly much of the extra footage is filler, like endless scenes of helicopters charging, but other whole scenes were cut, such as when, following the death of Mr. Clean, the PBR comes upon a functioning French rubber plantation. Also missing is the killing of Dennis Hopper's photographer character. FTP identify this Vietnam classic, starring Martin Sheen and Marlon Brando, directed by Francis Ford Coppola.

Answer: Apocalypse Now

6. A strike was in progress at the McCormick reaper works, and the day before, several men had been shot by police during a riot at the plant. A group of mainly German-born anarchist workers called a meeting on May 4 as protest against police violence. When the police attempted to disperse the meeting, a bomb was thrown, thus triggering another gun battle. FTP, identify this confrontation between police and protesters that took place in 1886 in Chicago.

Answer: Haymarket Square Riot

7. His poetry is marked by a distortion of common meaning and syntax and by the grouping of images around a single central metaphor. His work uses words for tone-color, as in his sonnet ■Vowels.■ All of his known poetry was written before he was twenty. FTP, identify this French poet of ■Illuminations,■ ■A Season in Hell,■ and ■The Drunken Boat.■

Answer: Arthur Rimbaud

8. Her house was located on the wide city wall and it was here that she harbored the two spies from Shittim. Because of this deed, she and her family were allowed to leave before the destruction of the city began. After this siege, she lived with the Israelites for many years. FTP, name this prostitute of

the Old Testament who helped Joshua's spies escape from the king of Jericho.

Answer: Rahab

9. This law is named for the two Frenchmen who developed it in the early 1800's. It derives from the fact that a conductor carrying a steady current produces a force on a magnet. FTP, name this law that defines the magnetic field dB at a point P associated with an element dS affected by a wire that carries a steady current I.

Answer: Biot-Savart Law

10. This author's life and writings illustrate the central contradictions and divisions of American society; the chief of these being the gap between high and low culture. In 1899 he broke into print in the **Overland Monthly** with his Alaskan stories which brought him immediate success, and are among the best he ever wrote. FTP, name this San Francisco-born writer whose works include his first novel, **A Daughter of the Snows**; **The Iron Heel**; and **White Fang**.

Answer: Jack London

11. Originally a small Indian village, it was occupied by the French and the English during the 17th century and came under Dutch rule in 1816. Tourism and small-scale industry are its main sources of income. FTP identify this city which lies on the Suriname River, about 15 miles inland from the Atlantic Ocean, the capital of Suriname.

Answer: Paramaribo

12. This Dominican monk was, after 1474, confessor to Isabella and Ferdinand. He supported the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492. From 1487 to 1498 he investigated and punished Marranos (insincerely converted Jews), Moors, apostates, and others. FTP, identify this monk, made inquisitor general of Castile in 1483 and grand inquisitor of Spain in 1487.

Answer: Tomàs de Torquemada

13. The year 1834 found him exploring English history with *Rosamonda d'Inghilterra*, the story of an ill-fated mistress of Henry II and Maria Stuarda, centered on Mary Queen of Scots. It was with historical fiction rather than historical fact from the British isles that he achieved his greatest success. For 10 points, identify this opera composer who adapted Sir Walter Scott's *The Bride of Lammermore* into his masterpiece, *Luccia di Lammermore*.

Answer: Gaetano Donizetti

14. He was the author of the theory that the apparent unity of the universe is actually the product of constantly opposed forces, and viewed fire as the fundamental principle of existence. Known as "the dark one" because of the mystical obscurity of his thought, and as "the weeping philosopher" because of his pessimistic view of humanity, he is the most important of the pre-Socratic thinkers along with his opponent, Parmenides. For 10 points, identify this man whom Plato associated with the idea of a dynamic universal flux after so interpreting his statement that "you cannot step twice into the same river."

Answer: Heraclitus

15. He took the experience of being black in the South during the early years of the 20th century and made it the material for literature. The stories of his **Uncle Tom's Children** develop an ironic play on the popular term for accommodating to white demands by showing a series of protagonists becoming increasingly rebellious. FTP, identify this writer whose works include the autobiographical works **American Hunger** and **Black Boy**, and the novel **Native Son**.

Answer: Richard Wright

16. In 1891 he invented a method for producing large quantities of liquid oxygen, and in 1898, he became the first to liquefy hydrogen. With F.A. Abel, he developed cordite, the first practical smokeless powder. A graduate of the University of Edinburgh, he served as professor at Cambridge and at the Royal Institution of London. FTP name this Scottish physicist best known for his invention of what is known in its home use as the thermos bottle.

Answer: Sir James Dewar

17. He is a major character in recent Pat Barker historical novels such as ■Regeneration.■ Three of his semiautobiographical novels were collectively published as ■The Complete Memoirs of George Sherston.■ His earlier poetry is based on his experiences as an officer in World War I and expresses his reactions to the brutalities and waste of war. FTP, identify this novelist and poet, author of ■Counter-Attack and Other Poems.■

Answer: Siegfried Sassoon

18. Normal goods are goods whose demand varies directly with the income of the consumer. This demand for this type of goods, on the other hand, varies indirectly with the income of the consumer. This is because as the income rises, better goods can be afforded, and therefore the purchase of these type of goods declines. FTP, identify this type of goods.

Answer: inferior goods

19. In what later became known as the ■Long Telegram,■ this junior diplomat serving in the American embassy in Moscow communicated to Washington that the U.S. should stop blaming itself for Soviet intransigence following WWII, as the source of Soviet behavior lay deep inside its political system. He was ambassador to Moscow until the Russians demanded his removal in 1952. FTP, identify this historian and diplomat who formulated the policy of containment,

Answer: George Frost Kennan

20. In his Exposition du systeme du monde (ex-poh-zee-SYOANH doo sist-EM doo MOHND) he explained his hypothesis of the nebular origin of the universe. Some of his other research, along with that of Lagrange, established Newton's theory of gravitation. FTP, name this mathematician who made mathematical studies of the motions of comets, the moon, Saturn, Jupiter, and also contributed to the theory of tides.

Answer: Pierre Simon Laplace

21. It rises as the Jinsha in southwest China, takes the name by which we know it at Yibin, and flows east to enter the East China Sea in a delta near Shanghai. FTP, identify this river, the longest river in Asia and the third longest river system in the world

Answer: Yangtze River OR Chang Jiang

22. He studied with Claude Gillot, a painter of theatrical life. One of the great colorists of all time, he painted in pastel tones, influencing fashion and garden design in the 18th century. FTP, identify this French painter of Flemish descent, best known for ■The Embarkation for Cythera.■

Answer: Jean-Antoine Watteau

23. Claiming divine revelation as his source, this man wrote an alleged pre-Columbian work explaining a history of American peoples of Hebrew origin from the Diaspora to 600 A.D. He later founded the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in New York. FTP, name this author of ■The Book of Mormon.■

Answer: Joseph Smith

24. He fought in the Battles of Bull Run, Antietam, Fredericksburg, and Chancellorsville, but is best known for his role in the Battle of Gettysburg. He was one of the many replacements that Lincoln found for McClellan as leader of the Army of the Potomac. FTP, name this winning general at Gettysburg who was criticized for not following up the victory.

Answer: George Gordon Meade

25. The greater the distance between any two galaxies, the greater their relative speed of separation. This law was first proposed in 1929 by an American astronomer who observed that the more distant a galaxy, the greater its red shift and hence its velocity relative to our galaxy. FTP, identify this law.

Answer: Hubble's law

Round 14

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1. Identify the Russian plays on a 10-5 basis -- 10 points from a description, 5 points if you need the name of the playwright as well.

1. 10: The title character has given up his own dreams and ambitions to provide support for his brother-in-law Serebryakov (sair-uh-BRY-uh-kov), who he thinks is a great scholar but is really a bit of a fraud. 5: Anton Chekhov

Answer: Uncle Vanya or Dyadya Vanya

2. 10: Set among the bums of a cheap rooming house, this play examines the conflict of whether one should live without illusions or try to shield oneself from the pain of life. Characters include the thief Satin and the wandering pilgrim Luka. 5: Maxim Gorky

Answer: The Lower Depths OR Na dne

3. 10: Khlestakov (KLESS-tuh-kov), a civil servant from St. Petersburg, is stranded in a small provincial town and mistaken for an important government official due to visit soon. 5: Nikolai Gogol

Answer: The Inspector General OR Revizor

2. For 10 points each, identify the World War II conferences.

1. FDR, Churchill, and Stalin met at this February 1945 conference and issued a declaration which declared the Allied intention to destroy German militarism and Nazism, punish war criminals, divide Germany into 3 zones of occupation, and have a ■conference of United Nations■ in April.

Answer: Yalta Conference

2. Truman, Stalin, and first Churchill and later Attlee met at this conference in July and August of 1945. Among other things, they decided place all lands east of the Oder and Neisse rivers under Polish and Soviet jurisdiction, and to transfer administration of Germany to the military commanders of the U.S., U.S.S.R., Great Britain, and France.

Answer: Potsdam Conference

3. Roosevelt, Churchill, and Chiang participated in this November 1943 meeting which defined the war aims of the Allied governments with respect to Japan.

Answer: Cairo Conference

3. For ten points each, given a function, give the derivative with respect to x.

1. $f(x) = \ln x$ Answer: $1/x$ (one over x or x to the minus 1)

2. $f(x) = 2x^2 + x^{-1}$ (two x-squared plus x to the minus 1)
Answer: $4x - (1/x^2)$ (4 x minus 1 over x squared or 4 x minus x to the minus 2 (order of the pieces does not matter))

3. $f(x) = 5e^{2x} + e^x$ (five e to the 2x plus e to the x)
Answer: $10e^{2x} + e^x$ (ten e to the 2x plus e to the x)

4. For 10 points each, given the mother of a hero of Greek mythology, identify her heroic son.

1. Danaë Answer: Perseus

2. Alcmena Answer: Hercules or Heracles

3. Eurynome Answer: Bellerophon

5. For 10 points each, identify the 20th-century violinists.

1. Born in 1945 and crippled by polio at the age of 4, this Israeli-American violinist tours and records extensively.

Answer: Itzhak Perlman

2. This New York-born violinist was a child prodigy. He toured widely, often with his pianist sister Hepzibah, conducted the Bath Festival Orchestra (which was renamed for him), was knighted in 1965, and became a British subject in 1985.

Answer: Sir Yehudi Menuhin

3. Born in Lithuania in 1901, this violinist made his concert debut at about the age of seven. He first

appeared in the U.S. in 1917 and died in 1987. He was acclaimed for his technique and the lyrical quality of his tone.

Answer: Jascha Heifetz (YAH-shuh HY-fitz)

6. Identify these works of Norman Mailer FTP each.

1. His popular first novel, which grew out of his combat experience in the Pacific, is considered among the finest of modern war novels.

Answer: The Naked and the Dead

2. This 1968 work, a personal narrative of the 1967 peace march on the Pentagon, won Mailer the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award.

Answer: Armies of the Night

3. This is Mailer's ambitious novelistic treatment of the 1977 execution of murderer Gary Gilmore in Provo, Utah.

Answer: The Executioner's Song

7. Answer these questions about Islamic Empires FTP each.

1. They helped to prevent the Fatimids of Egypt from making Shiite Islam dominant throughout the Middle East and, in the 12th century, blocked inland expansion by the Crusader states on the Syrian coast.

Answer: Seljuks

2. This was the office of the successors to Muhammad in the leadership of the Muslims after the death of the Prophet in 632.

Answer: caliphate

3. A Muslim Turkish state that encompassed Anatolia, southeastern Europe, and the Arab Middle East and North Africa from the 14th to the early 20th century.

Answer: Ottoman Empire

8. For 10 points each, identify the economists given works.

1. Theory of Moral Sentiments

Answer: Adam Smith

2. The Affluent Society

Answer: John Kenneth Galbraith

3. Progress and Poverty

Answer: Henry George

9. Identify these ancient cities or settlements FTP each.

1. Home of the legendary King Minos and the Minotaur, it was from earliest times the leading settlement of Crete and center of Minoan culture during the Aegean Bronze Age.

Answer: Knossus

2. Although less important in antiquity than nearby Pompeii and only about one-sixth of its size, it is of much archaeological interest today because its accidental preservation.

Answer: Herculaneum

3. A rocky Greek island, it has been inhabited since Neolithic times. It had a Sanctuary of the Great Gods through the 4th century AD, although it was damaged by earthquakes in about 200 BC.

Answer: Samothrace

10. Assume that the following groups are attached to benzene. For five points each and a bonus five for all correct, identify whether these groups are activating, deactivating, or have no effect.

1. CH₃

Answer: activating

2. NO₂

Answer: deactivating

3. OCH₃

Answer: activating

4. OH

Answer: activating

5. CN

Answer: deactivating

11. For 10 points each, given a description, identify the Canterbury tales.

1. This tale concerns patient Griselda and her abusive husband, Marquis Walter.

Answer: the Clerk's Tale

2. This tale concerns a lewd and dishonest Summoner and his adventures with the Devil.

Answer: the Friar's Tale

3. This tale in rhyme royal concerns St. Cecilia, who converts her husband Valerian and his brother Tiburtius, and who miraculously preaches and converts for three days after being mortally wounded.

Answer: the Second Nun's Tale

12. For 10 points each, identify the Civil War battles.

1. On September 17, 1862, a Union force of 70,000 under McClellan intercepted 50,000 Confederate troops led by Lee.

Answer: Antietam or Sharpsburg

2. By August 29, 1862, Pope had been driven north by Lee. Stonewall Jackson approached Pope's forces from the rear. Jackson was reinforced by Lee and Longstreet, and on the second day, Longstreet drove the Union army from the field.

Answer: Second Bull Run or Second Manassas

3. In this December 13-15, 1862 battle, the forces of Lee defeated those of Burnside near the Rappahannock River.

Answer: Fredericksburg

13. For the stated number of points, answer these questions about the rap label DefJam, which recently celebrated its 10th anniversary.

1. The top selling album in DefJam history does not belong to Public Enemy or LL Cool J, but to three white New Yorkers, who have sold over 4 million copies of their 1986 debut. Identify the group and the album for five points each.

Answer: Beastie Boys, License to Ill

2. DefJam was set up by two men, one a rock producer who now operates his own label, American, and the other a rap producer who has a brother in Run-D.M.C. Identify them for five points each.

Answer: Rick Rubin, Russell Simmons

3. This Public Enemy album is considered possibly the greatest rap album ever made. It was released in 1988 and its songs include ■Bring the Noise■ and ■She Watches Channel Zero.■ For 10 points, identify it.

Answer: It Takes a Nation of Millions to Hold Us Back

14. For 10 points each, given an architectural work of the 1600s, identify the Italian architect who designed it.

1. San Carlo alle (AH-lay) Quattro Fontane (fon-TAH-nay)

Answer: Francesco Borromini

2. The baldacchino (ball-dah-KEE-noh) and Cathedra Petri, or Chair of Peter, at St. Peter's in Rome

Answer: Gianlorenzo (or Giovanni Lorenzo) Bernini

3. the Ospedale degli Innocenti

Answer: Filippo Brunelleschi

15. 30-20-10 Identify the writer.

1. 30-Recent work includes the novels *Serenissima* (1987), that takes Virginia Woolf's novel *Orlando* as its guide, *Any Woman's Blues* (1990), and *The Devil at Large* (1993), a study of the life and work of Henry Miller.

2. 20-Her novel *Fanny* (1980) examines feminist notions through the eyes and experiences of an 18th-century woman who is the re-creation of John Cleland's notorious fictional heroine Fanny Hill.

3. 10- *For Fear of Flying*, she was both acclaimed for writing openly about a woman's sexual drives and needs, and censured as a pornographer.

Answer: Erica Jong

16. Identify these African peoples FTP each.

1. They are an Akan-speaking people of central Ghana and neighboring regions of Togo and Ivory Coast, numbering more than 1,000,000. They subsist primarily by farming, with cacao a major cash crop.

Answer: Ashanti

2. They are a Bantu people of east central Africa and constitute about 85% of the population of Rwanda and Burundi.

Answer: Hutu

3. They are a Kwa-speaking people living in western Nigeria. Noted for their long tradition of urban

residence, they trace their origins from Ife, where the first of their many independent kingdoms had been established by the 12th century.

Answer: Yoruba

17. For five points each, given a organism, identify the phylum to which it belongs.

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| 1. sponges | Answer: <u>Porifera</u> |
| 2. sea anemones | Answer: <u>Cnidaria</u> |
| 3. cuttlefish | Answer: <u>Mollusca</u> |
| 4. starfish | Answer: <u>Echinodermata</u> |
| 5. moths | Answer: <u>Arthropoda</u> |
| 6. salamanders | Answer: <u>Chordata</u> |

18. In a message to Congress proposing Lend-Lease legislation, FDR made an idealistic statement whose goals were substantially incorporated in the Atlantic Charter. For the stated number of points, answer these questions about that statement.

- (10 points) He stated that these should prevail throughout the world.
Answer: the Four Freedoms
- For 5 points each, identify the Four Freedoms. You will have 15 seconds.
Answer: freedom from want, freedom from fear, freedom of worship, and freedom of speech and expression

19. For 10 points each, identify these terms associated with glaciers.

- This is a smooth, oval hill of glacial drift, elongated in the direction of the movement of the ice that deposited it.
Answer: drumlin
- This is rock and soil debris carried and finally deposited by a glacier. There are three kinds: lateral, ground, and terminal.
Answer: moraine
- This is a long, narrow, winding ridge of stratified sand-and-gravel drift, deposited in the beds of streams flowing through or beneath glaciers.
Answer: esker

20. Identify these epics FTP each.

- The hero rescues the Danes from the monster Grendel and his mother, and 50 years later dies saving his own people, the Geats, from a fire dragon.
Answer: Beowulf
- This, Finland's national epic, is based on an oral tradition that dominated the epic, lyric, magic, and aphoristic poetry of the Balto-Finnish peoples for some 2,500 years.
Answer: Kalevala
- The national epic of Persia, also known as the Book of Kings, is the major literary source of Persian pride and national consciousness. An enormous poem of some 50,000 couplets, it was completed in AD 1010 after 35 years of labor by the great poet Firdwasi.
Answer: Shah Namah

21. Given a woman from the Bible, identify her husband for 10 points each.

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| 1. Jezebel | Answer: <u>Ahab</u> |
| 2. Ruth | Answer: <u>Boaz</u> |
| 3. Naomi | Answer: <u>Elimelech</u> |

22. Identify these terms from opera for ten points apiece.

- This is the text of an opera.
Answer: libretto
- This is an elaborate and often lengthy solo. Three-part ones were developed in the 17th and 18th centuries by Scarlatti and J. S. Bach.
Answer: aria
- This is a type of light opera with a sentimental story and spoken dialogue. It developed from the 19th century opera comique and often uses parody and satire.
Answer: operetta